

Kimberley School of the Air



Important

Dates

Term Two 2023

Wednesday 26th April—
Friday 30th June

Term Three 2023

Tuesday 18th July—Friday
22nd September

Term Four 2023

Monday 9th October—
Thursday 14th December

SOTA Muster 2023

Monday 4th December—
Friday 8th December

KSOTA Free call

1800 816 212

(Only available from land
line)

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9193 3070

School News

Term 2, Issue 1

Tuesday 30th May 2023

This newsletter is long over due! So much has been happening... I hardly know where to begin!

Let's start with **Home Tutors Seminar (HTS)**. We had so much fun! It was absolutely amazing to see so many families make their way to Broome Camp School for our first camp of the year; with the 'most dedicated to getting to camp' award going to the Tash Land for flying in from interstate and then driving the entire length of the Kimberley in one day to get the kids to camp! Incredible! Our Home Tutors worked their socks off each day learning more and more about KSOTA, air-lessons and off-air expectations. I hope that each of the HTs walked away confident with applying their learning to their individual schoolrooms. The students were awesome (as always!) and had a fantastic time working with their classroom teachers and attending an on Country excursion with our good friend and proud Karrajarrri, Bardi, Nyul Nyul and Yawuru man, Johani Mamhid. KSOTA would like to thank each of the students, siblings, Home Tutors and Parents for making HTS such a success—we couldn't do it without the support of this wonderful community.

Teachers are very busy at the moment with **Home Visits**. Their absence on-air will have undoubtedly had an impact on your schoolrooms, and I apologise for this. Those of you who were at the School Council meeting at HTS will be aware of the measures KSOTA is proposing to ensure that Term 3 is much smoother, and more information around this will be communicated to the community as it becomes available. I appreciate your patience, and encourage you to reach out to me if you have any concerns regarding Home Visits or the resulting changes to air-lessons.

Following a very constructive conversation with parents and HTs at HTS and feedback from the teachers, we can all breathe a sigh of relief as KSOTA has re-engaged its partnership with **Seesaw**. We have been able to lock-in a 3 year deal with Seesaw at a far more reasonable price. Teachers will communicate to HTs directly as to when their students should transfer back over to Seesaw. Logins for Seesaw remain the same as Term One. If you are new to KSOTA, or do not have a copy of your student's logins, please reach out to your classroom teacher or myself for this. I appreciate the HTs and student's understanding and flexibility, and acknowledge that flip-flopping between platforms is not easy. I hope that our return to the more user friendly Seesaw is welcomed... the teachers are certainly relieved! Dojo will remain open for the rest of the term.

HTs will notice that teachers are beginning to take their report writing days. To support the teachers as best as we can at this time, I encourage all sites and travelling families to submit their off-air work regularly, and find an opportunity to post any 'overdue' work samples to Seesaw at their earliest convenience. Doing this will ensure that the teachers are able to give the most accurate **semester report** possible.

Looking ahead to next term, air-lessons will start on **Tuesday 18th July**, although staff will be onsite from the Monday. The teachers will be using Monday 17th July to develop their practice of writing instruction. Briony Campion, our KSP coach, will hopefully be with us for the day to support the staff through workshopping ideas and strategies. The teachers will not have a minute to themselves, as they complete online professional learning webinars to further support this practice.

I'd like to close this newsletter by thanking everyone (students, teachers, Miss Kerry, Home Tutors, parents... the whole KSOTA community) for making Term Two a rip-roaring success so far! Let's keep it up! I am so proud to be your principal and see the evolution of this incredible school. **Thank you.**



As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.
Esther Kerr



Collect bread bags and earn sports equipment for your school!

TIPS FOR LAPTOPS

Ensure you save all your work onto a USB thumb drive
Empty recycle bin on desktop regularly
Wipe clean with a slightly damp cloth
A small paint brush is handy to remove any dust on keyboard

Help desk numbers

Education Department WA – It Helpdesk 1800 012 828

Clear Networks help desk – connectivity – Satellite services – 1300 855 215
(DoE Customer Number 14052)

Email: support@clear.com.au

Please don't hesitate to use these services – they are for you to use !

- Next Assembly:
- . Friday 2nd June
 - . Friday 16th June
 - . Friday 30th June

P&C Merchandise

*Uniforms help to bring our remote students together.
We thank Rod and Dee at Totally Work wear, Derby for their support.*

KSOTA polo shirt uniforms are available from P&C via Kerry Doust at School. Shirts are \$25 each and can be sent out in Red Mail Bags. Please deposit money direct into P&C bank account with your name and “uniform” as reference.

Please note we have new shirts in stock.

Account Name	KSOTA P&C
BSB	016 620
Account #	463336408

Other merchandise available via same method:

KSOTA logo work shirts asst sizes:

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| ◆ ADULT Size | \$55 |
| ◆ CHILD Size | \$45 |
| ◆ Stubby Holders | \$10 each |
| ◆ Bucket Hats/Trucker Caps | \$20 each |

*KSOTA Parents and Citizens Association: Going that extra mile for
our remote kids and their education.*

FEES AND CHARGES 2023

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Voluntary Contributions are funds used towards the cost of materials, services and resources used by the students in the education program

Single Child	\$60 per year
Family of 2 or more children	\$120 per year

CAMP FEES

Term 4 Camp Whole School	\$20 per Student K-6
Monday 6th—Friday 11th November	\$35 per Adult

SOTA Muster

Years 4-6

Monday 4th—Friday 8th December	TBA
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