



KOORANA ESC NEWSLETTER

September 2014

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello again,

Welcome to our final newsletter for Term 3. We say it every time – but my, how the time has flown by!

We received some wonderful news two weeks ago, advising that we would become an Independent Public School in 2015 along with Koorana PS. We are currently undergoing a lot of training to ensure that we make the most of the opportunities IPS offers and to ensure we fully understand the complexities and accountability that comes with being IPS. Our School Council will now become a School Board and the Chairman and other members of the council are also undergoing training.

It has certainly also been a busy term for our students and staff. I hope, as parents and carers, you are as proud of your child as we are. The students work extremely hard during the term to meet their goals and complete their daily tasks and, thanks to the dedication of all teaching and support staff, enjoy their school day. As a reward for all this hard work students will be able to enjoy the mini fete to be held on Friday the 19th of September. Students will be able to look through the stalls for an hour from 12:30 with their teachers and then parents are invited to collect their child from the classrooms and explore the fete together. It would be great if you could encourage your child to save up their pocket money so that they can buy something at the fete.

You will have received permission notes home regarding the Jumpy Castle at the fete. If you haven't done so already, please remember to send your permission slip back to the class teacher if you would like your child to participate. (We don't want any tears on the day!) There will be lots of different stalls and events so we look forward to seeing everyone there. As mentioned before, our staff and students will be running three stalls – one will be a second-hand book stall, the second will be a "Pantry Pick" with a hamper of goodies as a prize and the third will be a Show Bag stall. With this in mind we are asking all our parent community to assist us by donating any pantry items or books for the fete. All monies raised by Koorana ESC will be used towards providing sun shelter for our junior playground.

We'd also like to remind parents of a most important date for our junior and senior classes and that is Friday 26th September when they will be performing in front of the KPS and KESC combined assembly. We look forward to seeing all our parents and carers attending to watch their children perform a great piece of theatre! This performance date also coincides with Loud Shirt Day, so we request all students to wear their brightest shirts and jeans on the day as that will also fit in with the concert item. By wearing a loud shirt and donating a gold coin the students will be supporting deaf children in WA. After the performance, parents and students are invited to a small celebratory morning tea. We ask that all students bring a plate to help us celebrate.

And speaking of raising money, at the beginning of term students participated in Jeans for Genes day and through gold coin donations raised \$292.50 for the Children's Medical Research Institute. Well done, to Mrs Jarvis and the students in Block 7 for all their efforts.

A reminder also, that if you know of someone with a child with special needs, we have vacancies in our Early Intervention program and our junior and senior classes. Enrolments for 2015 are now open.

Our new Chaplain, Marlize Pretorius has also been very busy organising morning teas for our parents. The next coffee and chat for parents and carers will be held on Monday 20th October from 9:00 until 10:00. Parents are more than welcome to attend the KESC assembly first and going off to coffee after.

Marion Wright
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Watheroo Primary School Centenary Celebration.

25 & 26 October 2014. For enquiries please contact Watheroo.PS@education.wa.edu.au. Ph 9651 7038.

Calista Primary School is celebrating 50 years of existence on 25th September 2014 commencing at 1.45pm with an assembly and unveiling of a plaque together with a tree planting followed at 2.45pm by the school fete and closing at 6pm. For further information contact the school on 9419 2355 or email Calistaps@education.wa.edu.au.

Raising Children Network

The Raising Children website offers up-to-date, research-based material on more than 800 topics spanning child development, behaviour, health, nutrition and fitness, play and learning, connecting and communicating, school and education, entertainment and technology, sleep and safety. This is a website for Australian mothers, fathers, grandparents and anyone else who has responsibility for the care of children. www.raisingchildren.com.au

Mini Fete 19 September

Donations of second hand books/dvds for the Mini Fete to be held on Friday 19 September are now being accepted in the Education Support Centre office.

Linda Harris, Stall co-ordinator.

LOUD SHIRT DAY Friday September 26.

Koorana ESC supports Loud Shirt Day with Staff and students wearing their brightest, loudest clothes and paying a **gold coin donation** for the pleasure of doing this. All proceeds will go to Telethon Speech and Hearing Centre for WA Children.

Enrolments for VacSwim's October school holiday swimming and water safety lessons opened on 1 August and is available to all children five years old and under 18 years. For further information and how to enrol, please visit www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming

Dates for Your Diaries

KESC Assemblies – Mondays

Breakfast Club – Thursdays

KESC Newsletters – Tuesdays Weeks 3, 6 & 9

Uniform Shop open - Tuesdays 8.30 – 9.15 am

School Council – Tuesday 16 September

Mini Fete – Friday 19 September

End of Term - Friday 26 September

Commencement of Term 4 – Tuesday 14 October

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To



Aiden 15 September

Zoe 18 September

Isabella 24 September

Ms Jarvis 16 September

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

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Over the past few weeks our students have moved on from Canada to Italy for our country-themed art and cooking lessons. They have used coloured pasta shapes in their art work to create the green, white and red Italian flag and have made an attractive pizza collage. They have also cooked pasta carbonara and have enjoyed cutting, measuring, mixing and stirring ingredients with hand over hand assistance from our diligent staff.



Our students have been continuing to work well on their independent schedules, numbers 1-10 and phonic sounds. They are also making a great improvement in tracing letters and numbers independently.



Thank you again to parents for working with your child every Monday on their individual chat books and finding

about their school day. We look forward to doing the same on Tuesdays and having a conversation with your child on what they did, where they went and what they liked doing at home.

Just a friendly reminder to parents to please keep your children and their siblings out of the flower beds in the mainstream kindergarten area before and after school when you drop off or pick up your children.

Junior Room

Year 1-3 class would like to make a formal welcome to our latest student Kaylene. She completed her first full week at Koorana ESC and settled in with her friendly manner making lots of new friends. She is enthusiastic and hardworking as are the rest of the class.

We have been particularly busy on our travel theme of "Italy" enjoying pasta and pizza in cooking, creating our own yummy toppings using a variety of cheeses, meats and vegetables, continuing the food creations in our art to make model pizza slices and spaghetti and also using coloured raw pasta to produce mosaic Italian flags and patterns.

The junior students have been getting super-fit during block sport with Koorana primary students as we train for the Athletics Carnival to be held at the start of Term four and gain lots of points for their factions.

The students all had a fantastic time when they dressed up as their favourite characters for the Fancy Dress Parade combining with Koorana PS during Literacy & Numeracy Week and completing stars for the display on their choice of their favourite book. The range of dress up characters were marvellous from Captain Jack Sparrow, Power Rangers, to Elsa from Frozen.

We are very busy completing all the work before the end of term and will all look forward to a well-earned rest after a great term.

Senior Room

Term 3 is flying at the moment with loads of activities and events to think about and practise, not to mention our regular lessons too!

We have the Mini Fete this Friday 19th September and Block 7 students have been hard at work making loom band jewellery. We have had some help from a few KPS students who come to learn Auslan signing and socialise with us.

Our big assembly item (for the KPS assembly on Friday 26th September) is coming along nicely. We have been practising the rhythms and actions with Mrs Thomas. Everyone is having fun, it will be great!

Getting closer back to class, our daily fitness needs a special mention. It is great to see all students lining up with hats and showing persistence when running laps around the basketball courts. The enthusiasm doesn't stop there back in class everyone helps each other by holding someone else's feet when doing sit-ups and taking turns counting to 10 when performing strength exercises. Well done to all.

Staff of Block 7