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Kellerberrin District High School

# Chalkdust Chat

YOUR GUIDE TO THE SCHOOL NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS

	<b>Have you set your 2017 Goals?</b>			
		<b>Mr Berliner's Year 2/3 Class ...</b>		
				<b>....Have set theirs!</b>

DON'T FORGET....

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY | Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – NO STUDENTS  
KINDY | Week 4 days Monday & Thursday (NOT Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>)

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to a very damp 2017 school year! School has commenced with students settling into their new classes very well.

In 2017 we welcome **Miss Megan Slater** to our staff. Miss Slater is teaching full time in the Year 4 class and comes to us from Wyalkatchem DHS. Megan has experience in teaching Middle Childhood and is a keen netballer. Be sure to introduce yourself to Miss Slater!

As I walk around the school I have evidenced a great amount of pride in the students. This was especially evident at Mini Assembly on Monday morning when every child in attendance was dressed in school uniform. It is fantastic to witness this and I look forward to this pattern continuing.

The start of any school year is always busy and this no exception. Students can often come home and say things like 'we didn't do anything at school today'. I can assure you that this is definitely not the case. The beginning of a year school is crucial for class teachers and their students to develop and follow class routines and expectations. Although we have a very good handover process of student information at the end of each year, some assessment does happen in the new year. This is to ascertain whether students have retained their knowledge and skills over the holiday break.

### Student Leadership Group

I am very much looking forward to seeing our **Student Leadership Group**, led by Mrs Innes and Mrs Clarke, provide positive experiences for all of our students. It is also important to note that members of the team have the opportunity to develop their own leadership and social skills. I would like to welcome the following students to our Student Leadership Group and wish them well for the 2017 school year.

#### **STUDENT COUNCILLORS 2017**

Lawrence Winmar  
Lawson Lavery  
Alan Boundry  
Dyllan Smith  
Declan Ritchie  
Harrison Hammond  
Kya Reid  
Ashleigh Garlett

#### **FACTION CAPTAINS 2017**

**Stirling**  
Codie Brown  
Tilley Butt  
**Forrest**  
Jarrod Ugle  
Amber Watkins  
**O'Connor**  
Sam Carrett-Rowe  
Jerome McIntosh

### School Development Day – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**School Development Days** are vitally important to our school and provide our staff the opportunity to advance their skill set, network and develop whole school and classroom plans. Our School Development Days (pupil free days) for 2017 are scheduled on the following dates:

Term 1: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Term 2: None

Term 3: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Term 4: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October

### Expert Review Group

As a result of the **Expert Review Group** visit last year, our school is on a very big journey this year as we develop plans to address their findings. Staff will be working through a range of processes to determine the best way forward, along with support from Department personnel and our School Board.



As part of this process we will be conducting a School Development Day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. A specialist consultant will be facilitating discussions with all staff to develop our Improvement Plans. Working through this process and the resultant planning will have positive aspects on the teaching and learning at KDHS.

I am looking forward to a very successful year for Kellerberrin District High School as we improve the ways in which we can provide a quality education for your child.



**Greg Hunt**  
Principal

*‘Successful Students, Quality Staff, A Connected Community’*

**NOTES SENT HOME | Please return the following notes:**

- Faction Swimming Carnival Permission & Helper Notes
- Digital Technologies Acceptable User Agreement (Middle School)
- Internet Use – Code of Conduct (K – 6)
- Authorisation Form (Photo, Media & Local Excursion)
- SeeSaw Electronic Portfolio Consent Form

**VISITORS TO THE OFFICE**

Mr Hunt and Mrs Clarke love seeing the fantastic work the students produce, have a look at these hard workers!



**LATE STUDENTS**

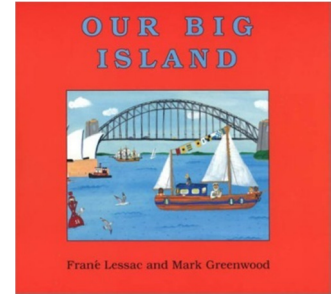
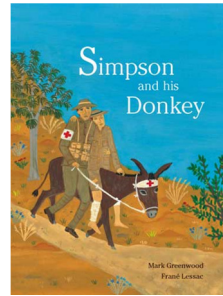
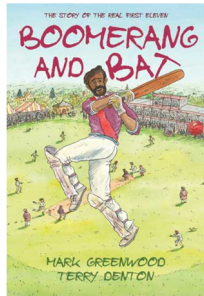
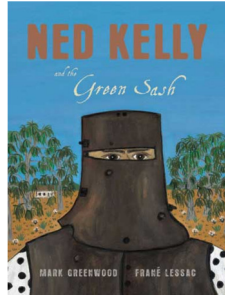


If you are bringing your child to school late please make sure you take your child to class via the office so you can collect a Late Note to be given to the teacher on arrival at class, This helps us make sure we know who is and isn't at school.

## ON ENTRY ASSESSMENT PRE PRIMARY – YEAR 2

Throughout weeks three to six the PP to Year 2 students will be participating in On Entry Assessment. This assessment will provide the classroom teachers with information about your child's current skills and understandings in literacy and numeracy. This information then allows teachers the opportunity to plan and develop targeted learning programs that address the needs of each child and identify children who may require early intervention or extension. Should you require any further information about this assessment please contact your child's classroom teacher or Tish via the Office.

## VISITING AUTHOR – MARK GREENWOOD



On Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February we are welcoming author Mark Greenwood to our school. Mark will work with all of the children to share his creative process and inspire them to develop their curiosity about books, writing and rhythm. Further information about Mark can be found on his website <http://www.markgreenwood.com.au>

The sessions will be held in the library and we would like to invite parents to attend the session with their child. Mark has also offered to personally sign any books that are purchased. There are order forms for Mark's books in the Library and the Front Office.

Timetable for Mark's visit –

9:30-10:30 - Middle School

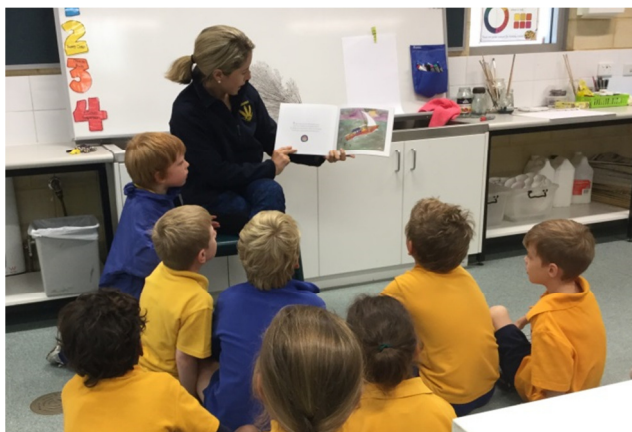
11:00-12:00 – Year ½ and Year 2/3

12:10-1:10 - Year 4, Year 5/6Blue and Year 5/6 Yellow

1:45-2:15 – PP/1

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible in attendance.

## NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS



### VISUAL ARTS (Mrs Innes)

In Visual Art we have been reading the book "Our Big Island" by Mark Greenwood and Frane Lessac. Frane is Mark's wife and is an incredible author and illustrator. We have been learning about how Frane designs and creates the beautiful illustrations in the story. We are creating our own pictures using inspiration from the book and the elements of art we are learning. We can't wait to meet Mark Greenwood next week.



## NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

### KINDY



We have settled into our new class very well and are all enjoying the many learning experiences we have been involved in from hand prints to life size cut outs which you can see at the CRC and cutting, gluing, drawing making and creating. No wonder we are so tired at the end of the day!

### PRE PRIMARY/ YEAR 1



The Pre-primary – Year 1 class have been reading stories written by Mark Greenwood our visiting author. We have read about magic boomerangs, outback adventures and drummer boys. We have created some fantastic writing and art work about these stories. Please feel free to drop into our class or the library to see our fantastic work!



### YEAR 1/2

The Year 1/2 class have settled in beautifully for 2017. We have created some wonderful self-portraits that show off all the unique features that make us who we are.

Our class are working hard on Go Maths and learning to count to and from 100.

## NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

### YEAR 2/3

In Room 15, Mr Berliner and his class of delightful Year 2/3's have been flat out! We have had swimming lessons each day, which has been lots of fun.

We have also had lots of fun getting to know some new members of our class and have set some goals ahead of a very busy 2017.

The Year 3's are also very much looking forward to the swimming carnival, which will be their very first at KDHS! We hope everyone has had a great start to the year, as we sure have!



### YEAR 4

The Year 4's have been working well to begin the new school year. They have finished swimming lessons and are now beginning to get back into the routine of school. Miss Slater is getting to know the students and is looking forward to a great year!

### YEAR 5/6 Blue

In the Year 5/6 Blue class we have been building our partnership, leadership and teamwork skills. We have built free-standing towers using newspaper and masking tape. Our tallest tower reached 51cm and the architects were Kya, Chloe, Matilda and Tiarna.

In Maths we explored fractions and probability using Smarties. The average smartie weighs just 1gm. The amount of each colour in a Smartie packet is always changing – no two packets are the same!

Assessments are underway and the students are looking forward to moving between the three Year5/6 rooms for Numeracy and Literacy activities.



### YEAR 5/6 Yellow

Room 7 has had a fantastic start to the year and all of the students have settled in well. We have been focusing on working cooperatively through group challenges such as the marshmallow challenge and pasta challenge.



### MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Middle School class will be looking at Statistics & Probability this semester. To start off on a fun note, we conducted an activity using M&Ms. The students had to predict, count, classify, graph, discuss, calculate percentages, share their results back to the class... And then they had to dispose of the evidence.



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## Kellerberrin P&C

Invite students and their family to a  
Welcome Back To School

# "SUNDOWNER"

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 5.00pm

(Undercover Area)

*P&C AGM to follow at 6.30pm in Library*

*(All positions are vacant)*

**RSVP for catering purposes to:**

- School Office 90454308
- TEXT 0437 202 819
- Email [Kellerberrin.dhs@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Kellerberrin.dhs@education.wa.edu.au)

**FREE Sausage Sizzle  
Drinks for Sale**



## STUDENT ABSENCES

### TEXT ABSENCES TO: 0437 202 819

It is a requirement that parents or carers advise the School if your child will be absent.

For your convenience please text if your child will be absent from School.

If your child is recorded as being absent by 10am you will be contacted by our SMS message system. Please reply text to acknowledge your child's absence or ring the school on 90454308.

## SCHOOL FEES

### CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES

Kindy	\$ 60
Pre Primary	\$ 60
Year 1 – 6	\$ 60
Year 7-10	\$235
P&C Membership	\$ 5

Payment Options (part payments accepted)

Cheque or cash to the School Office  
EFT to Kellerberrin DHS

**BSB 086732**  
**Account 45 400 0427**

## SCHOOL HATS

A reminder that school hats are part of our school uniform.

### “No Hat = No Play”

If you have lost your hat you can purchase a new one from the office  
(Navy hats for Yr 7-10 & Royal blue hats for K– Year 6 )

**\$12.00 per hat**

## NAB SCHOOL BANKING

Wednesdays 8.35am  
School Library

### Term 1 Dates:

March	8 <sup>th</sup>
March	22 <sup>nd</sup>
April	5 <sup>th</sup>



## CAPTAIN AttendANT

Attendance at our school is vitally important. At KDHS we present Captain AttendANT to the class who receives the highest attendance percentage each week.



### CAPTAIN AttendANT – Term 1

Week 1	Kindy
Week 2	Yr 2/3
Week 3	
Week 4	
Week 5	
Week 6	
Week 7	
Week 8	
Week 9	
Week 10	

## P & C UNIFORMS

Our P & C have Uniform Co-Ordinators who volunteer their time to co-ordinate our School Uniforms. They will be in attendance in the Uniform room at school on Mondays between 8.15 to 8.45 a.m. Any uniform orders that are handed into the office will be filled at this time.

## LITTLE LEARNERS 2017

### “Limitless Learning for Little People”

The start of Little Learners has been postponed due to fire damage in the Kindy building.



We look forward to the program starting again in the near future

If you have any queries please contact the School Office on 90454308.