

Term 1 – Issue 3

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Kellerberrin District High School

Chalkdust Chat

YOUR GUIDE TO THE SCHOOL NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS



Faction Swimming Carnival

Thank you to our fabulous school community for making our 2017 Faction Swimming Carnival a success! We were fortunate that the weather was kind to us, special thanks to all parents and staff that supported us with running the event and congratulations to winning faction **O'Connor**. Individual winners are listed below and we wish our interschool team good luck in Wyalkatchem on Friday 10th March.

	Winner	Runner Up
Year 3/4 Girls	Rikki Garlett	Tilly Ryan
Year 3/4 Boys	Cameron Saunders	Aaron Forsyth
Year 5/6 Girls	Ashleigh Garlett	Amber Watkins
Year 5/6 Boys	Harrison Hammond	Declan Ritchie
Year 7/8 Boys	Eli Marchesano	Connor Wilkins
Year 9/10 Girls	Sam Carrett-Rowe	-
Year 9/10 Boys	Alan Boundry	Jarrodd ugle



DON'T FORGET....

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL | Friday 10th March
SCHOOL PHOTOS | Wednesday 15th March – Full Uniform Required
NOTES SENT HOME | Please return the following notes if required:
— School Photo Envelopes

From the Principal

Good afternoon parents and carers,

Thank you to all of our parent and community volunteers and supporters at our recent Faction Swimming Carnival. It is so pleasing to see everyone support our students in these wonderful opportunities.

Those of you who were there would agree it was a fantastic event with many students doing their absolute best even though they might not be overly confident swimmers. Not to mention some outstanding individual performances by our talented swimmers.

Our Interschool Team will be competing at Wyalkatchem on Friday 10th March and I am sure they will do both themselves and the school proud.

School Board Member Nominations

Our current School Board has Parent and Community Member vacancies. A Parent member has children at the school whereas a Community member does not. We as a school are seeking to gain as much input from the parent and wider community groups into the overall strategic direction of our school.

What does a Board do?

The School Board is representative of the school community and the school board participates in:

- Endorsing the Delivery and Performance Agreement
- Endorsing and reviewing annually the school budget and Business Plan
- Processes to review school performance
- Processes to determine satisfaction levels of parents, staff and students, with results reported in the school's annual report
- Endorsing the school's annual report
- The process for selecting the Principal
- The Department of Education Services (DES) independent review of the school in the final year of the delivery and performance agreement (with the report made public)
- Communicating with the broader community regarding the Board's function and activities.

An information package for prospective new members is available from the School Office. If you have any further questions or require any information please contact myself or Board Chairman Paul Brown

P&C Sundowner

On Tuesday the 28th of February our P&C kindly hosted a Sundowner. This gathering provided our school community with an opportunity to get together, chat informally with staff and to view the recent works that P & C funded in the Undercover Area. Works will continue in the Undercover Area with a visiting artist coming towards the end of term to work with the students to create a mural on the north wall.

A big thank you must go to the P&C for organising and supporting a wonderful community engagement event.



Following the Sundowner the P&C held their AGM.

Congratulations are extended to the following persons who have been elected as the P&C office bearers for 2017:

President: Ebony Syred
V/President: Jane Ryan
Secretary: Nicole Brown
Treasurer: Linda Taylor
Uniform Coordinators: Donna Stevens, Mary Butt and Lauren Starling.

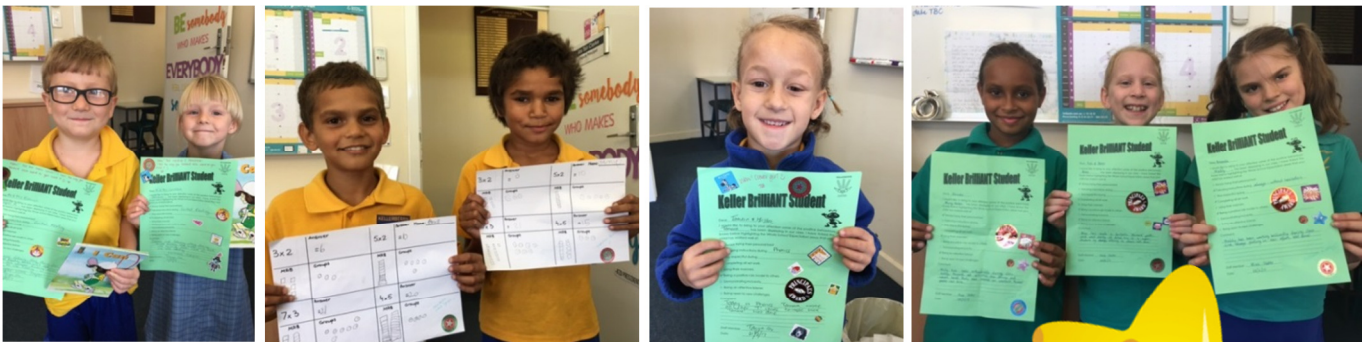
On behalf of the school I wish to thank the immediate past President, Vice President and Secretary in John Hammond, Paul Brown and Sallyann Silver respectively. Their time and commitment to ensuring our P&C remains active is a credit to them.

The next P&C meeting will be on Thursday 18th May at a time to be confirmed

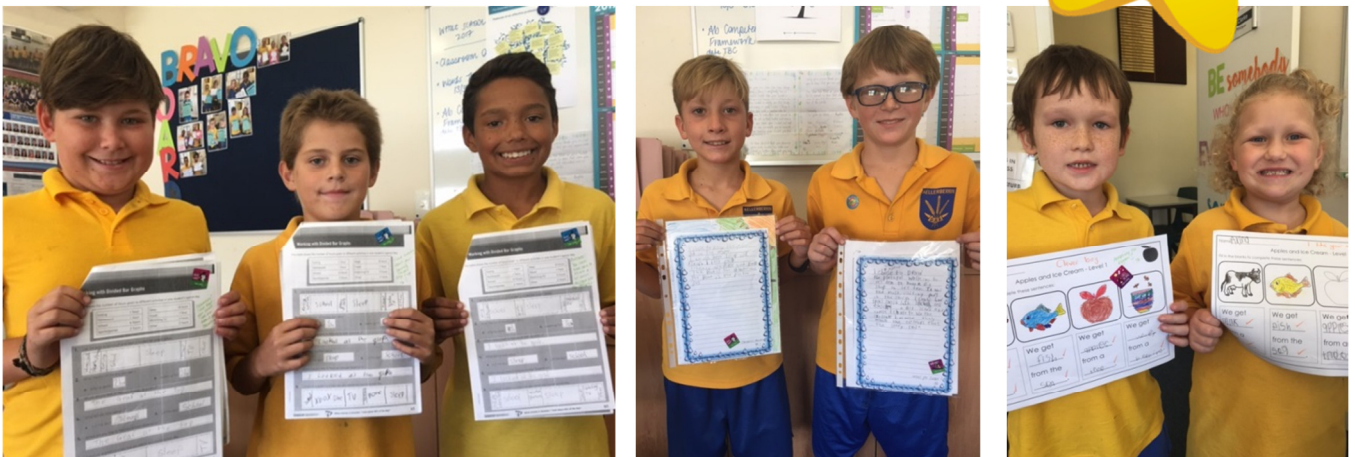
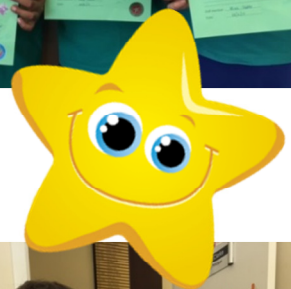
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Principal

‘Successful Students, Quality Staff, A Connected Community’

VISITORS TO THE OFFICE



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



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

KINDY

In Kindy we have been learning about shapes. We have made shapes using pipe cleaners and pop sticks and found some of the shapes in the block corner.



PRE PRIMARY/ YEAR 1



In Pre-Primary – Year 1 we have been super busy learning about so much!

In Literacy we have been focusing on writing all the sounds we can hear in words. We are all learning about sounds and diagraphs in phonics, we love the multi-sensory games and activities that we get to do, such as matching our sounds to the iron on letters that the Middle School students made us on our roller board. Thank you Middle School students!



In Numeracy, we are working on number writing and quantities. Mrs Cox sang a very old song called “One is the loneliest number”. We loved it so much that we asked to listen to the whole song! In History, we have been learning about families and different family structures. We made some fantastic paper cut outs of our families. During our BUZ time we watched a snippet of Lilo and Stitch and discussed how we could use the BUZ hopscotch method to solve problems.

YEAR 1/2

The Year 1/2 class have been writing letters to our pen pals in Alabama, U.S.A! We are so excited to be able to learn from our new friends in First Grade at Creekside Elementary School. Last week, we wrote a class letter that described our town of Kellerberrin and our school. We also asked the First Graders about their school all the way in Alabama. We are eagerly awaiting their replies!

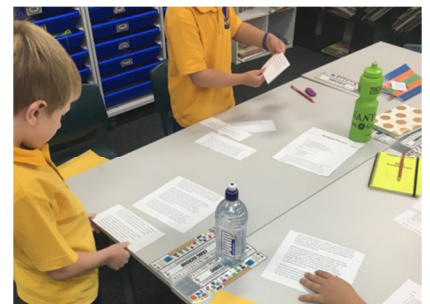


YEAR 2/3



The Year 2/3 students in Room 15 have continued their great start to the year and have been busy learning across a variety of learning areas.

In writing, we have been learning how to write narratives with the correct structure. While learning new concepts in Maths we have had so much fun. We now understand the difference between a rule and a law and the consequences involved, as part of our Civics and Citizenship unit of work. We hope everyone else is having a fantastic first term, as we sure are!



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

YEAR 4

By Rihanna D'Arcy, Tilly Ryan and Daniel Myles

In Year 4 we have been doing Mental Maths

and have been focusing on subtraction and addition. This is for only five minutes a day but makes us work fast and is fun. We've also been sorting out words in spelling and doing activities with them to understand them better. In our class we read 'Ned Kelly' by Mark Greenwood and have made 'Wanted' posters of ourselves and these are displayed in our classroom. Our classroom challenge was for all of our students to earn a 'Keller Brilliant' in a week and we accomplished this, thank you to Mr Hunt for our reward.

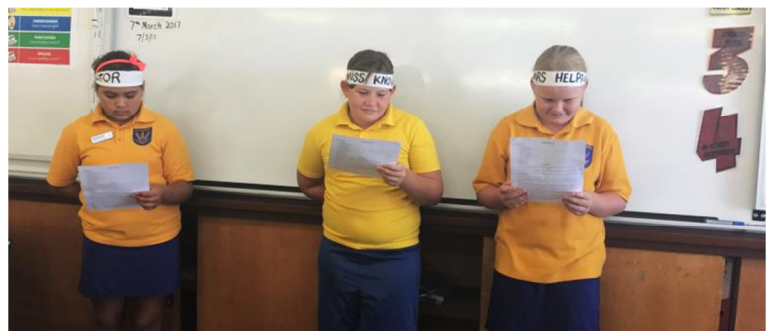


YEAR 5/6 Blue

The Blue maths group used bean bags to select numbers to add together this week. They were consolidating their mental addition skills and strategies. This game was similar to darts - the shaded area meant double points. Students were aiming to throw the beanbag at certain numbers to obtain a predetermined score. The students enjoyed doing something physical during maths!

YEAR 5/6 Yellow

In room seven the students have been having lots of fun in health role playing being 'optimistic'. We have also been working on writing narratives and creating images in our heads when reading a text.



HARMONY DAY – EVERYONE BELONGS

The Student Council wish to promote Harmony Day which will be held on Tuesday 21st March. Students are encouraged to wear Orange and to bring a gold coin donation.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

MIDDLE SCHOOL



The Middle School students were excited to finally receive the furniture to create our "flexible learning environment" last week! A flexible classroom gives students a choice in what kind of learning space works for them, and will help them to work collaboratively, communicate and engage in critical thinking. The students have five different seating options and six different work surfaces - and they are learning to make decisions about which work best for them! If you'd like to see our flexible learning environment in action, feel free to pop in.

Electives are also in full swing, and this week the Masterchef group made delicious frittata, packed with veggies, eggs and dairy. Good for you and tastes good too!

Thank you to everyone who attended our

Classroom Parent Representative Meet & Greet

It was fabulous seeing you all and we look forward to working with you in 2017!



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 22nd
April 5th



HEALTH UPDATE



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	Yr 5/6 Yellow
Week 4	Yr 5/6 Yellow
Week 5	Kindy
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.

Term 1 – 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
7	13	14	15 School Photo Day	16	17	18	19
8	20	21 Harmony Day	22 School Banking	23	24	25	26
9	27	28	29 Assembly- Yr 1/2 Newsletter	30	31	1APR	2
10	3	4	5 Middle School Excursion- Southern Cross School Banking	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14 Good Friday	15	16

Term 2 – 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
	17 Easter Monday	18	19	20	21	22	23
1	24	25 ANZAC Day	26	27	28	29	30
2	1 May EASA	2	3 School Banking	4	5	6	7
3	8	9 NAPLAN	10 NAPLAN Assembly Newsletter	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN	13	14
4	15 Student Leadership Camp Kulin	16	17 School Banking	18	19	20	21