

## Term 3 – Issue 8

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Kellerberrin District High School

# Chalkdust Chat

YOUR GUIDE TO THE SCHOOL NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS

## CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE

Kellerberrin DHS is working towards improving our whole school attendance and our rate of unauthorised absence. It has been fantastic to see individual classes celebrate excellent attendance and we have had the privilege of classes visiting the office on days that they have 100% attendance.

Captain AttendANT is currently visiting Mr Berliner's class celebrating 99% whole class attendance in week two.

It is vitally important that you advise the school of any absences. Please phone the Administration Office on (08) 9045 4308 or text absences through to 0437 202 819

If you have any questions about your child's attendance please contact your child's classroom teacher or Trish/Tish in the office.



If a child misses...	that equals...	or...	From Kindy to year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:	Attendance rate
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	nearly 1 ½ years	part-way through year 11	90%
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	over 2 ½ years	part-way through year 10	80%
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	over 5 years	the end of year 7	60%
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4	40%

## DON'T FORGET....

**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY** | Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August

**P & C MEETING** | Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August – Emily Talbot (Numeracy Coordinator) Guest Speaker

**INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL** | Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August

**LEARNING JOURNEY NIGHT** | Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

# From the Principal

I have the great pleasure of taking over the reigns as Principal of Kellerberrin DHS for Term 3 while Greg Hunt is on leave. The welcome I have received has been amazing, and I would like to extend my thanks to the staff and students at the school, particularly Tish Clarke who is my incredible Deputy Principal, and Sandra Doncon, Manager Corporate Services extraordinaire!

I have also had a very warm welcome from Paul Brown, the Chairman of the School Board, and a number of parents whom I met at the Parent Representative get-together that was held in Week 1 this term. We held a Staff/School Board 'Meet & Greet' dinner at the Kellerberrin Sport and Recreation Club on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet the motivated members of our Board.

It has been a very busy start to the term as teachers and students get down to our core business of teaching and learning. We welcome Miss Emma Button into a Year 5/6 class, and Mr Ian Sutherland into the Middle School. We are also in the throes of planning the re-emergence of our workshop as a woodwork room which will initially be used by Secondary students as they design and create projects using their classroom studies as background. I anticipate that we will have a really busy and very worthwhile Term 3. I would be very happy to make appointments to meet with parents/caregivers to discuss your child's learning experiences at Kellerberrin DHS, so please come and see me!



Parent Representative Morning Tea

## Term 3 Focus Areas

We have three main focus areas for this term, those being Curriculum, Attendance and Partnerships.

My aim for Curriculum is to re-energise and increase academic rigour in the curriculum as we progress efforts to improve students results across the school.

My aim for Attendance is for all students to be attending school every day. Research tells us that there is a direct correlation between attendance and success at school, and that we must maintain the link between the two areas to give students the best possible chance of achieving their potential.

My aim for Partnerships is to make purposeful links with our local Kellerberrin community. A school functions within its community, and the best and most productive schools are active participants in learning, working and sporting ways at home in their local environments.



**Mrs Trish Hewitt | Principal**

***'Successful Students, Quality Staff, A Connected Community'***

## NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

### KINDY

In Kindy we read Green Eggs and Ham and then made our own.  
"And guess what Sam I am? We like green eggs and ham."



### PRE PRIMARY/ YEAR 1

In Pre-Primary –Year 1 we have been learning about length. We have used our feet, hands, blocks, rulers and measuring tapes to measure lots of different objects in our class.



We are getting so much better at using the language associated with length such as longer, shorter, wider, thinner and thick.

### YEAR 1/2

It has been great to see everyone in Room 13 returning to school refreshed and ready for another great term! In our first week back, we learnt about setting goals and how it is important for our personal growth. We have set our own learning goals for the term, which have been displayed in our class to remind us of what we are working towards. Look at some of our sensible and achievable goals that we have set for ourselves!

Mason is working on using finger spaces in his writing and Lillie is working on sharing when people ask her to borrow things. Great goal setting!

Wyatt is working on dribbling the basketball in sport, Ilyah would like to get better at logging onto the computers and Malakai is focusing on writing numbers to 100. These are just some of our awesome goals!



## NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS



### YEAR 2/3

The Year 2/3 class is super excited to be back at school and they have proven this with amazing attendance to start the term. In English we have been writing recounts on our holidays, which all sounded like so much fun! In Maths we have been learning about mass, length and capacity, which has been lots of fun and finally we have started learning about maps and globes in Geography. Did you know the Earth's shape is best described as a Sphere? The Year 2/3's do!



**Congratulations to Demi Silver who won the 100% attendance award for Term 2. Demi won two movie tickets to the Merredin Cinemas.**

### YEAR 4

The year 4 class have begun term 3 with a bang! We won the Captain AttendAnt award in week 10 of term 2 and week 1 of term 3. Amazing! We celebrated by having a scavenger hunt in the classroom on Friday.

In maths, we have eased back into school by having a lesson where we rotated around the class trying out different maths games. In literacy, we have begun writing our own persuasive exposition texts. We were very proud to show Mrs Hewitt and Mrs Clarke our whole class draft!



We are excited to begin our own persuasive texts.

### YEAR 5/6 (Miss Talbot – Blue)

On the last day of Term 2, we had a great time making pizzas in the Home Ec Room with Mr Hunt. It was our reward for the end of term. While we waited for our pizzas to cook we planned a class party using a shopping catalogue for supplies. We had to come up with the best party ideas whilst only spending \$50.00. We had to do lots of adding up and working out percentages because the shop was having a sale. We enjoyed working in pairs and planning together. Hopefully we can have a real class party later in the year.



## NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

### YEAR 5/6 (Miss Button – Yellow)

The year 5/6 Yellow class have been adjusting amazingly after some pretty big changes at the start of this term. They have welcomed Miss Button as their new classroom teacher and Miss Sally has also joined them 3 days a week to help with their learning.

At the moment in maths we are learning all about decimal numbers and angles which is a very tricky concept that everyone is working extremely hard on. We are also learning about how to write information reports and have already started to look at how the structure of an information report is different to the expositions that they learnt about last term.

This term in Geography the year 6 students are learning about Asia, and the year 5's are looking at North America. Did you know Asia makes up 60% of the world's population!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

It has been a very busy start to Term 3 for the Middle School at KDHS. We welcomed a new teacher, Mr Ian Sutherland, who is replacing Mrs Emma Crofts while she is on maternity leave. We have also had 3 new students enrolled into the class.

We have begun planning to re-open the workshop as a woodwork room for Middle School students to access later this term. Equipment that will be utilised includes hand tools and battery powered tools rather than machinery and the work undertaken by the students will be project based. However, before any of this can occur, Mrs Hewitt and the students must undertake the project of cleaning up the room so that it is user friendly.

### Middle School Camp Fundraising – Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to everyone who participated in our very successful Sausage Sizzle. We will be doing this again in weeks 4, 6 and 8 so please be on the lookout for the flyers.



## SCIENCE



In Science this term we are studying Biology. From going on schoolyard safaris to travelling back in time to the dinosaurs to meeting and studying some new furry, feathered and scaled friends, this term is sure to be interesting and fun.

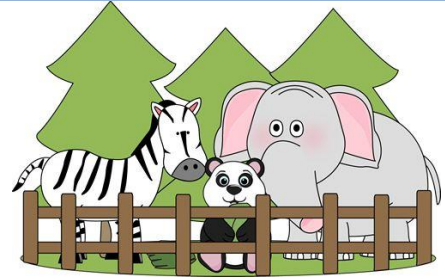
If anybody has any ferns, egg cartons, margarine containers, empty tissue boxes, cardboard tubes, yoghurt containers, cardboard boxes, blown globes, any toys that light up, move and/or make sound they no longer want, and any other interesting things for science, like bones, interesting seeds, flowers, leaves, feathers etc (please though no dead snakes or spiders) that they would like to donate we would love to have them in the science room. Thank you

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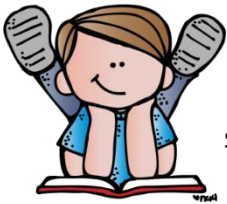
### LITTLE LEARNERS

Little Learners is on every Tuesday at 9am in the Kindy Room. Our coordinator Jodie D'Arcy is planning a busy term of exciting activities!

- Week 4 Zoo
- Week 5 Alphabet
- Week 6 Bears (and Fathers Day gifts)



### BOOK WEEK



Not many weeks now until we delve into the wonderful world of books and their characters come to life during Book Week. This date this year is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August and the theme is Escape to Everywhere. Look forward to seeing all of those wonderful costumes again as we celebrate. Don't forget to come along to the assembly, 9.00am on the same date.

*A Note from the Student Council Team*

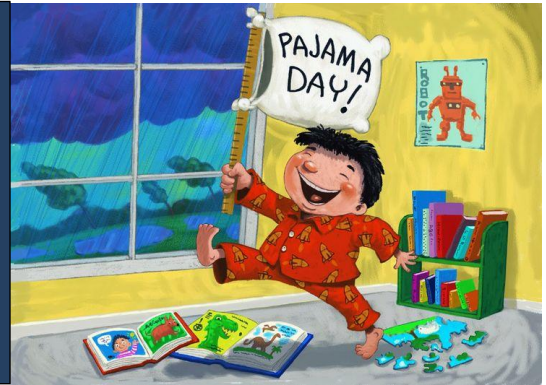
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**PJ Day**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August

**GOLD COIN DONATION**

*Raising funds for classroom noticeboards*



### LEGO Wanted

Thanks to our talented Grounds Manager – Michael Rothwell we have a Lego Station in the Library. If you have any Lego at home you no longer use, the Library would appreciate it. Thank you

## P & C FUNDRAISER

### “SHOP A DOCKET”

**Kellerberrin Farmers Co-op (IGA) and P & C Partnership**

“Join the fantastic initiative we share with our local IGA, the Kellerberrin Farmers Co-op!”

**It's simple, just drop your grocery docket from our local Kellerberrin Farmers Co-op (IGA) into the box provided in the School Office and they will donate a percentage of total docket earned back to the P&C!**

*(alcohol and cigarettes excluded)*

## 2018 KINDY ENROLMENTS

Please be advised that we are accepting enrolments for Kindy 2018. Packs and further information are available from the Administration Office.



## 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 provide the reason and 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**

## P & C UNIFORMS

The P & C Uniform Coordinator will be 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.

## 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	Year 4
Week 2	Year 2/3
Week 3	
Week 4	
Week 5	
Week 6	
Week 7	
Week 8	
Week 9	
Week 10	

## 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**



### Nut and Peanut Allergy

**We are a “Nut Friendly” School  
Please think of others when packing  
food for your children.**

## Term 3 – 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
3	31	1 Aug	2 Newsletter <i>Student Council Assembly</i>	3	4 School X-C	5	6
4	7	8	9	10 P & C Meeting 2pm	11	12	13
5	14	15	16	17	18 Inter X-C	19	20
6	21	22	23 Newsletter <i>Book Week Assembly</i>	24	25	26	27
7	28	29	30	31	1 Sep School Aths	2	3
8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	11	12	13 Newsletter <i>Learning Journey</i>	14	15 Inter Aths@ Dowerin	16	17
10	18 Middle School Camp	19 Middle School Camp	20 Middle School Camp	21 Middle School Camp	22 Middle School Camp	23	24
	25	26	<i>Kindy Assembly</i>	28	29	30	1 Oct