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Kellerberrin District High School

Chalkdust Chat

YOUR GUIDE TO THE SCHOOL NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS



**WELCOME BACK
P & C
SUNDOWNER**



DON'T FORGET....

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING- Wednesday 14th February 7pm

ASSEMBLY- Student Council Assembly Wednesday 21st February 1.45

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL- Friday 23rd February

PUBLIC HOLIDAY- Monday 5th March

'Successful Students, Quality Staff, A Connected Community'

From the Principal

What a great start to the term we have had. Both staff and students have settled well into school again despite the interruptions caused by swimming lessons.

It's been a great pleasure seeing so many students from across the school coming to visit me with their 'BrilliAnt' certificates. The reasons have ranged from a high standard of work, persistence at a task and for assisting staff and students. As we work through developing our agreed expectations at school of

- Be Safe
- Be Engaged
- Be Respectful
- Build Resilience

this will become even more evident.

P & C Sundowner

A big thankyou to the P&C for our Sundowner last Thursday. I must say I was a little disappointed with the support for the event. I am not sure of the reasons behind are reducing attendance at the Sundowner, although I will be working closely with Ebony and her committee to see what can be done to address this.

Faction Swimming Carnival

This is being held on Friday 23rd February. Mrs Nicholls and staff are putting together the program this week. It is a fact due to our reducing enrolments, that our Swimming Carnival is reducing in competitors each year. Unlike an Athletics Carnival where the majority of students can fully participate, student swimming ability and confidence is a key factor. I would encourage all of the non-confident swimmers to participate in the novelty races. I can assure them and their parents that they will be supported and not made to participate in anything that they are not confident or comfortable in doing.

It promises to be a great day and it would great to see as many parents and community members there as possible cheering on all our students.

Greg Hunt | Principal

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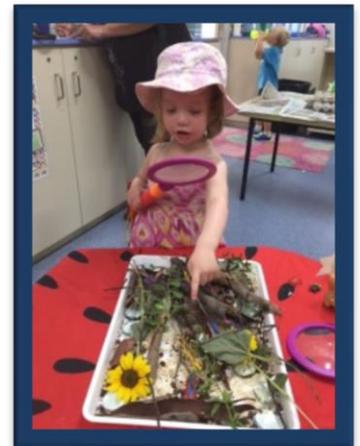


O-4 Little Learners 2018

"Limitless Learning for Little People"

It has been a fabulous start to have our Little Learners back for 2018 under the guidance of Mrs Jodie D'Arcy.

The children have been busy learning about ants and are looking forward to our Valentines Day activity this week where they will be making a hearts hug and heart weaving for someone special in their lives.



At Little Learners through fun activities and play we provide opportunities for children to improve their sensory, fine and gross motor skills, and language development through books, Nursery Rhymes and music.

Little Learners runs every Term on Tuesday from Weeks 2 onwards. If you require further information please contact the school office 90454308.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

KINDY

We have had a fantastic start to our year with really good attendance. We are very busy learning about shapes and colours.

Despite the hot humid days we are always excited to get outside to play. Remember "No hat no play!"

Make sure to have a look in the window of the CRC and check out our life size portraits.



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

PRE PRIMARY/ YEAR 1



The Pre-Primary – Year 1 class have settled back in to the swing of school and ready for an amazing year in 2018.

We are working super hard to learn all the new routines and expectations of our class. In English we are using lots of multisensory experiences to practice writing our sounds. In Maths we are exploring numbers to twenty and the year ones are writing numbers beyond twenty all the way up to one hundred!

We are so lucky to have Mrs Saunders and Mrs D'Arcy in our class during the week it helps support all of the learning needed for twenty-four amazing students. Swimming lessons are fantastic but we get very tired after them.



YEAR 1/2

We are off to a flying start to the year in our 1/2 class! We have started to explore growth mindset with the 'power of yet". There are many things that we can't do YET. We have enjoyed listening and dancing to some power of yet songs. Swimming lessons started promptly in week two, and we get to finish the day very cool and refreshed. In literacy our writing focus is recount writing, where we are learning time sequence words. Mrs Clarke has visited our class with a word of the week challenge and so far it has been a divine experience! Our class has already had a day when everyone was here, yay, keep up the great attendance!

YEAR 3/4

Welcome back to another school year and as always, what a busy start to the year we have had.

In Room 15, the Year 3/4 students have started work in all areas of the curriculum.

This term, we will be focussing on:

- Numbers to 1000 and addition strategies
- Persuasive and Narrative Texts
- Nouns, verbs and adjectives
- Governments, Rules and Laws
- Australia's First People, Special Days in Australia and Early European Explorers
- How to greet people in Indonesian
- How to building strong bridges

Have a great term everyone!



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

YEAR 4/5

We have had such a great start to the year in Room 5! The Year 4's and 5's have settled in very nicely and have spent a lot of time learning new routines and procedures.

This term in literacy we have a large focus on grammar revision. We are spending time each day going over language groups and literacy conventions. In Reading and Writing we are

concentrating on narrative and persuasive texts. We have started planning a story all about 'The night before school began...' We can't wait to show off our finished texts.

We have started to develop our note taking and summarizing skills whilst watching the children's news program Behind the News.

During Maths this term we will be working with numbers and their place values, extending our addition and subtraction strategies and relating areas of measurement.

We have started delving into the arrival of the First Fleet and Australian explorers in History. During Civics and Citizenship, the students have been learning all about democracies.

Phew! We've also been doing swimming lessons, so no wonder we are pretty exhausted. There is still more to come though! Here's to a GREAT year in Room 5!



YEAR 5/6 CLASS NEWS



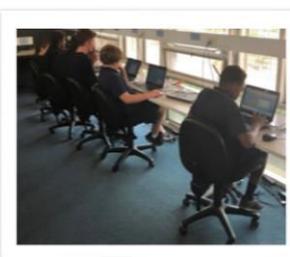
A busy start to the year has seen the Year 5/6 class being thrown into the deep end, with all students hitting the ground running. The class has been setting class expectations and discussing ways in which they would like the classroom to feel. The students completed a writing activity, where they had to choose what they thought was the best part of themselves. We had some interesting ideas, ranging from hands, legs and even foreheads. Come check out the finished products in our classroom. Our class

theme for the year is "Choose Kind". For those of you who are familiar with the book/movie "Wonder", it is the key message. We will be studying the book as our class novel this term.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Middle School has been off to a good start with attendance and students arriving to school on time - this is fantastic to see! This year we are going to have online English and Maths programs that will be individualised for each student, as this allows us to focus on

areas for improvement and extend their learning. In Week 2 the students have been trialling the programs so they are ready for our rotations to start. It has been great seeing the students from last year helping the Year 7s with the transition to Middle School.



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

SCIENCE

This term in Science every year group is studying Earth and Space, from planets to our solar system to how our earth is formed.

This year there are many exciting celestial objects appearing in our sky, the first of which was the exciting, once in a life time phenomenon of the **Super Blue Blood Moon** which was spectacular, I enjoyed hearing the students telling me all about their experience watching it.

Watch this space for more details of these events.



HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Welcome back to another busy term in PE and Health.

Our school has some important events on this term for families to note and we would love to see you all there both as helpers and spectators!

Friday 23rd February Faction Swimming Carnival

Friday 9 February Interschool Swimming Carnival

Physical Education Focus

P-Yr2

Yr3-Yr6

Yr 7-Yr10

Fundamental Movement Skills

Tee Ball, Touch Football

Basketball, Touch Footy

Health Focus

P-Yr2

Yr3-Yr6

Yr 7-Yr10

Safety in a range of environments

Personal strengths, safe/ unsafe situations

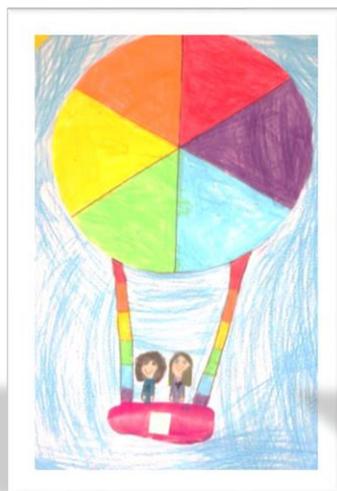
Risk taking behaviours and making the right choices.

Phyised Sports Uniform

We are encouraging all students especially our upper school students to wear their faction T Shirts for sport lesson and if required deodorant for use after lessons.

ART ROOM NEWS

We have had a colourful start to the year in Art. All classes have made a "Beautiful Oops" picture after listening to the story Beautiful Oops by Barney Saltzberg . We have also started to make some fantastic **colour wheel creations** while learning about the element of "Colour". There will be some amazing art work on display in the art room once we have finished these projects.



Introducing our School Chaplain – Mrs Michelle Diver

As a YouthCARE Chaplain, my role is to support the spiritual, social and emotional well-being of the students, irrespective of their faith or beliefs and with respect for individual families' convictions.



My role is also to provide support in the day-to-day matters that affect the school community. More simply, if at any stage, life is not easy, then I am available to talk with, to listen, and to provide encouragement and support. This is my second year as Chaplain at Kellerberrin DHS and I am pleased that the school has been able to increase my hours in 2018 up to four days a week.

In 2018 I am excited to:

- Be involved in the school Breakfast Club
- Host recess and lunch activities for the students
- Support small groups in classrooms
- Work alongside teachers to promote social and emotional wellbeing of all students
- Provide individual counsel as required
- And much more!



If you would like to make an appointment for your child or yourself to meet with me, please contact the school office or email Michelled@youthcare.org.au

Further information about the roles and responsibilities of school chaplains can be viewed at:

<http://www.det.wa.edu.au/studentsupport/behaviourandwellbeing/detcms/school-support-programs/behaviour-and-wellbeing/wellbeing/pc/school-chaplaincy-program.en?tab=Main&page=2>

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

EVERY STUDENT MATTERS,
EVERY MOMENT COUNTS

At Kellerberrin DHS, we want your child to achieve their very best. To get the best education, they need to attend school every day.

Developing a habit of going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning.

Why is going to school so important for my child?

- At school, many concepts, such as literacy and numeracy, are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later. This is particularly important when essential foundation skills are being taught.
- Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of 'showing up' – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.
- Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day at school counts towards a student's learning. Students who attend more, generally do better at school and in life.

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Do you need to let the school know if your child will be away from school?

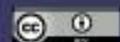
Yes, you need to let the administration office or your child's classroom teacher know the reason why your child is going to be, or has been, absent from school as soon as possible.

This requires a responsible person, usually a parent, to provide a reason for the absence within three school days. Having information about why your child is absent from school helps us plan for their return to school and work out any additional support that may be required.

For more information please contact:

Tish Clarke | Deputy Principal

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PBS Update

As you are aware we are working through the PBS process with the aim of creating a positive school and community environment. The success of the PBS process rests in the development of clearly defined behaviour expectations.

At the end of last year our school community agreed on the clearly defined behaviour expectations of **Be Safe – Be Respectful – Be Engaged – Build Resilience**. We held a poster competition and our judging panel selected some winning entries. These entries are now with our designer being given a professional touch! We can't wait to have our PBS posters displayed around our school.

We are now working through fleshing out our four expectations and creating our behaviour expectations matrix. This matrix will summarise our schools behaviour expectations and provide a platform for staff to explicitly teach behaviours to the students and provide the students with a framework for positive behaviour. The matrix will be completed with input from staff and students and parent feedback was sought at the Back to School Sundowner. Once completed the matrix will be published and you will have opportunity to view and discuss with your children.

For further information please contact Mrs Tanya Cox (tanya.cox@education.wa.edu.au)

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Engaged
Build Resilience



A Word from your P & C President

Hi Everyone, and welcome back to the new school year!

I would like to personally welcome the new staff and families to Kellerberrin, we hope you enjoy your time here and are made to feel very welcome!

Thank you to everyone who attended the School Meet and Greet on Thursday night - it was brilliant to see it supported by so many staff members, your time and contribution are much appreciated by the parents - thank you.

Following the sundowner we held the P&C AGM and it is my great honour to announce the 2018 P&C committee, Jacki Peak as Vice President, Jane Ryan as Secretary, Gemma Moylan as Treasurer, Libby Trewren and Kirsty Harrison as Uniform Coordinators and myself as President. Thank you to everyone who has taken on a role this year, you are in for a great ride! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing 2017 committee for their tireless efforts and commitments in many different forms: Nicole Brown our Secretary, Linda Taylor our Treasurer and Donna Stevens our Uniform Coordinator- thanks again ladies. Please mark your diaries, the next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday the 13th of March at 2pm, we hope you can make it - the more the merrier!

Our next big P&C event is the Twilight Markets on the 23rd of March! It is going to be a fun and exciting event that is going to require a lot of helpers!! If you are interested in joining our committee or have some fabulous ideas to share, please come along to our markets meeting **THIS FRIDAY the 16th of February at 2pm** at the School. We would love to see lots of helpers there! If you are unable to make the meeting but are keen to help, please pass your name onto one of the P&C committee members.

We also have WACSSO coming to Kellerberrin on Wednesday the 21st of March to facilitate training for anyone on the P&C or possibly considering joining the P&C in the future. Places are limited, so please let me know if you are interested in attending.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the near future. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have anything you would like to raise with the P&C or just to have a chat! Have a fabulous year!

Kind regards

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Term Planner - Term 1 – 2018 Student Copy

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SA	SUN
3	12 Swimming lessons	13	14	15	16	17	18
	NEWSLETTER		Board 7 pm		→		
4	19	20	21 Student Council Assembly 1.45pm	22	23 School Swimming Carnival	24	25
5	26	27 St Leadership Camp Kulin	28 St Leadership Camp Kulin	1 March	2	3	4
6	5 Labour Day Holiday	6 GLNA	7	8	9	10	11
		NEWSLETTER			Inter-School Swimming Carnival @Wyalkatchem		
7	12 School Photos	13 P&C Meeting 2pm	14	15	16	17	18
8	19	20	21 WACSSO Training – P&C	22	23 P&C Twilight Markets	24	25
9	26 NEWSLETTER	27 I Board 7pm	28 Year 3/4 Assembly 1.45pm	29	30 GOOD FRIDAY	31	1 April Easter Sunday
10	2 Easter Monday	3 Easter Tuesday	4	5	6	7	8
11	9	10	11	12	13 Anzac Day Service Term One concludes	14	15

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 90 454 308.

NAB SCHOOL BANKING

Wednesdays 8.35am
School Library

Term 1 Dates:

Feb 21st Mar 7th
Mar 21st Apr 4th



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

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	Kindy

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.

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

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



**Nut and Peanut
Allergy**