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YOUR GUIDE TO THE SCHOOL NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS



DON'T FORGET....

ANZAC DAY SERVICE | Friday 12th April 2019 9 a.m.

LAST DAY TERM 1 - STUDENTS | Friday 12th April

FIRST DAY TERM 2 - STUDENTS | Monday 29th April

ASSEMBLY - YEAR 6 | Wednesday 22nd May

WHOLE SCHOOL STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY - NO STUDENTS | Friday 31st May

'Successful Students, Quality Staff, A Connected Community'

From the Principal



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Members of our School Community

I continue to be in awe of the positive relationships that embody the Kellerberrin District High School community. These relationships permeate through everything and everyone; from students, staff, and parents, right through the wider community. The school has a strong reputation built upon these relationships and this is well deserved. I feel honoured to greet our school community in the morning and to witness first hand, how excited our students are to come to school. It warms my heart.

Student Leadership Team

Our Student Leadership Team is a very cohesive group, in preparation for Harmony Day, they made enough scones with jam and cream for the whole school. They then set up an area where they could provide the student body with morning tea and the delicious scones. Their strong relationships are built on their shared responsibility to provide a student voice and to support the Keller Way. The Student Leadership Team communicate with each other very well, they determine what roles each one is going to take and they value each other's strengths. These positive relationships assist our Leadership Team to develop self-esteem, confidence and independence.

Sow Knowledge, Harvest Success

The expectation level has to be high at Kellerberrin District High School to support our vision of 'Sow Knowledge, Harvest Success.' To achieve this ambitious goal, our standards need to be high! Sometimes this challenges individuals, their belief system and innate values! Our vision cannot be reached unless everyone is collectively responsible for the students' outcomes and the use of Vivo points have resulted in students and teachers developing positive relationships to improve

learning. Students are completing all their set homework of reading, spelling and tables practise, in order to gain Vivo points. I am so pleased to see students coming to school and completing any homework that they were unable to finish the night before, by finding a staff member from any room, not just their own classroom, to complete their homework. Students are proud to do this and are proud to show their teachers that they are becoming independent learners and want to show success in their learning.

Principal Awards

It has been my honour to present Principal Awards at our assembly and this assembly Ilyah Otieno and Ryan Mead won the awards for their perseverance and encouragement at our swimming carnival. As a new addition to the awards, students have been given bumper stickers for their family's cars that state, "I received a Principal's Award from Kellerberrin District High School." Please display these on your car loud and proud as we need to show everyone what awesome students we have.



Student Learning

The end of the first term of 2019 is approaching and it seems to have come so quickly. It has been a busy and productive term. There have been a multitude of events both in and beyond the classroom. Within the classroom, our students have been engaging in a wide variety of learning activities and processes. I am very excited to see the students and staff engaging in Visible Learning and the students developing a common language about how they problem solve to improve their own outcomes. Feel free to visit classrooms and have conversations with the students about their learning and what they need to do to improve, from the use of success criteria, learning intentions and how to get out of the pit.

From the Principal



Harmony Day

My favourite day this term was the celebration of Harmony Day. Our students participated in many activities that recognised the diversity of cultures in our school community, which culminated in a video that has been posted on our Kellerberrin District High School Facebook page. I encourage you to watch this, as it will highlight the positive relationships our students have with one another.

ANZAC Service

I invite all our school community to attend our ANZAC Day Service on Friday 12 April at 9 am. All community members are invited to inform the school of any family members that they have who have served in our Forces, these will be called out as a roll of Honour. Our ANZAC Day Service will be followed by a morning tea in the library. Please come and feel free to lay a wreath or some rosemary as a memorial to those who have served.

I look forward to continue to work with a community that wants its school to be one of excellence and will work together to form positive relationships to achieve this.

Thank you.

Louise Davidson
PRINCIPAL



From the Deputy Principal

Innovation Schools Partnership

We are excited to announce our involvement in the Innovation Schools Partnership in 2019. Innovation Partnership Schools bring together clusters of schools with other interested parties to explore professional practices that increase engagement, participation and achievement of all learners. We will be participating in this project with schools from across the EWEN Network, being led by Merredin College. Our innovation focus area is Digital Technologies and will be led on site by our tech guru, Mrs Sara Wilkins.

NAPLAN Online 2019

Students at Kellerberrin DHS and across the country will be sitting NAPLAN online between the 14th-24th May. In preparation, ACARA's NAPLAN Online public demonstration site is available for public access. This resource will enable students and parents to interact with mini tests in Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language and Numeracy for each of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The items in these tests have been chosen to demonstrate the type of items which students will encounter in the NAPLAN Online tests. The landing page for the website <http://www.nap.edu.au/onlineassessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site> contains a number of resources (FAQs, user guide and technical requirements) that will continue to be updated. If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online please contact me via the office.

Thank You

I thank you all for your exceptionally positive involvement in our school across term one.

I am especially pleased to see so much support for our Home Reading and Spelling programs. The children all look so proud when they are recognised with certificates at our weekly Monday Morning Assemblies and they could not meet these milestones without your help. We look forward to seeing this continue in term two as we begin inviting more parent helpers in to our classrooms.

Enjoy a restful holiday break with your loved ones and we will see you all back ready to start school on Monday the 29th of April.

Tish Clarke
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Throughout Term One, Kellerberrin's successful students have had many opportunities to continue to develop their knowledge and skills and celebrate their successes across all learning areas.

Vivos

Our successful students are busy earning Vivo points as I'm sure you're all aware. Some of our Year 6 students have shared with us their thoughts on Vivo:

"We're rewarded for following instructions, staying on task, doing homework and when we're following the Keller Way. I love it because the Vivos turn into money and I can buy stuff from the shop." Rikki Garlett

"The Vivos are good. It's better than class points because when you're naughty you miss out and when you do the right thing you can get Vivo points. I'm going to spend mine on being the Principal for the day (1000 Vivo Points)." Jamie Hayden

"I like the Vivo points because it tells you how much you are learning and listening. We are rewarded for being engaged and taking risks with our learning. I can't wait to be the Principal for the day and answer the phone up at the office." Bree Clarke

"If you earn the Vivos from the teacher you can learn the Keller Way. I'm looking forward to going shopping with my Vivos." Bryze Uy

Interschool Swimming Carnival

Our Interschool Swimming Team went to Cunderdin for a fun filled and successful swimming carnival, where they role modelled the Keller Way, through their sportsmanship, participation and comradeship as they cheered each other on. Our school waited with bated breath, to hear how our competitors went. It was with much excitement that their success stories were shared.

Congratulations to our whole Interschool Team:

Zara Rothwell

Tilly Ryan

Bree Clarke

Marshall Rawlings

Cameron Saunders

Wyatt Moylan

Sadie Moylan

Evan Ritchie

Callum White

Zoe Clarke

Malakai Fitzgerald-McIntosh

Rikki Garlett

Angus Ryan

Lawrence Winmar



Our students were successful in the following areas:

Year 3/4 Runner Up Champion Girl: Sadie Moylan

Year 5/6 Champion Boy: Callum White

Year 7/8 Runner Up Champion Boy: Malakai Fitzgerald-McIntosh



SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Assembly Certificates

Every Monday Morning we meet as a whole school for a mini assembly to celebrate our student's successes and start our week as a united team; ready for anything. Each week, teachers hand out certificates for success in home reading, spelling and mathematics. The ink barely has time to dry before the certificates are handed to our copious amount of successful students at Kellerberrin District High School.

We are almost at the end of term, and it has been amazing to see the number of students reading every night, and working towards 25 and 50 nights of home reading. We encourage our families to continue to support our children in their home reading, as it is with a shared partnership that these goals are being reached. It is wonderful to see our successful students recognised for their accomplishments.

Student Leadership Team

Behind the scenes at Kellerberrin District High School, we have a very successful, collaborative and highly motivated Student Leadership Team. These students are working together to promote our school values and the Keller Way.

In preparation for Harmony Day the student councillors made enough scones for our whole school! The Leadership Team then gathered to assist in ensuring all students had the opportunity to sample foods from different cultures.

Rylan, our school student photographer, has been very busy the last couple of weeks. He visited all classes on Harmony Day to capture the memories the students were making in celebration of our united, multi-cultural school; where we all belong. Rylan also took some excellent photos of the Year 1/2 class celebrating their achievement of 100% attendance for the whole of Week 7!

Amazing work Mrs White and the Year 1/2's - it was excellent to see the police acknowledging this success and Mrs Clarke and Ms Davo in the police car!



CONNECTED COMMUNITY

On March 21st we celebrated Harmony Day and all of the cultures in our community. Students were invited to wear orange or national dress of their chosen country for the day and engaged in different cultural activities in each classroom across our school. We were really lucky to have some tasty food to eat at recess.

We would like to say a big thankyou to;

Calvin and Jack's family, who made some delicious fried rice;
Giovanni and Bryze's family, who made traditional cakes;
Year 6 class who made us some pasta;
Mrs Davo and the Student Leadership Team who made traditional English scones.



After lunch, we all got together as a school and made a fabulous video about Harmony Day. Please check it out on the school Facebook page! (and a big thankyou to Mrs Crofts for bringing in her drone and helping produce the film)

Kindy Pre Primary

In our class we learnt about the local Aboriginal art technique of using bark to produce a picture. We created mostly backgrounds as peeling away the paper bark was so much fun! We also talked about how aboriginal people in the northern parts of Australia have six seasons of weather throughout the year.

Year 1/2

Aaro and Stephanie told us all about their culture and heritage in Nepal and Poland. Aaro even wore his traditional clothing to school and he looked very handsome! Stephanie told us about making polish food and some of the traditions that they have at Easter. As a class we learnt how to say hello in ten different languages and made a Harmony Day tree about our special people; by creating leaves and flowers to stick onto it.

Year 2/3

We learnt about Kenya and how traditional African necklaces are made. We learnt a new game called Mancala, which is a Maths game that uses counting and strategy to win. The students loved versing Mrs Cox and beating her.

Year 4/5

In our class for Harmony Day, we were lucky enough to have Ms Lizel Swale talk to us about her home country, the Philippines. We watched some travel videos and all decided that we wanted to visit! We looked at things like the money, food, transport, how much things cost and then filled in a booklet about the country. We enjoyed the fried rice that Lizel made for all of us at recess. Thankyou!

Year 6

For Harmony Day, our class celebrated by making spaghetti bolognese to share with the school for recess. This was to acknowledge the Italian heritage of one of our peers, Jaxon Paron. We are all now master chefs!

Middle School

In Middle School Ms Frydrych did some traditional polish paper folding called Wycinanki with us. We had to fold and cut paper, which produced some beautiful doilies. We then went into the home economics room and made some traditional sugar biscuits which were delicious.



CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Twilight Markets

On Friday the 21st March, our dedicated P & C held once again Twilight Markets at the Community Playground. The Twilight Markets provide an opportunity for the community to come together for a social evening of fun and entertainment, whilst raising funds for our school. This year the P & C secured some fabulous local produce, including homemade clothing and costumes, artworks, plants and delicious home-cooked food to name a few. There were tasting plates and food available, as well as raffles and face painting. Our school community is in good hands; with such an amazing group of people who care about our school! Thankyou to all those who donated, volunteered and organised a very successful night.

Adventure Playground

Everyone in kindy and pre-primary would like to thank the many hours of hard work by our P&C and Grounds Committee for the amazing new play area we have. We are extremely lucky to have such dedicated people in our community who contribute so willingly to our school community. Thanks to you all, we are increasing our ability to balance and negotiate rough terrain, with resilience and determination.

Parent Volunteers

We would love to have parents coming into our classrooms listening to reading. Thanks to Libby Trewren and Calista Wilkins for their support in the 2-3 classroom, and to Mrs D'Arcy for helping out in the Year 1/2 class on Fridays. We would love to see some more parents in our classrooms, so if you have some time to spare, please see the classroom teachers.



QUALITY STAFF



Our first term of 2019 is coming to a rapid close, but not before we take part in more big celebratory events to come. We are making preparations for ANZAC day, and will shortly be writing interim reports which will show the positive attitudes and values your children display to their education.



We as a dedicated staff body ensure, every day, that our students and your children are presented with a rich curriculum across all learning areas. We attempt to provide every student with every opportunity to achieve success in their classroom through individually tailored programs (promoting both remediation and extension) and differentiated assessment tasks, as well as through a range of learning experiences such as hands on activities, access to current IT resources, consistent opportunities to write including the USSW program, hands on exploratory tasks in mathematics and many more. Your child's successes are becoming evident in the early assessment tasks that they have already completed this term. We as a teaching body are continually striving for improvement in attending Professional Learning Courses, engaging in peer support, observations and assessments. In the coming weeks we will be given the opportunity to take samples of our students' work to a meeting with other teachers from similar schools where we will take the time to moderate and compare the achievement of students across our district, an invaluable experience which will support our teaching processes and reporting.



Most recently, all students were provided with the opportunity to celebrate diversity and the many different cultures we find in our school. And what a fantastic day it was! What a credit to our amazing students who engaged in all activities and to our Student Leadership Team and Simone Jones who organised much of the amazing food that was enjoyed by all. The day finishing off with the making of a whole school video with the aid of Mrs Emma Crofts and her drone.

Our Educational Assistants provide our teachers and students with vital support in and out of the classroom and we continue to celebrate the contribution they make to our classes.



School Board

Vacant Parent Representative Board Positions

Our School is seeking enthusiastic members of our school community to nominate for our School Board.

Our current School Board has two **Parent Representative** vacancies:

1. One 2 year term
2. One 3 year term

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 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.
- Positively promote the school within the broader community.

An information package and nomination form for prospective new members is available from the School Office. If you have any further questions or require further information please contact myself or Board Chairman Paul Brown (0417907244)

Should more than two nominations be received, a secret ballot election will be conducted with all parents and carers having an opportunity to vote.

Yours sincerely

Louise Davidson
Principal

6 April 2019



P & C TWILIGHT MARKETS

On Friday the 29th of March 2019, the P&C held our second Twilight Markets at the Kellerberrin Park and it was again a great success! It was an awesome community event and looking around at all the people having a fabulous time made all the effort worthwhile!!

As we all know, events like this don't just happen and there are many thank yous to be made. Thank you to Lauren and Donna who decorated the park making it a truly magical setting. Thank you to Corey, Gareth, Jason T and Mark for setting up the marquees and tables. Thank you to the Ag Society and Harness Racing for the use of their trestle tables and outdoor tables and chairs. To the Shire for the use of the flood light and for setting it up and collecting it. Thank you to Gemma for organising the stall holders and to all the stall holders who came along and created a point of interest for our Markets. Thank you to Jane, Jayne, Callie and Chondelle for preparing the grazing platters and food preparation. To Callie, Erin, Jayne, Chondelle, Pippa and Lauren who manned a stall on the night. To our face painting extraordinaire – Sara Wilkins, who generously donated her time and face painting resources – she was again very popular and had a line-up of customers to the very end of the night!! To Art by Lee'Anne and the Men's Shed who kindly donated beautiful items to be raffled. To all the people who donated baked goodies to sell on the produce table – I cannot name you as these items just literally appeared from nowhere!!!! To Livestock and Land for their very generous monetary contribution that allowed us to purchase the ingredients for the grazing platters – which sold out early on!! To the Saunders and Ryan families for the donation of meat for the rolls. To the administration staff at school who helped with all of the advertising and were our point of contact. To our awesome letterbox delivery kids: Mason, Wyatt, Hugo, Tilly, Rihanna, Zoe, Bree, Sadie, Addi, Maya, Jade and Angus who made sure everyone knew about the event! To all the staff at school who came along to support us, your presence was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Jason and Mark who manned the BBQ and to Ryan and Codi for stepping in to help with the finances. Thank you to everyone who offered to help during the evening and to those who stayed to help pack away including Shane and Simon. Finally, a BIG thank you to everyone in our community who came along to enjoy the evening and support us – without you, obviously our Twilight Markets would not have been successful. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone!

Not only was it an awesome night, but we were able to raise some significant funds from everyone's hard work which will go straight back into our school when requested, so thank you again to everyone. Many people commented on how beautiful the evening was and that it should become an annual event... we will keep you posted!! Thank you everyone, we hope you had a great night!

Ebony Syred, P&C President





MAKING YOUR HOME A BUILD UP ZONE

Presented by Nurture Works Founder and Children's Author, Steve Heron, OAM

1. Agro and Emo 9.00am – 10.30am

- Helping kids to handle their feelings. (Emotional competence and self-regulation)
- Includes: Good, Bad, Mad, Sad – understanding feelings, the Brain in the Hand, Anger Management, the BUZ Feelings Management Creed

2. Child Whispering – Handling School Refusals and other tricky business 11.00am – 12.30pm

- How to get kids to talk and open-up on their cares, concerns, anxieties, problems and celebrations in their lives. The art of pastoral questioning.

3. Restoring the Power Balance (Bully Proofing) 1.00pm – 2.30pm

- All the hype about bullying could be making things worse. Understanding bullying, dispelling the myths, building respectful communities, introducing the Gimme 5 Tactics for bully proofing and the Marshmallow Man.

Where: Merredin
When: 7th May 2019
Venue: Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre
Time: 9.00am – 2.30 pm
Registration: Jeni Pages 0447 622 736 jjpages@wanslea.ssn.au

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What is Be You?

Be You aims to transform Australia's approach to supporting children's and young people's mental health in early learning services and schools. Be You's vision is that every learning community is **positive, inclusive and resilient** – a place where every child, young person, educator and family can achieve their best possible mental health.

How is Be You working in our school community?

As Be You was launched in November 2018, Kellerberrin DHS is at the very beginning of our Be You journey. Be You will be used to primarily support the PBS Team and to empower our staff to develop valuable mental health skills and knowledge to **promote mental health and wellbeing** in our school community.

Emma Crofts
Health Teacher & Be You Action Team Leader
For more information <https://beyou.edu.au/>



ANZAC DAY SERVICE

FRONT LAWNED AREA - KELLERBERRIN DHS

FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

HOSTED BY THE KELLERBERRIN DHS STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

SERVICE COMMENCING AT 9AM
MORNING TEA TO FOLLOW IN THE LIBRARY

LEST WE FORGET

