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# Chalkdust Chat

YOUR GUIDE TO THE SCHOOL NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS



## TERM THREE REWARDS DAY

Our school is a Positive Behaviour School and we promote positive behaviour in all aspects of our education. To reward our students for their fantastic behaviour, we had Suitcase Circus visit our school. The day can started with a circus skills demonstration and performances for the whole school with the focus of the performance on perseverance, working together and having fun!

After the show, all classes participated in a serious of workshops to develop their circus skills. Students had a go at juggling, diabolos, flower sticks, plate spinning, hoops, balancing clubs and more.



## From the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers/Family Member and Friends

Well, we have reached the end of Term 3 with flourish and flair. I would like to congratulate our wonderful staff on their tireless efforts to maintain quality teaching and learning programs this term, with unforeseen obstacles in these extraordinary times. The classrooms are being maintained with fantastic work samples that your children are producing and I'm so pleased that parents and carers were able to see this, during our interviews.

### PARENT/GUARDIAN INTERVIEWS

Being flexible is extremely important and we tried something new to enable our parents and carers to come into the school and see their child's work, first hand. The interviews took place of our Learning Journey night and they were very well received. It was lovely to see parents back on site on a one-on-one interview with the teachers, as we have missed you, but we understand that we are still under COVID conditions and it is important that we remember that we are unable to enter the classrooms, until we hear otherwise from the Minister and Director General of Education. As soon as anything changes, we will share information as soon as we can.



*Miss Nadia Masters and Mrs Ritchie having a productive Interview*

### TERM THREE

Term 3 historically, is a very busy term and this term was no difference, with the sport carnivals, interviews, incursions, OLN testing and Dude's Day, we not only hit the ground running but we finished off winning the race.

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank Mrs Christine Lee for her time at Kellerberrin District High School in the role of Science and Digital Technologies Teacher and I wish her all the best with her husband's new position in Albany. Albany is lucky to have them and I am sure that Mrs Lee will find a rewarding position in Albany as she had here in Keller.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations also to Miss Sara Garcia-Zoiti who graduated with a teaching degree. Miss Garcia-Zoiti is already utilising her degree and has been working as a relief teacher in Kellerberrin and with the surrounding schools. She has accepted a position with another school for Term 4, as a Year 1/2 teacher and I would like to wish her all the best with her future endeavours.

### KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

We are really excited to announce that we will be commencing Kindergarten Transition next term.

*Kellerberrin District High School's*

## Transition to Kindergarten Program

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

9:00-11:00

*In the Kindergarten Building*

*Please bring your healthy morning tea/recess and a drink bottle.*

*Mrs Wishy Washy*

*Please do not bring your child if they have sick/flu like symptoms*



## From the Principal



Congratulations to Charlie Ryan and Tyrelle McIntosh for their great work.



Congratulations to the winners of the Year 3/4 Maths Problem Solving competition!



### CYBER SAFETY APP

Schools have been asked to promote the Beacon cyber safety app for parents, you may have seen it on the news last week. Beacon is designed specifically for parents as a personalised, one-stop-shop for reliable information about the online world. It arms parents with the knowledge they need to confidently help navigate their children's digital behaviour and reduce harms we know are associated with being online. Beacon shines a light on the online world with: articles and videos; tailored content and alerts unique to your family needs; creating your own family agreement; and provides help and services that are available for you and your family. Go to <https://beacon.telethonkids.org.au/>

Have a safe holiday.

Thank you

**Louise Davidson**  
PRINCIPAL



## TERM THREE REWARDS DAY



*For the first time in a few years, we have a complete membership on the School Board. Our staff members are Tanya Cox and Emma Crofts, our parent representatives are Simon Tighe, Simon Hunter and Ebony Syred and our community members are Herma Inverarity, Julie Doncon and Judith Forsyth. I would like to introduce our 'Meet the Board' member, Emma Crofts.*

# MEET THE BOARD

*Mrs Emma Crofts*

## REPRESENTING - KDHS STAFF

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### **HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THE KDHS SCHOOL BOARD?**

I joined the KDHS School Council in 2009. I have been a member since then, and have enjoyed seeing the changes as we moved from a School Council to a School Board when we became an Independent Public School.

### **WHO DO YOU REPRESENT ON THE KDHS SCHOOL BOARD?**

I represent the staff of KDHS in my position on our School Board.

### **WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT SITTING ON THE KDHS SCHOOL BOARD?**

I enjoy the opportunity to be involved in school governance, and to have input into the policies and plans which contribute to the operations at KDHS. As a staff member, I also enjoy being able to assist parents and community members who also sit on the Board in their understanding of school processes, data analysis and Departmental policies.

### **WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO SEE OUR SCHOOL ACHIEVE DURING YOUR TERM AS A BOARD MEMBER?**

During the 12 years I have been a member of our School Board, I have already witnessed significant changes and achievement in our school. What I am most looking forward to is ensuring that every student at KDHS is making progress as a result of a data-driven and evidence-based approach to best practice.

**WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO NOMINATE FOR A POSITION ON OUR SCHOOL BOARD?**

I had been on the Board of my previous school, and enjoyed that role very much. When I arrived at KDHS in 2009 there was a position open for nominations and so I jumped at the chance to be involved at this level in my new school community.

**IF YOU COULD TELL SOMEONE WHO WAS CONSIDERING NOMINATING FOR SCHOOL BOARD ONE THING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

If you are considering nominating for a parent or community member position on our School Board, I would tell you to go for it! I think many people are put off because they think they don't know enough about how a school runs, but actually a Board consisting of members from diverse experiences and backgrounds is a real asset.

**WHAT SKILLS OR EXPERIENCES DO YOU HAVE THAT YOU BRING TO OUR SCHOOL BOARD?**

I have been teaching for 15 years, with only 6 months off for the birth of my son in that time. I have taught at a number of country schools, both as a permanent staff member and as a relief staff member. I think this gives me a broad perspective across a range of school contexts. I am a Level 3 Classroom Teacher – a program that recognises exemplary teaching practice.

**WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT KELLERBERRIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL?**

Seeing the changes in our school over the past decade has been exciting. Watching our staff develop their capacity and witnessing our students grow and make progress is equally exciting. Now that I have my own child who will attend KDHS in 2022, I am even more excited to see our school continue on this journey of growth.

## SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS



### INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS IN QUAIRADING

Our students did very well in the Interschool Athletics Carnival in Quairading and I would like to congratulate Ilyah Otieno for winning Year 3/4 Champion Girl and for Cheyenne McIntosh for coming Runner Up Year 7/8 Girl. It is always a very pleasing moment when our students show pride in their school and do their best. My thanks to our Interschool Squad.



### CONSTABLE CARE



The Constable Care Child Safety Foundation visited Kellerberrin District High School in partnership with the WA Police.

Through puppet theatre and live interactive performances Constable Care's team of professional actors addressed a range of personal and community safety and citizenship themes that entertained, engaged, challenged and educated, giving our learners the life skills they need to assess risk, make safe choices and grow into confident, emotionally intelligent adults.



## Quality Staff

### INDONESIAN MARKET DAY

The Year 5/6 class have been learning about shopping experiences in Indonesia with Bu Crofts.

During this unit the learners have worked on their knowledge of numbers to millions in Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian language), names of food items, asking and responding to questions about how much an item costs and the cultural experience of shopping at a market in Indonesia including the practice of bargaining (tawar-menawar).

To conclude the term, the class held a market day where they took turns as either a pembeli (buyer) and penjual (seller). The Year 5/6 learners asked the price of items, asked if the sellers were open to bargaining a lower price, and then conducted transactions in rupiah.

They did a fantastic job of seeking challenge and persevering to use as much Bahasa Indonesia during the market day as possible. Bagus!

Mrs Crofts



## CONNECTED COMMUNITY

### DUDE'S DAY

The music was pumping, the students were expertly guiding their Dude around the activities and the Dudes all seemed to be having a great time!

The KDHS Early Childhood Dude's Day for 2020 was a fabulous success, with glorious weather and a fantastic turn out of Dudes on the school oval. The students had been practising for weeks before hand and had a fantastic time displaying their Athletic skills through the eight rotations. The Dudes did pretty well although there was some questionable hoola hooping happening!

Everyone enjoyed the sausage sizzle and we finished the day with a Dudes relay, that competitive streak never seems to diminish! Thank you to everyone that came along and made the day such a success.



**MS Readathon**

### LIBRARY NEWS

Well done to all the students for participating in the MS Readathon. There were 16 students who registered, and they fundraised \$672.24 for MS Readathon and together they read a total of 225 books. This is an amazing result and you should all be very proud of yourselves.

The person who read the most books was Joshua Syred who read 34 books, followed by Jade D'Arcy and Chelsie Harvey and who read 33 books each.

Aaron Forsyth raised the most money for MS Readathon. Well done, Aaron.

**Mrs Morgan**  
Library Officer