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YOUR GUIDE TO THE SCHOOL NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS

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2021 CELEBRATION NIGHT

And Supper Under the Stars

Wednesday 15 December - 6.30pm
Kellerberrin District High School - Undercover Area

Followed by Supper Under the Stars in the Gazebo Area.

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ADMIN UPDATE

Kaya!

The days may be warmer and longer, but so is my list of things to fit in before the end of the school year. Over the next couple of weeks, we are busily preparing for Celebration Night, reports, Year 6 and Middle School dinners, an assembly, swimming lessons, Rewards Day, a School Board meeting, the last session of Kindy transition and much more!

At our last Board meeting, our Chair Callie Forsyth resigned from her position as she and her family are moving on from Kellerberrin in 2022. Callie has been an invaluable ally of our school during her time on Board and a strong advocate for our learners and the parent community. She holds a strong belief that our school is an integral part of our community and it has been a pleasure working with her in 2021 to strengthen the heartbeat of our school. We welcome Clare Leake to the role of Board Chair. I know that Clare will take on the role with passion and continue the strong governance the Board has established this year.

We were fortunate to receive a new mural at school this week. The mural has been designed around the eucalyptus salmonophloia flowers and leaves, this tree is a beautiful native species local to Kellerberrin. The mural is designed to remind us to check in on our own mental and health and wellbeing and also to support the mental health and wellbeing of those around us.



Please find enclosed with this newsletter your order envelopes for Supper Under The Stars, I hope many of you can stay after Celebration Night and enjoy a meal in our Quad area.

I am looking forward to the celebrations that the end of a school year brings. It is a fabulous time for reflection and acknowledging the growth that individual learners, staff and a community can experience. I hope to see you all in coming weeks at one of our events.

Tish Clarke
PRINCIPAL



SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

Meet Clare, our new Board Chair.

I relocated to Kellerberrin in 2015 to start a family with my husband who grew up here and attended Kellerberrin District High School. Together we have three young children and run a farming operation. I am responsible for the financial, administrative and OHS roles of this business. Most recently, together with 2 friends, I have opened a homewares store on the main street of Kellerberrin.

Prior to arriving in Kellerberrin I worked in a corporate advisory role assisting companies to navigate ASX compliance and listing guidelines and to fulfil corporate governance requirements. I also worked in banking as an analyst and have a background in economics and marketing.

I grew up on a family farm in the small town of Borden which currently has a population of 126 people. I understand the challenges of diminishing populations in regional areas and am passionate about the role a school plays in maintaining a community.

I look forward to the challenge of keeping KDHS on its recent trajectory of improvement and feel the School Board has a vital role in maintaining the positive and progressive direction of the Kellerberrin District High School.

Please feel free to contact me at clarealeake@gmail.com if you would like to talk all things School Board.



TLG VISIT

We welcome the team from TLG again to work with our learners on STEM and Maths concepts. The energetic and enthusiastic TLG volunteers engage in one on one tutoring using hands on and authentic learning experiences. It is our privilege to host the team who provide a fabulous service to rural and remote schools. If you see the TLG team out and about make sure you give them a big Keller Way hello



CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

On Wednesday 10 November the Year 3-6 students and staff headed to Perth to enjoy a live performance of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory at Crown Theatre.

For many of the students it was their first time seeing a live performance in such a large theatre and we had seats so close to the front of the stage we could stand up and see the orchestra pit.

As we were getting on the buses to come home, the performer who played Charlie popped on to our bus to say hello. It was a fabulous experience and we can't wait to do something similar again soon!



Geraldton 2021

Monday the 1st November was the first day of the 2021 Middle School Camp to Geraldton Camp School.

Geraldton Camp School

We were extremely fortunate to spend our week at Geraldton Camp School which provided exceptional facilities and an outstanding range of activities for our students.

The Camp School is situated in the north of Geraldton at Bluff Point and is one of seven camps run by Fairbridge. On site, the students were able to access a range of fun sporting facilities including mini golf, table tennis, checkers, basketball, street hockey and tennis; as well as a large oval and natural bush area which was perfect for extreme spotlighting!

Camp Activities

Throughout the coming days, students were challenged and engaged in the activities planned by both the Camp School staff and Mrs Clarke. They were provided with opportunities to gain new skills and achieve success in archery, sand boarding, knot tying and raft building, team building, flying fox and a ropes course, where they adapted extremely well to working collaboratively and achieved common goals.

Significant tours to the Geraldton Museum, HMAS Sydney memorial and Greenough Wildlife Park provided opportunities to explore and widen our understanding of the local area.

Acknowledgements

The Kellerberrin Middle School Students and staff would like to acknowledge the following people for their contribution to the 2021 Camp.

Mrs Clarke – A huge thank you goes out to you for doing all the “behind the scenes” work in planning an exceptional and unforgettable camp!!

Mr Glenn Saunders – A huge thank you goes out to you for volunteering your time to join us on camp, providing us with safe transport, playing an obscene amount of basketball (we hope you have recovered!) and invaluable support in the care and wellbeing of our students.

Miss Leena, Mrs Ryan and Mrs White – A huge thank you for accompanying us on camp and providing us with memories we will cherish for a long time to come.

Thank you

GERALDTON





On Monday of Week 4 most of the students in secondary school boarded a bus and began their journey to Geraldton which took upwards of 7 hours to do. The bus ride was slow with minimal stops but the rush of being somewhere we hadn't been before, gave the students attending camp an energy boost that lasted til morning.

On Tuesday everyone woke to breakfast and then we participated in a two team Shipwreck Challenge which ended in the 'Fluffy Unicorn' team on top of the podium. The rest of Tuesday was pretty chill with other activities, including sandboarding, taking place until the night, which ended with pizza from Dominos and a game of spotlight.

Wednesday started the same as Tuesday, but we stayed on site and did archery, orienteering and the flying fox. The night then ended with tacos and a game of spotlight that took place on the campgrounds field which had numerous people sustain some sort of minor injury.

On Thursday we travelled around Geraldton and visited the museum and HMAS Sydney memorial. Back at camp after lunch we did the Amazing Geraldton Race and various team games that wasn't bad. There was no spotlight that night because we went to Dome for dinner.

On Friday we had bacon and eggs for breakfast and at 9:30 to 10:00 am we left for home which was another looonnggg bus ride. Luckily we stopped at the wildlife park in Greenough, that was good because of all the animals that were there (like emus and crocodiles). We also got a taste of home as the crop next to the park was being harvested, putting chaff and dust everywhere. We made it home in the afternoon and everyone was still recovering at school the next week!

Thank you to Mr Saunders, Mrs Ryan, Mrs White and Miss Leanna for giving up their time and joining everyone on the camp, and thank you to every one of the students who joined and made the trip a much more enjoyable experience.

By: Chester



We got in the bus and drove to the sandboarding area at the foreshore. We had to walk the rest of the way. Sandboarding was fun but it was hard to climb to the top as it was steep and we kept sliding back down! When you went down on the boards, it felt slow as the sand was a bit wet. People rolled down and fell down the dunes. There were motorbikes on the other dunes and one of them got bogged in the sand.

By Declan



The camp was the first time I have done anything like this. There were so many things that I really enjoyed. I learnt how to build a raft using different knots. I tied a tube onto the back of the raft and practised my paddling, but it was a bit cold to go out on the water. I taught Mr Saunders how to play checkers, but then he beat me. I really enjoyed playing table tennis and mini golf at the camp site. The best thing was when we played spotlight for two nights. During the day I looked for the best spots to hide, and then camouflaged myself with dirt and leaves so no one could find me. It was kind of crazy because no one could find me. I felt a bit sick after the flying fox, but I did it. I took lots of photos of the camp site, it had a really good view of the ocean. I am looking forward to next year's camp.

By Jaxon



I really enjoyed the animals at the Greenough Wildlife Park. Everyone saw a snake, crazy cockatoos and love birds. I enjoyed holding the snake, the snake wrapped itself around my hand and it felt strong and smooth. Feeding the adult and baby kangaroo's grain pellets felt like they were trying to eat my hand. I fed the cow and horses too. You first have to have your hand flat when feeding them so they don't eat your fingers. Camp was great, I want to thank everyone who helped put it all together for all us Middle Schoolers.

By Mickey



My favourite part of camp was spotlight at night because we got to hide anywhere, and it was really dark. We had a really good campsite to play it in, we played it on the oval and in the bush around our campsite. We took turns in being first It, Jaxon was the best at hiding, because he covered himself in leaves and sticks. Some of the places people were hiding in were big bushes, in trees, and some people were just running around. Overall I think spotlight was the best and it was my favourite.

By Griffin

Personally, I thought that sandboarding was the most enjoyable activity on camp. As we arrived at the dunes, I was horrified by looking up at the big dune and I struggled to get up the side of the hill because it was too steep and as I tried to catch my breath, I kept on sliding down. First on the boards we had sit down and we went pretty slow but then we could stand up and it made us go a bit faster. At the time that we had to go most of us rolled down the dunes and then we left in the bus. We were pretty sandy by the end of it!

By Cameron



At camp we did archery, which I liked because it was quite fun and challenging. We did archery on Wednesday, a nice sunny day, which is good because the temperature was not too cold or too hot. Our instructor showed us how to shoot with the bow and arrow, which most of us already knew how to do. We had a go at shooting ourselves and most of us hit the targets, even the teachers did. Then we played a game where we were split into teams and each colour on the target was a different ingredient to make a pizza.

The white ring was flour, the blue ring was water, the red ring was sauce, the black ring was olives (yuk), the yellow ring was cheese and if we hit the grass that was herbs and spices (double yuk). One pizza my team made was mostly herbs and spices, another was flavoured water, and one was perfect even with olives, spices, and herbs.

Then we did long distance shots some people came really close to hitting the target and Mrs. Ryan hit the target, on the edge but still a hit. Everyone had heaps of fun and enjoyed every little bit, win or lose

By Megan





I didn't think that Geraldton was that big but it is way bigger than I expected. The camp were we stayed at in Fairbridge was nice and shady, with this gazebo area where there were nice green trees around it. The camp school was bigger than everyone thought it would be. On the Tuesday it was the coldest day out of the week and that was the day we were going in the water doing raft building and beach activities. All the other days were nice and warm in the morning but mid arvo the wind started to pick up when we were doing most of our activities but it just made them a bit more challenging. On the Wednesday everyone ended up with scratches and bruises because we played spotlight that night and the night before, people hid in the bushes. The only time we left the camp school was when we went to Dome for dinner which had a beautiful view out the window with the water right there. We also went to sand dunes for sandboarding and to the museum which was well displayed. On the way home we stopped in at a wildlife park which had many animals, big and little. The cockatoos were the best, as they danced and talked to you.

By Matilda



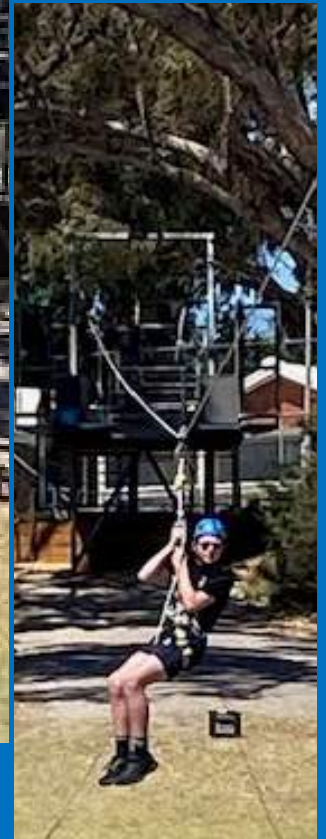
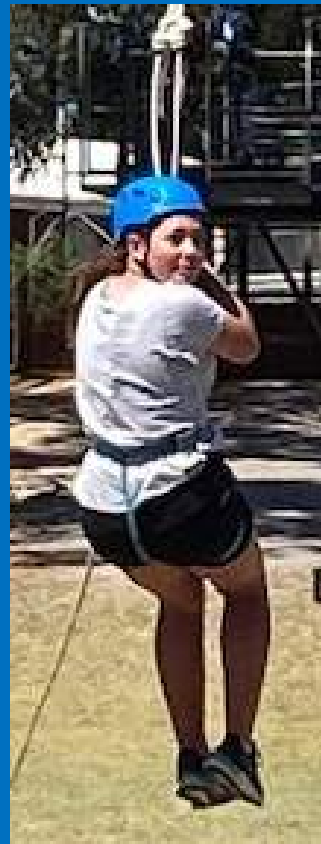
The most exciting and thrilling part of camp for me was doing the raft building. I learned new skills and engaged in the activity constantly. I connected with my friends and learnt how to tie new knots including: a reef knot, clove hitch and a square lashing. Our class got split into two groups and we had to design a raft suitable enough to stay afloat. Prior to the raft building we participated in team games on the foreshore so the declared winning team would earn extra parts for their rafts.

After the team games the opposition won against my team, so they got the advantage to get extra parts for their rafts. During the designing process each team came up with multiple ideas and we all ended up with different designs. While building the raft our team had to do and learn the knots we previously practiced. When our rafts were completed, we put them in the water to see if they hold. My group chose three people to participate in the rafting. We chose Tiarna, Cameron, and myself. The other group volunteered four people to go in their rafts. Both teams placed their rafts in the water carefully.

As both of our teams were in the water, we had to follow the instructor Ian and eventually race. Both rafts held, even though the oppositions raft was slowly sinking. Ian lined both rafts up. We had to race to the shore and dismantle our rafts. As our team reached the shore first, we rushed to the foreshore holding the raft in our hands getting ready to dismantle our rafts.

I would hope to be able to do more raft building in the future and I would like to thank Mrs Clarke for organising camp and Ian for teaching us how to tie the knots, Glenn for driving us all the way to Geraldton, Mrs Ryan, Miss Leena and Mrs White for supervising us.

By Ethyn



BOOK FAIR & BOOKCLUB

Thank you to our parents, carers and staff who supported our Book Fair and Scholastic Book Club this year. This has enabled our school to purchase additional books for our library and is very much appreciated by our students.



Just a reminder...

Could all library books please be returned before **Tuesday 14th December.**

Hope that everyone has a great holiday.
Mrs Morgan

Wheatbelt Cricket Carnival

On Thursday the 18th November students from years 3-6 participated in the annual Wheatbelt T20 Cricket Tournament. It was a day filled with lots of fun, competition, and some spectacular highlights. It was pleasing to see all students work together and represent Kellerberrin with pride. Congratulations to both 3/4 and 5/6 teams for finishing first and winning the tournament. Well done to all the students who participated, you should be extremely proud of yourselves!



TERM PLANNER - TERM 4

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday Early Close 2.30pm | Thursday | Friday |
|----|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 8 | 29 Swimming Lessons | 30 PP—Yr 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 9 | 6 | 7 School Board Meeting 6pm | 8 Year 9/10 & K/PP/Year 1 ASSEMBLY 9AM | 9 | 10 Swimming under the Stars FREE ENTRY Fun for everyone Blow up obstacle course FREE EVENT 10th December 2021 5pm - 7pm Gift Bags |
| 10 | 13 | 14 Rewards Day K—2 | 15 CELEBRATION NIGHT | 16 Students Last Day & Rewards Day Yr 3—10 | 17 Staff Last Day |



The Student Leadership Team have registered for Containers for Change to support our fundraising efforts for an outdoor ping pong table but to also lessen our impact on climate change and rubbish in our community.

We would like to invite you to donate your containers to our scheme ID KDHS Student Leadership Team. We will also be collecting the containers in our designated bin near the gazebo in the quad.

Scheme ID

C10500563



ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS