

NEWSLETTER



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Friday 11th May, 2018

Dates To Remember

Assembly
Thursday 24th May 9am

Last Right Bite Lunch
Thursday 17th May

Principal's Tours
Tuesday 29th May

**OSHC
Happy Haven BBQ and
Information Sessions**
Tues 5th June

Sports Day
Friday 26th October

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Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers,

Have you seen our new web site? - We are very excited to launch our new web site. It is easy to navigate and also formats correctly for hand held devices such as phones and iPads. Our new web address is

www.kersbrookps.sa.edu.au. Students saw the new web site on Tuesday and have the option of doing a quiz at home.

Exciting OSHC news – It is with the greatest pleasure that I am able to officially announce that Happy Haven will be taking on our OSHC from the start of next term. A big thank you to our Governing Council and to the OSHC steering committee made up of Mary Clark and Bec Barnes. This has been a lengthy process that started last year. OSHC will be available on Pupil Free Days on Friday 31st August and Monday 3rd September from 7.30am to 6pm for \$60 (Please Note: 50% or more can be claimed back). See flier in this newsletter re Childcare Rebate.

Please let me know if you have a problem or concern – We strive hard to do our best at all times but things do not always go as planned. Please remember that my door is always open and I am keen to address any concerns and follow up any issues. If you don't tell us that there is a problem or concern it is hard for us to address the issue. Please remember that you can call in to see me, make an appointment, phone or email me. Anonymity can be maintained if requested. As always please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have an issue or concern.

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) - Testing starts next week for all of our Year 3, 5 and 7 students. Parents are able to withdraw students if they have reason to do so and the school is able to exempt some students with parent consent. We are looking forward to our results again this year reflecting the excellent standard of education we are providing for all students at Kersbrook Primary School.

Term 2 Assemblies - Just a reminder that assemblies will be on Thursdays for this term. You can check out our updated calendar on our new website: <http://www.kersbrookps.sa.edu.au/news-and-events/calendar/?year=2018&month=4>

No auction this year – After careful consideration and lengthy discussion, Governing Council voted to explore a variety of new and innovative ideas for fundraising this year. We are looking at activities that will be fun for students and include families, friends and community. Some of the ideas currently being discussed include a disco for the students, family quiz night with prizes and raffles and catering for the Combined Schools Sports Day later in the year.

Supporting our local community – I was privileged, once again this year, to supervise six of our senior students who assisted the local church with their fundraising High Tea. The students were a credit to themselves, their families and our school. Community members commented on their cheerful friendly manner and how helpful they were as they served tea, coffee and platters of delicious food to the guests. The students were rewarded with some wonderful feedback as well as some delicious food.

Principal's Tours – Do you know of any friends or neighbours who may be looking to enrol a child this year or next year? I will be hosting tours this term on Tuesday 29th May 9.15am to 10.15am and in the evening at 6.00pm to 7.00pm. This is a great opportunity for parents to visit to see if our school will meet the needs of their child. I am more than happy to do a tour of our school at another time that suits people. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling a student or students this year or for next year please pass on this information and ask them to phone to book in.

Jill Gurner
Principal



Kersbrook Primary School

Principal's Tour for New Enrolments

Kersbrook Primary School is a vibrant school that aims for academic excellence with student wellbeing at the centre of everything we do. We would like to invite you to our next Principal's Tour which will be held on:

Date: Tuesday 29th May
Time: 9.15am – 10.15am
6pm – 7pm

To register for our next tour or make an appointment, please
Phone: **8389 3068**



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Japanese

In Week 11 last term, our Open Access teachers Fiona Hong (Rooms 2 and 3) and Kim Phi (Room 1) visited. Rooms 2 and 3 presented their major assessment for the term and Hong-sensei was very happy with how they presented. Room 1 had also completed a number-based assessment task for Phi-sensei, and spent the lesson engaging in games based on their learning. Both teachers will be visiting us again this term.



This term, Room 2 and 3 have begun learning Hiragana, which is one of the Japanese alphabetical systems, primarily based on sounds. The symbols are tricky, but I am happy to say that the students are giving it their best. We will be using a system called the Hiragana Karate Club, which tests students on their recognition of the Hiragana sounds. In Week 2, Room 2 also played a game to test their Japanese counting and reading kanji (characters) (pictured).

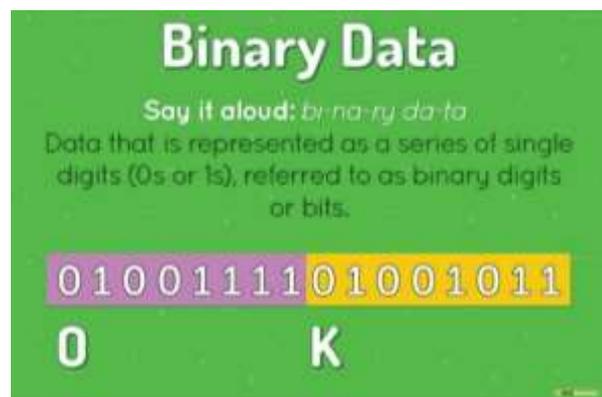


Digital Technology

In Term 1, Room 1 began exploring how to use laptops, including using Microsoft Word and Paint. Using Paint is tricky without a mouse (only using the mousepad on the laptop) and I am so proud of their efforts – come and see them on display in the library! Room 2 also spent time working on using various programs on the laptops and refining their skills.

In Term 1, Room 3 learnt how to read binary! Binary is a string of numbers composed of 0's and 1's, representing the 'off' and 'on' states of electrical currents. As computers are unable to understand numbers in Base-10 (0-10) like we do, they use 'Base-2', which only consists of the numbers 0 and 1. Students found it a bit tricky initially but they quickly caught on!

In Term 2, we will be focusing on collecting and displaying data, algorithms (instructions/steps), and visual programming using Scratch. I am excited to see what students will create with



Scratch!

- Jamie Warren (Japanese & Digital Technology teacher)

Garden



You might notice the revamped garden in the front of Lynn's office at the front door. In consultation with Student Representative Council and our very efficient Groundsperson, Dean, we have created a nice space with local plants from the South Para Nursery. The \$64.40 raised via your donations on casual day, last day of Term 1 has been used to purchase plants. Yvonne and her team from the Kersbrook Landcare Group propagate plants from our local flora, much of which is unique and endemic only to this area. Many are threatened species and are necessary to support wildlife in our beautiful ecosystems we live amongst. It is very important work because we are continually seeing species and habitats lost to human and animal

impacts, and weeds. It is up to us to protect our small but very special part of the planet so that our local birds, mammals, insects and reptiles can survive. If you would like to purchase plants from the nursery or support their work please go to: <http://kersbrook.landcaregroup.org.au/>

Grip Leadership



On Friday 16th March, three of our students attended the Grip Leadership Conference at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre, Hindmarsh. Jack, Maddi and Sean participated in workshops throughout the day. They all agreed they had a really good time and it extended them personally. At times they were out of their comfort zone but each were determined to make the most of it and they succeeded. It was a lot of fun.

This is what our students said:

Maddi: *The Grip Leadership was a great and fun way of learning and I think that they should do it with all of the Student Representative Council for next year.*

Jack: *I think it was really good. I learnt how to be an even better role model and to help out when needed.*

Sean: *I think the Grip Leadership was awesome and fun. I learnt a lot of things while I was there. I will use these skills throughout my life.*



Last Right Bite Lunch

As we have not received funding for this Term, our last Right Bite lunch will be on Thursday 17th May. We will still be able to provide fruit daily for the rest of Term 2. We know our students have enjoyed participating and eating! Teachers have tied the healthy eating message into their curriculum and it is learning that can be carried throughout life. Fresh whole foods are always best!

Calendar Term 2

To see our Website Calendar go to:

<http://www.kersbrookps.sa.edu.au/news-and-events/calendar/?year=2018&month=4>

TERM 2 2018					
3	Mon 14 th May	Tues 15 th May	Wed 16 th May	Thurs 17 th May	Fri 18 th May
	Sporting Schools Soccer Clinic		Playgroup 9.30am	Right Bite Lunch	National Walk to School Safely Day
4	Mon 21 st May	Tues 22 nd May	Wed 23 rd May	Thurs 24 th May	Fri 25 th May
	Sporting Schools Soccer Clinic		Playgroup 9am Nat Simultaneous Storytime	Rm 3 Hosting Assembly 9am	
5	Mon 28 th May	Tues 29 th May	Wed 30 th May	Thurs 31 st May	Fri 1 st June
	National Reconciliation Week Sporting Schools Soccer Clinic	Principal's Tours 9.15 to 10.15am 6pm – 7pm	Playgroup 9am		
6	Mon 4 th June	Tues 5 th June	Wed 6 th June	Thurs 7 th June	Fri 8 th June
	Sporting Schools Soccer Clinic	Governing Council 7pm – 8pm Happy Haven OSHC Info sessions and BBQ	Playgroup 9am	Rm 2 Hosting Assembly 9am	Pupil Free Day
7	Mon 11 th June	Tues 12 th June	Wed 13 th June	Thurs 14 th June	Fri 15 th June
	Public Holiday		Playgroup 9am		
8	Mon 18 th June	Tues 19 th June	Wed 20 th June	Thurs 21 st June	Fri 22 nd June
			Playgroup 9am		
9	Mon 25 th June	Tues 26 th June	Wed 27 th June	Thurs 28 th June	Fri 29 th June
				Rm 1 hosting Assembly 9am	
10	Mon 2 nd July	Tues 3 rd July	Wed 4 th July	Thurs 5 th July	Fri 6 th July
					End Term 2 2pm



Birdwood Primary School proudly presents the 44th annual

Birdwood



Farm Day

Native wildlife

Log chopping

Restored machinery

Spinners & Weavers

Vintage cars

Farm Animals

CFS demonstrations

Historical Entertainers

Working dogs

Whip cracking

Don's Demo Dogs

Tractor rides

Sheep shearing

Animal nursery

Live music

Art displays

Pony & Camel rides

Bumbles the Clown

SUNDAY 20th MAY 2018

10am - 4pm

Chalks campground, Mount Crawford Forest
(on the Birdwood to Williamstown road)

ENTRY
Adults \$8
Kids FREE
Max \$15 per
car



Join us for a day of country fun in the forest!

Farmer's Pantry & Cellar - sweets and bakery treats - damper & billy

- huge variety of hot foods - face painting - garden stall - creative c

- Mini marketers showcase - prize wheel - Giant Cash raffle drawn on

- kids rides and activities - market stalls - loads of family entertainme



For more info visit
www.birdwoodfarmday.com



Register Now!

Register now to play football with 300 NAB AFL Auskick centres operate in schools and local football clubs across South Australia there's bound to be a centre near you!

YOUR LOCAL NAB AFL AUSKICK CENTRES ARE:

Birdwood FC	Bridgewater FC	Echunga FC	Gumeracha FC	Hahndorf FC
Ironbank FC	Kensbrook FC	Lobethal FC	Moolletfield FC	Meadows FC
Littlehampton	Kangarilla FC	Mc Barker FC	Mt Lofy FC	Nairne Bremer FC
Onkaparinga Valley FC	Torrens Valley FC	Uralda FC		

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Family Transition Fast Facts

In April 2018 all families currently in receipt of Child Care Benefit and/or Child Care Rebate for approved care will receive a Centrelink letter about transition to Child Care Subsidy.

Families should follow the instructions in their Centrelink letter and go online to complete their Child Care Subsidy assessment or claim for Child Care Subsidy as soon as possible.

From April 2018

Families who currently receive **Child Care Benefit** or **Child Care Rebate as a fee reduction** for approved care will need to complete a streamlined online Child Care Subsidy assessment by providing their 2018-19 family income estimate, their activity details and confirming their child's enrolment. These details can be provided through their Centrelink online account via my.gov.au or through the Express Plus Centrelink mobile App.

Grandparent Child Care Benefit recipients will receive the April 2018 Centrelink letter. They will need to go online to provide their Child Care Subsidy information and claim for Additional Child Care Subsidy (grandparent) – this will require documentary evidence.

JETCCFA recipients will receive a Centrelink letter about Child Care Subsidy in April 2018 and a letter about Additional Child Care Subsidy (transition to work) in June 2018. They will need to provide their Child Care Subsidy details and then claim for Additional Child Care Subsidy (transition to work) from June 2018 after they receive their second Centrelink letter.

Special Child Care Benefit recipients will receive the April 2018 Centrelink letter and will need to complete their online Child Care Subsidy assessment.

Families currently receiving **Child Care Benefit as a lump sum** will need to complete a full Child Care Subsidy claim online. If eligible and entitled, their Child Care Subsidy will commence on 2 July 2018 and will be paid directly to provider/s. These families will need to go to my.gov.au and use their Centrelink online account to claim. If they don't already have a myGov account, they can create one at my.gov.au and link it to their Centrelink online account.

- ▷ Centrelink will send families an assessment of their Child Care Subsidy eligibility and entitlement after they complete their Child Care Subsidy assessment or Child Care Subsidy claim online. Child Care Subsidy will be paid directly to provider/s on behalf of these families from 2 July 2018.

New families

- ▷ **New families starting approved child care from April 2018** will be able to complete a combined online Child Care Benefit and Child Care Subsidy claim from April 2018. If assessed as eligible and entitled for both they will receive Child Care Benefit until 1 July 2018 and then Child Care Subsidy from 2 July 2018.
- ▷ **New families starting approved child care from 2 July 2018** will be able to claim for new Child Care Subsidy online from April 2018 and if assessed as eligible and entitled Child Care Subsidy will be paid on their behalf to their approved provider from 2 July 2018.
- ▷ Information about **Child Care Subsidy for new families** can be found at <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/subjects/assistance-child-care-fees#newccca>



Questions?

Information about the New Child Care Package can be found at:
<https://www.education.gov.au/new-child-care-package-families-2-july-2018>