

NEWSLETTER



Kersbrook Primary School

Bowden Street,
Kersbrook SA 5231

Tel: 08 8389 3068 Fax: 08 8389 3346
Email: dl.0204.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Number 1

Monday 29th January 2018

Dates To Remember

**New Reception Students'
Parent Meeting
Tuesday 9am**

Pupil Free Day

In This Issue

Staffing Update

School Times

Eating Times

New Reception Parents' Meeting

Catastrophic Fire Risk

Attendance and holidays

Absences

Late Arrivals and Early

Departures

Newsletter

2018 Term Dates

Materials and Services Charges

Emergency forms

Assemblies

Out of School Hours Care

School Assemblies

Uniforms



Dear Parents Students and Caregivers,
Welcome back to the start of 2018. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

We start the year with some new staff members joining our team. More details in this newsletter regarding year levels and roles of our new staff. Welcome to our two new teaching staff, Lauren Johnson and Jamie Warren. We are also delighted to welcome Melissa Hylan and Aleena Arnold.



OSHC update – It is my very sad duty to inform you that due to health reasons Tanya will not be able to return to her OSHC director's position. I am sure everyone in our community joins me in sending Tanya our very best wishes and thanks for her many years of work at Kersbrook Primary. Many thanks to Chris Tagg (Governing Council Chairperson) and Mary Clark (Governing Council Vice Chairperson) who met with me during the holidays so we could advertise, interview and appoint a new director to start on the first day of school. Welcome to Aleena Arnold who was the successful applicant for this position. Aleena has recently moved from NT and is a qualified teacher who has been an OSHC director in the past.

Thai study tour students - We have been offered an opportunity to host six Thai students on a Study Tour program in Term 1, 2018. They will arrive at our school on Sunday 18th March and depart from our school on Monday 9th April. Their 23 day visit includes the four day Easter break. Our last day of term is Friday 13th April. There are five girls and one boy, all in years 5, 6 and 7. If you are interested in hosting a student please contact me by the end of this week. Host families will receive \$880.00 per student. All adult members of the family must have DCSI clearance to be able to host a student. We can help you to do this and will cover the cost but it does take time to process. Again this year we will use the funding provided to the school to add value for all of our students and this may be in the form of a whole school excursion or incursion. Staff are yet to discuss and decide.

We would like to welcome our new students. In Reception - Emily, Eliza, Khaleesi, Isabel, Jaxson, Thomas, Kai, Sebastian, Finn and Bailey. In Year 3 we welcome Connor. This is a very exciting time for our new students and their families as they start the next chapter of their lives. We would like to wish them all the best for the exciting adventure that awaits them.

Jill Gurner
Principal

Right: New Receptions
Below: Connor



Staffing Update for 2018

We would like to welcome four new staff members this year. **Lauren Johnson** who was introduced in our last newsletter is in Room 3 with Years 5 – 7. **Melissa Hylan** is an SSO and will be assisting with student learning. **Aleena Arnold** is a qualified teacher from the NT and will also be an SSO assisting students and is also our new Director of OHSC. **Jamie Warren** who did some relief teaching here last year is now with us for Tues/Wed/Thurs teaching Technologies and some Health and Physical Education.

Lianne Zalac (R-2) and Nina Judd continue in their teaching roles this year. Karen Fergusson will be continuing in student support, Andrea Wilson in student and administrative support and Lynn Rawlings as Finance/Admin Officer. Dean Moss continues to care for our grounds.

School Times

Arrival time for school in the morning is between 8.25am and 8.45am. School starts at 8.45am. Parents/Caregivers are reminded that the morning yard duty does not begin until 8.25am.

School finishes at 3.00pm each day and Teachers will be on duty until 3.20 to supervise students.

Eating Times

Recess time is 10.30pm until 10.50pm and supervised lunch eating time is 12.30 to 12.40pm followed by playtime until 1.20pm. Students also have a fruit break in class.

We are continuing with Right Bite this year which means students will have access to fresh fruit daily and on Thursdays the whole school will participate in freshly prepared healthy lunch. Remember – no need to pack lunches on Thursdays.

Parents of New Reception Students

On Tuesday 30th January from 9am for about 15 minutes, all parents of new Reception students are invited to meet with our Principal, Ms Jill Gurner, for the opportunity to get acquainted and make sure things are off to a great start!

Catastrophic Fire Risk Notification

If a day is declared Catastrophic due to bushfire or storm risk, the school will be closed and no staff or students will be on site.



The school will inform you of closures as soon as possible so that you can make arrangements for the care of your children. We strongly urge parents to consider how your children will be cared for on these days before the event. Normally the Bureau of Meteorology declare the risk at about 4pm the day before and it is widely broadcast in media and on websites.

Attendance and Family Holidays

We understand that there are times when Parents and caregivers need to take their leave out of the school holiday period resulting in students being absent during the school term. Although this is not desirable or the best option for student learning we try to accommodate these requests.

Parents are required to submit a request for an Exemption on the official form, in writing if they know that their children will be away from school for more than 3 days. These forms are available from the Front Office.

If parents expect to be away for periods longer than 1 month then the application needs to be approved well in advance of the leave dates. These forms are part of the way that all DECD schools are required to monitor attendance.

Absences

If your child is ill or absent for any reason you are required to contact the school in person, by phone or with a short written note explaining the absence. It is possible to do this via School Stream or you may e-mail dl.0204.admin@schools.sa.edu.au DECD guidelines require us to keep records about student attendance and absences. We appreciate your cooperation in this work.



School success starts
with attendance

Late Arrivals and Early Departures

It is a legal requirement that all students are accounted for on site and we ask that you come to the front office to sign your child in if late or sign them out if you need to collect your child during the day. This way we can guarantee that we know who is collecting children and we have accurate records about children's attendance and absences. Importantly for any unlikely emergency that arises we need to have accurate documentation of who is on site at all times. Parents are encouraged to schedule appointments outside of school hours when possible.

Newsletter

This is the first newsletter for the year. The next newsletter will be available on Friday 9th February and every 2 weeks after that.

Newsletters are available via:

SchoolStream – an easy App for your device

E-mail direct to you (Flick a request to us at dl.0204.info@schools.sa.edu.au;))

Hardcopies at the front office

School Website (which is currently being updated)

If you have any difficulties with any of these communications, please let Andrea know.

2018 School Term Dates

1st Term 29th January – 13th April

2nd Term 30th April – 6th July

3rd Term 23rd July – 28th Sept

4th Term 15th Oct – 14th Dec

Materials and Services Charges- School Card

Included with this newsletter is your 2018 Materials and Services Charges invoice. There will also be a letter explaining the Materials and Services Charge and a form for making part payments if you require this.

Please note: cash or cheque payments are accepted at the school. Unfortunately, being a small school, we do not have EFTPOS or credit card facilities. You may however make an EFT payment to the school account but please make sure you put a name and a description of the fee with the payment. The school banks with Bank SA.

BSB No. **105-117**

Account No. **427275340**

Please obtain a form from the front desk or go on line to www.sa.gov.au and apply. Note that School Card must be applied for annually and if you have students at both primary and high school, you must make applications at each school. Eligibility criteria has expanded so more families may now be able to access this.

Emergency Forms

You will be receiving student information sheets for your child and new permission forms today. Please check that all the details are correct and fill out all new forms. Please note in the address section a mailing and residential address is required if not already provided. Please return checked and completed forms to the Front Office before Friday 2nd February. Please include mobile phone numbers as well as home and work numbers.

Important! If any changes occur during the year please let front office staff know in case of an emergency.

Out of School Hours Care

We welcome Aleena Arnold, our new OSHC Director at Kersbrook. OSHC has been relocated to the Old School Building (OSB).

Aleena can provide care for your children in the afternoon from 3:00pm until 6:00pm. Games, activities, food and drinks are all provided. The afternoon session is \$18.00. If you are interested in your child using OSHC, come to the OSHC room or see Lynn at the front office. The OSHC mobile no. is 0403604716.

OSHC payments are to be made by cash, cheque made payable to Kersbrook Primary School OSHC or by direct debit into the OSHC bank account.

Bank SA

BSB: 105-067

Account number: 029911540

School Assemblies

School assemblies (Wednesdays week 3, 6 and 9 – 9am) are always fun and all families are welcome.

Dates for assemblies this term are:

Wednesday Week 3 – 14th February

Wednesday Week 6 – 7th March

Wednesday Week 9 – 28th March

Uniforms

The school's Parents and Friends Group and School Governing Council encourage the dressing of children in school uniform or, alternatively following a colour code (blue).

The uniform or colour coding is as follows:

Hat – navy sun safe style eg. bucket hat or legionnaire style. As part of our Skin Cancer Awareness program hats are compulsory for Terms 1, 2 and 4. They are available from the school or you may prefer to utilise a hat that your child has at home or purchase from Kmart or other department stores.

Navy blue - trousers, cargo pants, cargo shorts, skirts or skorts. Please Note: Navy blue shorts must be of an appropriate length. Refer to Office Staff for guidelines.

Navy blue - bomber jackets with logo, ½ zip polar fleece tops or vests (all available from the school).

Navy and sky blue - polo shirt with logo, shirt or skivvy (polo shirts available from the school with the logo).

No tank tops or sleeveless dresses are allowed.

Blue and white checked uniforms (available from Kmart, Best and Less and Target).

Enclosed shoes or sandals (no thongs or ugg boots). Please ensure that all clothing is labelled.



Our new staff from left: Jamie Warren, Lauren Johnson, Aleena Arnold and Melissa Hylan

Your school now has a FREE app
Receive school information, instantly and directly to your smartphone



How to download your FREE app

- 1 From your mobile device go to the **App Store (iPhone/iPad)** OR **Google Play (Android)** search for **School Stream** and download the app to your phone
- 2 Make sure you agree to **push notifications**
- 3 Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search **THEN** select your school

For more detailed instructions go to schoolstream.com.au/download

 **schoolstream**
A smart solution for smart schools
www.schoolstream.com.au • 1300 721 270



STURT TRAINING NIGHT

@ ADELAIDE RETAINING WALLS OVAL

(Kersbrook Soldiers Memorial park)

ON FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY FROM 5PM

Training until 7.30pm

OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE PHOTOS WITH PLAYERS

AND THE CUP

Drinks will be available

COME AND SUPPORT THE

"DOUBLE BLUES"



Sunday 11th February

10.30am-4pm

ALL WELCOME KERSBROOK FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB FAMILY FUN DAY

A FUN DAY FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

EVERYONE WELCOME

BBQ LUNCH

LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES

OBSTACLE COURSE, TEAM GAMES & FOOTY FUN!

Be prepared to get wet possibly muddy (Recommend old shoes/clothes)

Player Registration

