

NEWSLETTER



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See our Calendar at:

www.kersbrookps.sa.edu.au

29th January
Traffic Monitor Training

31 January
Smart Start Financial Literacy

Tuesday 12th February
Assembly 9am
Parent Aquaintance Night
6 – 7pm
Followed by
Governing Council AGM
7 - 9pm

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**Government
of South Australia**

Department for Education
and Child Development

Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers,



I hope everyone has had a wonderful break. I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone as we start our 2019 school year. It is shaping up to be a very exciting year for Kersbrook Primary School. Our long awaited crossing and car park upgrade is expected to get underway this year. Our Occupancy Warning System (sound system instead of siren) is likely to be installed in Term 1. We are also looking forward to high-speed uncontended fibre optic service that will be a dedicated connection to our school. This will enable us to have high speed, unlimited internet usage and reliable Wi-Fi use for students and staff.

We start the year with one new teacher joining our team - welcome to Sherie Fechner. Sherie's photo and self-introduction were in our last newsletter for 2018. The rest of our staff will remain the same as last year with Lianne Zalac, Nina Judd and Lauren Johnson completing our teaching staff team. Lynn and Andrea can be found most days in the office. Student support in class will be provided by Karen, Mel, Lyndall and Denise. Dean continues as our Groundsman.

Can you spare two evenings a term for up to two hours? Kersbrook Primary School Governing Council members are the eyes and ears of our community. They support the Principal and decision making at our school. Our fundraising committee is a subcommittee of Governing Council and are responsible for some great fundraising events during the year. We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 12th February starting at 7.00pm. If you are interested in being a Governing Council member or on a sub-committee, please feel welcome to come along and join us. In order to be truly reflective of our community I would like to encourage interested males and females from our community to ensure broad representation.

I would like to welcome our new students and their families. In Reception we welcome Matilda, Malia, Kyra, Shaylee, Emilia, Emmerson, Lani, Raffael, Ollie, Kyle, Korbin, Jesse and Miles. In Year 1 we welcome Levi and his sister Ava in Year 3. Amelia and Annabel will join our Year 5 class. This is a very exciting time for our new students and their families. We would like to wish them all the best for the exciting adventure that awaits them.

Jill Gurner
Principal

Welcome to Our New Students



Welcome to our new Receptions. Back row: Shaylee, Jesse, Kyra, Emilia, Malia, Lani, Matilda and Kyall. Front row: Emmy, Raff, Miles, Ollie and Korbin.



Welcome also to Amelia, Annabel and Levi.

Staffing Update for 2019

We would like to welcome our new teacher this year -**Sherie Fechner**. Sherie will be with us on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays, teaching some of the Arts and Health and Physical Education.



Room 1 (R, 1): Lianne Zalac

Room 2 (Years 2, 3, 4) Transportable: Nina Judd

Room 3 (Years 5, 6 and 7) Main Building: Lauren Johnson

Karen Fergusson, Melissa Hyland, Lyndall Vine and Denise Scotford 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.



Our School Services Officers from left: Karen, Lynn, Melissa, Lyndall, Andrea and Denise.

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 if required.

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.

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 declares the risk at about 4pm the day before and it is widely broadcast in media and on websites.

Student Health and Medications

Your child's health is important so please let us know if your child has a health issue or allergy.

Student medication must be lodged at the front office with a Medication Agreement from your GP or Healthcare Provider. Staff are unable to administer medication without following Department for Education procedures. Please do not send students to school with medications in their bag, even Panadol. If your child has Asthma, please provide an Asthma Management Plan. Students may carry and administer their own Asthma Medication if that is part of their plan but their teacher and staff need to be aware of this.

Forms for your Doctor are available at:
<https://www.kersbrookps.sa.edu.au/parent-information/health-care/>

If you have any concerns, please speak with your child's teacher, Lynn, Andrea or Jill.

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 Department for Education 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. Departmental 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. We then know who is collecting children and 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.

2019 School Term Dates

1st Term	29 th January – 12 th April
2nd Term	29 th April – 5 th July
3rd Term	22 nd July – 27 th Sept
4th Term	14 th Oct – 13 th Dec

Materials and Services Charges- School Card

Students have been provided with a package including your 2019 Materials and Services Charges invoice, explanation 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**

School Card: 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 and salary cap has again expanded so more families may now be able to access school card concession.

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 this week (Friday 1st 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.

Newsletters/Communications

This is the first newsletter for the year. The next newsletter will be available on Friday 8th February and every 2 weeks after that.

There are 3 modes of communication we use to contact all parents and distribute Newsletters. We encourage you to use all of them:

School Stream – an easy App for your device

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

Emergency Telephone: **0419862579** used only for urgent alerts to you

School Website: www.kersbrookps.sa.edu.au

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

Out of School Hours Care

Happy Haven provide Out of School Hours Care and you can book on Ph: **81555444**.

Happy Haven operates from 3pm to 6pm in the Old School Building (OSB). Games, activities, food and drinks are all provided. The afternoon session is \$18.00. There are generous Government subsidies for most families.



Everyone Welcome! Come along to our Governing Council Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm after Parent Acquaintance Night on Tuesday 12th February. A little of your time can help to make our happy school vibrant and successful.

School Assemblies

School Assemblies will be staggered to enable more working parents to attend. Assemblies are always fun and all families are welcome. Term 1 will be Tuesdays, Term 2 will be on Wednesdays, Term 3 will be Thursdays and Term 4 will be Fridays. Assemblies will be Weeks 3, 6 and 9 at 9am to 9.30am. Remember you can check our website calendar. Term 1 dates are:

Tuesday 12th February

Tuesday 5th March

Tuesday 26th March

Uniforms

Governing Council encourage the dressing of children in school uniform or, alternatively following our blue colour code. You can purchase or order uniforms at the front office. Please ensure that all clothing is labelled.

Information including our price list is on our website:

<https://www.kersbrookps.sa.edu.au/parent-information/school-uniforms/>

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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

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