



# Kingston-on-Murray Primary School

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Week 3! This term is certainly beginning to get busier with School Sport Swimming scheduled for Week 4, CoKoMo Sports Day coming up in Week 6 (Glossop PS is not able to join us this year), our first Pupil Free Day for the year in Week 7, School Sport Athletics in Week 8, GRIP Leadership Conference in Week 8 and then our 3-7 Camp in Week 10! Please ensure that you are on the lookout for notes coming home regarding these events, and refer to the Dates to Remember section below as a reminder of things that are coming up at school. We try hard and will endeavour to post reminders on Facebook to assist families to keep up to date, but please refer to other concrete information when possible.

Thank you to all of the families who were able to make it for our AGM and Acquaintance Night last night. As always it was a wonderful night with our school community, and the atmosphere was relaxed and welcoming. Thank you to Paul McKinnon for cooking the BBQ last night, and Mrs Foote for ensuring that the food was organised and that the area was clean and tidy. I have had some very positive feedback from families about the time that they spent looking at their child/rens work in the classroom and talking with teachers. Please note that our teachers are always happy to take the time to talk with you and your child/ren about their learning, or feel free to make a meeting time if required. We will have Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews in Week 9, where you will have the opportunity to engage in formal conversations.

Just a reminder to families that students are not to be on site before 8:00am, and only before 8:20am if previously arranged with a teaching staff member. Students who are on site before 8:25am must wait in the library until dismissed, as classrooms will not be open until this time for students to unpack their bag and get ready for the day. We encourage students to utilise the time between 8:30-8:45am to participate in physical activity to assist with learning and concentration throughout the day. Thanks to all school families for your support in this matter.

Lastly, a big thank you to Sam Albrecht for offering his time to cut down a dead tree at the side of the school. Your assistance and willingness to help our school community is very much appreciated.

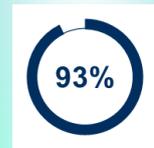
Wishing you a great fortnight. Kindest Regards,

*Natalie Coote*

## ATTENDANCE

**Please remember to inform the school of any planned or unplanned student absences. This may be a written, verbal or phone explanation prior to, or 'on the day' and a follow up note in your child's message book/diary the next day. This will help the school to maintain accurate records.**

**Our 2019 Attendance target is 96% or greater**



**Year to Date (2019)**

The average daily attendance rate; Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 4/02/2019



**Previous Week**

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 4/02/2019



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### FEBRUARY 2019

- Monday 18 – SAPSASA Swimming
- Thursday 21 – Assembly 2:00pm

### MARCH 2019

- Wednesday 6 – Assembly 3:00pm
- Friday 8 – CoKoMo Sports Day
- Monday 11 – Public Holiday
- Tuesday 12 – Pupil Free Day
- Wednesday 20 – SAPSASA Athletics
- Thursday 21 – GRIP Leadership

### APRIL 2019

- Monday 1-3 – Year 3-7 Camp
- Wednesday 3 – 3:00pm



We had a great morning at Playgroup and celebrated Henry H and Koby's birthdays (even though a bit late). We read Bluey the Blue Heeler Rides the Four Wheeler. The children loved predicting the next rhyming word and pointing to all the farm animals they knew. We visited our Playgroup friends Abigail and Jaxson who have started school this year with Chase and went to visit the turtles. We also went on a rabbit hunt after we saw a rabbit disappear under the fence. Playgroup runs each Tuesday of the school term 9-11am.



Breakfast Club will run from 8:20 – 8:30 each morning in the Admin kitchen. A bell will ring to signify that it is open – late comers will have to try the next day!

Homework Club will be available in the Library every afternoon from **3.15-3.30pm**, for any students requiring assistance with reading or their homework. Staff are rostered on as below.



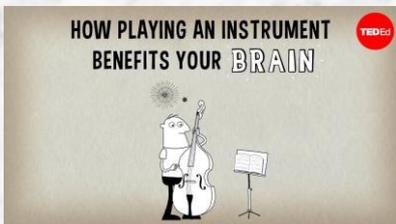
| Monday | Tuesday    | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday     |
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| Sam    | Miss. Hale | Mr. Lawson | Mrs. Bevan | Mrs. Coote |



Thursday 21 February – 2:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday 6 March – 3:00 p.m.  
 Thursday 21 March – 2:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday 3 April – 3:00 p.m.

## CHOIR

Our Choir books have arrived and I've attended the annual two day conference which introduces all choir teachers to the repertoire for the year. In preparation for this years' conference we were asked to follow the link;



<https://youtu.be/R0JKCYZ8hng>

Have a look I'd love to hear what you think.



This year the commissioned work is entitled "Dear Pen Pal". I will be using this was part of our learning in Literacy and Geography.

Our first combined rehearsal with other choirs in our cluster will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March; we will have our photo taken at this rehearsal.

The students in Yr4-7 will be learning the repertoire as part of our Music programme and will have until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March to decide if they would like to perform in the Chaffey Theatre as part of the Riverland Primary Schools' Music Festival on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

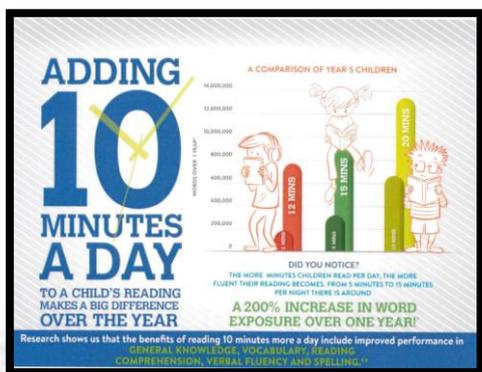
The students will be able to access the Student Learning Portal on the Festival of Music website <http://www.festivalofmusic.org.au/> to assist with their learning.



**Our students will participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge again this year.**

Mrs Bevan has recording sheets for all students in a folder which is kept in the library.

Miss Hale, Mrs Bevan and Mrs Coote will ensure that the R, 2, 3 students complete the challenge as part of in class literacy.



The Yr 3-7 students are currently reading 'Storm Boy' in preparation for their visit to the Chaffey Theatre on Thursday to see the new version of the story. This can be added to their Premier's Reading Challenge records.

Mrs Bevan has read the R, 2, 3 students an abridged version of the story entitled 'Mr Percival Comes Home'.



## BRENTON'S NEWS

Welcome to the 2019 school year everyone, especially to new students and families.

Since we are at the beginning of the school year, I would like to focus on how we as adults can help the children in our care to be a smart kid who loves to learn.

So how do we do that?

Some people believe that intelligence is static, either you are smart or you are not. But this is not true. Research has established that intelligence is like a muscle: it can be developed with use. It has been shown that students who believe they can "get smarter" by challenging themselves are more effective learners. Students who believe that they are either smart or nor ( known as a "fixed" view of intelligence) worry that they might feel uncomfortable, or look "dumb" if they make a mistake, so they shrink from learning anything new.

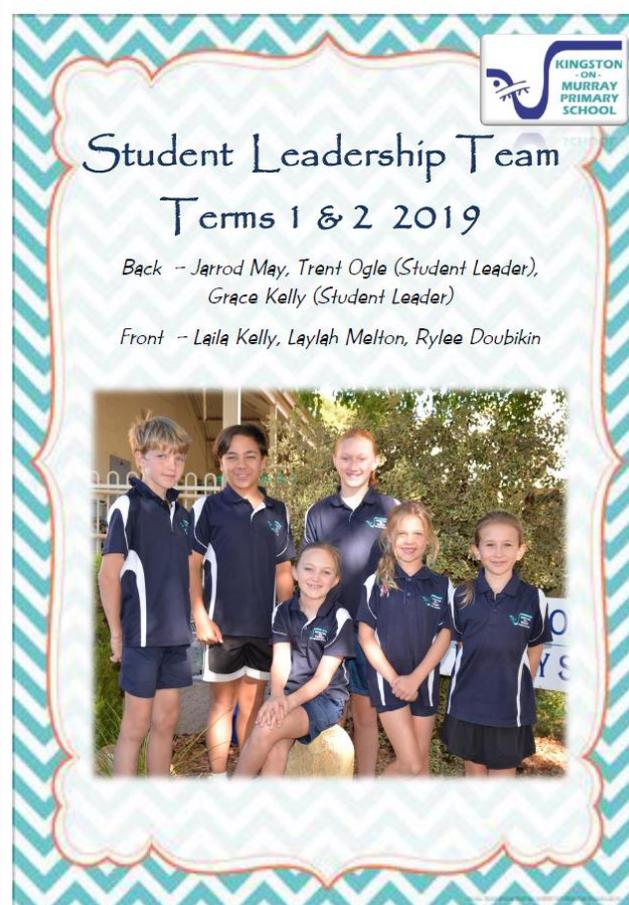
What is exciting is that it turns out that when we adults explain to kids that they can "grow" their brains, THEY DO! A now famous experiment with students confirmed this. In less than two hours total over an eight week time period, they taught the students concepts such as:

"Your brain is like a muscle that can be developed with exercise. Just as a baby gets smarter as it learns, so can you"

The results were astonishing. The brain- is -a- muscle students significantly out performed their peers in a maths assessment, without ANY additional math teaching.

So our goal as parents and care givers is to raise kids who believe in their ability to build mental muscle.

Cheers,  
Brenton



# STUDENT NEWS



Congratulations to **Grace Kelly, Laila Kelly** and **Taylor Ogle** for being successful in their auditions and making it into the cast for Seussical Jr this year.

We wish them all the best as they prepare for the big show.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES AND EVENTS

April 2019  
**NEXT STEP PROGRAM**

**5-8 year olds | \$90**  
Monday 15 April, Adelaide Oval  
9am – 12pm OR 1pm – 4pm  
Restricted to 120 registrations per session.

**9-14 year olds | \$110**  
Tuesday 16 April, Adelaide Oval  
9am – 2pm  
Maximum 125 registrations.

**Each participant will receive:**  
Personalised Guernsey, football, drink bottle, SANFL Statewide Super League Grand Final Family Pass & other awesome goodies.

Register before 25 February, for your chance to be one of the 2019 SANFLW Grand Final Medal Presenters

**REGISTER NOW**

These clinics will sell out fast - DON'T MISS OUT  
Registrations close Monday 4 March

**BARMERA Netball Club**

All intended players must register to trial.  
Please visit our Facebook page Barmera Netball Club for the link to register.

**TRIALS**  
**20 February**  
**27 February**  
**6 March**

**BARMERA OUTDOOR COURTS**  
queries or apologies to  
[barmeranetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:barmeranetballclub@gmail.com)

Year Born 2008 and up - trial dates to come

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| U15's (year born 2006 to 2004)  | 5:45pm to 7:30pm |
| <i>(year born 2007 can trial but must play morning netball as well)</i> |                  |
| U17's & Seniors (year born 2003 up)                                     | 7:15pm to 9:00pm |

**ALL team trainings will be on Wednesday Nights as a Club**

## WANTED

- Plastic bottles for worm widdle
- Plastic packing tape for an Art/Technology activity
- Tins with metal lid for Riverlinx and recycling
- Cardboard boxes ie. cereal boxes