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Term 1 Week 1 Newsletter 2020 Issue 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome parents, caregivers and especially students to the beginning of Term 1, 2020 at Kingston-on-Murray Primary School. It has already been a positive start to the year, with continuing strategic changes to develop a positive culture of teaching and learning at our school, which I know will progress throughout the rest of the year.

As announced at the end of last year, this year we are trialling some major changes to our daily timetable. We have swapped Lunch and Recess break times, with Lunch occurring from 11:30-12:10pm and Recess occurring from 1:50-2:10pm. This may seem strange and will take some time for the students to transition; however, this structure provides extended learning time in the morning, with a focus on engagement in key Literacy and Numeracy learning at the beginning of the school day when students are more alert. This change will be reviewed towards the end of Term 1, and feedback will be sought across the school in regards to its continuation. We have also altered our Assemblies this year which will occur only on a Wednesday, generally fortnight from 3:00pm. Due to the scheduling of other events, please seek information about these dates in the Newsletter and on the Calendar board outside.

This year we have two new students and a new staff member who has joined the team which is very exciting, as well as two parents who have taken on active roles within the school. A warm welcome to William (Reception) and Austin (Reception), and their families as a continuing large part of our wonderful school community. We look forward to spending time with you and celebrating your child's successes within the school this year and into the future. I would like to thank the students, staff and school community for warmly welcoming our new teacher Miss. Elley-Bree Logos yesterday, who will be working predominantly in the Echidna Learning Area. We also welcome Josclin Waechter as the Swimming Pool Coordinator, and Michelle Pope as our Playgroup Coordinator, and thank them for their willingness to take on these positions in support of the school. This year we also welcome back Mrs. Joanne Bevan (Teacher - ELA and Music Specialist), Mr. Phillip Lawson (Teacher - BLA), Mrs. Bronwyn Foote (Admin/Finance Officer), Mrs. Vicki Packer (Administration), Mrs. Kerry Albrecht-Szabo (Intervention Coordinator/SSO), Mrs. Dinah Wisniewski and Miss. Sarah-Jane Albrecht (Curriculum SSOs), Mr. John Scott (Groundsman) and Mr. Brenton Poole (PCW), and look forward to continuing to work as a team to create a school of visible learners.

Lastly, a big thank you to Michelle Pope, Will and Max for looking after our chickens and turtles over the holiday period, and to John Scott for coming in additional time to ensure that our plants survived the heat. We are so very lucky to have such a wonderful school community, and your support is greatly 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

As it is only Week 1, no attendance data is available as yet.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 2020

- Tuesday 11th - AGM and Acquaintance Night
- Monday 17th - School Sport Swim

FEBRUARY 2020

- Tuesday 18th - Adelaide Crows visit
- Tuesday 18th - Bingo Fundraiser
- Tuesday 25th - Adelaide Crows Player visit

MARCH 2020

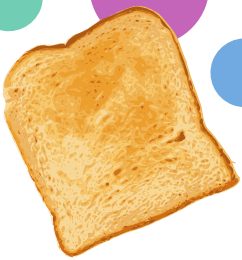
- Wednesday 4th - GRIP Leadership
- Friday 6th - Pupil Free Day
- Monday 9th - Public Holiday

Handy Hint: Cut me off and put me on your fridge!

Playgroup

It was a very quiet morning at Playgroup this week as families settled into the first day of school. We will miss William and Austin at Playgroup but know they will have a wonderful time in the Echidna Learning Area.

Playgroup runs every Tuesday morning of the school term 9-11am. All welcome for a gold coin donation and a piece of fruit to share.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will run from **8:30 - 8:40** each morning in the Admin kitchen. If your child requires breakfast please encourage them to see a staff member.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club will be available in the Library every afternoon from **3:15 - 3:30** for any students requiring assistance with reading or their homework. Staff are rostered on as below:



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| Monday | Miss Logos |
| Tuesday | Mrs Bevan |
| Wednesday | Mr Lawson |
| Thursday | Mrs Coote |
| Friday | Mrs Coote |



WELCOME

We are so lucky to have these wonderful people join our school this year! Welcome to Austin McKinnon and William Albrecht to Reception and also a warm welcome to our new teacher, Elley-Bree Logos who will be in the Echidna Learning Area. It's going to be another great year at KOM

School ASSEMBLY DATES

Week 2 - Wednesday 5th February
Week 4 - Wednesday 19th February
Week 6 - Wednesday 4th March
Week 8 - Wednesday 18th March
Week 10 - Wednesday 1st April

ALL AT 3PM



CONGRATULATIONS

To all of our wonderful past and present students - Brooke, Grace, Laila, Taylor and Jarrod; who have been selected as cast members for the 2020 YRMS performance of Disney's Lion King Jr.



REMINDER - SCHOOL BREAK TIMES

The start and finish time of the school day will not be altered, remaining at 8:45am-3:15pm on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and 8:45am-2:25pm on a Thursday.

8:45-9:00am Morning (15 mins)
9:00-9:50am Lesson 1 (50 mins)
9:50-10:40am Lesson 2 (50 mins)
10:40-11:30am Lesson 3 (50 mins)

11:30-12:10pm LUNCH (40 mins)

12:10-1:00pm Lesson 4 (50 mins)
1:00-1:50pm Lesson 5 (50 mins)

1:50-2:10pm RECESS (20 mins)

2:10-3:15pm Lesson 6 (65 mins)
2:10-2:25pm Lesson 6 on Thursday's (15 mins)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to see Natalie.

