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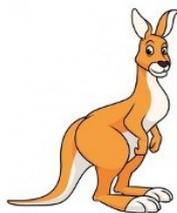
Dates to Remember

December 13th

Reports Home

December 15th

Last Day of School Year



Kindergarten Takes Centre Stage

On Friday, the Echidna, Joey and Wombat Kindergarten classes took to the stage and presented the whole school assembly. The Kindy kids showcased their musical skills showing off their version of the Wiggles song "Five Little Joey's". The kindergarteners showed what 'You Can Do It' kids are made of by getting up and directing the assembly. The young speakers showed great confidence and resilience and did an awesome job. The Kindy kids finished off the assembly by talking about some of the exciting things they have been learning about in Kindy this year. We were all very proud of them for all the hard work they had put in to getting ready for their assembly and for their fantastic effort. Well done, Kindy!



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Dear Parents/Caregivers

FEEDBACK FROM THE PARENT SURVEY

I would like to thank all parents who completed the Parent Survey. This year we received 43 responses which is significantly more than previous years with some really constructive feedback and ideas from parents. The feedback received, while limited, did highlight that 93% of you believe that your children have good teachers who care about your children.

Involvement Across the School

While the vast majority of you have said that teachers make you feel welcome and are easy to talk to, you would like more encouragement for parents and carers to be involved with the school or feel ill equipped to support in classrooms. Perhaps a good place to start could be coming along to our Parents and Citizens (P&C) Meetings. In 2017, we are having them every third Wednesday of the month at 3.00pm in the Parent Room. There will be afternoon tea for parents and children, and it is a great forum for getting to know others and sharing information.

Assemblies

We are organising better lighting in the assembly area and hopefully the sound at our Kindy Assembly was much improved. Several parents expressed these as concerns.

Year 6 Camp

When we had Year 7 Camp and took the Year 7 children away, we went to Albany, Perth and Dwellingup. On each camp, the cost of travel was 75% of the camp cost. It also meant that two days of the camp included travel. What we found, when we arrived at the camp, was that the children really enjoyed the dorm and sleeping away from home experience. Yes, they enjoyed some of the daytime experiences, but much of each day was spent waiting for buses and again travelling. It also meant that children and teachers came back from camp exhausted.

Traditionally it was Year 7 going on camp so surely going to high school this could have been a good way for students to get to know high school teachers. Why do you assume that because Year 7 have left Year 6 should automatically have this right? I wonder if any parents have asked the question of high schools for Year 7's?

Since Year 6 has been the highest year level at South Kalgoorlie Primary School, the Camp has been in Kalgoorlie. There has been no change. By staying in Kalgoorlie, every child can enjoy the camp and sleeping over experience - yes they are still awake until 2am the first night but that is always the first night of any camp! They built the relationships, saw and experienced new things, had challenges and had a good time for a fraction of the cost of going anywhere else. We didn't leave anyone behind because they couldn't afford it! We also didn't leave anyone behind because of anxiety or other special needs.

I don't know that it is fair to compare schools. All schools do things their own way for their own reasons. My son's school is offering two non compulsory camps one to China, the other to the United States to see NASA in 2017.... The compulsory camp is in the Helena Valley where I pay \$500 for him to hike and do survival skills..... we could discuss camp all day!

Car Parking

The car parking is a problem.... our School Board is again rallying the council to cover the open drain on Hamden St to put in a footpath and parallel parking for SKPS and John Paul College. Hopefully this will be successful.

Many thanks to the parent who suggested the automatic gate on the car park at the front of the school. You are right, that area can be a safety issue so we are addressing that.

Soap in Toilets and Classrooms

Soap in toilets is an ongoing issue. We no sooner put it in, then the dispensers are pulled off the wall. Kindy to Year 2 has hand washing facilities in classrooms and hand sanitiser on the door going into the classroom. All other classrooms have hand sanitiser. We certainly go through a lot of it so the children must be using it. If you have any other suggestions we would love to hear them.

Homework

Homework.... research shows that homework for homework sake is a waste of time. Children need reinforcement of all basic skills, reading, times tables, sight words, but otherwise the most important thing that any parent can do is talk to your child and encourage your child to talk to you. Read books and do things together. Encouraging a love of learning often does not include boring hours of homework. Learning should be fun.

Behaviour Management

Every day each member of staff works diligently to ensure that the Behaviour Policy of the school and Department of Education is followed. Please be aware that some children are on their own Individual Behaviour Plans; as are some on their own Learning Plans. As adults, it is up to us to teach children how to behave so they grow to be responsible adults.

Thank you so much to the many of you who said that we are doing a good job. To those who did not complete the survey I am assuming that you are happy with the service that you receive from our beautiful school. We certainly do work hard for you and your children.

I will take on board getting out more before and after school to say hello and goodbye. Next year will be my twentieth year as a Primary School administrator and eleventh as Principal. During that time the workload and administrative expectations have trebled from staffing the school, controlling a \$5 million budget, expectations for the health and well-being of staff and students, curriculum, school planning, performance management of staff, maintenance of school grounds and buildings, occupational safety and health, union issues and really I just like to focus on kids....

To those of you who are leaving our school community, I wish you very well in the future. To everyone else, have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Kath Grant
Principal





Class Parties

All class parties will be on Tuesday 13th. If you have not received a note in regards to this, please contact your child's classroom teacher. Please note the canteen will be closed on this day!!

Merit Certificate Winners

2nd December 2016

Room 1	Maneeta Kumar	Room 12	Madison Buick Kayla Ah-Kim	Science	Zoey O'Callaghan
Room 2	Cooper Hank Annabel Abey	Room 13		Bilby	Zayden Clements
Room 3	Kayla Mikara	Room 17	Lauren McKenzie Caidan Wicks	Gecko	Madison Sarkadi Jaideep Kollati
Room 4	Liam Wright Nirvan Hofmeester	Room 18	Eunice Vergara Kadin McGuinness	Koala	Kaylee Mudgeway Mohua Hossen
Room 5	Mikayla Mizen Kordel Toroa	Room 19	Stevee Soloman Madison Pugh		
Room 6	Juan Marquez-Diaz Natasha Taylor	Room 20	Raniera Heap George Joseph		
Room 7	Lavinia Stubbs	Room 21	Jared Pagel Mya Neve		
Room 8	Jeff Mao	Room 22	Anthony Tate Maija Sexton-Noblet		
Room 11	Kalicia Wicks Endy Mulligan-Aitchison	Art	Jeff Mao Zac Griffiths		



Attendance for Weeks 7 & 8 Term 4 2016

Room Number	Percentage
Bilby	91.26
Gecko	89.90
Koala	90.73
Room 1	91.53
Room 2	93.56
Room 3	94.47
Room 4	88.91
Room 5	94.32
Room 6	91.67
Room 7	76.60
Room 8	81.03
Room 11	90.53
Room 12	93.51
Room 13	89.53
Room 17	85.57
Room 18	92.23
Room 19	81.82
Room 20	89.72
Room 21	88.83
Room 22	90.15

The Assembly Award at the last assembly went to Room 3. Your child must be at school on the assembly day to receive their prize from the canteen.

Coming to school every day builds confidence in your child. They will know what is happening in Literacy and Numeracy lessons.

Regular attendance also helps to maintain your child's friendship groups.



Students Reports

Student's reports will be sent home with student tomorrow Tuesday December 13th .

Qualified Community Tennis Coach



Private Tennis Lessons for



5—12 Year olds

2017

Monday—Friday

4.15—6.30

Contact—Mr Raj Nathoo 0439 949 236



On Wednesday 7th December, our You Can Do It! Circus group had the amazing opportunity to perform to the children at Coolgardie Primary School and East Kalgoorlie Primary School. They worked so hard to perfect their chosen apparatus and routines throughout the term and it showed as they wowed the children at each school. A big thank you to Mr Matt and Mr Corbett for their help on the day and to our amazing Circus group, I am so proud of you!

Mrs Tipene



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50th Anniversary



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Getting Ready for Christmas



J Q D G R E I H J N D E E R T H K L M N Y T C
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 W E R R T L K I U T N M J H B G V S E E R F
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- CANDY CANE
- CHRISTMAS
- ELF
- HOOHO
- HOLLY
- JOLLY
- JOY
- LIGHTS
- MISTLETOE
- NOEL
- ORNAMENTS
- PRESENTS
- REINDEER
- RUDOLPH
- SANTA
- SLEIGH
- SNOW
- STAR
- STOCKINGS
- TINSEL
- TRAIN
- TREE
- WINTER
- WREATH

Help the elves get through the tree maze to find presents

Start

Finish

Which present is different from the rest?