Wednesday 10th February 2016

CALENDAR

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- Newsletter
- 6.00-7.00pm Foundation Parent Workshop #2

Monday 15th February
- Student Leader applications closes COB
- KPPS Update

Tuesday 16th February
- Wacky Wednesday Casual Day – gold coin donation
- Meet the Teachers
  - 6.30 – 7.15pm U1 & U3, U4 & U6, R7 & R8
  - 7.30 – 8.15pm R9 & R12, R10 & R11, P1 & P2, P3 & P4

Wednesday 17th February
- Wacky Wednesday Casual Day – gold coin donation

Monday 22nd February to Friday 26th February
- Swimming – Foundation to Year 5 students

Monday 29th February
- Pupil Free Day - Amanda Gore working with staff

Tuesday 1st March
- 9.15am OPEN MORNING
- 2.00pm First Assembly
- Governing Council AGM

Tuesday 1st March
- 7 – 9pm Amanda Gore Parent Workshop (crèche will be provided)
- Combined Partnership Maths workshop

Monday 14th March
- Public Holiday – Adelaide Cup

Thursday 24th March
- KIDMANATHON

NOTES SENT HOME

- Swimming Notices – Students
- Student Personal Data Sheets – please update / sign and return to office asap
- QKR! How to use forms – please note if you use QKR! to pay for swimming, you won’t need to complete the paper consent form as it is all included in the app!
- M&S invoice
- Chess tuition notices
- Sports Expression of Interest Forms – were due back last Friday, so if your child is interested in participating in after school sports please return asap
- OSHClub Parent Information
Transforming our school
Welcome to an exciting year of learning, innovation and excitement at KPPS. I’m excited to be a part of an enthusiastic and dedicated staff team who are all motivated to make a difference to the academic, social and emotional needs of your children. A lot is planned for 2016, a lot has already happened. We believe we are now reaping the benefits of our efforts from the last few years. I hope that you will be a part of this learning journey with us.

Have you had an opportunity to visit our school this year? Our facilities are changing. If you get a chance, check out our classrooms to note the differences as they evolve into 21st century learning spaces. Most our staff were back in January to prepare our school for a great start to the year. Well done to the whole team for the great learning spaces that have been created. There’s more to come as the transformation continues!

Amanda Gore returns
We are very lucky to have Amanda supporting us and being our mentor in the development of the Joy Project.

Check her website [www.amanda.gore.com](http://www.amanda.gore.com)

We hope to have Amanda at KPPS at least 3 times this year. Her first visit will be to work with staff on Monday February 29th. This will be an important induction for all of our new staff. On Tuesday March 1st Amanda will work with students and then in the evening run a workshop for parents. We hope that every family will be represented to hear Amanda, learn about how you can spread the message of joy at home and make a difference to our community and your own lives.

Tuesday March 1st 7pm – 9pm A crèche will be provided.

Canteen Carpark
Our Learning Centre is overflowing with students! That means we need extra disability parking spaces. From next week [the whole of the canteen carpark will be disability parks.](#) OSHC parents can still drop off and collect during OSHC times.
Welcome
We welcome to the school a number of new families and students. This year we have 456 students at KPPS. We don’t want to get any bigger! To all of our new families, welcome and we hope you get involved in the wide range of sports, activities and events at our school.
Welcome
We welcome back (from 12 months in Japan) Belinda Brenen who returns to teach Japanese. Teresa Marshall returns from maternity leave and is now our health teacher every Monday – Wednesday. Congratulations to Nicola Holmes and Alex Stojanovic who start the year as permanent employees of DECD from 2016. Rachel Scheuboeck is leading the team in our Learning Centre whilst Nick Dawson, Jodie Molitor, Mel Sims and Paul Koch have all been placed at our school in permanent positions. Kayla McAllister, Vanessa Switala and Alexia Trombetta all join us as contract staff. Check out the interviews, by our students, with our new staff, later in the newsletter.

Spot the differences
You can’t really miss the new play and learning area outside of the office. We wanted a significant structure so that the space returned to being a focal point of our school. I think we have achieved our goal!

Although there’s not a lot of visual evidence a heap of work has been completed to the ‘back end’ of our ICT infrastructure. We have some updated PCs in the library, better switches across the school, some fibre cabling and an upgrade to images. All to help students become effective users of technologies and to access information for their learning. Thanks to Henley High for donating to us a lot of the resources.

Swimming
All swimming notices have been distributed to students in Years Foundation to Year 5. All students in P1 – P4 will attend an aquatics program later in the year.

Meeting the diverse needs of our students through collaborative staff teams
As a part of the transformation of our school, staff continue to strengthen their learning teams. The majority of our planning now takes place in either teams or sub teams. Every Monday from 3:30-5.00pm is team planning time and all sub teams are released to plan collaboratively.

Conversations about student progress occur in sub teams and curriculum is developed collaboratively. Working together provides better ideas, improved efficiencies and the opportunity to discuss concerns, issues and to develop appropriate strategies to support learning. As the year progresses your child might work in a number of different groups with different staff members. This will be explained at ‘Meet the Teacher’ meetings. It’s all happening to create improved learning outcomes for every student.

Most ‘Meet the Teacher’ functions will be in sub teams.
Meet the teachers – Wednesday 17th February 2016

A great opportunity to –
- meet your child’s teacher,
- hear about 2015 learning programs,
- check out your child’s classroom,
- meet other parents and
- ask any clarifying questions that you might have!

**DATE**  Wednesday February 17th

**TIME**

- 6:30 – 7:15  U1 & U3, U4 & U6, R7 & R8
- 7:30 – 8:15  R9 & R12, R10 & R11, P1 & P2, P3 & P4

**SUPERVISION**  Students will be supervised in the yard from 6:30pm & a crèche provided for pre-schoolers

**Pupil Free Days**
We have two pupil free days planned for this term. Although not ideal our challenge has been to find dates that fit in with the availability of presenters.
- Monday February 29th  Amanda Gore returns to work with staff on The Joy Project
- Friday March 11th  Combined Partnership Maths workshop

**Student Leaders**
Application forms are now out for our 2016 student leaders. Who will our leaders be in 2016? Applications close 9am Monday.

**Furniture**
As our school transforms it means we change our furniture. We have a large number of desks, chairs and other unwanted furniture along the Collins Reserve fence – please take what you would like!
**KIDMANATHON 2016**

It’s back and ready to take over our school on Thursday March 24th! Book the date in your diary, more information to follow soon.

**SU Airconditioning**

We were promised new air conditioning by the start of this year! We are very disappointed that the air-conditioning has not yet been installed. But, it will happen!

We have seen the plans, the tender has been let and we have met with the successful company. Work will start soon! Although the reality is that the final electrical work will take place in the holidays to minimise disruption to learning. It will happen!

**OSHClub**

It has been a 12 month project but our OSHC and Vacation Care programs are now operated by OSHClub. We hope the transition has been smooth for families. Why not check out the changes in the OSHC area. All bookings can now be made online.

It was a big decision for our Governing Council to make. But with a raft of new requirements and expectations it was unfair to expect our parent body to take on the significant responsibilities.

A massive thankyou to Freddy Santos for leading the KPPS OSHC team for 7 years. Plus all of our staff who created and ran a service known for its great programs and standard. The good news is that Freddy has returned as Coordinator. He is now assisted by Lydia Aldhoux as Assistant Coordinator.

**AGM**

Our Governing Council AGM will be held at the beginning of our workshop with Amanda Gore on Tuesday March 1st.

Governing Council nomination forms will be out next week!

**GOVERNING COUNCIL – WHY NOT GET INVOLVED?**

Contributing to the growth and development of a school can be a stimulating and rewarding experience. It can be a great feeling to know that you are making a difference to the lives of hundreds of children by ensuring their safety, providing first class learning facilities and helping in their academic, moral and social development.

**THE GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC) FACTS** -

- Governing Council meets twice a term usually on a Thursday from 7pm (to be negotiated)
- Any parent and community member can nominate for GC but he or she must complete a nomination form and must not have been declared bankrupt nor convicted of any offence of dishonesty (see nomination form)
- Members must have a current Relevant History Screening (previously known as a Criminal History Screening) from DCSI
- GC has an executive consisting of the Chair, Deputy, Secretary, Treasurer and Principal. The executive meet separately to plan the GC meetings and to review the finances of the school.
- Executive positions are filled at the first meeting of the newly elected GC
- If more nominations are received than the declared number of vacancies an election will occur at the AGM
- GC members can also be a part of a subcommittee and take on the role of link between a committee and GC

Nomination forms out next week!
Alexia Trombetta has come to this school to teach in Room 11 after being a student teacher last year at KPPS. She became a teacher because she thought it was important to give kids a positive education and to provide the kinds of experiences that she never had at school. She likes working with kids and she enjoys getting to know all about the kids as individual learners. Ms Alexia also likes working in a positive team environment and learning as much as she can every day. Last year Ms Alexia worked with Mr Meredith as a student teacher and decided to come and teach at KPPS. Spending time with family, friends and positive people makes Ms Alexia joyful. When she was a student, Ms Alexia liked doing everything that had a creative element in it. She loves listening to music and watching amazing movies. The main thing Ms Alexia likes about this school is the fact that everyone is so joyful, considerate, supportive and thoughtful. We are sure that Ms Alexia will enjoy her time at Kidman Park!

By Imogen P1

2016 NEW STAFF INTERVIEWS

We had an interview with new teacher Nick Dawson. He is teaching year ones in U3. We asked him a few questions about himself to let all of the KPPS community get to know him better. The first question was, ‘Why did you become a teacher?’ “I liked helping younger students when I was a child and I really wanted to help other young children so that they can aspire and soar.” We then asked, ‘What do you like about teaching?’ “I like it when I teach children something new and help them when they are stuck on something.” Q ‘Where have you taught previously and what was the highlight at that school?’ “I taught at Elizabeth Down Primary School. I liked working with the teachers and staff who have made me a better teacher”. Q ‘What makes you feel joyful?’ He responded with, “Spending time with family and friends. Also listening to music and watching funny movies.” The last question was, ‘What have you enjoyed about KPPS so far?’ he said, “I love the team that I work with and how all of the students and staff have very nicely welcomed him to a new school.” By Carla & Stefania P1

We took some time to go into room 7 and ask Miss Jodie Molitor some questions. We asked what do you enjoy about teaching? She responded saying she likes to get to know children and constantly learning new things. She also loves seeing kids amazed at accomplishing something they didn’t think was possible. We continued on by asking her where she has worked previously. She has worked at Mark Oliphant College for 5 years; she also mentioned that she had some experience with school counselling which she took part in at her old school. The following question we asked was what makes you feel joyful? She enjoys being with her friends and family or being at the beach. We then moved on by asking her what she enjoyed as a student. She loved doing Physical Ed and any school sport. To continue we asked what do you like to do in your spare time. She loves going places to hang out with her friends or going to the beach! This brings us to our last question, what have you enjoyed about KPPS so far. She has defiantly enjoyed getting to know the staff members and growing new friendships. She also loves seeing students amazing work and getting to know them too. Thank you for your time and welcome to Kidman Park!  By Siobhan & Nicole P1

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Melanie Sims  Q: Why did you become a teacher?
A: My family always told me that I was born a teacher. I knew from a very young age that I wanted to be a teacher as I enjoy working with children and I love learning new things.
Q: What do you like about teaching?
A: I enjoyed seeing the students smiling faces every day and those ‘ta-da’ moments.
Q: Where have you taught previously?
A: I worked in two small country schools in the South East, Rendelsham Primary School and Penola Primary School.
Q: What were the highlights of those schools?
A: I enjoyed working in a small community as we got to join up with different schools for excursions and camps. I also enjoyed being part of the Penola Arts Festival as we got to yarn bomb the town.
Q: What makes you feel joyful?
A: Spending time in the sunshine, travelling to new places and being with friends and family.
Q: What did you enjoy when you were a student?
A: My favourite subjects were Art and English and I loved challenges and learning new things every day.
Q: What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
A: Taking my dogs to the beach, shopping, yoga, drinking tea, listening to music and reading books.
Q: What have you enjoyed about KPPS so far?
A: My lovely class, P3, have been great to work with so far. I have also enjoyed meeting all of the new staff members and the Joy Project.  By Jade and Rose P3
Our interview with Mr. Koch


Mr. Koch is a teacher in P4, Year 6 class of students of K.P.P.S.

We asked him questions to get to know him better.

Q. Why did you become a teacher?

A. I became a teacher because of the positive relationships that can be developed with students. Also teaching is fun, exiting and gives different challenges every day. I like that every day is different and every day I learn new things, I also like that we work as part an of team and we help each other and I like helping students to improve their skills.

Q. Where have you taught previously?

A. I have taught at Ceduna Area School and Tumby Bay Area School I used to be a student at Ceduna Area School. This meant I taught with some of my old teachers. I also taught swimming and aquatics for a long time. I loved working at the same school my nephew was at. I also enjoyed working with my friends who were teachers. I worked as a Middle School Coordinator for a while and gained accreditation as a Highly Accomplished Teacher.

Q. What makes you feel joyful?

A. I feel joyful when I am doing anything to do with the Ocean. This includes surfing at different beaches or snorkelling with different animals. I LOVE THE BEACH!!!!! I also love to go camping in my spare time with friends.

Q. What did you enjoy when you were a student?

A. When I was a student I really enjoyed P.E. and Art as subjects. I also enjoyed socialising with my friends.

Q. What have you enjoyed about K.P.P.S so far?

A. The students have been the most enjoyable so far. They are friendly and have a brilliant sense of humour. I have also enjoyed meeting so many parents who have come into the classroom.

Thanks Mr. Koch We hope you have an amazing year and get to know everyone better!

Rachel Scheuboeck’s Interview will be included in next week’s KPPS Update
2016 STAFF LIST

Principal
John Clarke
Deputy Principal
Karen Duval
R-7 Learning Centre
Rachel Scheuboeck

Learning Centre Teachers
Rachel Scheuboeck
Barbara Bayly
Kayla McAllister

U1 Foundation / Year 1
Vanessa Switala

U2 Foundation
Danielle Tylor
Ebony Strong

U3 Year 1
Nick Dawson

U4 Year 2
Marina Lekkas

U6 Year 1/2
Alex Stojanovic

Rm7 Year 3
Jodie Molitor

Rm8 Year 3/4
Sandra Gibbons
Kerry Arnold

Rm9 Year 5
Kym Meredith

Rm10 Year 4
Merilyn Knott
Kerry Arnold

Rm11 Year 4
Alexia Trombetta

Rm12 Year 5
Peter Georgeopoulos

P1 Year 7
Nicola Holmes

P2 Year 7
Michael Gibbins

P3 Year 5/6
Mel Sims

P4 Year 6
Paul Koch

Japanese
Belinda Brenen

Positive Education
Desy Pantelos

Sport Teacher
Terry Ahern

Health
Teresa Marshall

Resource Centre
Lois Burrow

Special Education
Kay Bosworth

EALD
Maria Harrington

CPSW
Denys Chew

ACEO
Jaki Peris

Finance Manager
Andrea Olson

Admin Support
Carol Adamopoulos & Tara Salvaterra

Student Support
Pam Grant, Freya Duncalfe, Debbie Kuta, Cathy Creek, Jen Porteous,
Nadia Demasi & Iarla Bastians

Learning Centre Support
Stella Crossman, Karen Pontifex, Kristy Leunig, Beris Eden, Kayla McAllister,
Lee Reeves, Michelle Lazzarino, Melanie Offord

Conductive Ed
Kati Balla & Barbara Mozdeny

Canteen/Uniform Manager
Carli Tanti

Groundsperson
Arnie Hissey

BSSO
Parniyan Ilkhani
Week Three Wacky Wednesday Casual Day

Are you starting to feel a little sluggish being back in the school routine? Well we have decided to brighten everyone up a bit with a **wacky casual day on Wednesday 17th February**.

Come dressed in wacky clothes, wacky hair, with lots of bright colours. **Gold coin donation** to be given to your teacher on the day. Money raised will go towards school fundraising.

**Nut Aware School**

Kidman Park Primary School is a Nut Aware school. This means that nut products should not be sent to school for lunch or recess as it could cause an anaphylactic reaction in some of our students eg. Nutella, peanut butter and bars containing any other nuts. Some students do have other allergies which are just as important, but are dealt with in individual classes eg. eggs, broad beans  Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Canteen Volunteers / Uniform Shop**

If you are interested in volunteering in the Canteen, please contact Carli at the school on: 8353 2444.

The Uniform Shop is open on Monday and Tuesday mornings 8.30-9.00am. Orders can be placed by using the new QKR! app.

**M&S Fees**

Invoices for 2016 M&S Fees were sent home last week. 2016 M&S Fees are $320 per student, with a voluntary building fund of $40 per family. Payment can be made via QKR!, cheque, cash or credit card.

If you wish to apply for School Card, forms are available from the front office and must be completed every year. Please bring in your health care card or pension card so front office staff can photocopy. A School Card form will need to be filled out at each school your child/ren attend.

**School Payments**

Our preferred payment method for all school related items is our new QKR! app. This includes: Canteen lunch orders, Uniform Orders, Excursions, M&S Fees, Fundraising etc. This app makes it much easier as consent forms are filled in using the app, so no lost paperwork! The QKR! step-by-step forms were sent home in the Student Information packs last week, spare forms are available from the front office.

**Learning Potential APP**

There is a free app called Learning Potential, developed by the Federal Government with more than 160 hints and ideas for parents to help their children with their learning. It’s very popular, with over 110,000 downloads since its launch in August 2015. Additional content and functional improvements will continue this year. It is available for both Android and Apple devices. For more information visit [www.learningpotential.gov.au](http://www.learningpotential.gov.au)

**CAR PARK**

Just a reminder that the speed limit in the carpark is 10km (this is a walking pace). Please inform any other parents/grandparents who may pick up/drop off students.

Also ensure that you park in the correct areas in the carpark, do not park on the yellow lines, as it is often patrolled by Charles Sturt Council Parking Inspectors, who issued 5 fines on a recent visit.

Please do not stop on the school crossing to drop off or pick up your child/ren.

**PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE AND COURTESY IN THE CARPARK FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN**
Just a reminder that all Scholastic Book club orders are to be placed online using the Book Club’s LOOP for parents system. KPPS no longer accepts cash orders for Scholastic Book Club. Students will receive books delivered via their class teacher and the school will benefit from commission paid for purchases.
State Tennis West Lakes is now taking enrolments for tennis coaching in Term 1, 2016.

2-5 year old motor skills program ‘Jump Start’ / ANZ Tennis Hot Shots lessons from Age 4+ / Adult lessons

State Tennis is also registered for the school Sports Vouchers program. So why not call State Tennis, grab your $50 sports voucher from school and start or recommence tennis coaching.

Phone 8355 4466 or visit statetennis.com.au

State Soccer is now taking soccer coaching enrolments for Term 1, 2016.

Lessons are available for all skill levels Wednesdays after school with a special ‘ALL ABILITIES’ session purposefully designed for Kidman Park Primary School students beginning 15 minutes after school.

Phone 8235 1877 or visit statesoccer.com.au