

School Newsletter 0420, 25 March 2020

Coming Events



- Wednesday 1 April and 8 April : Wacky Wednesday – wear your wackiest outfit!

Principal's Message



**Young children
are going to
remember how
their family felt
during this
Coronavirus panic,
more than anything
specific about
the virus. Our kids
are watching and
learning about
how to respond
to stress and
uncertainty.
Let's wire our kids
with resilience,
not panic.**

Kelly's
Treehouse



Welcome to Wacky (Wellness) Wednesday

The staff decided we all needed a bit of wacky in our lives at the moment so you can see below how we decided to show that. (Please note: we just stood together momentarily for the photos – otherwise we are practising social distancing).





Check out Dr Seuss's Wacky Wednesday books online in YouTube, or you might find you have a copy at home in your library. In fact, check out any of Dr Seuss's books – they are all wacky!

COVID-19

Thank you so much to everyone for being so supportive and for showing your appreciation to the staff. We have particularly appreciated the Little Banksia gift vouchers. It was a great idea as, in the event of closure, there will be a big impact on the Little Banksia so it is wonderful that they can have the finances from these gifts. Our aim is to continue to provide the best education for your children we can.

Keep an eye on the SmartLink app for all updates. Sorry the SmartLink went down a couple of times yesterday. Keep checking in with it, if you have problems. Apparently these issues are wider than Smartlink and because of heavy traffic. They are trying to resolve this.

If your child is going to be absent for any reason (including Covid-19 concerns), please ensure that you let the office know via the Smartlink app or by email, so that we can keep accurate records. We will then let the teacher know of the absence.

Learning at Home

The Department have recently introduced a web page to support families in providing learning at home. Not surprisingly, that is the name of the page. Keep an eye on this page as they continue to develop it. The address is <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home>

Term Planner

Please review the latest term planner as many events have been cancelled or postponed. Class assemblies will go ahead but over the PA system and with no class item.

Early Close 8th April for Parent Teacher Interviews

These will now be done via Zoom invitations (online) or by phone. Your child's teacher will be in contact regarding this.

EduDance Concerts

We plan to stream this live on Zoom too as we are not able to invite parents to attend in person. However, we are working out the finer details on this and we may need to make changes. Please bear with us as we find solutions and keep an eye on SmartLink and your emails.

Bahai Survey

[Attached here](#) is an outline of an offer of support from the Baha'i team that works at the school. They are anxious to help the community at this time and would like to know if anyone is interested in taking them up on this offer. While they are not sure what this offer will, in the end, look like, due to the changing landscape, they would like your feedback. Please read the attached outline, and register your interest or ideas with Katja Gvozdenovic. Her contact details are included in the attached document.

School Board

Our new board will be meeting via Zoom (online) for the first time this year on Monday 30th March. It will be an unusual introduction to new members. We will elect a Board Chair and Vice Chair as well as the Secretary at this meeting.

The following people have now joined the School Board:

- Brendan Joss (a parent starting his second term on the Board)
- James Ramsay (a parent who completed an interim term last year due to someone leaving, but was also on the Board a few years ago)
- Simon Keen (a new parent rep)
- Linda Kut (a new parent rep)
- Claire Backhouse (a staff member – and deputy principal – starting her second term on the Board)
- Clare Brook (a new staff rep and deputy principal)

Please see our website for their profiles and photos.

Harmony Day and National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence Celebrations 18th March

We managed to celebrate this day together, but spread out on the basketball courts for our morning assembly and parade. Thanks to everyone who participated. We are sorry parents were unable to attend. The children spent the morning completing special activities.

Check out the junior choir's performance here: <https://youtu.be/MEDSde5AX-M>

Some Great News:

Marija Zavodja's Baby

Our Year 6 teacher from last year, Ms Marija Zavodja, has delivered a healthy baby girl called Willow. We wish her and her family all the best. Congratulations, Marija!



Alicia Kavanagh's (nee Taylor) Wedding

We congratulate Alicia and Liam on their marriage last week. They managed to marry in front of friends and family and still meet the social distancing requirements! We wish them every happiness.



Bronwyn Jones
PRINCIPAL

Foyer Display

Over the last couple of weeks, the children in Room 4 have been discussing what bullying looks and sounds like.



They brainstormed ways that we can stop bullying at school and created posters to show you all their strategies to look after others and stop bullying. Well done, Room 4!

Just for a laugh

**After years of wanting to
thoroughly clean my house
but lacking the time, this
week I discovered that
wasn't the reason.**



Values & Honour Awards



Integrity

Integrity is being honest and standing up for what you believe is right. It is doing the right thing, even if it is hard.

Congratulations to the award winners from the past fortnight, who were announced during the PA 'assembly' this morning.

Values Awards 25/3/2020

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P1	Harry	P3	Sebastian
1	Gabriel	2	---
3	Ella	4	Isabel
5	Eliza	8	Zoe
9	Hayley	10	---
S1	Jackson	S2	Marcus
S3	Mia	S4	Harper

Honour Awards 25/3/2020

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P1	Ruby	P3	Leila
1	Charlize	2	---
3	Elsa	4	Ella
5	Daniel	8	Angus
9	Amberlee	10	Seth
S1	Lucy	S2	Ashlee
S3	Daniel	S4	Ella



Faction Swimming Carnival

What a fantastic day we had for our carnival! Well done to all our swimmers. Thanks to the many parents who assisted on the day with timekeeping, marshalling, recording, set up and pack down. Without your help, the carnival would not be able to take place. Thanks to the KPS staff for their assistance and support on the day. Special thanks to Mrs Backhouse, Mr Griffiths and Mr Powers for participating in the indoor pool activities.

Congratulations to our year champions:

Year	Champion	Runner Up
2/3	Zara Ted	Charlotte Ashton/James
4	Evita William	Laura Elliot
5	Niamh Hamish/Marcus	Sophia Oliver
6	Laila/Hannah Beau	Harper Eddie



Congratulations to [Investigator](#) for being the winning faction. The final results were:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Investigator	Parmelia	Endeavour	Cygnets



Well done to the following swimmers who broke records:

Niamh – Year 5 Open 100m freestyle 1.18.01, Year 5 50m freestyle 35.91, Year 5 50m breaststroke 48.23, Year 5 50m backstroke 43.84, Year 5 50m butterfly 42.28.

Beau – Year 6 50m freestyle 32.81, Year 6 50m butterfly 38.06.

William – Year 4 50m freestyle 38.83, Year 4 50m breaststroke 54.34.

Unfortunately, the interschool swimming carnival has been cancelled.

Note from the Principal : A big thank you to Mrs Stanford for organising and running this wonderful day.

Running Club

Running Club will not commence this term. Please keep your eye on the newsletter for when we will commence. In the meanwhile, please keep running. Find 30 – 60 minutes a day to be active. Incorporate it into your family routine. Research proves that if your child is physically active, they do better.

Sporting Schools

Thanks to Breakpoint Tennis for their continued support of KPS in providing tennis coaches through Sporting Schools funding.

Chaplain News

A few positive messages from our Chaplain, Maureen Du Preez:

“Be of good cheer. . . You have set yourselves a difficult task, but you will succeed if you persevere; and you will find a joy in overcoming obstacles.” – Helen Keller

“Your choices of action may be limited—but your choices of thought are not.” – Esther Hicks

Special Thanks



Special thanks from all KPS staff to those wonderful parents who have provided vouchers and credit at the Little Banksia. It is so very appreciated! We are grateful to be part of such a supportive community.

General Information



From the School Nurse : Raising Children Network

Children are as individual and as different as their parents and making decisions about what's best for raising children is very personal.

The Raising Children website offers up-to-date, research-based material on more than 800 topics spanning child development, behaviour, health, nutrition and fitness, play and learning,

connecting and communicating, school and education, entertainment and technology, sleep and safety.

It covers grown-ups, newborns (0-3 months), babies (3-12 months), toddlers (1-3 years), preschoolers (3-5 years), school-age children (5-9 years), pre-teens (9-11 years), and early teens (12-15 years).

There are tips, videos and other useful resources.

The Raising Children Network provides information that can help parents with the day-to-day decisions of raising children. It also provides information to help parents and carers look after their own needs. The information is based on the best science in parenting, child health and development, presented in language we can all understand.

This is a website for Australian mothers, fathers, grandparents and anyone else who has responsibility for the care of children. www.raisingchildren.com.au

Community News



City of South Perth Historical Society Inc.
Gallery & Cultural Centre, Heritage House
111 Mill Point Road, SOUTH PERTH WA 6151
T: 9367 9243 Open: Fri 10am – 4pm Sat/Sun 1 – 4pm
info@southperthhistoricalsociety.org www.southperthhistoricalsociety.org
ACTIVE HERITAGE

[Click here](#) for information on the Phillip Pental Young Heritage award. This competition is available to all Year 1-12 students who live in or attend school in South Perth. Paper copies have also been placed in the perspex stand outside of Room 3.



Code Camp are opening up their online coding platform to help kids stay engaged and keep learning during these uncertain times. [Click here](#) to view the flyer.

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