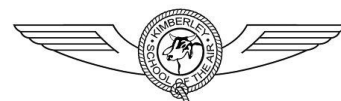




# Kimberley School of the Air



Term 4, Issue 2

6th November 2017

## Important Dates

**10th November**–  
Remembrance Day  
Ceremony in the  
Muster Room 8am

**24th November**–  
Mr Felstead's Class  
Assembly

**4th December**–  
Year 6 & 7  
graduation

Christmas party

Arrive at BCS  
Muster and ECE  
Classes

**5th December**–  
Years 4-7 depart for  
Muster

**7th December** –  
ECE Camp  
concludes

**11th December**–  
Years 4-7 return  
from Muster

**14th December**–  
Last day of school  
for students

## School News

### ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Miss Bhasi and her wonderful Year 1/2 class for their fantastic Assembly. It is always great to see our young students produce great events like this. I was particularly impressed by their presentations about their research projects. A top effort from everyone.

### TIMETABLE FOR THE END OF THE TERM

We are getting down to the business end of the year and as the time constricts we seem to be getting busier and busier. There are some deadlines to meet and we will keep you informed with plenty of time to factor them into your own planning.

### SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM CONFERENCE

I will be out of the school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week attending the SLT meeting in Broome. All Kimberley Government Schools have Principals and some Associate Principals and Deputy Principals attending. The Regional Executive Director, Mr Greg Robson and other presenters will be providing information and Professional Development across the 3 days.

### KSOTA SERVICE

The 5 SOTAs across WA have been in a cycle of reduced funding over the past 4-5 years.

There has been some debate in the media over the past few days about this issue.

Our school has been utterly proactive in confronting the new reality.

The facts are that the staff and the families of KSOTA have worked to confront the issues that a reduction in funding has brought to the table. We have been

meeting the challenge head-on since 2012. Indeed our school is well placed to meet the challenges. Our service today has not suffered any major impact by the reduction in funding.

## **THE FACTS**

If your Year 1-6 child is enrolled for the full school year (Terms 1-4) you can expect these services from KSOTA.

- We aim to make 2-3 home visits to each family across a 4 term school year.
- Home Tutors Seminar (5 days Broome Camp School) Term 2. No cost to families.
- Term 3 Camp. (Different site each year). No Cost to families.
- ECE Camp end of year. (Broome Camp School). Term 4. No cost to families.
- SOTA Muster Years 5-7. Perth. Term 4. Currently \$500 per child.

If your child is only enrolled terms 2 and 3, students and their Home Tutors and family are welcome to attend any events that take place in those terms. However, the number of home visits is reduced.

## **HOW KSOTA IS FUNDED**

Every WA Government Primary school is funded by the number of enrolments that they have.

This is referred to as the student centred funding model. It was introduced 2012/2013.

The numbers of enrolments are taken on census day. Census day usually falls in the middle of February. This year census day was the 17th February. Every student in a Government school in WA is funded as to where they are enrolled on census day. This funding stays with the school attended on census day even if the student moves to a new school after census day. If a student is out of the state or enrolled in another school on census day they take no funding with them to their new school.

## **CANBERRA CAMP**

This camp has traditionally been held every two years and middle and upper primary students have attended. Currently our school is committed to attending the Canberra camp next year. The camp used to be generously subsidised by the school and most years the cost to families was only \$200. No school can afford to extend this to families these days. The camp has had to become cost neutral to the school. The P&C has committed to supporting the camp that is due to go ahead in 2018. Moving forward it may prove untenable for this camp to continue.

The teachers and other staff of this school have all worked very hard over the past 4 years to meet the challenges brought about by the new fiscal reality. We are doing the job and meeting the challenges. I believe that the school today is in a better place than it has been previously. Individual lessons and more time on air for students 1-7 currently reflect the commitment shown by staff.

In my opinion the school needs to be commended. The P&C have been fantastic in their efforts to ensure funds are available for Canberra 2018 and in displaying their understanding of the changes that have come about.

Paul Noble  
Principal  
Kimberley School of the Air

Hi everyone

It is getting to that time of year when you need to be going through your classrooms and returning any KSOTA resources that you are no longer using. This makes it easier at the end of the year if you start this process now! This, of course, does not mean anything you are still using for your set work. Library boxes and ECE boxes need to be returned by week of Camp so a stock take can be done before end of year. This also goes for any readers you have as they are included in the stock take.

If anyone would like a printout of the resources they have on loan please email me [Kerry.Doust@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Kerry.Doust@education.wa.edu.au) with the request.



Cheers,  
Kerry

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### **ECE Camp**

The ECE camp for Kindy to Year 2 will run from Monday 4th December to Thursday 7th December. If you are attending, please return your paperwork to Ms Kerry by this Friday 10th November. Can you please let us know whether you plan to attend or not so we can finalise sleeping arrangements?

### **Christmas Party**

Thanks to some people with friends in high places, Santa will be making a special appearance at our Christmas party on Monday 5th December. Can elves please supply a wrapped present to the value of \$20 for their child/ren?



### **Halloween at KSOTA**

It was a spooky day here on October 31<sup>st</sup> as KSOTA staff were replaced with their Halloween counterparts. From left to right we have the Noble tree lopper, the good witch, the mad scientist, the zombie teacher, Little Red Riding Hood, Gretel and a special appearance by Kerry as a broomstick.

### **T-Ball Challenge**

Just a reminder that our T-Ball Challenge starts next week! If you haven't received your equipment already, you should have it any day now. Next week we are practicing our batting skills. Here is a photo of Mr Felstead and Billy Dean getting in some extra practice.



Thanks!

Katherine Mills