



Kimberley School of the Air



Important Dates

8th February– Mrs Pritchett's Parent and HT evening

9th February– Assembly 8am in Muster Room

12th February– Mrs Lawless' Parent and HT evening

13th February– Mrs Paidra's Parent and HT evening

5th March– Public Holiday

30th March- Public Holiday

2nd April- Public Holiday

13th April– KSOTA ANZAC Ceremony and Last day of Term 1

School News

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Welcome to Week 2 of our school year.

We at KSOTA are busy getting things rolling. We are starting Home Tutor Seminar preparation, on entry testing regimes and ensuring that everything has as smoother start as possible.

Parent/Home Tutor info Nights

Communication and the free exchange of information are vital in our context. Hopefully Home Tutors and Parents are already enjoying good levels of communication with the class teacher. The Parent and Home Tutor evenings give the teacher the opportunity to talk to the class group at the same time about a range of topics.

I can only encourage Parents/Home Tutors to attend. Individual teachers may have different structures for the evening, perhaps separate times for different year levels and the actual venue, (Classroom or Muster room), and they will communicate this info to you.

6.30 Thursday 8th Feb – Mrs Pritchett

6.30 Monday 12th Feb – Mrs Lawless

6.30 Tuesday 13th Feb – Mrs Paidra

Assembly

We are having our first whole school assembly this Friday 9th Feb in the Muster Room at 8 am. Please join us!

School Council

We have two parent vacancies on the School Council for this year. There are 4 Council Meetings per year. Please contact me at school if you are interested or you have some questions about the role.

Resources

Please return any resources from last year that are no longer needed. Kerry D is keen to sort them out and re issue them when practical.

LOTE

The subject LOTE (Languages other than English) is mandatory for all children in Year 3 in WA Public Schools this year.

I have enrolled every student years 3-6 in LOTE (Indonesian) with S.I.D.E Perth. The LOTE lessons for SOTA students across the state are provided by S.I.D.E. Children in classes other than Year 3 may withdraw if that is the option that the family choose. KSOTA has made a commitment to Indonesian as the language that is offered here, but if there is a family or student that particularly wants to study another Language that is not out of the question. S.I.D.E also offers French, Japanese and Italian. Please contact me if you want to discuss this further.

Regards,
Paul Noble



Did you know that we are a DEAR school? DEAR means drop everything and read and can be done in as little as 10 minutes a day.

Top 10 reasons to read everyday

1. Children who read often get better at it. Practise makes perfect in almost everything we do and reading is no different.

2. Reading exercises our brain. Reading strengthens brains connections and builds NEW connections.

3. Reading improves concentration. Reading helps to develop a child's ability to give their full attention to a task.

4. Reading teaches children about the world around them. Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.

5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills. Children learn new words as they read.

Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking. Good

readers generally become good writers.

6. Reading develops a child's imagination. As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.

7. Reading helps children to develop empathy. As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.

8. Reading is a fun. Reading can take you to places you have never even imagined.

9. Reading is a great way to spend time together. Reading together on the couch or at bedtime is a great activity for parents and children to do together.

10. Reading helps children learn Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.

