



# Kimberley School of the Air



## School News

### Important Dates

**Term 1 2020**

**Students**

3 February– 9 April

Term 1, Issue 2

13 February 2020

### **Noble's News**

I would like to start this newsletter by thanking everyone for their patience and efforts last week with our moving over to our permanent version of Webex. I think that the week was well spent and our experience with the Webex platform will be greatly enhanced for the transition.

### **Assembly**

Everyone is invited to our Friday assembly tomorrow in the Muster Room at 8 am.

### **P&C meeting**

Today in the Muster Room at 2.30 everyone welcome..

### **Travel and visits**

I thought that it was an opportune time with the start of a school year and some new families that I took this opportunity to revisit our school's processes surrounding teacher visits to families.

It is our commitment that each family will get 2 home visits per year from the school. Usually it will be the teachers of the children who make the visit. Sometime I will accompany visits and sometimes the STL ( Esther Kerr) will be on the visit. The visits duration and who is on the visit will always be negotiated with the family. Some visits will be a day visit and others will involve the visiting staff staying over night/s. The duration is directly linked with where the family lives and the distances required to travel.

Whilst teachers are on the visit the school will endeavour to cover the Air Lessons using Miss Kerr and/or myself. Individual lessons will be cancelled for the class during visits. There may be occasions where Air Lessons are cancelled as there is just not the staff to cover them.

New families who have queries about Home Visits are free to call me. Please note Miss Kerry will be sending out the Yearly Consent Forms, which include a Home Visit consent section, soon.

## **Travel (cont'd)**

The bulk of our visits will be in Term 2 & 3. This is simply as a result of travel conditions in the Kimberley. Family locations that are accessible year round may find that they will have a visit in Term 1 or early Term 4 (for example). This is simply to take the pressure off the travel itineraries and the impact that travel can have on Air Lessons during the dry season terms.

Whilst the school believes that the home visits are a valuable part of the service that KSOTA provides, some families may feel that they are not in the position to host these events. Please feel free to communicate with me around this issue.

## **Monday Week 3**

Miss Kerry and I have both been called for Jury Duty selection at the Derby courthouse on Monday 17th Feb. Miss Kerr will be at DDHS attending a KSP course. That will leave the phones unattended whilst the teachers are teaching. We apologise for the inconvenience. We will email all families when we are back on deck.

## **Friday Assembly**

Now that we are back in the swing of things we will aim to have our Assembly each week in the Muster Room at 8 am.

However, due to travel in those busy times there will be occasions where we will have to cancel.

In concluding I would encourage everyone to feel free to communicate with us here at KSOTA.

Our purpose as a school staff is to enable the best education that we can for your child/ren with the resources we have on hand.

I know that effective communication is essential to that end.

Please feel free to communicate with us at any time.

Paul Noble

## **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS** (Fee schedule next page)

Voluntary Contribution requests have been either emailed or posted out. Thank you to all those who have so promptly acted on this and paid.

These funds go toward cost of materials and services with the majority earmarked for classroom resources.

## **FEES AND CHARGES 2020**

### **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Voluntary Contributions are funds used towards the cost of materials, services and resources used by the students in the education program

Single Child	\$60 per year
Family of 2 or more children	\$120 per year

### **CAMP CONTRIBUTIONS**

SOTA Muster Years 4-6

DEC 2020 Dates TBA \$650

Canberra Camp Years 5 and 6 \$650 (Payable to P&C)

Term 3 Dates TBA

Home Tutors Seminar Whole School

May 11-15 2020 \$20 per Student K-6

\$35 per Adult

Term 4 Camp Whole School

Nov 9-13 2020 \$20 per Student K-6

\$35 per Adult

## **TIPS FOR LAPTOPS**

- ◆ Ensure you save all your work onto a USB thumb drive
- ◆ Empty recycle bin on desktop regularly
- ◆ Wipe clean with a slightly damp cloth
- ◆ A small paint brush is handy to remove any dust on keyboard

### **Help desk numbers**

**Education Department WA – It Helpdesk 1800 012 828**

**Clear Networks help desk – connectivity – Satellite services – 1300 855 215  
(DoE Customer Number 14052)**

**Please don't hesitate to use these services – they are for you to use !**