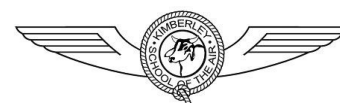




Kimberley School of the Air



Important Dates

Term One 2023

Wednesday 1st Feb—
Thursday 6th April

KSOTA Free call

1800 816 212

(Only available from land
line)

PHONE NUMBER

9193 3070

School News

Term 1, Issue 1

Wednesday 1st February 2023

I don't know about you, but those school holidays seemed to fly by!

I would like to **welcome** everyone back to KSOTA, and introduce myself to those of you who are joining us. I am fortunate enough to be the principal of this wonderful school and to be part of a great team. I have been at KSOTA since 2020, originally in the STL position and become principal in 2021. I was lucky enough to travel back to the UK with my kids for four weeks. We even got snow! It was incredible to go back home and see my family after more than 3 years (thanks Covid).

Unfortunately, we have not had the smooth start to the school year that we had all hoped for due to the **floods**. But I know that the KSOTA community is strong, resilient and patient; we will ride this 'hiccup' out together.

I am very excited to welcome **three new teachers** to KSOTA. Miss Tammi and her family join us from Victoria. She will be working with the Kindy/PP students, as well as teaching the whole school for Health. Miss Wendy has recently moved to Derby from the Cocos Islands and will be working with the Year 1/2 students. Miss Alexis will be working in the STL and Year 3/4 classrooms. Miss Alexis has been detained in Perth for a little bit, but will be joining us in Derby as soon as she can.

The start to the 2023 school year will have a '**staggered roll-out**' of air-lessons to help the students settle back into the swing of things. Literacy and Numeracy lessons start this week, with Spelling Mastery, MacqLit and Let's Decode beginning in week 2. Digital Tech, Health and 1-1s will kick off in week 3.

This year we are super excited about the introduction of '**Project**'. This is integrated units of work that bring the whole schoolroom together for collaborative and interactive learning experiences. While being led by the Home Tutor, classroom teachers will still be heavily involved. Students will attend Project Check-in with their classroom teacher each fortnight; discussing what they have found interesting and what the week ahead has in store for them. This is not an optional air-lesson, student's **attendance will be monitored**.

I ask that **all HTs** join me for an introduction to Project after this Friday's assembly, in the Muster room. This introduction will run through the HTs responsibilities and how Project is laid out. The following week, 10th February,

our Project writer, Ristan Blokland, will join HTs on-air for a Q&A.

Following the introduction to Project, teachers will have their classrooms 'open' for HTs to pop-in and **ask any questions** they might have. Classrooms will be open for an hour; please remember that your classroom teacher is available via phone or email outside of this.

Work samples will again be submitted through **Seesaw**. Students login with their school email address and existing password. New enrolments will have a password emailed to them asap. Please reach out if you have any problems navigating Seesaw and your classroom teacher will be more than happy to help you get acquainted with it. Seesaw has become a valuable and versatile resource for KSOTA, and the students have become very comfortable using it.

Fingers crossed for a seamless start to the 2023 school year.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Esther Kerr
Principal

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)

Email: support@clear.com.au

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

Next Assembly:
Friday 3rd February

P&C Merchandise

*Uniforms help to bring our remote students together.
We thank Rod and Dee at Totally Work wear, Derby for their support.*

KSOTA polo shirt uniforms are available from P&C via Kerry Doust at School. Shirts are \$25 each and can be sent out in Red Mail Bags. Please deposit money direct into P&C bank account with your name and "uniform" as reference.

Please note we have new shirts in stock.

Account Name	KSOTA P&C
BSB	016 620
Account #	463336408

Other merchandise available via same method:

KSOTA logo work shirts asst sizes:

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| ◆ ADULT Size | \$55 |
| ◆ CHILD Size | \$45 |
| ◆ Stubby Holders | \$10 each |
| ◆ Bucket Hats/Trucker Caps | \$20 each |

*KSOTA Parents and Citizens Association: Going that extra mile for
our remote kids and their education.*

FEES AND CHARGES 2023

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 FEES

Home Tutors Seminar

Term 4 Camp Whole School	\$20 per Student K-6
	\$35 per Adult

Muster

Years 4-6	TBA
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