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NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 9

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Clare Roser

This will be our final newsletter for 2019.

Firstly, well done to the Year 9 students and High School staff for their efforts in putting together a wonderful assembly today. Our staff and students have also been busily polishing their class items and speeches for the upcoming Year 6 and Year 10 Graduations, as well as the Presentation Night. Managing all of this, around swimming lessons and finalising Semester Two reports, has been an enormous task, and I would like to thank everyone for working together to make these events memorable for the students involved.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the graduating Year 6 students the best for their final week of primary school. I hope they enjoy their Graduation assembly on Wednesday. Our Year 10 students will attend their special Graduation night today, to be held at the sporting complex. We ask invited guests to be seated by 5.45pm. We will also be celebrating the success of our Year 12 Graduate, Karlee Porter, at the Presentation Night. Karlee has been enrolled as an external student with us for the past two years and has now completed her Year 12 studies, gaining commendable results and being awarded the Year 12 Student Services certificate from SIDE.

School Council

Thank you to the School Council for the work they have done this year. We will have a vacancy for parent/community representation on the Council starting 2020, that we will fill in Semester One. The Kojonup DHS Council comprises parents, community members, members of the school staff and the principal. Council members have an obligation to demonstrate the utmost loyalty, and to exercise their powers in good faith as they carry out their responsibilities. Like school staff, council members are required to undertake a criminal screening check. If you have a keen interest in school policy, can conscientiously accept the rigorous demands of confidentiality the role requires and can be regularly available for meetings: usually held at 2.00pm on Tuesday in Week 3 of each term, we encourage you to nominate. If you know another parent who meet these descriptors, you may wish to put their name forward; with their agreement. A poll will be held, if required, in Term 1. More details, including the nomination and voting process will be available at the start of the new school year.

Staffing Changes

At this time of year, we say goodbye to some of our staff who will not be with us next year. I would like to thank these staff members for all that they have contributed to the school this year and in some cases over a number of years. We farewell Mrs Tuckett, Mr Trouchet, Ms Baker, Miss Keegan and Mr Kirwen and wish them every success with their retirement or future careers.

In 2020 we will be welcoming some new staff; Mr Ringrose and Miss Saxon. Mrs Cussons will be returning to teach Drama and Mrs Fleay will take on the role of Student Services DP, covering both Primary and HS. We are still to appoint a Maths/Science teacher but hope to be able to secure someone over the Christmas break.

Presentation Evening Tuesday 17th December

I hope to see lots of parents at our presentation evening on Tuesday 17th December. It is always a treat being able to recognise those that have demonstrated academic excellence as well as citizenship. In addition to the academic and special awards, we will announce our School Captains for 2020. Please be seated by 6.30pm. There will be **NO early close** this year, if parents wish to collect their child early due to travel times, please make sure you have informed the front office and have signed your child out, through the proper channel.

Changes to bell times 2020

Next year we will trial a change to the internal bell times. The school day will still begin and end at exactly the same time and there will be no change to bus drop off or pick up times. The new structure will give us more internal flexibility to have the bulk of the core learning done during the morning. Teaching staff have processes in place to break up the lengthier morning block with short sensory breaks as required. Early childhood classes (Kindy and PP) will continue to run their own timetables and will align with the main school for Duty purposes. The new bell times will be detailed in the Parent information Book 2020.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – Clive Reardon

Welcome Everyone,

Our students are busily getting through the last few days for the final term of 2019.

On Monday 16.12.'19 Period 3 all students from Primary to High School who earned 100 or more PBIS Yellow tickets this year will be rewarded in our school Library for their efforts.

Earning 100 or more points is something that our student body has to work towards and in the main is not always that easy to achieve, so, for those who have well done and congratulations!!

Our students throughout the school have done a great job in getting through the last 40 school weeks of this year. We are pleased to say that we have collectively done so with very few major issues and our students in general are to be congratulated on following their classroom rules, our school's PBIS Expectations and regularly doing their best.

FANTASTIC EFFORT EVERYONE.

On behalf of KDHS we wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and we look forward to meeting up again early in February 2020 to do it all again.

Until our first edition in 2020 may it rain or not depending on your agricultural wants and needs.

Stay well, be safe, play nicely together and tight lines.

MERIT AWARD WINNERS 22nd November



Kaitlyn Jones
Jonny Webb
Grayson Hunter
Erueti Whanarere-Nahona
Bayleigh Matthews
Meea Godbold
Rihari Potaka-Herewini
Grace Nagtegaal

Hamish Eatt
Max Ladyman
Jed Catto
Savannah Tunui
Ashlyn Evans
Ava Clifton
Sarah Cussons
Matilda Parker

PRE PRIMARY SEED BOMBS

The Pre-Primary class were very happy to see Jen and Zara from Lucinda's Everlastings last week. Thanks to a very generous donation from Lucinda's Everlastings, the class made some very special Christmas gifts and had a fun time interacting with Cashew the Kangaroo at the same time!

Many thanks to Jen and Zara for taking the time to assist the Pre Primary class and for spending the morning supporting our learning.



SCHOOL FARM

Thank you very much to Stuart Tohl who has kindly donated new freshly milled timber to our Shearing Shed ramps, stairs and platform. This timber has been installed to make our Shearing Shed safer and easily assessable. Mr. Tohl has also been helping Mr Porter mill some timber to be used by students in the Manual Arts and Woodwork classroom.

Thank you for your kind donation of time, materials and Timber Mill.



YEAR 4 CAMP

In week 6 of this term, the Year 4 students along with Miss Jackson, Miss Kim Hayes, Mrs Emily Hills, Mr Pete Malady, Mrs Jacqui Schinzig, and Mrs Lana Retallack, travelled to Perth for the annual Year 4 Zoo Camp. While on camp we visited SciTech, had a sleep over at Perth Zoo and got to meet our Pen Pals at Atwell Primary School.

On our way to Perth, we stopped in Williams for a quick play and something to eat. There was an awesome rope swing, and a giant numbat that we could sit on, though it was very hot. After our stop in Williams, we were back on the road, heading to Kings Park for Lunch. At Kings Park we saw a big crocodile stone that was fun to climb on, and we played on the equipment and ran our sillies off.

Next stop for us was SciTech. At SciTech, we got to explore the different sections in the general exhibition area. There were lots of different activities to play with and explore. Our hot favourites were:

- The Air Tubes, where you placed a piece of coloured fabric in a tube, that pushed it around with air pressure.
- The Ball Machine, where you could use different handles to moves balls around a track.
- The 3D Printer
- Human Platter Mind Trick
- Bike Energy Maker, where you had to pedal a bike and try to produce the most amount of energy you can. The highest anyone got was powering a computer for no more than 5 seconds.
- Plasma Ball
- Tornado Maker

After exploring in the general exhibition area, we went and watched an awesome show about maths and explosions, and got to see some great explosions. Once the show was finished, we went to the Science Fiction, Science Future area. In this area we saw some futuristic exhibits. There was a holographic phone, a screen that makes you invisible, a calming mind game and a teleporting screen. Then we finished in there and were back in the exhibition area, exploring once again.

After SciTech, we were back on the bus, on our way to the Zoo. Everyone was very excited! While we were at the Zoo we learnt lots about the different animals and what we can do to conserve and protect the endangered animals in Western Australia.

Some of the different activities that we did were: Race to Safe: For this activity, we had to race around the zoo and find information about the animals there to solve a crossword puzzle. After the Race to Save activity, we had delicious burgers for dinner. Next, we went and learnt about different enrichment activities for the animals at the Zoo, and saw some great reptiles up close. While in the reptile room, we also learnt about some small endangered Western Australian animals. Finally, it was time for our night walk. While on our night walk we got to see quite a few different animals. Some of those animals were: lions, painted dogs, rhinos, baboons, zebras, the bull elephant and porcupines. Once our night walk was finished, it was time to go to sleep. Everyone was really quite tired, and fell asleep pretty quickly.

The next morning, we woke up, had breakfast, made our lunch and packed up all our things. We went off to the Australian Wetlands, where we fed the birds a variety of seeds, salad and fish. After the Australian Wetlands, we went and looked at the little penguins, this was the end of our time with the camp leaders, which meant that we were able to go about the zoo, researching our own animal.

After our time at the Zoo, we headed off to Atwell Primary School. This year, we have been writing to our pen pals and we were more than excited to be meeting them all... finally! When we arrived, the Atwell students were waiting out the front of the school to meet us. It was a little daunting at first, since we had only ever spoken to them via letter. However, in no time at all we were having lots of laughs, playing games together and enjoying cookies that Atwell had made earlier for us. We've learnt so much from writing letters to each other this year and will miss our pen pals very much. This was the last activity for our camp, it was time for us to get back on the bus and head home to Koji. Everyone had such a great time and we will definitely have some fantastic memories that will stay with us.

Written by Miss Jackson and the Year 4 class.



CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY

The Combined Churches of Kojonup are privileged to be hosting a magnificent display of Christmas trees with hand-made decorations created by the members of the St Stephen's Lutheran Ladies Guild Katanning. In the past, this display has adorned a shop in Katanning, but with the kind donation from Peter Rogers of a **shop space opposite the IGA and next to the Kojonup Shoe and Sports shop**, we are being treated to the display throughout the month of December. The shop will be open:

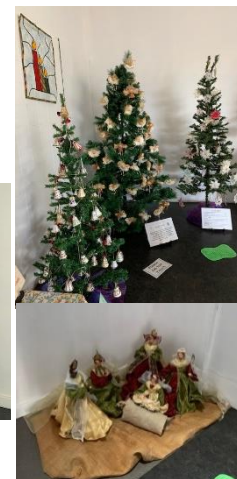
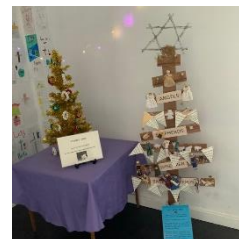
2nd - 13th December - Weekdays: 12.30pm - 4.30pm

Saturday 7th and 14th December: 9.30am - 12.00 noon

16th - 23rd December: 9.30am - 4.30pm. (excluding Sunday)

Look for the OPEN sign.

Please take a moment out of your busy schedule to come with your children to see this display. The Christmas banner designs drawn by Years 4-6 are also on display.

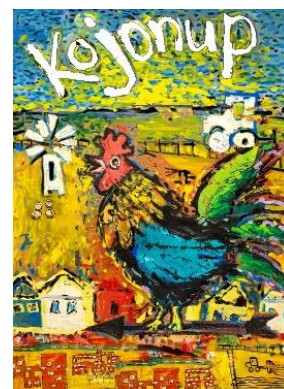


KDHS P&C

P&C are fundraising with tea towels! Award winning design displayed in Perth on the digital screen at Yagan Square. The artwork was lovingly created by Kojonup's very own year 4 students in conjunction with Lisa Martello-Hart. Looking for Christmas presents? Buy one for your relatives! Buy one for your friends! Buy two for yourself! Have someone who is hard to buy for because they already have everything? They won't have one of these yet! Have overseas friends that can't remember where you live? Buy a tea towel and they have no excuse to forget! Need a secret Santa gift? A tea towel would be treasured for years to come! \$15 each please pay by direct deposit BSB 086 746 Acc # 19 777 5458 and send an email to kojonupbandc@gmail.com with your order including number of tea towels required, date of payment and which child you would like your tea towel/s sent home with. Thanks for supporting our P & C so we can support our awesome school!

Big thank you to Donna from Australia Post for donating the freight cost.

TEA TOWELS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON PRESENTATION NIGHT, TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER.



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS



For our Christmas gift this year, Kojonup General Practice will help support interested community members to sign up for the **Australian Red Cross Bone Marrow Donor Registry**.

Joining The Registry is easy and free! There are 2 ways you can join, through a mouth cheek swab or by providing a blood sample.

After you have joined, the chances of being matched with a patient is quite low, only 1 in 1500 Australians are a match in any given year, so donating stem cells isn't something you will do all the time! And although you are not obliged to donate at that point when you are called and asked if you'd like to donate your stem cells, it is very important to ensure that you are committed when joining. To find out what happens if you are someone's match and donating stem cells please visit www.urthecure.com.au/whats-involved

Kojonup General Practice will supply the Mouth Cheek Swab Kits ordered through urthecure.com.au

You will receive your kit from Kojonup General Practice with easy step-by-step instructions. Simply use the included swabs (they are similar to a cotton q-tip) to swab the inside of your mouth to get the saliva sample, then post it back. That's it! Your sample will be added to The Registry to be made searchable and potentially matched with a patient in need!

Who do we need to join?

- People aged 18 to 30 (up to 45 is OK) - Younger stem cells perform better in a transplant, giving the patient a better chance at survival.
- Culturally diverse people such as Asian, Italian, Greek, Middle Eastern, Indian and more - People with a mixed ethnicity are also needed. Patients with a culturally diverse background struggle to find their match because there's not enough people from these groups joining The Registry.
- Males ideally with a culturally diverse background, but any background is OK - Males physically have more stem cells to give plus biologically don't have to worry about pregnancy or breastfeeding that can get in the way of donating.

If you wish to get on board, please contact Kojonup General Practice on 9837 3130 and speak to our friendly staff about obtaining your free kit.



**KDHS Presentation Night Tuesday
17th December
Where: Kojonup Town Hall
When: Doors open 6pm for a
6.30pm start.**



TERM 1 2020 – STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2020