### **KOJONUP DHS NEWSLETTER**



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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Term 1 Week 8

How is it already the end of Week 8? Only four school days until Easter! It seems as if the term has flown by, we have had so much to do and so much to learn! The Interschool Swimming team performed admirably at the carnival last Friday, we didn't win, but a good time was had by all who attended. Sportsmanship and respect were evident all day and that was very pleasing as it means we are following our school expectations of having pride and showing respect. Well done Interschool team!

We have been looking at our school data this week, analysing areas of strength and those needing improvement, to inform our curriculum and classroom planning. We have carried out a school audit in the area of literacy, as I mentioned earlier in the term and will now incorporate numeracy. Five staff members attended professional learning in Perth yesterday, including two deputies, related to whole school assessment. We look forward to them sharing with us and applying their learning.

I was privileged to see some outstanding "writing" by the Pre-Primary class the other day, Ms Schwass shared it with me and I was blown away by how much these students have learned in the first weeks of school.

Mrs Watson and Mrs Sexton's class entertained us today at assembly – a fantastic effort from our Year 1 class so early in the year. It was great to see so many proud parents at the assembly. They also hosted a Star Gazing evening on Tuesday night this week and I am sure there will be many budding astronomers in the Year 1 room now.

School Council reviewed two policies this week – Attendance and Dress Code and signed off on the Department of Education's Statement of Expectations for Principals. We welcomed a new staff member to the team and accepted a new community member's nomination. Welcome to the School Council, Mr Richard Avery and Mrs Meg Chandler. We look forward to working with you for the benefit of our students.

As this is our last newsletter of the term, I would like to thank all parents for being such willing partners with the school in the education of your children. Our job would be so much harder, if it were not for your cooperation in having your children in uniform, ready with everything they need each day and assisting with homework each night. Your contribution is acknowledged and appreciated by all staff. Best wishes for a relaxing Easter break – safe travels if you are spending it away from home. The first Monday back is a School Development Day so we will see you all back ready for another exciting term on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Sharon Poett PRINCIPAL

#### REMINDER

KDHS P&C Art Auction Planning Meeting Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 7pm @ school library Email: kojonuppandc@gmail.com



### **P&C NEWS**

Hello to all of our parents/carers.

For those who are new to our school, Kojonup District High School has a Parents and Citizens Association (P&C). We meet up once a term to discuss fundraising ideas, funding opportunities and different options of how to re-invest the money that we raise back into the school. We have a wonderful committee; Shelley Radford is our Vice President, Katie Daw and Sonya Koster are our Treasurers and Sarah Burt is our Secretary.

If you have any issues, concerns or ideas that are relevant to our P&C and what we do, or if you have an item that you would like us to put on a meeting agenda, you are always welcome to contact me to have a chat. My email address is alecandleonie@hotmail.com.

Alternatively, you can contact our secretary Sarah by emailing to kojonuppandc@gmail.com.

We will be holding an Art Auction in the second half of 2021. We would love for you to be involved! Planning will start at our next meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March at 7pm at the school library and everyone is welcome.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Kind regards Leonie Smith KDHS P&C President

# **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

#### TALK 4 WRITING IN PRE-PRIMARY

We are using the Talk 4 Writing program to support our students' reading and writing development and I had an opportunity this week to see this in action in our Pre-Primary class. I was so impressed with the students' work that I took some photos to share with you.

#### More about Talk 4 Writing

- It is based on the principles of how children learn. Children imitate the language they need for a particular topic orally, before reading and analysing it, and then writing their own version.
- It moves from dependence to independence with the teacher using shared and guided teaching to support students to write creatively. This includes learning the text orally with a shared story map and then moving towards students developing their own story maps. The photos here included are what we call 'the hook' which is how a program of work starts to create some excitement and attention, the whole class story map and then some examples of our students' amazing story maps. As you can see in these maps, the students have recorded key events, characters and settings.
- More information can be found via this link: <u>What is Talk for Writing? Talk for Writing (talk4writing.com)</u>



Pictured above: THE HOOK and CLASS STORY MAPS



Pictured above: PRE-PRIMARY STUDENTS OWN STORY MAPS

Well done Pre-Primary students! Very proud of your "A Mouse Called Maisy" stories. Heather Stephens Deputy Principal

# ECE EASTER DRAW

All ticket stubs and monies will need to be returned to the Pre-Primary class by Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March please.

Tickets still available at the front office till Tuesday, get in quick for your chance to win one of three super prizes.



# **HAWAIIAN RIDE FOR YOUTH**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March we were visited by the Hawaiian Ride for Youth. Classes came out to cheer the riders on as they arrived. The Year 9/10 students participated in a workshop where they were able to ask questions related to Youth Mental Health and were given a pamphlet and help card to take home. They may wish to continue these discussions with you at home.

The Hawaiian Ride for Youth is held annually in March across four and a half days with riders covering over 700kms on their way from Albany or Jurien Bay to Perth to raise funds and awareness for Youth Focus. While cycling through towns in WA's South West, Great Southern, Wheatbelt and Mid-West, the riders visit high schools to engage with students on issues of youth suicide, depression, anxiety and self-harm.

The purpose of the Hawaiian Ride for Youth is:

- To remove the stigma surrounding youth mental health
- To raise essential funds to enable Youth Focus to build a more resilient community
- To have fun

Although the Ride provides opportunity for personal growth and achievement, particularly for participants who do not come from a cycling background, the main objective of the Ride will always remain a charitable one.



Congratulations KDHS students who will be attending the PBS Reward Farm Day on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## **MERIT AWARD WINNERS 12th March**



Ava Chitty Lachlan Fleay Lauren Marsh Polly Eatt Olivia Ashton Joseph Retallack Pippa Radford Bayley Marinoni Dylan Robinson Sophie Zacher Henry Hornby Sarah Bignell Jacob Reid Oakley Kapoor Danielle Macfarlane Matilda Clifton Carissa Daw Hannah Bignell Rihari Romic Tiah Crabb Sophia Chitty Hunter Gibbons Niamh Gibbons Lacey Hallet

### **PBS (Positive Behaviour Support)**

Teachers at KDHS are also rewarded in following our school expectations and promoting positive behaviour throughout our school. The yellow tickets are put in a bucket and teacher names are randomly drawn, by the student leaders at mini assembly. The more tickets they write, the greater the chance! Congratulations to this fortnights' winners;

- Mrs Meg Chandler
- Mrs Emily Clifton
- Mrs Bec Bignell
- Mrs Trina Hill
- Mrs Alison Watson

### **PBS YELLOW TICKET ACHIEVEMENTS**

Congratulations to the following students who have earned 25 and 50 Yellow Tickets.

Hannah Daw Thea Lawrence Jenna Bilney Emem Michael Bayley Marinoni Tyler Milne Archie Zadow Aaleyah Clarke Harvey Robinson Lachlan Bignell Amy Williams Paige Nagtegaal Meg Hunter Matilda Clifton Amelia Webb Erik Jorgensen Grace Myers Polly Eatt Brock Donaldson Jacob Sullivan Charli Fleay Tylah Gardner

#### **25 YELLOW TICKETS**

Taj Wells	Toby Zacher	Chelsea Zadow
Harry Kelly	Dylan Robinson	Sophie Zacher
Mitchell Hills	Jacob Marsh	Eloise Plowman
Pippa Radford	Danielle Evans	Brodie Hills
Madeleine Macfarlane	Tyson Matthews	
Jerome Weazel	Raniera Whanarere-Na	hona
Grayson Hunter	Chrylah Peneha-Patea	Hugh Zacher
Lachlan Evans	William Fleay	Jacob McMahon
Savannah Tunui	Kataraina Watene	James Webb
Zoe Haenga	Ethan Retallack	Keisha Smith
Terehia Potaka-Osborn	e	

50 YELLOW TICKETS Sonny Radford

#### PBS Team Purpose Statement;

Our Purpose is to create and promote a transparent, consistent and fair environment, where staff and students demonstrate positive behaviour.

### OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

BE SAFE HAVE PRIDE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS SHOW RESPECT

# **GUEST SPEAKERS**



Local Kojonup identity, Nick Trethowan shared his compelling story with our high school students. Nick pictured with Amy Williams, Amy Hope and Tamati Potaka.

### **EXTRA NEWS**



Our school provides access to Department of Education online services. These enhance the contemporary learning opportunities available to students and the range of teaching tools available to staff to deliver the Western Australian Curriculum.

#### Student Online Service

Account permission forms need to returned by end of term. Forms can either be returned to the front office or completed electronically, (link was sent via SeeSaw).

Any queries please contact class teacher or front office.







Sam Tozer shared her story on what motivated her to become a Speech Therapist. Sam pictured with Ruben Stansbury and Sophia Chitty

#### LIBRARY BOOKS

Please ensure that your children return their borrowed library books (not text books) next week. It doesn't have to be on their designated library day; books can be dropped off at the Library or Front Office any time, during school hours.



## **INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING CHAMPIONS**



100m Freestyle Winners Hamish Eatt & Matilda Clifton



Year 4 Boys Zavier Lowe



Year 6 Boys Lachlan Bignell & Harry Hart



Year 8 Boys Todd Gibbons & Joseph Retallack



Year 3 Girls Olivia Kelly & Grace Nagtegaal



Year 3 Boys Marcus Gregory & Fletcher Clifton



Year 4 Girls Brooke Milne & Hannah Bignell



Year 6 Girls Eloise Plowman & Keisha Smith



Year 5 Boys

Jayden Jones &

Hamish Eatt



Year 8 Girls Sofia Tunui & Sophia Chitty



Participation Award **Brodie Hills** 

House Winners: AQUILA Sport Captains pictured; Harry Hart, Lacey Hallett, Amy Williams and Jackson Cowie.



Year 5 Girls

Amy Leitch &

Year 7 Girls Pippa Radford & Georgia Holland



Oscar Fisher & Colby Wallam





Year 9 Girls Lanii Brown



Year 9 Boys Bayley Marinoni &



Year 10 Brendan Evans & **Danielle Evans** 









## INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL AQUILA 705 - HERCULES 674 - PHOENIX 561

On the 11<sup>th</sup> March, KDHS held their annual swimming carnival. Following the new constitution, students swam in their year groups this year, instead of age groups. This meant we saw new winners and more competition between students. A close finish saw Aquila faction finish first, with Hercules coming second and Phoenix in third. The final race of the day was The Golden Flipper, which is parents vs teachers vs students, this year we had a Clifton family member in each team, competition was fierce! In the end the parents proudly took the title, fourth year in a row. Overall the carnival saw happy faces, great competition and adequate weather conditions. Well done to all students who participated and a massive thank you to all parent and teacher helpers, who made the day possible.

#### 2021 INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL WINNERS

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Year 3 Girl	G
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Year 4 Girl	Н
Year 4 Boy	Z
Year 5 Girl	N
Year 5 Boy	J
Year 6 Girl	E
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Year 7 Girl	P
Year 7 Boy	C
Year 8 Girl	S
Year 8 Boy	Т
Year 9 Girl	L
Year 9 Boy	В
Year 10 Girl	D
Year 10 Boy	В

Champion Grace Nagtegaal Fletcher Clifton lannah Bignell Zavier Lowe Matilda Clifton Jayden Jones Eloise Plowman achlan Bignell Pippa Radford Oscar Fisher Sofia Tunui odd Gibbons anii Brown Bayley Marinoni Danielle Evans Brendan Evans

**Runner Up** Olivia Kelly Marcus Gregory Brooke Milne

Amy Leitch Hamish Eatt Keisha Smith Harry Hart Georgia Holland Colby Wallam Sophia Chitty Joseph Retallack

**Brodie Hills** 

Congratulations to Matilda Clifton and Hamish Eatt for winning the 100m Freestyle race. This year Brodie Hills won the Participation Award for his outstanding leadership actions and encouragement of others.

### **INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**



Inter-School Swimming Team: Brodie Hills, Lanii Brown, Bayley Marinoni, Todd Gibbons, Sophia Chitty, Pippa Radford, Imogen Ladyman-Palmer, Oscar Fisher, Colby Wallam, Lachlan Bignell, Eloise Plowman, Jayden

Jones, Matilda Clifton, Hamish Eatt, Amy Leitch, Hannah Bignell, Brooke Milne, Zavier Lowe, Fletcher Clifton, Grace Nagtegaal.



INTER-SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

On Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, the KDHS swimming team headed to Boyup Brook for the Inter-School Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all students who represented our school in last week's swimming carnival. All students tried their best and overall we finished in fourth place. On an individual level, **big congratulations** to: Matilda Clifton – Year 5 Girls Champion, Jayden Jones – Year 5 Boys Champion, Lachlan Bignell – Year 6 Boys Runner-Up, Pippa Radford – Year 7 Girls Champion, Lanii Brown – Year 9 Girls Champion. An extra special mention to Hamish Eatt and Amy Leitch who swam in all the individual Year 10 races, even though they're in Year 5!

A **big thank you** to Beta Eatt, Liz Webb, Nicole Jones and Emily Clifton who stepped in as parent and teacher help on the day.

# SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Photo day is on Tuesday 30th March, if you haven't returned your child/ren order form to the front office, please do by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March as the photographers will need these forms to help their day run smoothly. Thank you



#### \*\*IMPORTANT\*\*

If you require a SIBLING PHOTO you must RETURN the photo order form by Monday, 29th March. Thank you.

This is the last newsletter for Term One. Happy Easter and we look forward to seeing the students return for Term Two on Tuesday, 20th April.



# **SCHOOL FARM NEWS**

On Monday, the high school students were introduced (for some) and instructed in how to handle sheep in the shearing shed and crutching. Students set up hand pieces, handled sheep with ease when dragging and had the opportunity to learn, practice and refine their crutching skills. Well done to the Years 7 to 10 who participated so willingly. Thank you to Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) for providing an instructor to upskill our students.



# YEAR 1 STAR GAZING NIGHT 23rd March

We have been learning all about the Solar System this term. On Monday night, we had a Star Gazing Night on the school oval. It was quite a chilly night, so we had to rug up in our warm clothes. Len and Beth North came with their friends Chris and Maureen and brought their telescopes and pictures along for us to look at and use. We really enjoyed getting to see the moon so closely (we could see its craters!!) and seeing some of the star constellation too. Thank you to Mr Watson and Mr Sexton for cooking us and all of our families our dinner. We had a great night.

By the Year One class





#### Dear Parent/Guardian

We invite your child to participate in the Treasure Hunters program that the school now offers in partnership with YouthCARE. Treasure Hunters support WA school communities through programs that develop life skills in students. Trained volunteers teach values and beliefs through Bible stories, games, activities, drama and music.

Volunteers are trained to be respectful of every child from every background as they explore integrity, values, and character. The sessions run weekly and the time and place will be confirmed closer to the commencement date.

If you would like your child to come and find out more, please indicate your preference below and return the signed form to us.

PERMISSION SLIP		YouthCARE Christian Values Education	
Signature			
Yes	No No	I would like more info	
Comments			

#### **TREASURE HUNTERS**

Thank you to everyone who has returned their permission forms to take part in Treasure Hunters. There has been a change to the previous commencement date, the program will now be delivered at the beginning of Term 2. If you would like your child/ren to take part, please return the above permission form by the end of term.