



Keyneton Primary School

'hand in hand'

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Newsletter 4

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*We value: respect, responsibility, honesty, integrity and personal excellence
"OK isn't excellent"*



Diary Dates

TOMORROW

Kate O'Connell's
Wedding Day

*She returns to work as
Mrs Clothier on
Tuesday April 2*

WEDNESDAY MAR 27

Term 2 Planning Day
Normal day for students

THURSDAY MARCH 28

Practice NAPLAN
Year 3, 5, 7

FRIDAY MARCH 29

Partnership Meeting
Cathy

APRIL 1 & 2

3-Way Interviews

FRIDAY APRIL 5

Easter RE

I know this has been a short term for me, but others have said it's hard to believe there are only 3 weeks until the holidays. We have been working hard to put into action some of the key statements identified during last year's consultation process. Attached is a Whole School Timetable that I hope shows you we have attempted to provide the students with opportunities to work with different teachers throughout the week. This not only gives the students variety, but utilises the different skills and expertise of our teachers.

I will report on various actions in newsletters so that you can see how we are tracking with our Strategic Plan.

Site Improvement

Our Site Improvement Plan has two main focus areas - improve students' ability to interpret information from texts and increase mathematical achievement, particularly in number.

With these goals in mind, Narelle has been testing all of our Year 4 - 7 students using the QuickSmart maths program, which has been provided and funded by the Department. This program aims to increase the students' automaticity with basic number facts.

Narelle has also tested some of the younger students' literacy skills and will begin the MiniLit program with those who would benefit from extra help next week.

You will receive a personal note informing you if your child has been scheduled for some extra support in either of these programs. The QuickSmart and MiniLit sessions both work with pairs of students and have been scheduled as three half hour sessions each week. We will keep you informed of your child's progress if he or she is involved.

Governing Council - 2019

The AGM was held on Monday night and the following parents represent you on the Governing Council:

Jamie Cameron - Chairperson

Mel Donohue - Secretary

Jason Treloar - Treasurer

Giles Bartram, Scott Gerhardy and Toby Rosenzweig - councillors.

Thank you to these people for your support of the school.



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Parents and Friends

We have a very active P&F and also thank them for their continued support.

Their AGM was held on Friday March 8, with positions filled as follows:

President - still open at this stage

Vice President - Kirsty Treloar

Secretary - Kate Jaeschke

Treasurer - Leanne Boehm

Committee - Del Hearnden, Mandy Gerhardy, Georgie Keynes, Jo Michalanney, Anna Cameron, Amanda Gum, Raelene Possnicker.

There are a couple of fundraisers happening now and next month: please send in your orders for hot cross buns and lamingtons and we still need some more lemons for the cordial which will be on sale at Yalumba during the Vintage Festival.



Mawson Lakes

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, teachers visited Mawson Lakes School last week to observe the way the students are provided with a differentiated maths curriculum which allows them to choose from appropriate learning activities and work at their own level.

We all came away inspired to put some of their ideas into action and will work on how best to implement these during next week's Term 2 Planning Day.

Young Leaders' Day

Connie, Abby and Shari G-B attended the Halogen Young Leaders' Day at the Entertainment Centre on Wednesday.

There were several inspiring guest speakers, including Rosanna Mangiarelli from 7 News, Tim Diamond, the General Manager of the Cotton On Foundation, swimmer Leisel Jones and our old mate, Phil Cummings.

The girls will provide a report in the next newsletter.

Knockout Cricket

Good luck to Jack, William and Caleb who will play their second cricket match next week after having a win last week.

NAPLAN Preparation

On Thursday next week students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia will take part in a practice NAPLAN Online test.

The test results of individuals won't be marked or recorded in any way, this is simply a way of testing the platform ready for the official tests that will take place in Week 3 next term.

There is a practice website that we introduced the students to this week and will use again next week. This site can be accessed from home too if you're interested:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Well-being Survey

Students from Year 4 - 7 will be completing the online *Wellbeing and Engagement Collection (WEC)* in the next couple of weeks.

The purpose of the survey is to seek students' views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school.

The information collected will help inform work in the education system and broader community to help improve young people's health and wellbeing.

3-Way Interviews

You should have received notes about booking times for interviews in Week 10. In Term 1 we like to catch up with all of you so please return the notes as soon as possible.



We have been trying a few new things with staffing this year, based on these statements from our Action Plan:

- Find ways to creatively allocate staffing across the multi-year level classes
- Increase the male staff presence

This timetable shows how teachers work across the year levels throughout the week, utilising their strengths in different curriculum areas and giving students the opportunity to work with different teachers, rather than one class teacher all week. This will continue to evolve as we implement some new teaching methodologies next term. We'd welcome any feedback, written or verbal, about how well you believe we've addressed students' needs in these areas.

Whole School Weekly Timetable - showing subject areas and teachers for KPS students

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday			Thursday			Friday		
9.00	Fitness – Kate		Fitness – Shari Guitar – Kate		Fitness – Lauren			Fitness – Shari			Fitness – Lauren		
Class ***	JP 2 teachers	Primary 2 teachers	JP 3 teachers	MP 2 teachers	UP 3 teachers	JP 1 teacher	MP 2 teachers	UP 3 teachers	JP 2 teachers	MP 2 teachers	UP 2 teachers	JP 1 teacher	Primary 2 teachers
9.30	Literacy Kate	Literacy Shari	Literacy Lauren	Literacy Shari	Literacy Cathy	Literacy Lauren	Literacy Shari	Literacy Cathy	Literacy Lauren	Literacy Shari	Literacy Cathy	Literacy Lauren	Literacy/ **STEM Mark
10.30										Hand writing Cathy	BTN Shari		
11.10	Recess												
11.30	Maths Kate	Maths Shari	Indo/ Music Kate	Maths Shari	Maths Shari	Maths Lauren	Maths Shari	Maths Cathy	Maths Lauren	Maths Shari	Maths Cathy	Science/ Maths Lauren	STEM Mark
1.10	Lunch												
1.50	Health Shari	The Arts Kate	*HASS Lauren	Indonesian Kate	Library Tech Lauren	HASS & Technology Shari	Art Lauren	Library HASS & Technology Shari	PE Lauren	PE Lauren	PE Mark		
3.20													

*** Number of teachers classes have throughout the day

*HASS includes History and Geography, and Civics and Citizenship for Yr 3 -7

** STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths – Mark integrates these areas with Literacy throughout the day