



Term One - Week 6

TELL ME I FORGET. TEACH ME I REMEMBER. INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN.

From the Principal



Our first assembly was held on Friday 23 February, and it was lovely to see so many parents and family members in attendance. Our Student Councillors did an admirable job of hosting and are to be commended on their persistence and resilience which enabled them to continue, despite the unexpected technical difficulties they experienced. All students are to be congratulated on their outstanding conduct in the audience throughout the assembly, demonstrating our values of being Respectful, Responsible, Resilient and Being Their Best.

As per the Term One planner, our next assembly for this term will be held on Friday 22 March at 9 a.m. and will be hosted by the Year 4 and 5 students in W1.

Year 6 transition

Our Year 6 students spent last Wednesday at Warnbro Community High School. They had a really enjoyable introduction to high school and participated in a variety of activities including dance and drama, art, team building games, basketball, soccer and the climbing wall. We received excellent feedback from WCHS staff who complimented our students on their exemplary behaviour and engagement in all activities.

Vaping

The prevalence of vapes in the community is a serious issue and is a growing concern for school communities. There are many different styles of vapes and they can be difficult to spot. The biggest

misunderstanding about vapes is that they are harmless compared to cigarettes. This is not true. Vapes are not safe. Our school follows the procedures within our School Behaviour Management Policy. Students found to be involved in vaping incidents at school will immediately lose their Good Standing, as per our Good Standing Agreement for all students.

Our Year 5 and 6 teachers utilise a range of quality teaching and learning resources to teach their students the facts about vaping. Further information for parents can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/drug-education>.

Naplan

Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) Online assessment, commencing next Wednesday 13 March and concluding on Monday 25 March. Students continue to be provided with opportunities to become familiar with the online platform and their teaching and learning program provides the required preparation needed for students to participate.

All students are to please ensure they arrive to school punctually each day. If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school to sit the test. We will make every effort to provide students with catch up tests on their return to school if it is within the testing window.

Bushfire Season Information

Our school is on the Department of Education bushfire zone register as it is located in a designated bushfire risk area. In addition to maintaining our Standalone Bushfire Plan, our school regularly conduct Fire Drills to ensure our students and staff are well prepared.

If a fire behaviour index of 75 (extreme fire danger) or greater is forecast for the City of Rockingham, a school may be required to invoke a pre-emptive (planned) closure. A 'catastrophic' fire danger rating poses a significant threat to the school if a fire starts. It is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast-moving.

Parents and carers will receive a text message to inform them of a possible pre-emptive closure of the school. The final decision to pre-emptively close the school will be confirmed with the Principal no later than 4:30 pm on the day before the pre-emptive closure. If the forecast changes after the 4:30 pm deadline, the school remains closed.

Parents and carers will receive a text message to either confirm or cancel a pre-emptive closure of the school. Typically, schools will be required to close for a day at a time however, this will depend on changing weather conditions. Parents and carers will receive a text message to advise if the school will reopen the day after the pre-emptive closure, or whether it will remain closed.

Staffing

A huge congratulations to our Manager Corporate Services, Sue Iskra, on being Merit Selected to a higher position at Caladenia Primary School. This is a well-deserved promotion, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue for her supreme efforts here at Port Kennedy Primary School over the past four and a half years. Sue commences her new position in week 8 of this term and we will advise of her replacement once this has been determined.

Harmony Day

We will celebrate Harmony Day on Thursday 21 March and encourage our students and staff to wear orange on this day, to show their support. Harmony Day falls within a week of celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

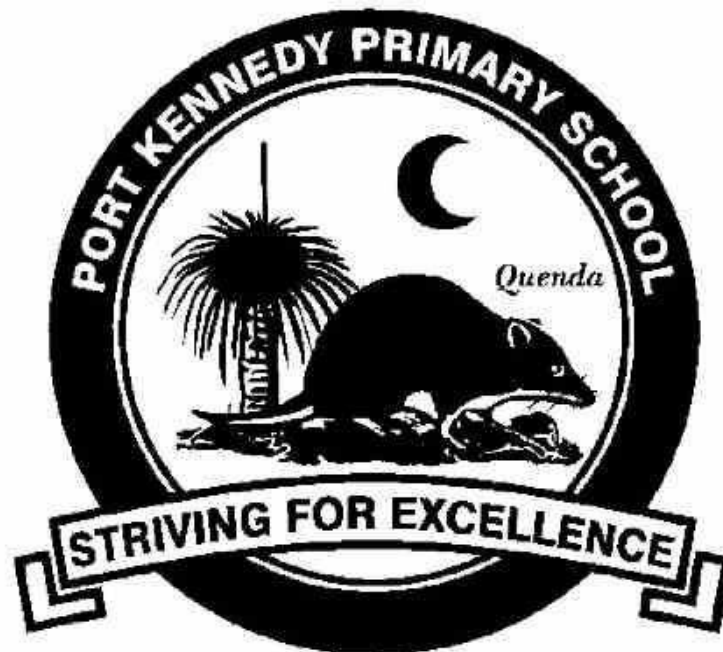
Ride to School Day Sausage Sizzle

Ride to School Day is on Friday 22 March, in week 8. Students are encouraged to ride to school on this day. To celebrate we will be holding a free sausage sizzle outside of the Community Hub. Breakfast Club will therefore not be open on this day.

Kind regards

Bec Stewart

Our School Board



Port Kennedy Primary School is an Independent Public School, and as such is required to have a School Board.

The school, in collaboration with the board, establishes a vision for the school that reflects the aspirations and needs of the community. The board can have an important influence on the direction of the school, with members bringing ideas and lending their expertise to strategic planning and community partnerships.

The Port Kennedy School Board membership is made up of Parents, School Staff and Community Members. We are currently looking to add Parent Members to the board and as such are inviting any parent with a child at Port Kennedy Primary School to nominate for these positions.

To ensure that the board contributes to effective school governance, and leads to better informed decision-making, new ideas, opinions, solutions and stronger connections with the school community, we are keen to ensure that our membership represents the diversity of our school community.

The School Board has meetings no more than twice a term on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m.

If you would like to nominate for the position of School Board Member please complete an Expression of Interest form, available from our school office reception.

If you would like further information, we encourage you to send an email to either:

Troy Bradfield (School Board Chair) – troybradfield@gmail.com

Bec Stewart (Principal) - rebecca.stewart2@education.wa.edu.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 21 Feb	School Board Meeting @ 4.30pm
Friday 23 Feb	Assembly @ 9am - Student Leaders
Wed 28 Feb	WCHS transition - Year 6
Mon 4 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 6 Mar	School newsletter distributed
Wed 13 - Mon 25 Mar	NAPLAN
Fri 22 Mar	Ride to School Day Sausage Sizzle
Fri 22 Mar	Assembly @ 9am - W1
Wed 27 Mar	Newsletter distributed
Thur 28 Mar	Last day for Term One

From the P&C - Keeping you in the loop

P&C Term One We the P&C wish to welcome all to be a part of our wonderful committee.

To continue operating as a P&C we need to fill the below positions immediately

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer & assistant treasurer

On the 8th of March at 4:30pm we are hosting a General Meeting (GM) in the community hub to fill these positions.

We also need new committee members.

Membership forms will be available for non executive members also. If you feel like you would be able to support the P&C please attend this meeting.

We are still accepting donations for the Easter Raffle until 19th of March and raffle tickets will be going home soon.

Thank you to everyone who has donated already and we appreciate your generosity.

Uniform Shop: OPEN every Tuesday & Friday 3:00pm - 3:30pm (in the Parent Hub) Wed/Thu/Fri 8:30-9:00am (in the canteen)

Check out Port Kennedy Primary School P&C page on facebook for pricing and more info.

Canteen: OPEN for lunch orders Wednesday, Thursday & Friday every week.

Counter service from 8:30am. Look out for the amazing meal deals that will be on offer. Check out PK CAFE Facebook page for more information.

Parenting Programs

PlayConnect+

East Waikiki

Playgroup WA's PlayConnect+ groups are for children with developmental concerns and/or disability and their families. No diagnosis is required

- FREE, weekly playgroup sessions for 0-5 year olds
- Parents stay and siblings are welcome
- Facilitator leads the group with play activities
- Connect with other families, share ideas and have fun!

Playgroup Coming Soon!

PlayConnect+ is coming soon to East Waikiki for children aged 0-5 years with developmental concerns or disability and their families during term-time

- ★ **Where:** Child and Parent Centre, End of Murchison Road and Cnr of Carnegie Loop Cooloongup
- ★ **When:** Wednesday from 14 Feb
- ★ **Time:** 9.30am-11.30am



Scan the code or visit bit.ly/3NirvTK to find out more or register your interest.
Email: hotline@playgroupwa.com.au
Phone: 1800 171 882.

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