



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MUSIC ASSEMBLY

Once again, yesterday we were treated to the amazing talents of our students led by our incredible music staff and the support of the classroom teachers. The junior choir were incredible and the ability of the staff to get almost 150 students organised to perform, let alone belt out some classic tunes defies logic. The choreography and costumes highlight the effort that is put in.

Following this we were treated to some percussion rounds led by some Year 3 students, before Drum Club, Ukulele Club and Glee Club showed us why they give up countless lunch times to practice and jam and just enjoy music.

The grand finale was to show the whole school just how good the Cirque Musicala was with the final act giving the audience goose bumps.... Again. Perhaps more impressive was how several students stepped up and filled in parts due to others being absent, and you wouldn't have known.

It was not a coincidence that the Thank You Afternoon Tea was prior to the assembly yesterday. The music assembly demonstrated just how fortunate we are to have such a committed and supportive group of parents to help us achieve these opportunities for our students. Combined with the efforts this year with the school fair, sports carnivals, excursions and class help we are extremely grateful for the help and support we get.

They say it takes a whole village to raise a child, we I think they wouldn't be too many villages better than this one.

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2019

Last night at the School Board meeting, the Board signed off on the Student Free Days for 2019. These days will be;

Thursday 31 January
Friday 1 February
Monday 29 April
Monday 22 July
Monday 14 October
Friday 20 December

As with all Board meeting minutes will be made available on the School Website. Last night we welcomed new board members Lauren Johnson and Tom Atkinson. We look forward to working with them over the next 3 years. We also farewelled Sue-Ellen Brown who will be stepping down from the Board after 6 years of service. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue-Ellen for her work over this time and the significant impact she has made to the direction of the school in this time.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 29 November
Year 5 Parent Meeting 3:15pm

Friday 30 November
Year 4 Twits Play Excursion
Year 3 Camp Out

Tuesday 4 December
ECE Xmas Concert

Wednesday 5 December
Nativity Play, 9:30am and 6:00pm

Thursday 6 December
Talent Quest
Crazy Hair Day

Friday 7 December
PP-Yr3 Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 11 December
Graduation Assembly 9am
Year 6 – Outback Splash

Wednesday 12 December
Presentation Night and Socials

Thursday 13 December
Final Assembly at 2:30pm
Students Last Day for 2018!

CLASS TEACHERS 2019

As discussed in a previous newsletter, there will be several changes to the staff in 2019. Currently there is a recruitment process in place to finalise the staffing structure. Thank you to all of those parents who have sent in requests for placements, teachers have just completed the class compilations and the Leadership team are now going over them to try and ensure requests can be met where possible. As this is such a complex task, we will not be able to factor in any further changes at this time. When class lists are made available, if there are any concerns, parents will be asked to observe a two week cool off period, and only then by appointment with myself will any consideration be given.

As I have said on numerous occasions. Trust the teachers know your child well enough to ensure that they have been placed in the correct environment for them.

Teachers for 2019 will be as follows;

Classroom	Year Level	Teacher
16K	K	Sue Saville
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17 PP1	PP	Alicia Marsh
18 PP2	PP	Caryn Woods
15	P/1	Jess Kirkham / TBC
1	1	Janessa Kennington
2	1	Kate Nicholson
3	2	Robyn Nicolaou
4	2	TBC
5	2	TBC
6	3	Sheri Barnett
7	3	Natalie Romeo
8	3/4	TBC
9	4	Judy LeBlanc
10	4	TBC
11	5	Annie Byrne
12	5	Kathryn Dunlop
Brooks A	6	Ben Orrell
Brooks B	6	Raquel Bebbington
Brooks C	6	TBC
Music	3-6	Lynda O'Reilly
Music	P-2	TBC
Visual Art	5/6	Barbara Mitchell
Visual Art	P-5	Tracey Read
Physical Education	P-6	Tyler Caddy

KSHS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to Lleyton, Lucy and Chae who were yesterday presented their Academic Scholarships for Kalamunda SHS in 2019. These students had to apply for this and were selected from many others across the intake schools. They were presented a Certificate and a cheque to go towards fees and uniforms from Mrs Helen Deacon, Principal at yesterday's assembly.

This afternoon I am attending the presentation of all of our Year 6's who have been successful in gaining a place in the Gifted and Talented Visual Art, Outdoor Adventure, Performing Arts, Performing Arts Music, and Academic Excellence programs for 2019. Tomorrow morning, I will accompany the Year 4's who have been accepted into the Academic Excellence Program for 2019 as Year 5 students. I always enjoy seeing our students celebrated in the wider community.



NATIONAL SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

The National School Opinion Survey will be made available to parents via an email link by the end of this week. Parents are asked to complete the survey as soon as possible so that the school can collect the data that will inform strategic direction for the next 2 years.

In 2016 when this survey was last completed there was only 9 responses. I would like to hope that this time around, we will have a greater response as I do value the input from the community, both constructive and positive. I am also formulating some questions around school programs such as Dance Sport, Choir, Camps, Excursions to gauge the value of these to the school community. As you are aware, as a school we offer so much extra, that I would like to explore the value of these and the impact that they are having.

I look forward to seeing the responses.

TWO WEEK WARNING

As we head toward the end of the year, the Leadership Team are just now editing the reports for preparation of their distribution in Week 10. The Year 6's are preparing for Graduations and the Early Childhood are preparing for concerts and the Nativity Play. Individual Classes are planning parties and Book Awards and Citations are being prepared for the Presentations Night.

Throw in an excursion of two, a camp over and some transition activities including KSHS awards presentations and you can understand it is a particularly hectic time of the year.

It is also a wonderful time to celebrate all of the success that has been achieved in 2018 in what I believe to have been an incredible year.

There will be lots of thanks and farewells in the coming weeks and no doubt a tear or two shed. In this time, I ask everyone to be kind to one another and enjoy what is left of the 2018 school year. I look forward to seeing you all over the next few weeks to join me in celebrating all of these achievements.

**Principal
Matthew Snell**



School Announcements

YEAR 5 PARENT MEETING

A reminder that the Year 5 Parent Meeting is on tomorrow, Thursday 29 November at 3:15pm in Rooms 13 and 14.

PARKING

As the fire season is upon us, we would like remind our school community to be cautious of parking on or near Fire Hydrants in the surrounding streets. Thank you

LIBRARY NEWS

There are still quite a number of books that need to be returned as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Mary Nardone, Library Officer

SUNSMART TIP

Sun Protection Times are a daily time period showing when UV levels are predicted to be 3 or above, and sun protection is needed. The sun protection times vary according to your location and will change throughout the year. To find sun protection times for your area, visit www.myuv.com.au

ACT-BELONG-COMMIT

Be Artistic

Have you ever been to a concert or performed on stage? Do you like to paint, dance and draw? If you answered yes to either these then you enjoy being artistic.

Getting involved in the arts is enjoyable, provides a sense of achievement, and is a distraction from everyday worries.

To find arts activities in your area, click on the "Get Creative" tab on the Act-Belong-Commit website. www.actbelongcommit.org.au





Each year our school is proud to be involved in this initiative organised by the combined churches of Kalamunda. This group organises food and gift parcels for local families in need and nursing home residents.

For those of us fortunate enough to enjoy Christmas with family and friends it is a good time to reflect on what this time of the year means to us and take a moment to reach out and help others.

The following is a list of some items that are suitable for food and gift parcels. If you are able to help please leave your donations at the office.

Suggested Food Items

Christmas puddings	Chips/pretzels/nuts	Cordial
Bon Bons	Custard	Shortbreads/biscuits
Tinned Xmas cakes	Long life milk	Tinned biscuits
Tinned meat/hams/fish	Fruit mince pies	Ribbon
Tinned vegetables	Stuffing	Money for bulk items
Cool drinks	Tinned foods	
Lollies	Tinned fruits	

Suggested Gift Items

Adults:	talcum powder, biscuits, chocolates, soaps, notepaper, etc.
Teenagers:	toiletries, makeup, books, games, CDs etc.
Children:	toys for various age groups, books games etc.

Please consider donating to this worthy cause. Some people have purchased one extra item when they're doing the weekly shopping and donating that, which seems a great thing to do.

Donations can be handed in at the office until 10 December



P&C News

P&C MEETING

The last meeting for 2018 will be held at the Kalamunda Hotel Board Room on Wednesday 28 November at 6.40pm We will be farewelling P&C members who leave the School this year as well as wrapping up the year and looking at the Fair breakdown. All are very welcome!

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday for Weeks 8 & 9 and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday on the final week.

Delicious canteen made sorbets and ice-cream now on sale, look for them online!

Community

Upcoming Community Events

Kids Cooking Classes

14 December [Link to Information](#)

Boys Netball

2 December [Link to information](#)

Kalamunda Kickboxing

School Holidays – January

Hartfield Recreation Centre Programs

School Holidays

Link to GHPS website for all above flyers:

[Upcoming Events in the community and surrounds](#)

Academic Programs

WAAPA Summer Program
School Holidays 2018/2019

Link to GHPS Website for information:
[Academic Programs](#)



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Want to be part of the next generation of Perth Scorchers?

With the Women's Big Bash League taking off, there has never been a better time for girls to play cricket.

We are looking for Grade 3, 4 and 5 girls to join the exciting new Under 11's competition in the Midland Guildford region.

No experience necessary, just get your friends together, sign up and get playing!

For more information, or if you're keen to get involved, please follow the contacts below.

You could be a future Scorchers!

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