



# KINROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter



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### Message from the Principal

#### Merry Christmas

This is the final newsletter of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support throughout the 2008 school year and wish everyone a safe and prosperous festive season. The support given by parents, in whatever way they can, is very much appreciated and helps to make Kinross Primary School the great school that it is. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

#### Principal to return

Mr Booth is keen to return to Kinross Primary School for the 2009 school year and has met with us on several occasions this term to talk about the school directions for 2009. He has finished his important role in central office and will meet with me at the end of term to discuss the handover. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for the support they have shown me throughout the year

#### Staffing 2009

While staffing for 2009 is yet to be finalised we are aware of the following changes. Mrs Hernandez and Miss Kokkeler have appointments at Kinross in 2009. Mrs Brandish is returning part time from parental leave. Mrs Schmidt has gained a permanent position at Clarkson PS, Mrs Thieme has gained a permanent position at Tapping and Mrs Stynes has gained a full time position at Quinns Beach PS. Miss Marshall is moving to NSW and Mrs Lancaster is moving to Busselton. The rest of our temporary teachers including Mrs Gulley, Mrs Hallam, Mrs Liebe, Mrs Fitzgerald and Miss Roach are still awaiting appointments. I would like to pass on my sincere thanks and best wishes for the future to all of these wonderful teachers. I will be taking Long Service Leave in term 1 and Miss Demiris will continue in her deputy principal role.

#### Kinross Skate Park

Parents may have seen the "you tube" clip of two primary school children fighting at the Kinross skate park the other night on the Channel 7 News. While the identity of the two students is not clear what is clear is the antisocial behaviour and events that occur at the park. Parents need to be aware of the dangers of their children attending the park unsupervised as we have had unsubstantiated reports of substance abuse and bullying mentioned to us by both parents and students.

#### School Reports

End of year school reports will be sent home with the children next Tuesday 16 December. Originally these were to be sent on Friday the 12 December however there have been delays which have prevented us from sending the reports out then. Overall, the children have worked very hard throughout the year and should be praised for their effort.

#### Gym Mats

The school has recently misplaced some large blue gym mats which are approximately two meters long by one and a half meters wide by 10cm thick. It is believed these were borrowed for an event and have not been returned. If anyone has information on their whereabouts please contact the school.

#### End of Year Arrangements

The 2008 school year ends next Thursday the 18th December and will remain closed until Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009. Stationery requirement orders and uniforms will be available for pickup on Thursday 29 January. Class lists for 2009 will be displayed in the administration block windows after 3.00pm on Friday 30 January or on the Kinross website at approximately 2.30pm. The web site will be password protected so a SMS message with the password will be sent out to parents once they have been placed on the web. Parents will need to ensure their phone details are correct for this to happen.

**Kevin Brennan**  
Principal

**Best Wishes for a Safe  
& Happy Festive Season**





**Start of the 2009 School Term -**  
**All Primary children will commence school on**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009**



**Pre-Primary Students** - Pre -primary students will begin their schooling with  $\frac{1}{2}$  days for the first two weeks. In weeks 1 & 2 sessions will be from 8.35 - 12.00. Students will need to be picked up at this time. Teachers will be using the afternoons to transition last year's Pre-Primary students into year 1 and to hold parent interviews. All Pre Primary students will begin full days on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

**Kindergarten Students** - Parents have been advised as to the days and times their children will be attending kindy. If unsure please speak with the teacher on your child's first day or ring the office.

**Stationery Requirements List 2008**

Collection date for your prepacked items is Thursday 29th January 2008 between 3:00pm - 6:00pm in the Undercover Area. Payment is required on pick-up.

**Kindy Vacancies**

We presently have positions available for Kindergarten in 2009. Please tell your friends & neighbours and if interested please call into the School Office for more information.

**Medical Details**

If your child/children have any medical conditions the school needs to be aware of, please call into the office between 8.35am - 3.00pm to fill out the necessary paper work. This is an extremely important matter and your immediate attention would be appreciated. Thank you.



**Emergency Clinic During School Holidays**

Please contact - Mount Henry Dental therapy Centre, 43 Mount Henry Road, Como.  
 Telephone 9313 0555 8.15am - 4.30pm (Monday - Friday) Excluding Public Holidays.

**School Car Parking**

A reminder once again, that the Kiss and Drive bays are reserved for quick 'drop offs and pick ups'. Parents' cooperation is again requested to **not park** in these bays. Also parents are not permitted to use the staff car park for dropping off or picking up students. Please remind your children that they must not cross through the car park. These are serious safety issues and your cooperation is requested to ensure school safety and smooth drop off and pick ups of children.

**Strangers in School Grounds**

The school takes this issue very seriously and parents, grandparents and visitors entering the school grounds are reminded that they must first come to the office to be given a visitors pass.



**What's on for Next Week - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Concert PP Stepping Up Assembly	<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b> Wacky Wednesday PP	<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b> Final Assembly - Book Prizes All Classes <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>
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## P & C NEWS

### **Salvation Army Christmas Appeal**

Kinross Primary School community will be participating in the Salvation Army Annual Christmas Appeal this year. This is a worthwhile cause to help those less privileged than ourselves and we encourage all who can, to contribute by bringing along

non perishable food items (cans, pasta, noodles, biscuits, etc.). These may be brought to school or handed to the class teacher. Please ensure none of the items are out of date.



#### **P&C Disco**

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Christmas Disco to be held tomorrow evening Friday 12 December 2008. The event provides a fun way for students to wind up the P&C year.



#### **Summer Order - Uniforms** - Summer Uniform orders will be available for collection during Week 8,

Term 4 from the uniform shop. If you are unable to pick up during this week you may collect your uniform on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2009 between 3.00pm - 6.00pm from the uniform shop.



**Please note the Uniform Shop will be CLOSED on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Lost Property** - If any property is left (not claimed) it will be donated to Charity. Please check the lost property boxes in the undercover area if you have any missing items.

**CANTEEN NEWS** - A reminder to all parents and students that the canteen will be closed on the last day of term 4 **THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** for the end of year stock take and clean-up.

**A special thank you goes out to all the wonderful volunteers that have helped me in the Canteen this year**

A very big thankyou to all the fantastic mums and nannas who have helped out during the year - we could not have done it without you. I would also like to say well done to the children who have tried new food items on the menu and seem to be enjoying a healthier eating programme - keep it up! May I also take this opportunity to thank my second in command (2iC) Maureen Taylor. Have a happy & safe Christmas everyone. See you in 2009 - volunteers always needed if you have any spare time! **Lynda**



#### **Wheelchairs for Kids**

The school is collecting 'ring-pulls' from the top of cans for an organisation based in Wangara. These items are recycled to make wheelchairs for children overseas.

Please hand in your collection of 'ring-pulls' to the front office.



#### **IGA - Shop-a-docket - A local store helping a local school**

Kinross Super IGA is a proud sponsor of Kinross Primary School. IGA are launching a shopper docket promotion which will run over the summer months. Our target is an interactive whiteboard and other computing equipment. If you feel it is appropriate, please encourage family and friends to endorse their Super IGA dockets and place them in the barrel provided at the store. We will keep you updated about our progress.



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## RIDING BIKES, SCOOTERS AND SKATEBOARDS

Please be aware that the riding of bikes, scooters or skateboards is not permitted on school grounds. We have had a number of near accidents. Please be considerate of others and follow the school rules. Thank you.



## The Adventures of Jaden & Hoppity

In 2001, when my eldest child Jaden was four, my mother bought him a toy bunny for Easter. Jaden immediately fell in love with the bunny and carried her everywhere. He called her Hoppity because she liked to jump around (actually being thrown in the air by Jaden). One day while watching them play, I was inspired to write a story about the Adventures of Jaden and Hoppity, which I then read to him each night. In 2007 I became a Radio Lollipop volunteer and experienced firsthand the wonderful job all volunteers do. 'The Adventures of Jaden and Hoppity' book was written to make my child happy and I wanted to share it with all children. Each page has been coloured in by the children of PMH, and every page has a special story behind it for each child. The best part in creating this book, and which to me is priceless, is the joy it has brought to the children who did the colouring in of the pictures in it. The book is available on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December.....just in time for Christmas.

The book is \$14.95 and part proceeds will go directly to Radio lollipop where I know firsthand the difference it can make to those sick children in hospital. Please visit the website [www.jadenandhoppity.com.au](http://www.jadenandhoppity.com.au) and purchase a book. Thank you for your support and generosity. Tina (Teeny) Fenn

## Filmbites



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## Somerly Alive Carols

**SUNDAY 14 December – 7:30**

**Riverlinks Park - Cnr Connolly Dr**

**Santa, Fun Activities & Stalls 6:45**

**Drinks, Food & Candles on Sale**

**Fireworks Finale 9:15**

**Bring Rugs, Jackets, Torch.**

**Roz (enquiries) – 94075217**

**Presented by Whitford Church & Somerly Residents**