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### Message from the Principal

#### Welcome Back

Welcome to the 2009 school year. A special warm welcome to new families enrolled in our school. Kinross Primary is a very successful school and I am confident that you will be impressed with the staff, students and parents who make up the school community. Welcome also to the new staff that join us this year. I know they will find their appointment very rewarding. Our staff is very professional and are excellent collaborative practitioners. Finally, welcome back to our existing students, parents and staff who once again can look forward to another successful and exciting school year.

#### P&C AGM

The P&C AGM is scheduled for Monday 16 February at 7.00pm in the staffroom. As we have lost several of our staunch P&C members (children no longer at KPS) we will be looking for new people to continue the excellent work that they have contributed to over the years. Two areas that have been brought up for discussion at the meeting are the establishment of a second hand uniform shop and a change of meeting time from night meetings to meeting during the day. For these changes to take place they will need to have parent support indicated by a vote at the P&C meeting. **I encourage all parents to become involved in the P&C.**

#### Attendance SMS messages

In the last half of 2008 Kinross Primary School introduced a new attendance package which saw parents informed by SMS or other means if their child was absent from school that day for an unexplained reason. This program will continue throughout 2009 but will not commence this week until classrooms have had time to settle and students still on holidays return. It is hoped that we will commence with the program from week 2.

#### Early Close

Please note that early close will now occur on a Wednesday at 2.30pm. The previous arrangements for early close are still in place with children who are unable to be picked up at 2.30pm being located in the library until they are picked up or dismissed at 3.00pm, the normal close time.

#### School Information

It came as quite a surprise to me when I received a phone call from Mr Doug Booth in early January informing me that he has been given an appointment to the Leadership Centre and will not be returning to Kinross Primary School in 2009. Doug asked me if I would be interested in taking on the position as Principal in the interim while the District Office established a pool of Principals for acting positions in the district. At present I have agreed to take on the role as Principal for term one and then take my long service leave, which I was scheduled to take this term. As a result of this the administration team of Mrs Christine Byrne, Miss Marie Beardsell and Ms Helen Demiris will continue for at least term one or until such time as the Principal role is sorted.

**New faces at Kinross - The following staff will join our team at Kinross for 2009**

Kirsten Littlewood has been appointed to teach PP2.

Elisa Gazzard has been appointed to teach PP4.

Rachelle Lorimer will team up with Mrs Page and work on the Thursday and Friday with the year 2's in TA10

Deborah Berry will team up with Georgina Jamison and will work on Thursdays with the year 3's in TA 13

Amanda Lack will team up with Mrs Brandish this year. Amanda will work a 3 days a week (Wed, Thurs and Fri) and Jacqui two days a week (Mon and Tues). They will teach year 4's in TA15

Kara Christman has been appointed to teach year 5's in TA 17

Samantha Dodd will teach art as the art specialist

Melissa Lawson will teach music on Thursdays

Sandra Markovic - Educational Assistant

Alison McLaughlin - Educational Assistant

Susan Barr - Educational Assistant

Karen Scanlon - Educational Assistant

Maureen Forrester - Library Officer

Amanda Groombridge - Library Officer

Welcome back Mrs Brandish who rejoins us from Parental Leave. Mrs Brandish will teach year 4 in 2009.



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**Kevin Brennan  
Principal**

## School Car Parks

As we have several additional staff joining us this year all car park space will be taken up by staff. **Parents are NOT to park in the main school car park** as there is insufficient room and it puts children's lives at risk. The pre primary car park area is only to be used by parents of kindy and pre primary students who have parking stickers. Please use the "Kiss and Drive" (**strictly no Parking**) on Callander Ave. and please resist the temptation to double park.

## Kiss and Drive

The area around school becomes extremely hazardous especially during the peak afternoon pick up period. This causes concern for parents and can be very distressing for the students. Your co-operation and patience in using the Kiss and Drive system will provide your children with a safer, less traumatic environment.

The first three bays in Callander Avenue, nearest the intersection with Kinross Drive are designated Kiss & Drive vehicle bays especially set aside for the set-down and pick up of students. The process allows approximately 30 vehicles to use the bays in the 10 - 15 minutes peak period after school.

## How Kiss and Drive Works

Move as near to the front of the Kiss & Drive bays as possible

Always be courteous to other road users

Children will wait in the school grounds near the Kiss and Drive bays

Bays to be used only for the set down and pick up of students

If your child is not ready don't stop - drive around the round-about and try again

No parking permitted in the pick up bays

Always indicate to enter and leave the Kiss & Drive bays

Ensure children entering the vehicle put on their seat restraint

## Benefits

Quicker, safer operation to set down and pick up children

Less parking hassles

Less waiting

Leave home later - get home quicker

Increase number of vehicles using the same bay x 10.


**REMEMBER**  
**40KM SCHOOL ZONE**  
**07:30am - 9:00am**  
**&**  
**2:30pm - 4:00pm**

## **Vacancies - KINROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL 2009**

We currently have some vacancies in Kinross Primary School for 2009 particularly Pre-Primary and Kindy. Please notify family/friends if they are interested.



## **Update of Information on Student Cards**

 It is very important that contact information recorded on student enrolment cards is current. In the event of an emergency, or a child becoming unwell during the school day, the school needs to be able to contact the parents immediately. If your telephone numbers (home, work or mobile), address or preferred emergency contacts have changed, the school must be notified as soon as possible.

## **Voluntary Contributions 2009**



A payment advice is coming home today with every family. Your voluntary contribution allows us to provide your child with an enhanced learning program above the standard provision. We need your support by payment of the amount (as endorsed by the School Council) indicated in the table on the attached advice. If you have already paid your contributions it is much appreciated.

## **NUT FREE ZONE**

The school has a number of students who have a condition known as Food Anaphylaxis, which is a sudden, severe and potentially fatal allergic reaction to peanuts and nut products. Several of our students suffer from this severe anaphylactic reaction. This is life threatening, therefore we ask that students do not have peanuts, peanut butter, Nutella or products with nut constituents at school. If a student eats nuts, and then plays on the equipment, a child with an allergy may still react. It is therefore important to adhere to the rules regardless if allergic children are in your child's classroom or not. On behalf of everyone at school whom this affects, I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



### BOOK CLUB

Please return all Book Club orders to the Library by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009. Please **DO NOT** enclose **CASH / CHEQUES OR CREDIT CARD** details with orders. You must make your payment **ONLINE** before returning your order to the Library. Thank You



### Calling all Volunteers - Support - A - Reader

Support-A-Reader program supports the classroom reading program and enhances reading development in students needing extra help. The effectiveness of this program is reliant upon volunteers. If you have some spare time to volunteer please contact Marie Peters, teacher TA5. Thank you.

### **PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARENTS**

Due to the overwhelming success and positive feedback regarding last year's parent workshops , we have decided to continue with the sessions this year. All parents are invited to attend the 1 hour, fortnightly workshops to discuss current parenting issues. The topics for discussion are determined by the parents involved. The first workshop will be held on **TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY at 2.00pm** in the conference room, located next to the staffroom. During this session we will decide our topics for this term and the most suitable day to conduct our workshops. You can register your attendance through the school office or direct any enquiries to Helen Demiris by email [Helen.demiris@det.wa.edu.au](mailto:Helen.demiris@det.wa.edu.au) or 9305 6022. We hope to see you there.



**Early Arrival at School** - Parents are reminded that children who arrive at school before 08.20am are required to sit on the bench seats in the courtyard area outside the office until the hand bell is rung at 08.20am



**What's New on the Web** - The school website continues to grow. Have a look at the students' page. There are great links to interactive websites to support student learning across the curriculum. [www.kinrossps.det.wa.edu.au](http://www.kinrossps.det.wa.edu.au)



**Dogs on School Grounds** - Please remember dogs are not permitted on the school grounds due to the chance of injury to students. Please can you keep dogs at home during this time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Sun Screen** - As part of our sun smart program, we encourage students to wear sunscreen. The school does not provide sun screen although teachers discuss how to use sunscreen correctly.

### P & C NEWS -

**P & C - Notice of Annual General Meeting** for the P& C is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7.00pm. All positions are vacant. Nominations are being accepted through the P&C box in the front office. Information regarding nominations will be sent out on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

P & C Uniform Shop - Uniform shop opening hours: Tues 8.15am - 9.00am & Thurs 2.30pm - 3.15pm

### *Community News*



**Kinross Dental Therapy Van** - The Dental Therapy Van will be based at Kinross Primary School for Term 1 only. (located near the Pre-Primary Car Park) Contact No. 9305 8695.

### **What's on for Next Week – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Book Club Returns
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> P + C Mtg	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Parents Night Years 3 – 5	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Parents Night Years 1 - 2	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Newsletter	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Assembly TA 20

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