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TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

Friday 21 August

Upcoming Event Reminders

Monday 17 - Friday 28 August
Swimming

Tuesday 8 September
Interschool Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 16 September
Massed Choir Performance

Last Day Term 3
Friday 25 September

First Day Term 3
Monday 12 October

Kaya and Wandjoo,

It is hard to believe that I am already in my fifth week as Principal of Kingsley Primary School. The past few weeks have certainly been busy, but they have also given me many opportunities to get to know our students, staff and families and to develop a much better understanding of the school and its community.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has taken the time to introduce themselves, stop for a chat or simply say hello. I have very much appreciated the warm welcome I have received and have enjoyed beginning to build relationships with the people who make up the Kingsley community.

There has certainly been plenty happening already. We were fortunate to welcome West Australian Opera to the school for a performance, providing our students with the opportunity to experience opera and live performance firsthand. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and engagement of our students and to be able to offer them an experience that may have been completely new for many.

We also held our KPS/SMLDC Faction Carnival, and it was a fantastic opportunity for me to see another side of the Kingsley community. I was particularly impressed by the way students participated, encouraged one another and represented their factions — Maali, Waalitj and Kaarda — with such enthusiasm and pride.

Congratulations to Maali, who were successful in winning both the Team Games Shield and the Overall Shield. Well done to all students who participated and contributed points to their faction throughout the day.

We would also like to recognise our individual champions and runners-up:

- **Junior Champion:** Princeton and Brooklyn
- **Junior Runner-up:** Phoenix and Phoebe
- **Intermediate Champion:** Brock and Grace
- **Intermediate Runner-up:** Sebastian and Mila
- **Senior Champion:** Alby and Ruqaya
- **Senior Runner-up:** Braylen and Kaylee

Congratulations to each of these students on an outstanding achievement.

**CLASS BEGINS**
8:45

**RECESS**
10:45 - 11:05

**LUNCH**
1:05 - 1:35

**CLASS FINISHES**
2:45

This week also marks the beginning of swimming lessons for our students. These lessons provide an important opportunity for children to develop their swimming and water safety skills, and I know our students will make the most of the program over the coming weeks.

While events such as these are highly visible, much of my time over the past five weeks has also been spent visiting classrooms, talking with staff and students, listening and learning. I have already seen many strengths across the school and, importantly, a genuine commitment from staff to supporting the learning and wellbeing of every child.

One of my priorities is to continue building strong relationships with students, staff and families. I believe the best outcomes for children are achieved when schools and families work in partnership, communicate openly and share a common commitment to helping every child succeed.

There is still plenty for me to learn about Kingsley Primary School, and I am looking forward to continuing to do just that. I am excited about the opportunity to work with this community, build on the school's existing strengths and, together, continue to make Kingsley a place where our students feel known, supported and able to achieve their best.

Celebrating 44 Years of Service to Kingsley Primary School

This week we farewelled Deb Potter, who has retired after an extraordinary 44 years of dedicated service to Kingsley Primary School.

Over more than four decades, Mrs Potter has been an important part of the life and history of our school. During that time, she has taught and supported countless children, including generations of students from the same families. Few people have the opportunity to make such a lasting contribution to one school community, and her commitment to the students and families of Kingsley is something truly special.

Although her official retirement date was a few weeks ago, Wednesday marked her final day in Room 3 and provided an opportunity for us to acknowledge the end of a remarkable chapter in the history of our school.

Happily, I can confirm that this is not the last we will see of Mrs Potter at KPS, as she will be back to join us as a relief teacher for various dates throughout the year and hopefully beyond that.

On behalf of the students, staff and families of Kingsley Primary School, both past and present, we sincerely thank Mrs Potter for her many years of dedication, care and service. We wish her every happiness as she begins this well-earned next chapter.

We are also pleased to welcome Alyssa Sutton to Kingsley Primary School. Alyssa will be joining our staff as the new teacher in Room 3. As she is new to our school community, we look forward to welcoming her to KPS and supporting her as she gets to know our students, staff and families.

Djilba – A Season of Change

We are now in the Noongar season of Djilba, which generally falls across August and September. Djilba is a transitional time of year, when the cold and rain of winter gradually begin to give way to warmer days and increasing signs of spring.

Around Armadale and the Perth Hills, the signs of Djilba are beginning to appear. Wattles and other native plants are flowering, our local bushland is beginning to show more colour and, as the days gradually become longer and warmer, we can see the landscape changing around us.

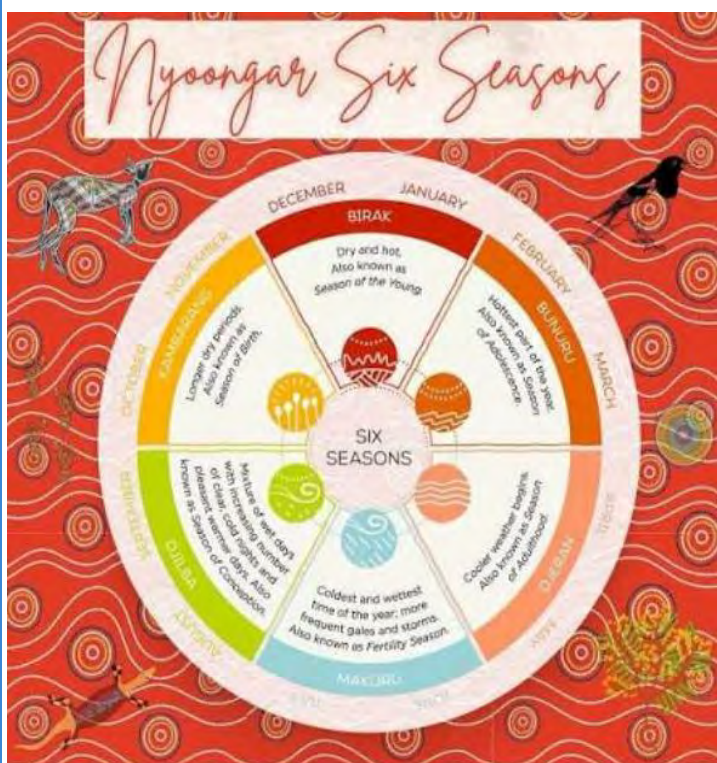
Djilba is traditionally known as the season of the second rains and the season of conception. As the weather begins to warm, animals become more active and many begin breeding and caring for their young. Traditionally, foods available during Djilba included land-based animals such as Yonga (kangaroo), Weitch (emu) and Coomal (possum), along with a variety of plant foods.

The changing landscape during Djilba is a wonderful reminder that Noongar people have long understood the seasons not simply by dates on a calendar, but by observing changes in weather, plants, animals and Country.

As Djilba unfolds around us, it seems particularly fitting that I am also beginning a new chapter, having recently joined the Kingsley Primary School community as Principal. Over my first five weeks, I have greatly enjoyed getting to know our students, staff and families and learning more about the school and the community it serves. I have been made to feel very welcome and look forward to continuing to build relationships and becoming part of the Kingsley community.

Merranie Beal

Principal



CONGRATULATIONS

Term 3 Week 3 Merit Award Winners

Logan

Safi

Azad

Bruce

Ammar

Alby

Brock

Amber

Elijah

Agnes

Aurora

Poet

Vaiga

Kaylee

Anaru

Abdullahi

SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Lunchtime World Cup

Last term, we held a lunchtime World Cup soccer competition, with separate boys' and girls' tournaments. The competition was played over the final two weeks of term and was a fantastic success, with strong participation and plenty of excitement throughout.

Both finals were closely contested. In the boys' final, England defeated France in a thrilling penalty shootout, while Egypt claimed a hard-fought 1–0 victory over Portugal in the girls' final.

Congratulations to all students who took part. It was great to see so much teamwork, sportsmanship and enthusiasm on display throughout the tournament.

Mr Nicholas

Classroom Teacher

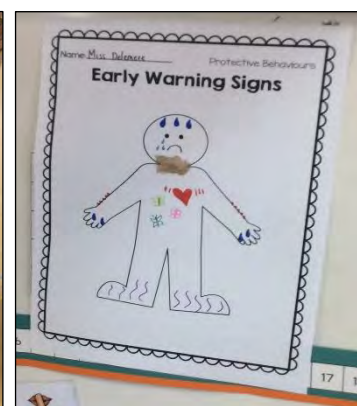


CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

This term, Room 15 has been learning about Protective Behaviours in Health. We have explored different feelings, discussed what it means to feel safe, identified the trusted adults in our support network, and learnt to recognise our body's early warning signs that can tell us when something doesn't feel right. Through stories, discussions and engaging activities, students have developed important skills to help them understand their emotions, build confidence and know how to seek help when they need it.

Thanks,

Georgia



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SA T/S UN
1	20 Jul SDD (Pupil Free Day)	21 Jul	22 Jul	23 Jul	24 Jul	25/ 26
2	27 Jul	28 Jul	29 Jul	30 Jul	31 Jul	1/2 Aug
3	3 Aug	4 Aug	5 Aug	6 Aug	7 Aug Assembly - SELDC	8/9
4	10 Aug	11 Aug WA Opera gam	12 Aug Athletics - Jumps and Distance	13 Aug	14 Aug Athletics Carnival NEWSLETTER	15/ 16
5	17 Aug Swimming	18 Aug Swimming	19 Aug Swimming	20 Aug Swimming	21 Aug Swimming	22/ 23
6	24 Aug Swimming	25 Aug Swimming	26 Aug Swimming	27 Aug Swimming	28 Aug Swimming	29/ 30
7	31 Aug	1 Sep	2 Sep	3 Sep	4 Sep Assembly – Rm 3	5 /6
8	7 Sep	8 Sep Interschool Athletics Carnival School Council Meeting 1:45-2:45	9 Sep	10 Sep	11 Sep NEWSLETTER	12/ 13
9	14 Sep	15 Sep Massed Choir – Full Day Rehearsal	16 Sep Massed Choir – Performance (PM)	17 Sep	18 Sep Assembly - Rm 8	19/ 20
10	21 Sep	22 Sep	23 Sep	24 Sep	25 Sep	26/ 27



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