KINGSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Be Strong: Work As A Team

Kaya and Wandjoo,

TERM 4 NEWSLETTER
Friday 6 November

Upcoming Event Reminders

Wednesday 11 Nov
2027 Kindy Orientation

Thursday 19 Nov
KSHS Yr 6 Orientation

Friday 20 Nov
Assembly Rm 15 & 2
Indoor Soccer Carnival

Friday 27 Nov
IMSS Assembly

Friday 11 Dec
Assembly: Book Awards

Monday 14 Dec
Yr 6 Fun Day

Thursday 17 Dec
Students Last Day



As we move further into Kambarang, the Noongar season of birth and renewal, the signs of warmer weather and new life are becoming increasingly evident around us.

Our local bushland is looking particularly beautiful at this time of year, with flowering banksias, kangaroo paws, orchids and other native plants adding splashes of colour as the warmer weather settles in.

One of the most spectacular sights of Kambarang is the Moojar (Australian Christmas Tree), whose brilliant orange and yellow flowers begin to appear as the weather warms. These striking native trees are a distinctive feature of the Western Australian landscape and a wonderful reminder of the changing season.

Closer to home, our students have been particularly delighted by the appearance of quenda and their young around our school grounds. Watching these little native bandicoots scurrying about has brought much excitement and provided some lovely opportunities for students to observe and appreciate the wildlife that shares our school environment.

Kambarang also brings increased activity among other wildlife, including birds caring for their young and reptiles becoming more active as temperatures rise. It is a timely reminder to be mindful of the creatures we share our environment with and to take care when exploring our local bushland.

These everyday encounters are a wonderful way for our students to connect with Country and develop an appreciation of the natural world around them, reflecting the importance of observing and understanding seasonal changes within Noongar culture.

Staffing Update

Farewell to Mrs Robyn Shepphard

After many years of dedicated service to Kingsley Primary School, Mrs Robyn Shepphard has made the decision to retire. Having recently enjoyed a period of long service leave, Robyn has decided to continue embracing a slower pace of life and the opportunities that retirement brings.

Robyn has been a valued member of the Kingsley team for many years, and her contribution to our school community has been greatly appreciated. She will certainly be missed by her colleagues and the many students and families whose lives she has touched over the years.

On behalf of the Kingsley community, I would like to sincerely thank Robyn for her years of service and wish her every happiness as she enjoys this next chapter.

Farewell to Ms Storm

We also farewell our gardener, Ms Storm, who has recently left Kingsley Primary School to pursue other opportunities. We thank Storm for her contribution to the school and wish her well in her future endeavours.

We will be commencing a recruitment process in the coming weeks to fill our gardener position. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in joining the Kingsley team, please keep an eye out for the advertisement and feel free to spread the word.

Welcome to Mrs Tarryn Wilson

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Tarryn Wilson, who has recently been successful in securing the position of School Officer at Kingsley Primary School.

As one of the first points of contact for families and visitors to our school, Tarryn will play an important role in helping our front office run smoothly and supporting our school community.

We are very excited to have Tarryn on board and look forward to working with her. If you haven't already met her, please take a moment to introduce yourself and join us in making her feel welcome to Kingsley.

Looking Ahead to 2027

As we prepare for the 2027 school year, we are also undertaking recruitment processes to fill upcoming Teaching and Education Assistant positions.

These processes are currently underway, and we look forward to sharing further staffing updates with our school community once appointments have been finalised.

Growing Enrolments and Classroom Accommodation

Our student numbers have continued to grow in recent months, which is encouraging and reflects the changing needs of our local community. However, this growth is also placing increasing pressure on our available classroom accommodation.

Based on our current enrolment projections, it is likely that we will need to establish an additional class in 2027.

We have submitted a request to the Department of Education for an additional transportable classroom. Unfortunately, transportable buildings are currently in very short supply across the Department, and we cannot be confident that our request will be successful.

If we are unable to secure an additional classroom, we will need to recommission Room 10 for use as a general classroom. While this would provide the teaching space we require, it would also mean relocating our existing intervention program and finding alternative arrangements for the many other important services that operate across our school.

These include visiting therapists and specialists who work with individual students, our Chaplains, Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer (AIEO), and Education Assistants who support students through small-group and targeted learning programs.

Finding suitable spaces for these services is already challenging, and losing another dedicated room would place further pressure on our ability to provide these supports effectively.

Out-of-Area Enrolments

Traditionally, Kingsley Primary School has had some flexibility to consider enrolment applications from families living outside our local intake area. However, with our current enrolment numbers and increasing demand from families living within our catchment, we are no longer in a position to routinely consider out-of-area applications.

Our priority must be to ensure that we can accommodate children who live within our local intake area, both now and as new families move into the community. As a result, out-of-area applications will generally only be considered where there are extenuating circumstances, and any decision will need to take into account our available capacity.

We appreciate that this may be disappointing for some families, particularly those with connections to our school community. However, these decisions are necessary to ensure we can continue to meet the needs of our local students.

We are continuing to explore our accommodation options and advocate for the facilities our growing school needs. While there are factors beyond our control, our priority remains ensuring that all students have access to appropriate learning environments and the support they need to succeed.

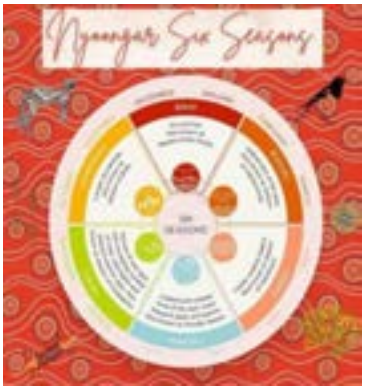
We will keep families informed as our planning progresses.

Introducing Monday Meet-up

We have recently introduced 'Monday Meetup', a new initiative that, at this stage, will bring our Pre-primary to Year 6 students together on a fortnightly basis. These gatherings provide a valuable opportunity to strengthen our sense of school community, explicitly teach and reinforce our school values, and share important messages and celebrations with students. Importantly, Monday Meetup will also provide opportunities for student voice and agency, encouraging children to share their ideas, contribute to discussions and take an active role in shaping our school culture. We look forward to seeing how these gatherings develop and become a positive and meaningful part of the Kingsley school week.

Merranie Beal

Principal

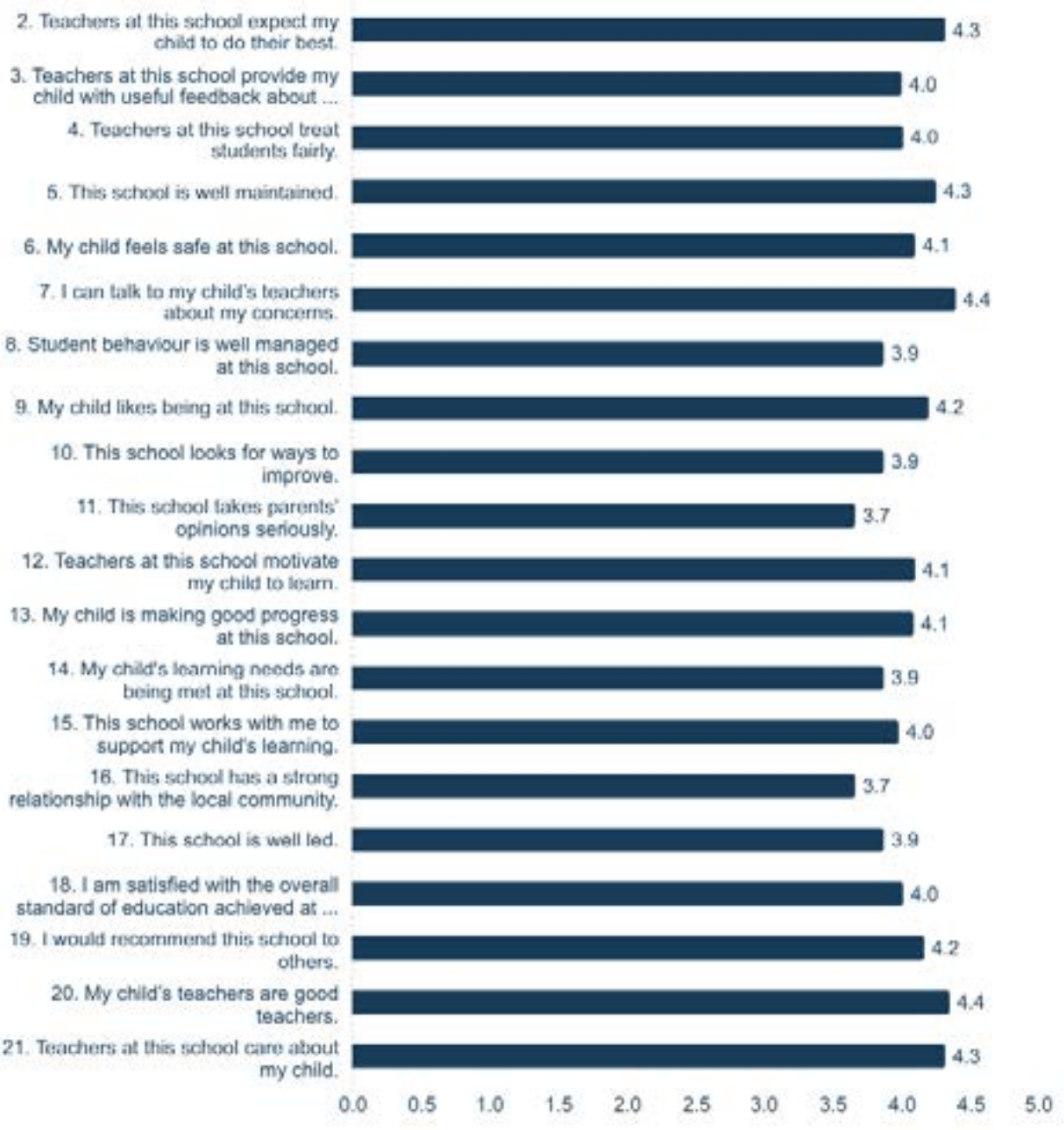


Parent Survey Results 2026

Thank you to the 62 parents and carers who responded to the recent School Survey.

The results of questions 2 to 21 are presented in the table below (question 1 was “What is the year level of your child yo
are considering when answering this survey).

Mean – Strongly Disagree = 1; Disagree = 2; Unsure = 3; Agree 4; Strongly Agree = 5



The highest ranked responses had a mean score of 4.4 and 4.3.

· My child’s teachers are good teachers
· I can talk to my child’s teachers about my concerns
· Teachers at this school care about my child.
· This school is well maintained.

It was pleasing to heat that most respondents feel that the staff are approachable, care about our students and do a good job. It was also pleasing to see that people feel that the school is well maintained. We have a 57-year-old school and that brings with the challenges of maintaining older buildings and infrastructure. We have managed to improve this over time with recent changes like the undercover area above the quadrangle in the senior block and the small basketball court near the junior oval. Beginning late 2025 and through 2026 we have replaced all the classroom desks and chairs to help to maintain attractive and inviting classrooms.
We are lucky to have wonderful grounds with playing spaces and natural bushland. It is a testament to our school gardeners that this has been so well established and maintained. Mr Tim made many of the changes, especially transitioning multiple plants beds to natives to be more water wise. We have had a turnover of different school gardeners in the last few years, and they have all made significant contributions before moving on to different roles. We will soon be running a process to appoint a new school gardener and hopefully they can serve our community for many years.

The lowest ranked responses had a mean score of 3.7

· This school takes parents' opinions seriously.
· This school has a strong relationship with the local community.

In the open-ended questions, "What do you think we can improve at Kingsley Primary School?" the majority of responses were about the lack of a P&C and the canteen closing. These responses are listed below.

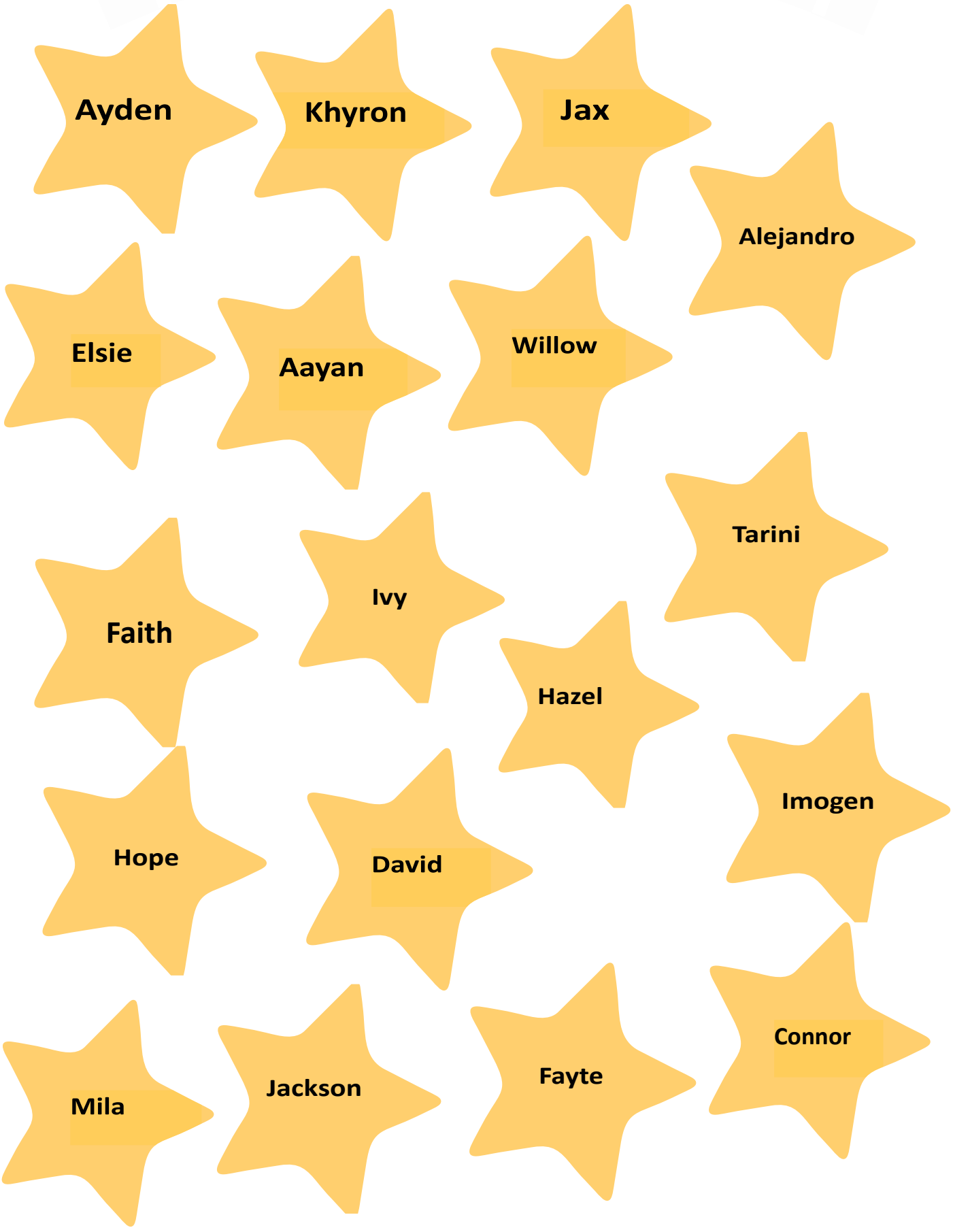
- *More EA teachers*
- *In school canteen*
- *PNC (kids are missing out on their fun schooling experience)*
- *Personalised activities in classrooms for special occasions (e.g. mothers/Father's Day crafts, Christmas etc)*
- *Maybe a P&C*
- *Have a Canteen and keep a Gardner and principal longer*
- *Would be nice if the canteen was put to use*
- *I don't think I have seen any fund-raisers in the last few years (cookie dough was great, but there are many other types out there).*
- *Haven't seen a book club brochure in several years, so need to go elsewhere for books for my kids*
- *Mothers/Father's Day/ Christmas gifts stall Doesn't seem to have a P&C*

Throughout the years our P&C was made up of many hard-working people, making significant contributions to our school, its culture and events. The P&C ran things like the Book Club orders, Mother's and Father's Day stalls, sausage sizzles at the athletics carnival, school uniform sales, school banking, the canteen and many more.

Our canteen closed in 2020 because it was no longer viable. Unfortunately, it had been making a loss for years and towards the end, most of the fundraising events, run by the P&C had been used to keep the canteen going.
In 2021 a new P&C ran throughout the year (without the canteen) and ran several successful fundraising activities. This was 3 or 4 people, doing a lot of work, trying to get others to join and help them but, at the time, no-one was available. At the end of that year there were not enough people available to take on the key positions within the P&C and the P&C was discontinued.
In recent years the P&C from the SELDC have run numerous events, including cake stalls at the athletics carnival and dress-up days and our students and families have been invited to participate.
We currently have lunch orders available on a Wednesdays and families can order through Smart Schools.
Re-establishing a P&C may be difficult, but not impossible.
Mrs Beal is keen to meet with parents and carers early next year who may be interested in re-establishing and perhaps filling executive roles within the Kingsley Primary School P&C.

CONGRATULATIONS

Term 4 Week 3 Merit Award Winners



SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Interschool Futsal Carnival

Kingsley Primary School is looking forward to competing in the School Sport WA Interschool Futsal (Indoor Soccer) Carnival on Friday 20 November (Term 4, Week 6) at Cockburn ARC.

This year, we will be entering one boys team and two girls teams. All three teams have been working hard at after-school training sessions in preparation for the competition. Teams that finish in the top two will qualify for the State Championships on Friday 27 November.

We wish all three teams the best of luck and look forward to seeing them represent Kingsley with teamwork, sportsmanship and determination!

Mr Nicholas
Classroom Teacher





Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1	12 Oct	13 Oct	14 Oct	15 Oct	16 Oct	17/18
2	19 Oct	20 Oct	21 Oct	22 Oct	23 Oct	24/25
3	26 Oct	27 Oct	28 Oct	29 Oct	30 Oct Music Assembly	31/1 Nov
4	2 Nov	3 Nov	4 Nov	5 Nov	6 Nov NEWSLETTER	7/8
5	9 Nov	10 Nov	11 Nov Kindy Orientation	12 Nov	13 Nov	14/15
6	16 Nov	17 Nov	18 Nov	19 Nov	20 Nov	21/22
7	23 Nov	24 Nov	25 Nov	26 Nov	27 Nov IMMS Assembly	28/29
8	30 Nov	1 Dec School Council Mtg 1.45-2.45pm	2 Dec	3 Dec	4 Dec NEWSLETTER	5/6
9	7 Dec	8 Dec	9 Dec	10 Dec	11 Dec Assembly: Book Awards	12/13
10	14 Dec Year 6 Graduation 6pm	15 Dec	16 Dec Adventure World Year 6 Water Fun Day PP – Yr. 5	17 Dec Students Last Day	18 Dec SDD	19/20

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