

Kenwick School NEWSLETTER



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First of all, I would like to thank all the Parents, Carers and Family members who came to watch Room 10 and 11's Assembly. The students had worked extremely hard and it was fantastic to see the production come to fruition. As many of you are aware, the School contains a diverse mix of students from various cultural backgrounds. The students in both classes conducted research on different countries including: Burma, Italy, New Zealand, Australia and Papua New Guinea. With help from staff, they compiled a number interesting facts about each nation and presented their findings at the Assembly on Tuesday morning.

Once again, I would like to thank all of those who attended and express how very proud the staff at Kenwick are of all the students who participated. We hope you enjoyed our production and look forward to many more to come.

Simon Connell

Margaret Bartlett and all the staff in Room 10 and 11



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From the Principal's Desk

I fully appreciate that we have all been grateful for the recent rains. While we celebrate the way our gardens have flourished and are thinking about what is best for our farmers, I am certain we are also thinking, and hoping for Springtime top kick in.

At the risk of making an understatement, these downfalls have caused significant issues to our storm water drains, resulting in the regularly flooding of our car park. The reason, for this as many of you will appreciate, is that the ground water table is quite high; and therefore it doesn't take much rain to inundate the stormwater drains, causing flooding particularly to the 'disabled parking' drop-off and pick up areas. Furthermore, the already saturated oval parking area has again begun to resemble a quagmire which has made staff parking very difficult.

In relation to this, I firstly want to convey my apologies of the inconvenience caused to the parents/caregivers and to our wonderful bus staff; and to thank you all for the stoic and good humoured way that you have handled this these inconveniences at drop-off times. Secondly, I again want to share the great news that this situation will soon be resolved. Central Office has approved an extension to our new car park facilities and to resolve the drainage issues as part of the project.

The budget for these work is in the order of \$250, 000 and planning is well underway. It is anticipated that works to create better parking facilities will commence sometime during spring time. So hopefully better drop off parking and pick up arrangements will in place by the time the next winter comes around.

While I am at it, I also want to confirm that our Department has committed to delivering the following works at Kenwick:

Transportable refurbishment and relocation classroom and bathroom in precinct;

Transportable refurbishment and relocation of Admin office;

Covered walkways to classroom in the Secondary precinct;

Subsoil drainage and civil works to oval and classroom precinct

New fire services (3 hydrants and booster pump) for the whole site

I am very excited at the impact that these improvements will have on our school environment. Works should be concluded by mid-2019.

Kind regards Mark Watson Principal

Parking Reminder

For reasons of safety for our students could all parents and caregivers please park away from where the school buses drop off and collect our students.

Bays are provided for parents and caregivers to use. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Kenwick School Bank Details

Payments for school contributions, uniforms, outings etc can be made directly to the school via direct deposit. If you decide to take advantage of this payment system could you please add your child's name

and reason for the deposit to help with account management.

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Room 1

The holidays came and went very quickly. So far this term we have celebrated July birthdays for three of our students and welcomed a new student to our class. Slowly but surely we are all settling back into our school routine.

Mondays we enjoy art and music with Tegan.

Tuesday is swimming day with Wayne.

Wednesdays students go to PCYC or bike riding and we have cooking.

Thursdays we enjoy spending some time in the Multi Sensory Environment.

On Fridays we spend time in the garden and have Angie as the classroom teacher.

Room 1 has been cooking pancakes/pikelets. They go down a treat and make the classroom smell delicious.

I look forward to meeting with parents in weeks 5 and 6 to discuss student IEPs. Karen Drummond & Staff

Room 2

Great to have the students back after their break. We have made a couple of changes to our daily timetable and the students have adjusted to the new routines well. The students continue to show improvement in waiting, taking turns and learning the steps in a flag relay each day. The students are well on the way to getting it right for the sports day at the end of the term. We are also enjoying playing tapping sticks and the guys are doing a great job in keeping to the beat, some with a little bit of help. We have a new sensory swing in our room which is proving very popular with the students. There are lots of big smiles when the students see the blue swing being hung. Well done to Tyson, who greets us and tells us how he is feeling and asks us "How are you?" each morning with his communication device. He is also learning to communicate his name and address when asked.

Marie McLachlan & Staff

Room 3

Room 3 has hit the ground running in term 3 and everyone is very excited about our new class theme. This term we have decorated our class 'Safari Style' and the students have enjoyed decorating the class with their artwork. Laurence constructed a fantastic hippo collage, Rayan created a terrific giraffe collage, Kallem and Kingston made awesome African masks and Jayden created a fabulous giraffe print. There has also been some exciting news in Room 3, with the arrival of a new student, Patrick. The staff and students are all very excited to get to know Patrick and we all welcome him and his family into the Kenwick School Community.

Antonietta James & Staff

Room 4

We have had a great start to the term in Room 4! In Maths we are practicing counting principals and recognising numbers. Each week we have been focusing on a new number and completing different activities to do with the number. In English we have been continuing to learn a new letter each week and working on learning beginning sounds. This term we have also started a weekly yoga program. All students have been very engaged in the program and look forward to the lessons each week!

Tayla Everett & Staff

Room 6

This term our theme is "Health and Nutrition". So far the students have smelt and held different types of fruit. We have then made colourful prints in the form of a fruit basket to show on display outside our classroom. Oral hygiene has also been a focus and the students have participated in a programme twice a day to improve mouth cleanliness. The children have prepared hens during Art and participated in the scrunching of coloured paper and felt different feathers to achieve an outstanding result. In the garden the students will be participating in the growing of potato and carrot plants.

Wheelchair Dancing continues to be a favourite with the children and we are carrying our theme into this area and have included songs such as "Hot potato" and the "Chicken Dance in our repertoire. Individual Education Plan meetings are underway and we look forward to these times to discuss student progress and achievements with parents.

Deb Cork & Staff

Room 7

'We have had a fantastic start to the term in room 7! All students have come back and settled into our class routine smoothly, and seem well rested after their holiday break. We are very excited to welcome our new student Ayman to room 7, and are blown away with how quickly he has settled in to our classroom. This term we are continuing our letter of the week focus, and are now starting a number of the week as well. We will be engaging in lots of fun activities around these. Happy Birthday to Levi who turned 5 on the 29th of July!! We were very excited to help Levi celebrate his 5th Birthday with some lovely Cars cupcakes he bought in to share with his friends. Thanks Levi!'

Alison Hunt, Naomi Braine & Staff

Room 8

"This semester Room 8 has started looking at story structure in our literacy block. We have practiced learning book titles, authors, characters, settings, plot and conclusions. We have used this information to create book reports which we have used to decorate our classroom. It has been great to read lots of new books and practice gathering information from them."

Lachie Frewer & Staff

Room 9

Room 9 students have had a very busy start to the new term. We have started with an emphasis on literacy, health, money, work skills, cooking and community access. Due to the class dynamics, we will do alternate Community Access on Thursdays. Most students will have the opportunity to go out two or three weeks in every four. ITP meeting will begin in week 5. We look forward to meeting parents and carers to discuss desired outcomes for their child.

Annette Kay & Poonam Parwani & Staff



Room 10

As I have written on the front page, I would once again like to thank all of the Parents, Carers and Family Members who attended Room 10 and 11's Assembly. We are all very proud of the students and hope you enjoyed our production.

I would just like to take this opportunity to say how great it is to work with all the students every day at Kenwick School. We have so much planned for the remainder of the year and I look forward to being a part of many more achievements throughout Term 3 and 4.

Simon Connell & Staff

Room 11

Room 11 students have been busy practising for our joint assembly with Room 10. We are continuing our multicultural theme that we started in cooking with a multicultural touch to our assembly, featuring the different countries represented by our students.

We are working hard on our communication using both low tech and higher tech devices to help give us a voice. We've had a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some workshops presented by the WA Circus who have helped us move our bodies in a rhythmic way, which was fun.

We are happy to welcome Mrs Jan Kingi to our class as an extra EA. Marianne Van Dam, Margaret Bartlett & Staff

Room 12

Since last semester we worked on identifying ourselves by our personal information and appearances, this semester we will be working on identifying others in class by their hair colour, eye colour and name. Another activity we participated in was going to Packer Park which was a great success. We will be continuing community access by travelling to certain food and recreational areas within the wider community. This will give the students opportunities to practice how to safely cross the road and how to behave appropriately on a bus and train.

Anthony Raschilla & Staff

Location: **Bullcreek Tennis Club**





Inclusion Tennis

This program is open to anyone of all ages with Autism, Down Syndrome, intellectual and physical disability.

Room 13

It has been a good start for everyone in Room 13. All students have been happy to be back at school and enjoyed meeting their friends. It is great to see Mathew and Hasham starting to use their communication devices during many of our daily activities. We are very pleased to see Zain unpacking his bag every morning with just gestural assistance. The students have also been practicing pointing to "I like" and "I don't like" symbols on their chat mats and communication devices to indicate if they like the activities. We also want to thank our students for helping the staff to have a great Fun Friday day. It was fantastic to see smiles on the students' faces and being creative on the dance floor.

Natalia Lacey & Staff

Important dates for Term 3

| 6 September | School Ball |
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| 7 September | Superhero Day |
| 14 September | Faction Sports Carnival |
| 21 September | Last day of Term |

School Term Price: \$195/ 10 week term for 1 session a week

School Holiday Price: \$120/6 sessions a week



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SCHOOL TERM

MONDAY'S-THURSDAY'S MONDAY'S-SATURDAY'S 4:30PM - 5:30PM

FRIDAY'S 5:15PM - 6:15PM

SATURDAY'S 8:30AM -9:30AM

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

9:00AM-10:00AM