

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Just before our focus shifts to the winter break it is timely to reflect on what has been one of the more challenging school terms in living memory. Last term, the prevailing close contact rules severely impacted our families as several students required to isolate upon a positive test of a peer. This term differed from Term 1 in that the pandemic played havoc with staffing. As the pandemic progressed in the community, at times we struggled to staff classes. For example, at its peak (Week 5/6) we were only able to replace 25-30% of our absent Education Assistant staff. Fortunately, things have somewhat eased, although as a society we are not yet out of the woods.

I am pleased to share that our staff met these challenges in a stoic, flexible and highly professional manner. Our **'classrooms-first'** remedies included:

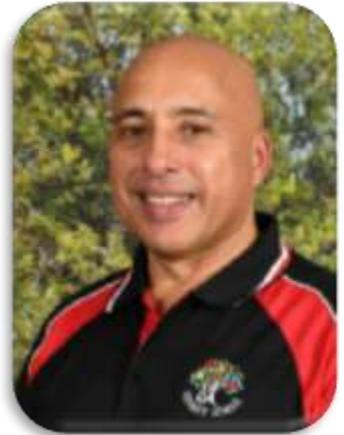
1. Class rooms being **'hubbed'** or joined up, with a teacher working across two rooms;
2. Our Lead EAs and EAs in focused roles (e.g. gardening, kitchen, café programs) being allocated to classes;
3. Our Admin Team (Deputies etc.) being deployed as Relief teachers as required.

As reflected in the hub articles in this newsletter, staff maintained a relentless focus on student engagement, and health and well-being of students. On the whole, our students showed extraordinary resilience in coping with the almost daily changes in personnel and teaching arrangements.

However, as you will note when you review your child's Semester 1 reports, student and staff attendance had a significant impact on some planned programs and outcomes. Nevertheless, I am enormously proud and satisfied by how well our students, staff, parents and carers coped this semester. We are all due a well-earned relaxing term break 😊 As tumultuous as this term has been, there are many things worthy of celebrations, including:

Classroom LCD interactive panels (smartboards)

Over the past 6 months we have researched the best options to upgrade our classroom technology resources. This past week we were thrilled with the installation of the first 6 of 17 new LCD interactive panels (smartboards). Think of them as giant iPads with endless possibilities to enhance student learning opportunities. Staff are looking forward to engaging with professional learning next term to maximise our understanding of this new equipment. The accompanying picture of Teak from ECC interacting with a panel beautifully paints the picture.





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The JTESC Kenwick “Guitar” Project

Last Friday our school hosted the inaugural *Kenwick Rocks Karaoke*, a sensational event. Its central purpose was to receive a guitar built by the students of John Tonkin ESC for our school. The story of this project is expanded on later in this Newsletter- (See Page 7) It was also covered by the *Mandurah Mail*; you can read it here:

<https://www.mandurahmail.com.au/story/7784983/john-tonkin-college-students-build-guitar-to-gift-fellow-students-at-kenwick-school/?cs=289>

I am so impressed by the selfless effort from the students and staff of JTESC; this is an awe-inspiring spirit of generosity. People with disabilities going out of their way to help out students is a story well worth celebrating; and a beautiful segway to our holidays.



Mark with Stanley, Cran Collis and Duncan Sanders from JTESC

Kind Regards
Mark Watson



Kenwick School Receives Guitar!
Quinn Jones and Laurence Tondut

Happy
Holidays



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What's Happening in Our Classrooms!

Hub A

It has been a truly wonderful term for the students and staff in Hub A. All students have learnt so much and are showing incredible growth!

In ECC, it has been an exciting and busy term for the students in ECC. Some highlights include visits from Nate (the Kenwick School therapy dog), dressing up for 'Kenwick Rocks' and exploring stories that celebrate indigenous culture during NAIDOC week. The students and staff are also looking forward to celebrating the end of term by having a Pyjama Party on Wednesday 29 June!

Room 2 Have been super busy since the last newsletter! We moved classes becoming Room 2, we partied on Rock 'n' Roll Day, we have begun celebrating NAIDOC and we have also welcomed a new student, Rocco, to our class. All these exciting things have kept us busy in the lead up to end of term.

We would like to wish everyone a happy, safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you again in Term 3.

Talya and Sasha



Hub B

Hub C Newsletter Article

What a term it has been! Considering the many disruptions and staff changes this term the students and staff in Hub C have been very busy and productive. Room 1 have been exploring the Noongar six seasons and have created some amazing artwork using paints and natural materials.

Room 5 have been exploring the new electronic whiteboard in our classroom, which were install this week. We have used the special pens to record information during lesson such as in HASS where the students took turn writing names of places they were connected to through relatives, food, clothing and holidays.

Amity, Christina and Ant



Hub C

We have been having such a great time in Hub C over the past few weeks. It's hard to believe that the term is nearly finished. We have been continuing to work extremely hard on our Balanced literacy topics and our letter of the day. We have made it through the whole alphabet and we are now on round 2 of our sounds.

Last week we were lucky enough to watch the students from John Tonkin Secondary College do their thing. Josh looked the part dressed as a rock star, while Carla showed everyone how to sing and rock out like the star she really is.

This week we are celebrating NAIDOC Week as a school. We have been listening to different dream time stories and creating artworks that match. Yesterday we did Tiddalick the Frog who drank all the water. We painted frogs using sponges which was lots of fun and everyone's looks so different!

On Monday it was finally our turn to have a visit from Nate the therapy dog. He came into room 7 and joined the class. He was so calm and made everyone who was there very relaxed. Everyone loved giving him pats and talking to him.

It has been a great term and I can't wait to see what we achieve in term 3!

Naomi, Deb and Tegan



Hub D

Hub D students have had an invigorating conclusion to what has been a busy term, packed with exciting school and community events. Highlights for our hub were undoubtedly the Kalamunda soccer carnival and our Rock "n" Roll karaoke day. Our students relished the opportunity to perform, have fun and participate with students from other schools. At our assembly we acknowledged Nayong (making safe choices), Kingston (literacy award) and Laurence (leadership in PE) for their merit certificates. They are well-deserved and a fine achievement they can be proud of. Looking ahead we will be participating in a range of activities to celebrate NAIDOC Week in Week 9 and we can't wait to meet Nate the therapy dog in Week 10. We would like to wish all our students and their families a happy and safe holiday break and we look forward to getting stuck into Term 3!

Ricky and Sharmin



Hub-E

The students in room 16 and 18 have been investigating different concepts using their communication devices. We have discovered the topics, colours and shapes and are finalising our work on different food and drinks. This communication approach includes integrating art, cooking, mathematics and technology into our lessons. Room 16 has had many enjoyable outings on the school van for Community Access, so far visiting Shipwreck Park and Bibra Lake Regional Playground. We are hoping to continue this program next semester. This week we have celebrated NAIDOC by enjoying some damper, completing a variety of artworks and listening to music. Well done to Zubair and Kaleb for receiving merit certificates at last week's 'Rock n Roll' assembly.

Andrea and Stephen



Hub F

How Term 2 has flown by! All members of Hub F have had a busy and productive term. Students have been working on completing their ASDAN Modules. They have also been working hard to maintain the school garden, meet their educational goals and been working hard at work placement. Our combined sports on Mondays have been a hit, with the focus this term being on Soccer. The soccer carnival was a successful day with the Kenwick Knights giving it their best. We also had a fantastic visit by the students from John Tonkin College for our Kenwick Rocks Karaoke Day. The students looked like absolute stars and it was a great day all around. We also have been learning about and celebrating NAIDOC Week. We can't wait to see what next term holds for us!

Montel and Kate





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Hub G

We can't believe that term 2 has come to an end so quickly. The highlight of the past week has most certainly been Kenwick Rocks Karaoke Day. The students from John Tonkin ESC together with Duncan Sanders built a guitar and presented it to our students. Room 8 were excited to dress up for Rock star day and especially loved the cool Music. The students from Room 19 were dressed up as their favourite Rock Stars and Jesse made a special appearance dressed as Prince. The students felt very excited and joined in dancing and jumping to the rock music. During NAIDOC week Hub G has participated in a range of activities including cooking, art and listening to different stories. Room 8 students were thrilled to make traditional damper. We had fun playing a game of tic tac toe using aboriginal symbols and also drew some signs in coloured sand. Room 19 students were given an opportunity to participate in dot paintings by applying small dots of paint to create overall designs. It was wonderful to see the students engage so well with the activities.

Hub G has also been working on wellness. We are taking time to take care of ourselves and others by having daily meditation and quiet time. Great to see Room 6 students trying so hard with their communication devices.

A big thank you to parents for their ongoing support and to the staff for encouraging the students to be their best.

Ella, Marie and Natalia



Term 3 Up and Coming Events

Assembly: Week 4

12th August 2022

Assemblies are held at 9:15am. If you wish to watch our assembly and arrive early, please sign in at the front office and make your own way down to your café and enjoy a hot beverage before assembly starts

Assembly: Week 8

9th September 2022

Assemblies are held at 9:15am. If you wish to watch our assembly and arrive early, please sign in at the front office and make your own way down to your café and enjoy a hot beverage before assembly starts

Book Week- 22-26 August 2022

Super Hero Day- 9th September 2022



John Tonkin College ESC for Kenwick School Project

On Friday 10 June Kenwick School Held an event called “Kenwick Rocks Karaoke”. Its purpose is to mark and celebrate the handover of a guitar students of John Tonkin College ESC (JTCEC) built for our school.

The project was led by Duncan Sanders, a teacher at JTCEC who previously worked at Kenwick School from 2020 to 2021. The planned handover will conclude with a jam/karaoke performance by students of both schools.



Background

A few years ago, teacher Duncan worked with a student on an engagement program at an inclusion school. The student worked in isolation and had few hobbies, one of which was playing the guitar. Once he had finished his work for the day as an incentive, he was allowed to search online for guitar pictures for a few minutes. One day he saw a DIY guitar kit online; and he and Duncan discussed how much fun that would be to put together. After discussing this with school admin, a plan was developed with the student to potentially earn the guitar as an incentive to reengage with schooling.



The student was required to work to a set program and demonstrate improved focus. The arrangement was contingent on him achieving by term’s end. The program was successful; the student enjoyed the challenge of completing his work and working towards the reward. The kit was purchased and with help from the school's workshop team, he was provided the opportunity to put it together for a few minutes each week. Following this success, Duncan was able run a similar program for another disengaged student. This program also yielded positive outcomes.

Last year, Duncan had a conversation with Kenwick School student, Laurence, about making the guitars and how much fun and skill-building it was. He then approached

the schools Manager Corporate Services with an idea for his class to purchase and build a guitar as part of the ongoing Life skills program for his students. While his application was successful and the guitar purchased, unfortunately, the class didn’t get time to start the project before the end of the year. With the permission of School Admin, Duncan was permitted to take the guitar kit to his new school, JTCEC, on the promise the project would be completed and presented Kenwick School. Duncan did so in the knowledge JTCEC had a fully equipped Workshop and a tradesman/lecturer who was very helpful and skilled at completing such projects.

The Guitar Project

This year, Duncan explained to the students at JTCEC the story behind the guitar, including the plan to deliver it completed to its real home. He was able to describe the outstanding music programs at Kenwick, including highlighting the work of *Sensorium*, a sensory theatre group for people with disabilities. *Sensorium* is based at Kenwick School.

JTCEC students particularly enjoyed watching YouTube videos of “Whoosh”, one of *Sensorium’s* immersive performances. Duncan’s students just couldn’t work out how *Sensorium* makes the spaceship look so good and enjoyed seeing the students interacting with the various sensory experiences. The JTCEC students also learnt that Kenwick held an undercover Friday dance party to round off the week. ‘What a great idea several said, we should do the same’.



Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following students. Your progress and hard work has been recognised!

ECC	Nathan Wells
ROOM 1	Shane Peke
ROOM 2	Charlie Stevens
ROOM 3	Omar Burhan
ROOM 5	Ethan Saunders
ROOM 6	Tahlia Burns
ROOM 7	Carla Giuliani
ROOM 8	Rhianne Oliver
ROOM 9	William Tondut
ROOM 10	Laurence Tondut
ROOM 13	Quinn Jones
ROOM 15	Nayong Win
ROOM 16	Zubair Abdullah
ROOM 18	Kaleb McCann
ROOM 19	Xavier Tabone
Literacy Award	Kingston Warbrick

Term Dates

Term 2

Ends 1st July 2022

Term 3

Student Free day 18th July
2022

Starts 19th July 2022

Ends 23rd September 2022

Term 4

Starts 10th October 2022

Ends 15th December



School Bank Details

Payments for school contributions, uniforms etc. can be made directly to the school by direct deposit.

Please remember to add **your child's name and reason for the deposit** to help with account management.

E.g.: Cooking, John Smith

BSB: 016 358

ACC: 340844189



MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH CENTRE

Flu Vaccinations

It's that time of year again when you need to consider a visit to the GP to get a Flu vaccination for yourself and your family. Please keep children home until well.

Kerrie, Charmaine, Vanessa and Kristen



Medication

For parents/caregivers who have children that take medication at school. Please do not put the medication in your child's bag, it must be dropped off at reception.

If your child is on the bus, please hand the medication to the bus driver and they can pass it on to a staff member at school."



Ambulance Cover

We want to provide a timely reminder to our parents and caregivers to consider taking out Ambulance cover for their families; a move that can potentially prevent the need to pay a significant Ambulance bill. In the event of a medical emergency involving a student, the school may need to call an ambulance; the cost of which is borne by the family of these students. Alternatively, the cost of ambulance for a year is quite modest. For more information, is available via the following link:



<https://stjohnwa.com.au/ambulance-and-health-services/metro-ambulance-service/metro-ambulance-fees>



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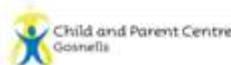
Assisting Students with Covid vaccination and Flu vaccination

The Sedation Clinic is run by the Department of Health in collaboration with Subiaco Private Hospital;

- The Sedation Clinic operates on Saturdays
- Dates and opening times are determined 2-3 weeks' prior
- Procedures are for vaccinations only (COVID-19 and influenza)
- Clients can self-refer or be referred by a GP / immunologist
- Client will be contacted within 2-3 weeks once referral is received

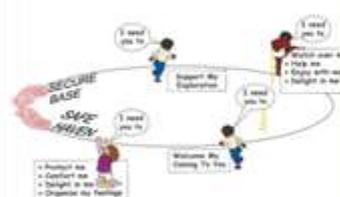
Pre-appointment procedures include the following;

- A COVID-19 Vaccination Program (CVP) Registered Nurse telephones clients and/or carers to undertake pre-appointment screening to:
 - understand condition, medical history and individual requirements for support including previous vaccination attempts
 - talk through and set expectations for the clinic process including comfort items
 - setting up individuals' accounts on Vaccinate WA prior to attendance
 - consent requirements for vaccination (individual or carer)
 - schedule appointment and provide information about attending site including need for support person to show proof of vaccination to attend (essential visitor)
- Within 24 hours of appointment contact client or support person to confirm:
 - individual is well (no acute illness/afebrile) and is not required to be in quarantine
 - appointment time
 - answer further questions



Circle of Security

For parents and carers of children 0-5 years



At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. The Circle of Security Parenting program looks beneath behaviour to make sense of what your child is really asking from you. It provides a 'map' to help better read your child's needs, understand your child's emotional world, support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions, build their self-esteem, support their need to build new skills and strengthen the relationship you have with your child.

Date: 8 Mondays commencing 25 July – 12 September 2022
(8 week program – participants are expected to attend all sessions)

Time: 12.30pm – 2.00pm

Venue: Child and Parent Centre – Gosnells
173 Hicks Street, Gosnells (access via Clara Street)

To book: Telephone 9398 8720 or email CPCGosnells@centrecare.com.au

Places are strictly limited. Bookings are essential.

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Community News

Celebrate Aboriginal Culture at Perth Zoo!

Get up close to your bush buddies

Venture behind the scenes to check out a giant insect who'd rather be a leaf, and have a hopping great time with an adorable wallaby.

Duration: 2nd of July to the 17th of July

12:15pm Monday – Friday | Behind-the-scenes in the Zoo's Discovery Yard

\$12.00/person | Book online to secure your spot or at the Info Hub just inside the main entrance.

With amazing animals, free keeper talks and a load of fresh winter air, Perth Zoo is the wildest place to be these holidays.

Perth Zoo is open 9am – 5pm every day! Get your tickets today.



Schools Out Winter Fest- Saturday 2 July – Sunday 17 July 2022

School's out Winter fest will have you enjoying the magic of ice skating, the snow slide, falling snow, carnival rides and entertainment for one all- inclusive ticket price.

Location- Perth convention Centre

To buy tickets visit - [School's Out Winter Fest - July School Holidays 2022 \(schoolsoutfest.com.au\)](https://schoolsoutfest.com.au)

