



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 2, 2022

### From the Principal's Desk

It is a joy to be back at Kenwick after 4 months long service leave; although it's been a huge adjustment for both brain and body. My break was a relaxing and healing time with much time spent with family and friends. With that said it is difficult to appreciate that half of Term 2 has flown by already. There is much to update you on.

### Pauline Winrow

I warmly acknowledge and thank Pauline for her expert stewardship of Kenwick School in my absence. She did a sterling job in what was a challenging, dynamic Covid-19 environment. I cannot speak highly enough of the work Pauline did in my absence.



### School Operations

Thus far this Term school staffing has been severely impacted by Covid and other illnesses. As you would know, this is the 'new normal' in schools and organisations around the State. It has been a daily challenge to ensure classrooms are sufficiently staffed to ensure continuity of programs across the school. Our Admin Team including our Deputies, specialist teachers, the Student Services Co-ordinator and Lead Education Assistants (EAs) have routinely filled teaching and EAs gaps. Programs supported by our Focus EAs have been suspended to ensure a 'classrooms-first' approach. However, I have been incredibly impressed by the resiliency and 'can-do way' our staff have worked hard to ensure that our students are happy, safe and engaged!

### Semester 1 Reports

Our teachers are currently preparing IEP reports and Big Plan updates. As outlined, COVID-19 continues to impact our school community and has presented us with challenges in managing both student and staff attendance. With these ongoing disruptions, many programs have been impacted and the associated objectives will need to be *rolled-over* to next Semester. Therefore, your child's report or update may look different to those you have received previously. Where possible, we will provide you with information about your child's progress towards achieving their agreed objectives. We will also let you know if we have had to delay or modify objectives.

### Our Swimming Pool

Unfortunately, our pool has been closed over the last couple of weeks and will remain so until further notice, pending significant repairs. Many tiles have come adrift and the pool will need to be drained to facilitate these repairs. I will keep you updated.

In closing, I extend my warmest thanks and appreciation for your continued support and encouragement for our staff as we work together to provide the best learning opportunities for our all of our students. There will be better days ahead.

Kind Regards  
Mark Watson



## What's Happening in Our Classrooms!

### Hub A

Hub A has had a wonderful and busy start to Term 2. It has been lovely to see the students come back from the break so refreshed and ready to learn. In ECC this term, the students have particularly enjoyed learning about different animals and the ways in which they say 'hello'. In Science, we have been engaging in activities to explore our sense of smell, sight, sound, taste and touch. It has been wonderful to see the students explore different textures, tastes, sounds, smells and sights! ECC staff and students would like welcome a new member to our class – Ayeza! We can't wait to see all that she achieves throughout the remainder of the year! Half way through Term 2 already! Room 5 has been having a lot a fun learning about our families (human and furry), reading various Dreamtime stories during literacy and learning about keeping ourselves safe. We are also fortunate to have our very own Matty Stephenson elected as a Student Councillor. We can't wait to see what the rest of the term has in store.

#### Talya and Sasha



### Hub B

Term two has started off with a bang in Hub B! The students in Room 1 have been exploring Noongar culture through art and music. They have been learning about the six noongar seasons and creating fascinating artworks. Students in Room 2 have been continuing their journey of scientific discovery, learning about categorising animals and their features. We are looking forward to fostering a love of learning through exploration for the rest of the term.

#### Amity, Christina and Ant





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## Hub C

Hub C have had a fabulous start to Term 2 and we have continued to enjoy our cross-setting time together each day. We use this time to focus on letters and sounds along with completing some fabulous HASS activities. Another highlight of our time together is music. We all enjoy huge variety of music. Our song choices range from rock to Disney favourites! Congratulations to our student councillors, Fatima and Zane. We can't wait to watch you both shine in your important roles this year.

**Naomi, Deb and Tegan**



## Hub D

Our amazing and talented Hub D students have made a fantastic start to Term 2, settling into their routines and working hard. In Week 4 we had a senior school assembly and presented CJ, Patrick and Jackson with their well-deserved Merit Certificates. We also acknowledged Jacob for his election to the student council. We congratulate these boys on a great start to the year and look forward to many more highlights in 2022. We look ahead to our soccer carnival in Week 8. Our students have been training very hard in our weekly PE lessons and I know they are looking forward to representing our school in a positive light and having fun on the day. We thank Marianne (literacy); Wayne (swimming) and our class EA's who work so well together to make our hub a vibrant space for our students. We look forward to the rest of the year ahead and would like to wish everyone good health and the best of luck for Term 2!

**Ricky and Sharmin**



## Hub E

Hub E students have been engaging in a wide range of learning activities according to their individual needs and abilities. While a cohort participated in preparatory activities leading up to their full involvement in our community access program, others have taken part in authentic and hands-on learning experiences designed to reinforce their comprehension of some number concepts and shapes encountered on a day-to-day basis. The latter covered flexible application of number operations in different contexts, including one-one correspondence and basic addition.

### Andrea and Stephen



## Hub F

We have officially hit the halfway point of the school term! Here in Hub F, we have been cooking up a storm and ticking off ASDAN checklists like there is no tomorrow. The boys in Hub F have been working extremely hard in the kitchen, a few meals we have cooked include toasties, fruit shakes, spaghetti toasties and apple and pear slices. We are going to be chefs in no time! We are also practising our soccer each Wednesday and are really looking forward to the soccer carnival in Week 8.

Not to forget we did an amazing job in the first assembly of the year. In this piece we focused on having a voice and showed all the different ways that we communicate here at Kenwick.

### Montel and Kate





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## Hub G

It has been a very calm and smooth start to the term, and it is great to see our students smiling and eager to learn. The weather is becoming cooler with some very chilly morning setting in. You can tell it is Autumn. It is great to see most students wearing jumpers and long pants as our classrooms are sometimes a bit cooler on student arrival.

The students in Hub G have been busy with lots of learning and activities. Our focus in communication has been using 'Yes' and 'No' switches so the students can show their basic likes and dislikes. This is done when we do desk work and morning circle activities, shared reading, cooking, and playing music. The students and staff have lots of fun when using these talking switches as they produce sounds in a joking and fun way.

We are excited to return to school assemblies and congratulate the senior high school classes on handling a spectacular first assembly this year about 'I have a voice'. Congratulations to Yan Wei, Sebastian and Alaa who received merit Certificates. Well done!

A big thank you to the staff for their continued commitment and teamwork, and to the parents for their ongoing support.

## Natalia, Marie and Ella



### Term Dates

#### Term 2

Ends 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

#### Term 3

Student Free day 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Starts 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Ends 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

#### Term 4

Starts 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Ends 15<sup>th</sup> December

## Merit Certificates

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

ECC	Ian Fraser
ROOM 1	Samual Butler
ROOM 2	Kardell Rojas
ROOM 3	Zane Rae
ROOM 5	Matty Stephenson
ROOM 6	Sabastian Caruso
ROOM 7	Emily Stoddart
ROOM 8	Alaa Al Assadi
ROOM 9	Emrah Pinar
ROOM 10	Jackson Pugh
ROOM 13	Edwin Sony
ROOM 15	CJ O'Callaghan
ROOM 16	Aleisha Jones
ROOM 18	Grail Alcido
ROOM 19	Yan Wei Tan
Literacy Award	Patrick Rangitoheri

## Student Councillors

### Primary Student Councillors

		
Zane	Matty	Fatima
		
Jacob	Natalie	Jayden

### Secondary Student Councillors



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## TERM 2 EVENTS

### Nate our therapy dog is returning to Kenwick School: Monday 30 May

We have been fortunate enough to secure visits from Nate the therapy dog once a week commencing on Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> 2022. Nate is a Golden Retriever and is 7 years old. He loves being around people of all ages and is always keen to bring a smile to everyone he comes across as he greets all our students for cuddles and walks.

### Assembly: Friday 17 June

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 way down to your café to enjoy a hot beverage before the assembly starts.

### Public Holiday: Monday 6 June

Western Australia Day

### Soccer Carnival Excursion: Wednesday 15 June

Students in the high school have been gearing up to take on other schools in the upcoming soccer carnival. Scheduled for week 8, it'll be a chance to showcase our growing skills and team spirit against other schools in the area. The students have been working hard at our weekly soccer training, lead by our head coach Christian Agostino, as they push through multiple drills and practice games to get our playing up to the level that I know we can achieve. We look forward to bringing our A-game to the carnival - go Kenwick Knights!

### Rock and Roll Dress Up Day and Karaoke: Friday 17 June

To celebrate Duncan Sanders coming to present the school's electric guitar, we are having a rock n roll dress up day.

- Gold Coin Donation for sausage sizzle
- Dress up as your favourite rock/pop star
- 11am Presentation

#### 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**

#### Rapid Antigen Tests

Families who have not yet collected their box of 20 Rapid Antigen Tests, please do so no later than **Friday 3 June**, from the School Office.

Please continue to communicate to the school if your child tests positive for COVID-19 and if your child is unwell please do not send them to school.



## 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>



## Community News

### Mills Park All Abilities Playground Coming Soon!



Mills Park, Beckenham is getting a new all-abilities playground - and construction starts soon!

The construction of the new all-abilities playground at Mills Park will begin in early May 2022. The installation of the playground and additional landscape works will be completed by the City's Landscape Construction team.

You will notice additional movements at the park as work starts. Please stay safely behind the construction fencing.

Updates will be provided on this page as construction progresses.

The new all-abilities playground will be located near the existing nature playground and synthetic soccer pitches.

You can view the concept plan in the documents tab.

The playground will include a unity swing that allows child and caregiver to sit face to face, a net seesaw, and an inclusive orbit carousel. It will also include the following items:

- Circle bouncer trampoline
- Imagination play elements in a nature play style, matching the surrounding area and playground
- Coloured concrete paths
- Exposed aggregate
- Seating and shade

### Kenwick Library relocation to Mills Park

Council decided in December 2020 to invest federal funding from the COVID-19 stimulus package to:

- Relocate the Kenwick Library to create a new library in its building at Mills Park
- Refurbish the current Kenwick Library as a community facility
- Provide new toilets at the Kenwick Community Centre (Mud Hut)

We want to work with you - library users, hall hirers and local residents - to make the transition as smooth as possible.

We asked: For your input into the look and feel of the new library and the programs on offer.

**What could the new library look like?** Click here for some [artist impressions](#).

#### Timing

The work to upgrade the mud hut has now been completed, with those hiring the community centre able to enjoy the new facilities.

Work at the Mills Park site has commenced, with an expected completion in June 2022.

**The Kenwick Library will close on 28 May 2022** to allow for catalogue items to be relocated to the new centre.

