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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

From the Principal's Desk

Well everyone, believe it or not, we are at the end of another amazing year! The exclamation point for 2024 was last night's end of year concert. There was an incredible turn out, and the weather smiled upon us with a timely sea breeze cooling things down for the assembled crowd. It was a joy to witness our students, past graduates, staff together with their families and friends; mix and celebrate.

The only disappointment was that many students, primed throughout the year to perform, did not attend the event. We will try to do better next year.

However, this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd who enthusiastically responded to student items, sang along to festive season favourites with gusto, generously purchased items from our kitchen garden crew, and wolfed down sausage sizzles lovingly 'pumped-out' by School Board members.

My favourite take aways of the evening were talking to families and witnessing visiting children enjoy our playground, which is still an incredible school asset.

Congratulations to our Amity, her husband Karl and Christian and the many helpers who made this tremendous community event a reality! We salute you.

Class Lists

These have been completed and these lists which indicate your child's classroom, student cohort and teacher and Education Assistant staff will be mailed to you this week.

As the final curtain looms on this memorable school year, I want to thank our students for their awesomeness and for helping us do even better each day; our parents/ carers for their great support; allied services which provide quality help, our great education assistant team, our skilled and committed teachers; and lastly my Admin and Leadership Teams for their unrelenting support throughout the year. We could not make it without you guys.



12 December 2024

Upcoming Events

12 December 2024
Students Last Day

13 December 2024 to
4 February 2025

School Holidays

5 February 2025
**Students First Day
Term 1 2025**





From the Principal continued...

Fond Farewells

Simon Connell – Our Student Services Coordinator (SSC) will leave Kenwick to take up a similar temporary position at Kensington College for Semester 1 next year. Simon started as Physical education teacher early in 2016, he moved into a classroom teacher shortly afterwards and was permanently appointed as our SSC in 2021, a role he'd acted in for a lengthy period. He has been a favourite of students over the years. I thank Simon for his great leadership of the school's pro-social development strategies over the years, as well as his in his role as Middle School Phase leader. He will be very much a loss to our school but an asset to his new school.

Ray Norvill – Last month our outgoing School Board Chair, resigned his position for personal reasons at the final Board meeting for 2024. Ray first became involved in the school way back in 2011, when he joined the then School Council, eventually he was elected Chairman. In 2020 Ray was instrumental in driving our school to achieve Independent Public School (IPS) status. No matter his role Ray has been a staunch and enthusiastic supporter of our school and an important advocate for our students. On behalf of our community, I thank Ray for his service and wish him the best in his future endeavours.

Nurse Kerri Thompson – In 2025 Kerri will transfer to another location after 9 years at Kenwick School. In this time Kerri has been a persistent advocate for students and families. She always responded to student and staff health emergencies with consummate skill, calm and assurance. On behalf of the school community, I warmly thank Kerri for her work and wish her all the best with her next posting.

Welcome

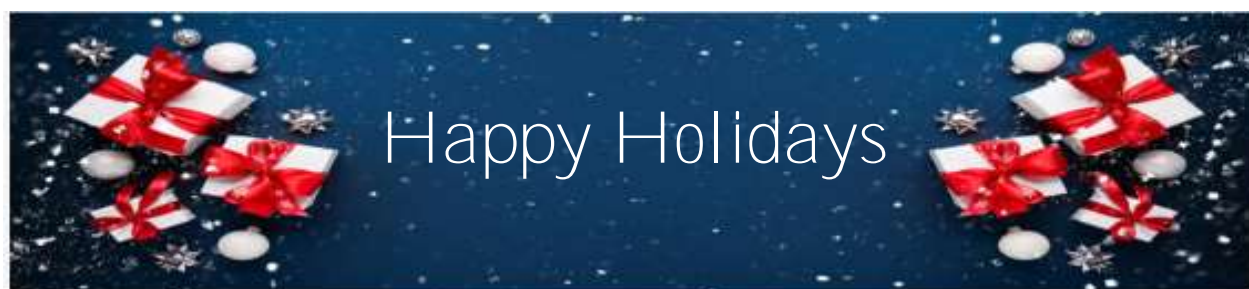
Jon-paul (JP) Tyrer – JP was voted in as our new School Board Chair at its November meeting. He became a member of the Board last year. I congratulate JP and am confident he will bring an enormous community focus and new energy to the Board in moving forward.

In closing for 2024, I wish one and all the very best for a wonderful festive season and a relaxing summer holiday. We will see you back in February next year.

Take care, have fun, and stay safe.

Kind Regards

Mark Watson



2025 BOOKLISTS

ARE AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD AND PRINT ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE:

<https://kenwickschool.wa.edu.au/enrolments/>



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What's Happening in Our Classrooms!

ECC

It has been an absolute pleasure teaching our nine wonderful ECC students this year. Lincoln, Maxwell, George, Ethan, Hussain, Lucas, Zaviyar, Anas, and Hadi should be incredibly proud of their efforts and achievements. We can't wait to see all that they accomplish next year! A heartfelt thank you to the amazing Team ECC education assistants for your hard work, dedication, and support throughout the year. Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer holiday!

Naomi and the ECC Team



Room 1

Room 1 had a lot of sweet fun making marshmallow snowmen.

As the term draws to a close, we would like to wish our students and families a safe and exciting festive season and an amazing New Year.

The Room 1 Team





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What's Happening in Our Classrooms!

Room 2

Room 2 would like to thank all families, carers and friends for contributing to a wonderful year! We hope you all have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Sasha and the Room 2 Team



Room 3

Room 3 had a great time at the fun day last week and then again at the end of year concert on Tuesday.

Now the Tern is coming to the end and we want to wish all our students and families a wonderful festive season and an even better New Year.

The Room 3 Team





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What's Happening in Our Classrooms!

Room 5

What an awesome way to end the school year with the fantastic Fun Day! Unfortunately, some of our students were unwell and couldn't participate, but it's great that they are all back now. We thought Lila would never leave the Animal Farm—there were probably some very full tummies among the animals! She eventually moved on, and along with Ayman, especially enjoyed the disco tent. There were lots of smiles and happy noises coming from Carla as she explored and socialised at the different sensory stations. It was also lovely to see Kayla having fun out and about with her carers.

In class, we've been busy recycling plastic cups to make Christmas ornaments. A huge thank you to the amazing staff Imelda, Georgina, Rayoung and the students for making this year so memorable. Wishing you all the best as you move on to your new classes. A special thank you to the parents and carers for all their support. A safe and happy holiday to all!

Marie and the Room 5 Team



Room 6

We have come to the end of school for 2024. We had lots of fun on our Fun Day last Friday.

On Tuesday night it was a lovely celebration listening to Amity and the children singing the songs that they have learnt this semester.

Thank you to all my support staff this year and to all of Room 6 children who have made it a wonderful year.

Karen, Sharmin and the Room 6 Team





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What's Happening in Our Classrooms!

Room 7

Happy Holidays Everyone! To all the Room 7 families, I want to thank you for all your support and for trusting us with your precious children. It has been an absolute joy to watch them grow and develop into such amazing people. Have fun for your summer holidays and I can't wait to see you all next year.

Merry Christmas from Tegan, Jo, Aki, Kirstee, Aviv, Chia and Ella.

Tegan and the Room 7 Team



Room 8

Last week, we enjoyed Loud T-shirt Day and the school's Fun Day. Our class had the best time getting our faces painted, making Christmas art, posing in the photo booth, and interacting with farm animals! In the classroom, we have been busy making Christmas decorations for the end of year concert and cooking up a storm in the kitchen. Students have been going Christmas shopping for their families. Taking the opportunity to choose a gift based on their family member's likes and interests while also practising important skills such as handling money and talking to shop assistants. They also had the fun opportunity of meeting Santa and seeing a super car while at Westfield Carousel! Happy Holidays to all the families and enjoy your summer break. **Melanie, Natalie and the Room 8 Team**





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What's Happening in Our Classrooms!

Room 9

What a fantastic year we have had in Room 9! These last few weeks have been filled with fun and frivolity as we have been thinking about what next year will hold for us. It has been fantastic to see friendships develop throughout the year amongst classmates and students show a genuine caring attitude toward one another. Although our academic achievement has been great, our personal and social development has really shone through this year. I am very proud of all my students and look forward to seeing them soar to greater heights in the years ahead.

Kerry and the Room 9 Team



Room 10

Room 10 has had a blast this year!

Have a great holiday!!

Claire and the Room 10 Team





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What's Happening in Our Classrooms!

Room 13

It was Fun Day and Kenwick School delivered! What a cheerful and positive way to wave goodbye to the 2024 school year! The options were many, and students embraced the occasion with enthusiasm and acute sense of participation. The whole school was abuzz with the joyful voices of students having fun for the couple of hours or so that it lasted. While a few students were happy to experiment with dressing up in different costumes, some opted for more active options such as inclined plane ten-pin bowling. Others chose to get up close and personal with farm animals - patting the rabbit, hand-feeding the alpaca, or simply watching sheep and goats graze with care-free attitude! Being a relatively warm day, the water activity and ice cream van were no doubt amongst students' popular choices. Many students could be seen holding water pistols, 'shooting' their favourite staff and peers with love and laughter! Occasionally missing their targets and hitting passers-by with pellets of water, and drawing even more laughter! Thanks to my students for doing your best. My deep appreciation also goes to my team of staff for your inspiring work ethics and the amazing year we have had. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in advance!

Stephen and the Room 13 Team





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What's Happening in Our Classrooms!

Room 16

Room 16 has had a wonderful year in 2025, with lots of learning and laughing. Thank you to the staff and families for all their support and to the wonderful students for all their hard work. Have a wonderful Summer break.

Sarah and the Room 16 Team



Room 18/19

As the year draws to a close and with just four of our students left in our class, we have continued supporting the students with enhancing their independent, practical and social skills. Our smaller group has done an amazing job stepping up to the challenge of continuing the running of the Breakfast Club, completing their work experience programmes, and impressing everyone with their hard work. Well, done team!

The Fun Day last Friday was filled with laughter, joy and excitement. The students were amazing, demonstrating their maturity in organising the bowling event and ensuring everything ran smoothly.

The students had lots of fun making gingerbread Christmas houses, and despite some challenges in keeping the houses together with icing, they showed determination and patience. And, of course, tasting was the highlight of the activity.

Our eyes are now on the upcoming Students vs Staff Soccer Game. Go Kenwick Knights!

We sincerely thank our parents for their ongoing support throughout the year. Wishing everyone a joyful and peaceful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Natalia and the Room 18/19 Team





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What's Happening in Our Classrooms!

STEAM

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the experiences our students have had in the STEAM program.

In Semester One, we explored the fascinating world of food and fibres. Students learned about their origins and participated in hands-on activities that highlighted these sources and the journeys they undertook to become the finished products we commonly use. These projects allowed them to express their creativity while deepening their understanding. Their excitement was evident, making this topic both memorable and enjoyable!

In Semester Two, we shifted our focus to recycling, exploring how to repurpose materials and reduce waste. Students engaged in hands-on activities to create new items from reused materials, showcasing the incredible possibilities these materials offer. Through stories, discussions, and practical work, they learned about the importance of recycling. They developed skills that empower them to make eco-friendly decisions, reinforcing the idea that every small effort contributes to a sustainable future.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing staff, enthusiastic students, and supportive parents. Your involvement and encouragement have been instrumental in making our STEAM program a success, and we could not have achieved this without you. We look forward to more exciting adventures in the coming year!

Wishing you a happy and fun-filled holiday season.

Christina - STEAM Teacher





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STEAM





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Sensory

Thanks for another amazing year at Kenwick School. Wishing all the staff, students and their families and carers a safe and happy holiday season. See you in 2025!!!

Amity - Sensory Teacher





What's Happening in Our Classrooms!

Physical Education

As we approach the end of the school year, we want to take a moment to **congratulate all students** for their enthusiastic participation in our Health and Physical Education program. Your dedication and spirit have made this year truly remarkable!

This Year's Highlights:

- **Out-of-School Sports Carnivals:** We were thrilled to participate in not one, but four exciting sports carnivals! Each event showcased your talents and teamwork, and we are so proud of everyone's efforts.
- **Special Visit from Fremantle Dockers Players:** What an inspiring day it was! Our students had the fantastic opportunity to meet the Fremantle Dockers players, who shared their insights and got involved in some footy activities.

Rebooting Our Inclusive Sports Carnival: This year, we successfully rebooted our inclusive sports carnival, ensuring that every student had the chance to participate and shine. Your enthusiasm made this event a huge success!

Staying Safe Over the Holidays:

As we head into the holiday season, we want to remind everyone of the importance of being **water safe** and **Sun Smart** while having fun outdoors. Here are some key points we've been practicing in class:

- **Water Safety:**
 - Always swim with a buddy and never swim alone.
 - Stay within designated swimming areas and follow lifeguard instructions.
 - Wear a life jacket when participating in water sports or activities.
- **Sun Smart:**
 - Apply SPF50+ sunscreen before heading outdoors. Reapply every 2 hours.
 - Wear protective clothing, including hats and sunglasses, to shield yourself from harmful UV rays.

Seek shade whenever possible, especially during peak sun hours.

Have a **safe and enjoyable holiday**, and we look forward to seeing you all back, ready for more exciting adventures in Health and Physical Education next year!

Ben Miller - Physical Education Teacher





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What's Happening in Our Classrooms!

Students Vs Staff Soccer Match

It was an intense game of soccer, with both students (Blue Bibs) and staff (Staff Uniform) fiercely competing for the winners title. Some staff were placed on the student's team to make up some numbers, for even teams.

The score in the end was... a tie, with each team scoring 1 point.

After the game, a nice cold icy pole to cool down was much enjoyed by students and staff.

