

Koondoola Klarion

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Unity and Achievement

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Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Welcome to the 2018 school year. It has been a wonderful start to the year with many smiling and enthusiastic students. A big thank you to all parents for the effort put into making sure that students are ready for the start of school by being organised with uniforms and equipment. It is much appreciated by staff as it helps your child feel secure and happy about their first days in their new classes.

Students have been having a fantastic time on our two new Nature play areas. The final play area outside B cluster is due for completion before the end of the term. These new facilities are first class and our students will be very fortunate to have three state of the art play areas to enjoy.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new families who are joining the school community for the first time. Koondoola is a great school and I'm sure you will enjoy your time here and make many new friends.

I would like to thank all of our staff who have done a wonderful job being so prepared for the commencement of the school year. Many classes were painted and several teachers have moved classrooms which is always a big challenge.

A special welcome to *Miss Kylie Birch* who has joined us this year and will be teaching year 1 in A3 and *Mr David Lee* who will be teaching the year 6s in B2. We trust you will enjoy your time at Koondoola. In addition to new teachers we also welcome several new Education Assistants; *Ms Rhiannon Finnerty* working in A3, *Mrs Helen Stanes* working in C1 and *Miss Rachel Hardin* working in EC4.



We welcomed 23 children into our two Kindergarten groups last week. Pictured in the new nature play area is the Kindergarten Blue group with Ms Turner and Miss Nguyen

Your child's learning success begins at home. Having positive conversations about school is important to build confidence in your child that they can achieve. Children will have disagreements amongst themselves in the playground, this is just a perfectly normal part of developing their social and interpersonal skills. It is important you, as parents, encourage your children to try and work through these little hiccups without taking ownership of the problem. Children will develop their resilience and social skills much quicker if they are empowered to solve problems themselves. They should not always rely on mum and dad to "fix" everything.

Class teacher/parent meetings will be held in the coming weeks. Your child's teacher will advise of the day and time. Please take the chance to come along and meet the teacher and hear about all the exciting things planned for term 1.

Regards

Ian Ralph – Principal

There are always a few matters that cause problems in and around the schools and we remind parents about;

Parking and Bus Bays

Parking and use of the school car park drop off areas; a significant number of our students travel to and from the school on buses. The clearly marked **Bus Bays**, in front our new administration building, need to be kept clear for the safe drop off and pick up of students. The City of Joondalup rangers will patrol the school boundaries on a regular basis and infringements will be issued to those parking illegally. In the interests of students and safety, please abide by the School and Public parking restrictions.

Pick-up

Parents are reminded to be prompt in picking up students at the end of the day. Children can become very distressed if you arrive late. School finishes at 3.00pm except on Tuesdays which is our **early close day** when school closes at 2.30pm.

Early Arrivals

School commences at 8.45am, students should arrive no earlier than 8.30am when classrooms are opened. Students can then prepare for the school day.

Dealing with Concerns

There will be times when you have issues regarding your child/children at school. In these times I ask that you make contact with your child's teacher in the first instance. This may be done informally before or after school or by making an appointment through our school office. If such issues are not clarified or resolved then I encourage you to make an appointment with me to discuss further.

I look forward to a productive and successful year for students, parents and staff at Koondoola Primary.



Pictured above are the Play Group families with Miss Emmi, the play leader from the Smith Family. Playgroup is held on Thursday morning from 9.00am until 11.00am and everyone is welcome to come along. **Playgroup is FREE!!**

❖ ❖ KINDERGARTEN VACANCIES ❖ ❖

We have vacancies in both of our kindergarten groups. If you know anyone, neighbours, friends, relatives etc, that have not been able to find a kindy place for their child, please ask them to call our office on 9345 6200 and we may be able to help them. Children born between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014 are eligible to come to Kindy in 2018.