

Unity and Achievement

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Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 8 OCTOBER – school starts on TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER

This has been a very busy term with the Faction and Interschool Athletics Carnivals, Book Week, swimming lessons and the Science Fair being held. We wish everyone a safe and happy holidays.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Interschool Athletics Team enjoyed a wonderful day at the carnival last week. The jumps and throws were held on Wednesday and the main carnival on Friday. The results of the carnival are below:-

Junior Champion School

1st place – Dianella Primary College 282 points, 2nd place – Koondoola Primary School 206 points
3rd – Roseworth Primary School 158 points, 4th – Hudson Park Primary School 154 points

Intermediate and Senior Champion School

1st – Dianella Primary College 538 points, 2nd – Koondoola Primary School 462 points
3rd – Dryandra Primary School 396 points, 4th Hudson Park Primary School 268 points

Our Interschool Athletics Team members tried their best in all events however Dianella Primary College had a very strong team and won both shields this year. Our team is to be congratulated for a terrific display of sportsmanship throughout the carnival. Congratulations to Eyerus for winning the Intermediate Girls' Champion medal and Lily for winning the Intermediate Girls' runner-up medal. The girls performed very strongly and deserved the success they enjoyed at the carnival – well done!

A sincere thank you to Mr Mews for co-ordinating our team and Ms Grieco, Mrs Callow and Mr Lee for assisting with coaching and supporting our team at the carnival. Many hours of practice at lunch time by our team games competitors resulted in many wins in the various team games events.



Pictured above are Eyerus and Lily

NAPLAN

The 2018 NAPLAN results have recently been released to schools. Parents will soon receive their child's results if they sat the year 3 and year 5 assessments. I'm pleased to say our school results were very pleasing. **Our writing results in particular were outstanding.** Our teachers strive to provide the highest quality instruction to support your children. The 2018 results are testament to their hard work and dedication. As parents you can have every confidence your children are receiving a very high standard of instruction.

Koondoola Business Plan Performance Targets 2017 – 2019	2017	2018	2019
Literacy			
1.1 Student achievement in Year 3 to 5 Writing progress to be above similar schools by 2019	-10%	+30%	
1.2 Student performance to be above similar schools in Reading and Writing areas			
- Reading Year 3	-8%	-4%	
- Reading Year 5	-2.5%	-0.5%	
- Writing Year 3	+10%	+21%	
- Writing Year 5	+9.5%	+7%	
1.4 Increase the 2016 Year 3 Grammar and Punctuation results when tested as Year 5 students in 2018 by at least 15%.		+116%	
Numeracy			
1.9 Student progress and achievement in Year 3 and 5 Numeracy to be at or above similar schools.	+3%	+26%	

Progress compared to similar schools from Year 3 to Year 5 (% above or below similar schools)	2016	2017	2018
Numeracy	-8%	+1%	+26%
Reading	+15	-11%	+24%
Writing	-2%	-18%	+86%
Spelling	+16	-10%	+16%
Grammar and Punctuation	+2	+9%	+121%

KOONDOOLA 'ROCKETS' BASKETBALL WIN

Congratulations to the members of the Koondoola Rockets Basketball team for winning their grand final game yesterday afternoon. The team has been training very hard in preparation for the grand final and their effort was rewarded with the win. Thank you to Coach Johnson for her dedication to training our basketball team



Pictured above are Coach Janee Johnson with Sam, Lap Bol, Rowlin, Malaki, Daniel, Salvadore, Agolder and Betinho.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER – Bev Adkin

We are introducing the members of our School Board to the school community via our newsletter. In this newsletter we are featuring Bev Adkin who has been a member of the School Board since 2017. There are many people who help our school who are not well known and we are eager to increase their profile to the school community and thank them for their valued contribution.



Bev has lived, studied, worked and raised her own family in Perth. After completing Year 12 in a local government high school in the late 1970s she worked for five years across a few industries including the Airline Industry and Real Estate before taking up a university offer at Edith Cowan University (W.A. College of Advanced Education) to complete her Bachelor of Education and received the State's top Literacy award at this time, the Australian Literacy Educator's Association Prize. During this time she was actively involved in sport, playing and umpiring in netball and tennis.

Bev's academic qualifications are supported by over thirty years of experience in educational settings, from teaching in government schools in both the country and metropolitan areas, to five years in District and Central Office appointments in the Education Department of WA and the past seventeen years teaching in the tertiary setting of Edith Cowan University. Her District Office years were spent providing support and professional development to over 30 schools in the Balga/Alexander District, including Koondoola Primary School. This professional experience together with the completion of a Higher Degree has provided an extensive and rich foundation for her present role as the Early Childhood Academic Professional Practice Coordinator and Lecturer at Edith Cowan University. Bev's strong desire to prepare pre service teachers for the workplace has meant she has maintained close partnerships with schools including her position on the Koondoola Primary School Board.

When Bev's not working, she loves spending every possible minute with her family – husband and three children. She absolutely loves music of all kinds, enjoys playing the piano when she has time and any activity that includes our amazing beaches and coastline.

TERM PLANNER FOR TERM 4

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	8th October Professional Development Day - no school for students	9th October Students start school C5 Awesome Arts excursion Dancing lessons -Years 5 and 6	10th October	11th October Kindy Transition - starts at 1.30pm "Sing and Grow" Newsletter Day	12th October Year 6 Graduation photo - 8.30 am
2	15th October Recess and lunchtime soccer competition Year 5/6 Girls Health Talk	16th October Dancing lessons - Years 5 and 6	17th October lunchtime soccer	18th October Kindy Transition - starts at 1.30pm "Sing and Grow"	19th October Assembly 8.55am 6K4 Water Run - B Cluster
3	22^d October Recess and lunchtime soccer competition	23rd October Dancing lessons - Years 5 and 6	24th October lunchtime soccer	25th October Kindy Transition - starts at 1.30pm "Sing and Grow" Newsletter Day	26th October Daniel Morcombe Day - free dress *wear red clothes* gold coin donation
4	29th October Recess and lunchtime soccer competition	30th October Dancing lessons - Years 5 and 6	31st October lunchtime soccer Azasu and Choir rehearsal	1st November Kindy Transition - starts at 1.30pm (nurse/speech) Numero Competi - Lake Gwelup PS	2nd November Assembly 8.55am Soccer - Grand Final

SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Koondoola students and teachers have had two fun packed days of Science. Each class took part in a STEM Challenge to build the tallest, strongest tower using only spaghetti and marshmallows. The students also took part in a Scitech Chemical Science Investigation. Lastly, our students visited their Science Buddy class to look at what each class was learning – this term as part of their STEM Learning.



YEAR 6 GRADUATION PHOTO



**The official year 6 Graduation Photo
will be taken on Friday 12th October at 8.30am.**

This photo will be included in the Year 6 Graduation Pack that the students will receive at the Graduation Ceremony in December and it is very important all students arrive at school before 8.30am on this day. It is important students wear their school uniform for the Graduation photo. There is no cost to families for the Graduation Photo.

KINDY APPLICATIONS FOR 2019

If you have not yet completed an Application form for your child, please contact the office as soon as possible. If your child was born between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015 he/she child can attend Kindy next year. Parents are invited to come to the office from 8.30am until 3.30pm to complete an application form. Please bring along your child's birth certificate or passport (and visa documents) and immunisation/vaccination records. Parents can get copy of their child's Immunisation History Statement from Medicare.



TRANSITION TO KINDY SESSIONS



In Term 4 we will be holding six (6) Transition to Kindy sessions for the parents who have children who will be coming to Kindergarten in 2019. The first three (3) sessions will be held on Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm until 3.00pm in the Playgroup Room (Early Childhood 3 classroom). The final three sessions will be held from 1.00pm until 3.00pm and will commence in the Kindy classroom (Early Childhood 2 classroom). The first session will be held on Thursday 11th October and the final session will be held on 15th November. The Transition to Kindy session are a fantastic way of helping parents prepare their children for kindergarten. Often children have not previously been away from their parents for a period of time and the preparation and tips that will be provided by the Transition to Kindy Session are very practical and helpful for parents.