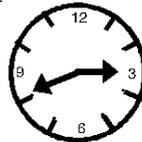


I have been chatting with staff about the busyness of this time of year, and if it is busier this year or do we just forget how crazy the start of school years are. Either way, I have to commend our staff, students and families for the settled start to the year. I am enormously proud of how our students have handled their new school/classes, staff and swimming lessons. We have moved our morning assemblies to Room 16 and it looks a little different, but even that our students have taken in the stride. Given how mature and responsible they are looking at the moment, I cannot wait to see what they will look like later this year.

Regards

Jarna Wright



School Times—drop offs and pick ups

Reminder to all families that students can be dropped at school **after** 8.30am (at either Room 16 or the students classrooms) and from classes at 2.30pm or Room 16 anytime before 3pm.

Please ensure that you are **NOT** parking in the staff carpark next to the bus shed, instead parking on the street along Heath Rd, in the back carpark (entry off East Terrace) or in any of the bays along East Terrace. (next to the oval)

School Charges and Contributions

Thankyou to all of our families who have either paid their contribution through Office Max or direct with Kate in the office. To date we have received contributions from 14 families, who are all now in the draw to win their \$60.00 back! I strongly encourage our remaining 30 families to pay their contributions before the end of term to also go into the prize draw!



Welcome Picnic

I have been chatting to Mr Bates and Mr Williams in the PS about our Welcome Picnic and we have been throwing around some dates. At this stage we are looking at a Tuesday later in the term. Please stay tuned for more information.

Swimming Carnival

Mrs B is organizing this year's Carnival alongside the PS for **Wednesday the 15th March**. All of our students are invited to participate and will have opportunity to race (if appropriate) and participate in the Tabloid activities. Notes were sent home yesterday indicating 2 different prices for our students. The \$2.00 fee is for our students who are walking to the pool with their KPS peers, whilst the \$7.00 is for our students who will need to catch the bus. Mrs B has the list and will make sure you know how your child will be getting to the pool for Carnival.

Dates to Remember

Thursday 2nd March	12.05pm	FINAL SWIMMING LESSON
Monday 6th March		Public Holiday
Monday 13th March		Holly-Ann in from Safe4Kids Protective Behaviours
Wed 15th March		KPS and ESC Swimming Carnival for all students
Friday 7th April		ANZAC day assembly and last day of school for term 1
Wed 27th April		First Day back at school for students—term 2

Swimming Lessons

Our students have done an amazing job managing the business of swimming lessons, the expectations of their swimming teachers, the cold pool and the unusual weather to complete another year of Education Department Swimming Lessons. All students who participated this year will receive a certificate next week, but for most of our students they will not have passed their stage, instead having to have another go at it next year! I chat about this with students daily and remind them that learning the skills required to pass their stage is not easy, and what I really want to know is that they are all trying their best and are safe in the water.

With **safety** as my first concern, I have cancelled our swimming lesson on Friday. I am unsure of how it happened, but the YMCA have doubled booked with Kalamunda Senior High School (approx. 1000 students) descending on the Kalamunda Water Park for their annual Swimming Carnival. I am not convinced that it is in our best interest to join the madness.

The good news is, that the last swimming lesson is generally a very relaxed lesson, so students will not miss out on the explicit instruction and support they require to learn the skills required to pass their stage. Tomorrow will be our last lesson and I have asked swimming teachers to ensure that they keep working students hard with a little fun at the end to wind up another great year of swimming. Feel free to give me a call if you would like to discuss this further.

