

In 3.5 weeks it will be holiday time again and I cannot believe how quick this term has gone. It only feels like yesterday that we were welcoming our new students for 2017. Staff and students have been working hard to ensure that students curriculum plans (DP's) are comprehensive, challenging, yet achievable, and above all else, appropriate. Our focus will always be about providing students with every chance to be as literate, numerate, functional and independent as possible. A massive part of this is about communication and ensuring that ALL students, irrespective of whether or not they are verbal, have the capacity to communicate their needs and wants to others. There is actually a really great page on Facebook called "We Speak PODD" that some of you may be interested in viewing. It is about a young family who have embedded PODD (both high and low tech) into everything they do in order to give all of their children a voice. Some of the videos are really inspiring and reminds me that communication is about baby steps.

Regards
Jarna Wright



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 15 families, who are all now in the draw to win their \$60.00 back! I strongly encourage our remaining 28 families to pay their contributions before the end of term to also go into the prize draw!

Welcome Picnic

I am still chatting with Mr Bates and Mr Williams regarding the new date for our Welcome Picnic. The reality is, that you are already welcome, so it is probably going to be more about celebrating term 1. Stay tuned for more information.



Semester 1 Student Documented Plans (DP's) and School Report

Students negotiated Semester 1 DP's will be sent home to families by the end of this term and will outline the students individual curriculum and the outcomes students will be assessed, and reported, on at the end of the semester. This semester for the first time, we will be emailing Student Reports, rather than printing and sending home with students. Families will be emailed a unique link that parents and whomever else you provide the link to, will then use it to access the students electronic report.

Dates to Remember

Wed 15th March	9.00— 2.00pm	KPS and ESC Swimming Carnival students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Thurs 30th March	3.30pm	School Council meeting
Friday 7th April	AM	ANZAC day assembly and last day of school for term 1
Wed 27th April		First Day back at school for students—term 2
Mon 5th June		WA Day—Public Holiday
Wed 7th June		Cross Country Carnival
Fri 9th June	8.45am	Our Assembly item
Fri 30th June		Last Day of term 2
Tues 18th July		First day back for students TERM 3

Protective Behaviours with Holly Ann

Holly Ann was in with our staff and students yesterday working through where we are with our Protective Behaviour Curriculum. We bring Holly Ann in (Safe4Kids) once per term to keep us on track and help us highlight anything we need to work on or address.

Yesterday, Holly Ann was chatting with students and found that a number of them are spending time on the internet, in particular on You Tube. You Tube has a section within it that highlights trending videos, which are easily found for our students and more often than not, inappropriate for our students.

The internet and the many functions of it, are something that our students both love and are fairly savvy with. I think there are times we all underestimate their capacity to navigate it and often without supervision.

I have suggested that Holly Ann come back and do a short workshop with our families who have students regularly using the internet and/or browsing You Tube. Is this something you would be interested in? If so, please email me at Jarna.Wright@education.wa.edu.au.

