

Kalamunda Primary ESC Newsletter

Apologies for my tardiness in getting the newsletter done and published for families. It is no excuse, but last week (in my memory) is a blur! Last week I sat down with my teachers and key support staff to discuss some changes that we needed to make to better meet the needs of all our students, which lead to a lengthy discussion about workload, expectations and reality! The highlights of our conversation were:

- We are only 5 weeks into the school year and we often forget how hard the early days are. Getting to know new students, working out what students know and don't know, meeting with families, writing outcomes and programs all whilst managing staff and students and responding the ever changing needs of our students each day.
- We are all impacted by the bottom line (budget) so it is important we temper our expectations of what we can deliver with what is also realistic and appropriate
- The needs of our students will always come first, however we are unable to do that if we are not taking care of our own Mental Health and Wellbeing.

With all of this been said, and with our Director General's words still in my head, ultimately we are aiming to 'grow' students that are resilient, can self regulate and who care about others. Therefore, it is timely that we remind ourselves of our core business: **To develop independent, functional, literate and numerate individuals ready for life beyond school.**

Jarna Wright
Principal

Early Childhood update

The Department of Education have committed to upgrading our toilets and bathrooms in our Early Childhood block (PS and ESC) and address the asbestos ceiling issues. This will mean that come mid year, alongside the PS we will be relocating our Junior class whilst the work takes place. We are light on details at this point in time, but we are very happy with the commitment to address these pressing issues.



**For those of you on FB.
Like both the
"Kalamunda Primary
and Ed Support Centre
P&C" and our own
"Kalamunda Primary
ESC" to stay up to date
on all things Kalamunda!**

Dates to remember

Wed 14th March	Faction Swimming Carnival with our KPS peers at Kalamunda Water Park
Tues 27th March	School Council meeting at 3.30pm
Wed 28th March	Key Word Sign for parents and caregivers 12.30 – 3.30pm (session 1)
Fri 30th March	Good Friday holiday
Tues 3rd April	Easter Tuesday – NO SCHOOL
Wed 4th April	Key Word Sign for parents and caregivers 12.30 – 3.30 (session 2)
Fri 13th April	ANZAC Day Assembly and final day of term 1
Tues 1st May	Day one of Term 2 for students
Fri 18th May	Mr Jiggle Jam visiting Kalamunda
Wed 23rd May	Dare to be a Hero Dressup day
Mon 4th June	WA Day (public holiday)

Transition to High School

Over the next 2 weeks I have meetings at Durham Rd, Kensington School and Kalamunda SHS ESC to discuss our transition to high school program for our Year 6 students. We will start our program in term 2 so stay tuned for more information.

Razzamatazz Show 2018

Please read the attached info about the Sunday 6th May show and RSVP to me by Friday 20th May.

