



Term 1

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Kerry Street Community School Term 1, 2021

Term Focus: We act with trust, honesty, integrity and courage.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
	25	Australia Day 26	27	Staff PL Day 28	Orientation 29	30 31
1	First Day of Term 1 1 Feb	2	3	4	5	6 7
2	8	9	Camp Committee 3:30pm 10	11	12	13 Busy Bee 14
3	15	16	17	RAP Group Meeting 3:30pm 18	19	20 21
4	22	23	24	25	26	27 28
5	Labour Day 1 March	5/6 RAC Imagine Excursion 2	3	4	5	6 7
6	8	Marketing Committee Meeting 9am 9	10	11	12	13 14
7	Neurodiversity Week					20
	15	16	17	18	19	21
8	School Camp					27
	22	23	24	25	26	28
9	29	30	31	Last Day of Term 1 1 April	Good Friday 2	3 4
	Easter Monday 5	6	7	8	9	10 11

*Whole School Events appear in bold

**Tentative Events appear in italics

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Message from Melissa

Dear Kerry Street families,

I hope you have all had a wonderful break. 2020 was a huge year! I hope you managed to find time to rest, connect and recharge.

We are looking forward to reconnecting with you all! All our staff are excited about the year to come and catching up with existing students and their families and getting to know new comers.

We are looking forward to holding a whole school orientation day, next Friday the 29th of January. Class times will be staggered to allow families to attend with siblings.

12:30pm – Year 3/4

1:30pm – K/PP & Year 5/6

2:30pm – Year 1/2

Orientation will be a great opportunity for students to connect with other students, families and staff. Students will get the opportunity to spend time in their classrooms and familiarise themselves with the space. We will be opening the Wilderness Area and the Watercourse will be running.

For our new families, please see the email find attached our parent handbook. This provides a range of information and hopefully helps to answer any questions you may have. Please note:

- Kerry Street does not have a booklist and you will not be required to supply any materials
- School starts at 8:45 and finishes at 3:15pm. It is a good idea to arrive at 8:30am so that students get the chance to organise their belongings and connect with peers and the class teacher prior to the beginning of the day
- All students need:
 - a hat,
 - drink bottle,
 - sip n crunch (fruit/veg/grains or nuts),
 - recess and packed lunch (if not eating school lunch)

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. You can find more information in our 2021 Parent Handbook below.

I look forward to seeing you all next week!

Kind regards

Melissa Kennedy

Principal



Upcoming Lunch Roster

Monday 1st February - Sam De Souza

Tuesday 2nd February -

Wednesday 3rd February -

Thursday 4th February -

Monday 8th February -

Tuesday 9th February -

Wednesday 10th February -

Thursday 11th February -

To sign up for school lunch please check out the [Kerry Street - Parents and Extended Families](#) Facebook group, email ksjobscoordinator@gmail.com, or check the kitchen fridge for the roster.

School lunch cooks, please remember to take advantage of our wonderful homegrown produce.



Term 1 Cleaning Roster

Our Term 1 cleaning roster is scheduled to begin in Week 3. If you haven't yet signed up and would like to help, please email ksjobscoordinator@gmail.com or find the roster in the front office



Meet Ella

Hello Everyone,

My name is Ella Herbert. I joined the Kerry Street Community last year as a regular volunteer and relief staff member. This year I am teaching in Year 3/4 on Monday's and Year 5/6 on Tuesday's, and I am looking forward to this new adventure. I consider myself as a flexible, organised and motivated teacher. I endeavour to create a welcoming, warm and supportive learning environment for both students

and parents. I strongly believe in a play-based and inquiry pedagogy, where students learn through engaging, hands-on, contextual learning experiences.

I am looking forward to building connections with and becoming a part of the wonderful Kerry Street Community.

Farewell from Sebastian

Dear Parents and Care Providers of Kerry St Community School,

It is with sadness that I announce that I won't be returning to Kerry St in 2021 as Drama and Music teacher. This is because I've taken the difficult decision of committing all my energy and focus to teaching Music at Frederick Irwin Anglican School in Mandurah. Considering the demands of travel and of the general commitment involved in such a role, I don't feel I would have the capacity, in the way of energy and focus, to confidently provide a level of service that Kerry St deserves. It has been a wonderful time for me teaching at Kerry St and I have not only enjoyed the experience of teaching the students and facilitating their creativity but also feel that I've grown tremendously as an educator.

I'm very grateful for having had the opportunity of working at your school and will very much miss the students, staff and parents, all of whom have made great contributions to my teaching and time at Kerry St. Therefore, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for making me so feel so welcome and for the abundant support given to me. I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas (if you celebrate it) and wish Kerry St Community School all the very best for the future.

Warm regards,
Sebastian Steed



Meet Michelle

Michelle will start 2021 providing relief for Music and Drama. She has also applied for classroom relief.

Hello my name is Michelle (Bellenger nee Parker),

I am a passionate educator who is committed to each and every one of my students. I bring a love of Music and Performing Arts with a music background in singing, flute and piano. I believe performing and music is good for the soul.

When I'm not teaching, I enjoy watching my sons play basketball, tee-ball and rugby, watching my husband play baseball, and I play softball and baseball myself.

I look forward to meeting all of your during the term.



Social Media Photo Permission

We are looking to make the most of the school's social media presence on our website, Facebook and Instagram by posting regular content to our website www.kerrystreet.wa.edu.au, public Facebook page: facebook.com/kerrystreetschool/ and Instagram page: [Instagram.com/kerrystreetschool](https://instagram.com/kerrystreetschool)

As you know, the majority of the work we do at Kerry Street involves our students. We are therefore asking your permission to allow us to publish occasional photos of your child/ren to our Facebook page and/or Instagram account, in the spirit of sharing the different activities and authentic learning experiences that our school offers.

Ideally, we would love it if you could talk to your child/ren about social media and ask them their opinion about us using their images on our Facebook page and Instagram account. If you and they agree, wonderful! Please complete the form below and submit it to us at your earliest opportunity.

If you give permission, and then would like a particular image removed, please email kerrystreet@kerrystreet.wa.edu.au or use the message function on the Facebook or Instagram page, providing the link to the image.

Some families may choose altogether that they don't want their child/ren to appear on social media anywhere, ever. Again, that's completely fine and we respect your wishes. Please tell us as such in the form below and we will note that images of your child are not to appear on our online platforms. We believe Kerry Street is a really special school and hope to use our Website, Facebook and Instagram to show that to families who might be considering coming here. Thank you all for your consideration. We appreciate your time.



Board News

Welcome back to the families and staff of Kerry Street! It is wonderful to see all your lovely relaxed faces, glowing from weeks in the sun. I hope you are all well rested and ready for an interesting and fun year. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new community members - all our new students and their families – enjoy!

The KSCS Board have already started working away behind the scenes and we have now completed our annual self-review and annual planning. Next up is completing the 2020 Financial Statement and audit ready for our AGM in term 2 and making a start on reviewing and updating a new bundle of policies. And a big focus this year for the Board and the school will be our Registration renewal.

Renewal of registration is one of the principle processes through which the Director General can be satisfied that a school continues to observe the standards determined by the Minister and the other registration requirements. Last time KSCS renewed our Registration, we received the maximum registration period of 5 years, which is due to expire at the end of 2021. We have until mid 2021 to lodge our application and documentation and then a Registration visit will be scheduled. The Guide to the Registration Standards and Other Requirements can be found [here](#).

At the end of 2020 the Board not only completed the Semester 2 policy bundle (staffing) review, we also completed the 4-year policy review schedule. 2021 brings a new round of policy review and we have now moved to a new 3-year schedule. The Staffing Policy review saw major up-dates to many of these policies and procedures. Of note is the amalgamation of many of these policies into a new Human Resource Management Policy. The Staff Code of Conduct Policy is now the

Staff Conduct and Discipline Policy and the Volunteers Policy is now the Community Member Participation Policy. This policy will be introduced to, and explored with the community sometime in term 1 along with the associated Community Code of Conduct.

Semester 1 2021 sees the Board reviewing the Administration policy bundle which includes the following policies:

- Animal Ethics
- Copyright
- Financial Procedures
- Hall Hire
- Privacy
- Records Management
- Remission

All our policies can be found on our [website](#). A focus for this round of policies will be finalising the new Financial Procedures Policy and ensuring our Records Management and Privacy Policies are up-to-date. Please email the Board at council@kerrystreet.wa.edu.au with any feedback or questions.

Speaking of our website...have you checked out our new and improved version yet? Our website is not just an introduction to our school for prospective families, it also provides information for us all including our policies and procedures, contact and feedback links and timetables. This year the website will include detailed timetables for each term. If you want to find out the start day for each term, meeting dates or when camp will be, then please click [here](#)!

As usual, if you have any questions, concerns or good ideas for the board, please contact us on council@kerrystreet.wa.edu.au anytime.

Regards,

Tania Ivey

Board Chair

Reconciliation Action Plan

Kaya!

Last year we published our Reconciliation Action Plan and pledged commitment to supporting our school in developing an educational environment that fosters high levels of knowledge and pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions. Through our RAP, we have committed to strengthening relationships, respect and opportunities in the classroom, around the school, and within the community.

Continuing to develop our RAP is a long-term commitment that will require ongoing consideration and collaborative effort. Within our community, there is unique knowledge and valuable experiences that we would love to see reflected in the actions that we commit to in our RAP. Therefore, to ensure our RAP creates meaningful and sustainable change, we are seeking your support. I am looking for parents and community members to express their interest in helping us drive our RAP and journey.

If you would like to be involved in any way with the growth and ongoing implementation of our RAP by joining our RAP Working Group, please get in touch with me.

Commitment to the RAP Working Group will include attending termly meetings, and assisting in completing the action deliverables. Our first meeting will be on Thursday 18th February at 3:30pm.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Taylah Griffin

Deputy of Teaching and Learning

Marketing Sub-Committee

We are looking to grow our Marketing Sub-Committee to solicit input, recommendations and feedback on marketing, brand and communication initiatives for our school.

Our Marketing Sub-Committee will be composed of staff and community members whose input will assist us in identifying opportunities to promote our school's philosophies and values, and help us to better engage with our broader community and prospective families.

The Sub-Committee members will meet on a termly basis, however, communication will occur more regularly. Please be aware that a role as a Marketing Sub-Committee member is a voluntary position, however, your participation can be credited towards your families Community Jobs hours.

If you have any experience or a special interest in marketing, communications and/or graphic design, we'd love to hear from you! Please email me at taylah.griffin@kerrystreet.wa.edu.au to express your interest in joining us. I look forward to hearing from you.

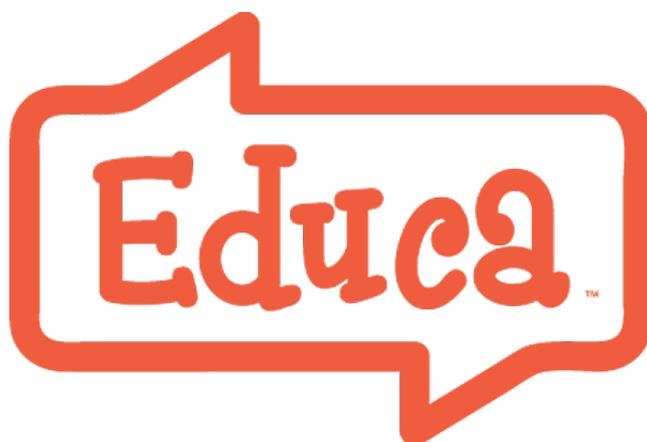
Thank you!

Taylah Griffin

Deputy of Teaching and Learning

2020 Yearbook

If you haven't yet collected your 2020 Yearbook, please drop into the office to see Linda, who is keeping them safe for you!



Educa

Educa is an app for families, paid by the school, that enables teachers to easily

update parents and carers as to what their children are doing and learning in class. Teachers can share observations (linked to curriculum goals for educational context) that families can provide feedback on, to constructively continue learning from home.

By the end of next week, all new families will receive an invitation to access Educa. Please login and familiarise yourself with the platform, and when your child's teachers provide updates, we encourage you to engage with the content and discuss the learnings with your children.

If you have any issues gaining access, please let Taylah know via email at taylah.griffin@kerrystreet.wa.edu.au



Lunch Payments

Please note the following bank details for school lunch:

BSB: 016307

Account: 263330626

Name: Kerry Street Community School (Inc)

Families will receive an email from the Kitchen Coordinator at the end of each term updating you on monies owed. You can then deposit money into the kitchen bank account to cover your child's lunches, remembering to use your name as a reference each time. As long as we have a way to identify your payment, we'll be able to correctly reconcile your school lunch account.

You can also speak with Linda in the front office to deposit money directly.

If you still owe the kitchen money from 2020, we would appreciate it if you would please make a payment as soon as possible so that we have funds available to reimburse parents for their grocery purchases.

If you have any questions about the school lunch system, please don't hesitate to contact our Kitchen Coordinator via email kitchen@kerrystreet.wa.edu.au



Sun Safety

Please remember that it is essential that everyone brings a hat with them to school each day. Children without a hat will be limited to playing in the undercover area.

We also recommend students have a water bottle and sun safe clothing, especially on park or excursion days. Sunscreen is available, however, many families choose to supply their own alternatives. If this is the case for your family, please ensure that your child/ren has some with them at school or supply it to the classroom teacher.



Monday Mindfulness Sessions

Our weekly wellbeing sessions comprising yoga, martial arts, art and singing will kick off again for the year next Monday 8th February at 9:00am. Parents/carers are very welcome and encouraged to participate.



2021 Camp Committee Meeting

Exciting news! Our annual whole school camp will be happening this term at Wadjemup!

So that we can be as organised as possible and make some key decisions early, anyone who would like to be part of this year's Camp Committee is invited to our kick off meeting, scheduled for Wednesday the 10th February at 3:15pm. We will meet in the library, and would love to see a mix of both new and returning families participate.

Joining the Camp Committee will count towards your Community Jobs requirement for this term and is a really fun way to contribute to the running of our school. There are many different jobs that you can do as part of the Committee, all of which will be explained at next Wednesday's meeting.

We hope to see you there!



Frequently Asked Questions

What time does school start?

School begins at 8:45am, however we encourage parents to have their children at school from 8:30am so that children have time to unpack, settle in, greet their friends, and find their place in class.

We are running late this morning! What do we have to do?

If for any reason your child won't be at school by 8:45am, please call 9335 1471 or email kerrystreet@kerrystreet.wa.edu.au to let us know. Upon arrival, you must sign your child in at the office so we know they are now onsite. We ask that parents sign in for children rather than children signing themselves in, unless students travel to school independently. This allows students to get to class as quickly as possible. Similarly, if your child is unwell or attending an appointment, please let us know so that we can update our records accordingly.

For children marked as "absent unexplained" of a morning, we send parents an SMS asking that you explain your child's absence. It is a Registration standard requirement that all absences are explained and we appreciate your prompt

attention to our messages.

What is the Kindy schedule?

For Kindy students, Mondays are a half day and begin at 8:45am and end at 12:30pm. Tuesdays and Thursdays are regular, full school days, starting at 8:45am and ending at 3:15pm.

What do students need to bring to school each day?

Each day, students should have the following items with them:

- A Water Bottle
- Closed-toe Shoes
- A Hat
- Clearly labelled sunscreen (if you don't want your children to utilise sunscreen the school supplies) or long sleeved clothing
- Crunch & Sip snack
- A packed lunch or \$2 for school lunch (Mondays to Thursdays only)
- A change of clothes, towel, and a reusable plastic bag (optional, but given the warmer weather expected this term, water play is likely to occur quite regularly. Students without a change of clothes at school will be unable to engage in water play)

What is Crunch & Sip?

Crunch & Sip is an opportunity for students to have a drink and a snack during class time. Please provide fruit, vegetables, nuts and grains for a morning tea snack in a separate container to your child's lunch box. Yoghurt, treats and other snacks may be eaten at recess.

Can we stay with our child during the day?

Yes, of course! The beginning of the year is the perfect opportunity to spend some time in-class with us and ask any questions you may have about the way things work at Kerry Street. Our community is an incredibly supportive one and you will soon learn that no matter the issue, you will always find someone here who will be able to point you in the right direction or provide you with any help or advice you may need. We love it when parents engage with their children's learning and help out around the school; you are always welcome to stay and participate. Please contact your child's teachers for more information on how you can assist in the classroom.

I am running late to pick my child up from school! What do I do? Can another adult collect my child?

If you are ever running late to collect your children from school, or need to arrange for a friend or family member to collect them in your place, please be sure to telephone our office on 9335 1471 to let us know. If we haven't met your friend or family member before, they will be asked to visit the office and show admin staff their ID.

If you had recorded an ongoing arrangement for a friend or family member to collect your child/ren last year and wish for this continue, please inform the office. We update our ongoing arrangements at the beginning of each term.

Late pick ups (that is, for children who are collected after 3:30pm) are recorded in our After School Duty file.

Can I give my child permission to walk home?

If you believe your child is old enough to walk home either by themselves or in the company of another person, yes, you can give them permission to walk home. So that we are aware of this arrangement, you must email kerrystreet@kerrystreet.wa.edu.au to let us know if this is a one-off or a regular, ongoing arrangement.

Similarly, if your child will regularly be going home with someone who is not you or their other parent/carer, you must email us and let us know so that we have a record of the arrangement. Our focus is always on keeping our students safe.



KSCS Playgroup

What to bring: A plate of fruit or veg to share

Where: KSCS Wildspace

When: Friday's 9:00am to 12:00pm

Starting Friday 5th Jan. Come along and join us for sensory and nature play, and another opportunity for our community to come together!

You can attend two playgroup sessions before you need to sign up as a Playgroup WA member, which covers insurance and gives you access to other benefits. Fees are an annual \$35 fee to Playgroup WA, and \$10 per term fee for our playgroup kitty to cover the cost of tea/coffee/craft supplies, etc.

For more information, please join the [Kerry Street Playgroup Facebook Group](#), or email kerrystreetplaygroup@gmail.com



Containers for Change

Did you know that the Containers for Change Scheme is a great way for your organisation to fundraise?

Community Recycling WA is already working with a large number of community organisations and schools in supporting fundraising efforts.

Kerry Street is now registered for Containers for Change. Our scheme ID is: C10356646

For more information or to find a collection point head to

<https://communityrecyclingwa.org.au/>

Happy collecting!

Firzana Jones

Public Relations Coordinator

Support your community



Hey Kerry Streeters,

This is my business! Holistic Bodywork... back open for business!

www.facebook.com/holisticbodyworkavis

I do fabulous relaxation massage, remedial, and Emmett technique for pain and discomfort. I also do energy work, so it all combines beautifully to support against stress and anxiety, too.

I am based on Carrington Street, not far from school, and available during school hours or after hours if that suits you better.

Come and check out what I do! I'd love your support.

Thanks

Avis



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