



Week 10, Term 3

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Kerry Street Community School Term 4, 2021

Term Focus: We encourage excellence and foster the growth of wonder and wisdom.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
	4	5	6	7	8	9 10
1	<i>Staff PL Day</i> 11	<i>First Day of Term 4</i> 12	13	14	Year 5/6 Sleepover 15	16 17
2	18	19	20	21	22	23 Busy Bee 24
S\$3	Swimming Lessons					30
	25	26	27	<i>RAP Group Meeting 3:30pm</i> 28	29	31
4	Swimming Lessons					6
	1 November	2	3	4	5	7
5	8	9	10	11	12	13 14
6	15	<i>Marketing Committee Meeting 9am</i> 16	17	18	19	20 21
7	22	23	24	25	26	27 28
8	29	30	1 December	2	3	4 5
9	6	7	8	Graduation 9	Last Day of Term 4 10	11 12
	13	14	15	16	17	18 19

*Whole School Events appear in bold

**Tentative Events appear in italics

Term 4 Calendar



Message from Melissa

Wow what a term it has been! I am so incredibly proud of all we have achieved this term as we focused on our school value:

**We are a community that contributes to the daily life
and future of our school**

We have achieved so much this term! A huge thank you to staff who have facilitated and supported excursions, Market Day, the anniversary, the mural project, Italian Day and so much more! Read on to hear more about recent events.

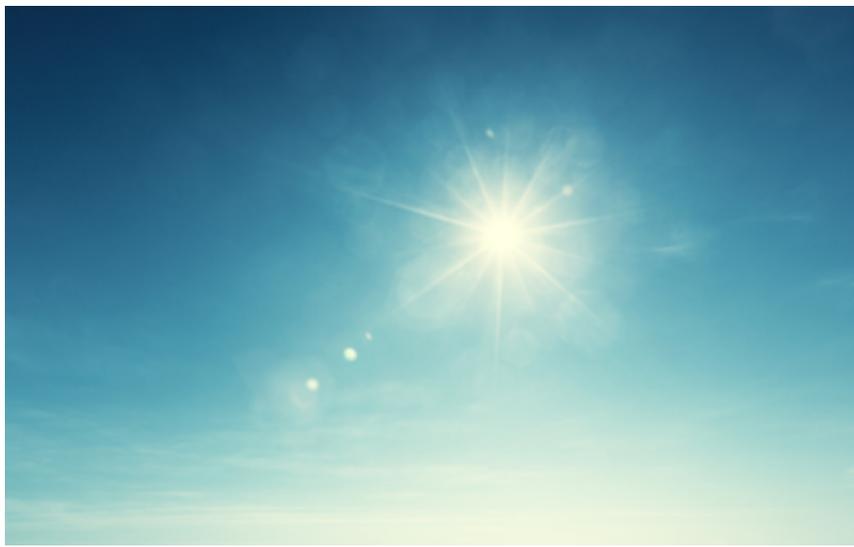
Before we break for the school holidays please note:

School returns Tuesday 12th of October. Monday the 11th is a staff development day.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday!

Melissa Kennedy

Principal



Board News

Happy holidays! It's been an amazing but very busy term and I hope you all get some time to relax and recharge in whatever way works for you. Before you go, the Board would like to share a few 'feel goods' with you all.

Last night our Board meeting was focused on student achievement. The Board have several check-in points over the year to make sure the school is assessing, analysing, and planning for all students' learning and achievement. This meeting we looked at the data gathered and in particular the patterns over time. What we saw was a reflection of the focus and hard work the staff have been putting into this ongoing cycle of teaching and learning. Our students are making great progress and in some areas, there are big improvements. Student achievement is reported to parents in various ways, for example, through reports, learning stories, and the Annual Report etc, but we wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge in particular the school's recent NAPLAN results. It's important to know that our school's NAPLAN results are not statistically viable as we don't have enough students participating in NAPLAN to receive reliable averages. And, to acknowledge that NAPLAN is a 'snapshot in time' that shows how a small bunch of young unpredictable kids managed to perform on a particular day. BUT, when we receive positive results, it does mean something to us, that our students are achieving academically and achieving in a holistic way that is centred in our school's Values and Philosophy. Of note, we saw overall improvements in both our 'cohorts over time' and 'school over time' for most areas. All cohorts were at or above the National Mean for literacy with big improvements in spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Well done everyone!

Another item reported on to the Board at this time of year is the results of the school's Opinion Surveys. Thank you for all the parents that took the time to respond and give us your feedback as part of the Parent Opinion Survey. We DO look at it and we DO act on it. A full report with an action plan will be sent out to the community in the new term once we get time to organise it! We can say though, that

there were some great improvements based on last year's feedback and actions and no 'regression' in any scores. Watch this space.

Please note, this is the time of the year that the Board usually sends out the 'fee letter' informing the community of next year's fees and asking everyone to confirm their enrolments for next year. Due to the extremely busy last few weeks, we aren't there yet! The letter will be sent out at the beginning of term 4, but don't worry, the usual requirement of 'a term's notice' will be adjusted to allow you plenty of time to consider your re-enrolment before confirming. Just relax and enjoy the holidays!

So, that's it for us for now, see you in a few weeks.

Regards

Tania Ivey

Board Chair



40 years tells a story...

Saturday ~ 18th ~ September

2021 marks 40 year of Kerry Street Community School. The school was established in 1980 by a group of parents looking for an alternative approach to education. In the beginning the school didn't have a permanent address, student numbers were limited and there was only a handful of staff. Fast forward 40 years to Kerry Street Community School as it is today. We currently employ 14 staff members, have 65 students enrolled and our beautiful buildings and grounds are located on the corner of Kerry Street and Forrest Road.

On the 14th of September we opened the school up to past and present Kerry Streeters for our school market day. Our Year 1-6 classes sold a range of items that

have been the focus of the learning for Term 3. The Year 1/2 students sold Hama bead jewellery of their own design; Year 3/4 students sold salt bush from our bush tucker garden that they harvested and dried; and Year 5/6 students manned individual stalls, selling a range of items they designed, budgeted for and created. We also held the official opening of our new swing, designed and installed by [Nature Based Play](#). Our swing is dedicated to previous Principal, Karen Kennedy. We also recognise the contribution of staff, students and Parent Forum who helped to raise the funds needed to purchase and install the swing.





On the 18th of September we held our 40th Anniversary celebrations at Victoria Hall in Fremantle. We were honoured to host over 200 present and alumni staff, students, families, Community Members, Board members and Chairs, Coordinators and Principals. The evening began with music by Tania and Sally Sims whilst guests connected and reconnected. We enjoyed delicious paella, prepared and served by Renato Fabretti. Dinner was followed by speeches and an incredible student performance. Finally, we danced the night away to music by Seasta Chani and the Twilight Heist.

Our Parent Forum raised over \$1000 through our silent auction. We would like to thank the following businesses that donated items which led to the auction being a huge success!





“40 years tells a story and what an amazing story it has been. I am excited to look to the next page in our journey and writing new chapters.” - Melissa



Transition to High School

On Wednesday the 15th of September, students from Years 4/5/6 visited four different high schools including: a Catholic school; a Public school; a Montessori

school and; a Steiner school as a part of our transition to high school program. These visits allowed students to see a cross section of schools. Students had the opportunity to compare and contrast and ask questions of our tour guides.

Some of their questions included:

- Do you wear a uniform?
- What activities and extra-curricular subjects do you offer?
- How do you support student wellbeing
- What is the school timetable?
- Do you have house systems?
- How do you manage student behaviour?

The excursion gave our students real insight into high school options and has sparked a lot of conversation. We are encouraging parents to continue these conversations at home. Families have been utilising our [Transition to High School handbook](#) to support discussions and the decision-making process.



Mural

After many years of our Wilderness Area being framed by a plain brown wall, we are very excited to see a new mural coming to life on the back of the Year 5/6 classroom. We were lucky to receive a Cockburn Community Grant to the value of \$2,500.00 for this project. Our Art Specialist, Caroline Colliss, planned and facilitated a whole school Inquiry focused on the mural. Students began

investigations with a visit from Brenton See, a well known, local muralist. They had input into his design by recording native flora and fauna they see in the local area. In the last week we have watched the mural evolve! Students and staff have spent many a recess and lunch watching Brenton at work.

A huge thank you to all the parents that helped undercoat the wall in preparation. We look forward to seeing the completed project!



We all enjoyed a fantastic Italian Day last Thursday with traditional Italian food

prepared by Elea and Bella and served by some of the students in Year 5/6 and also by parent helpers. Grazie!

The Art Room was transformed into an Italian trattoria by the Year 5/6 class and looked amazing.

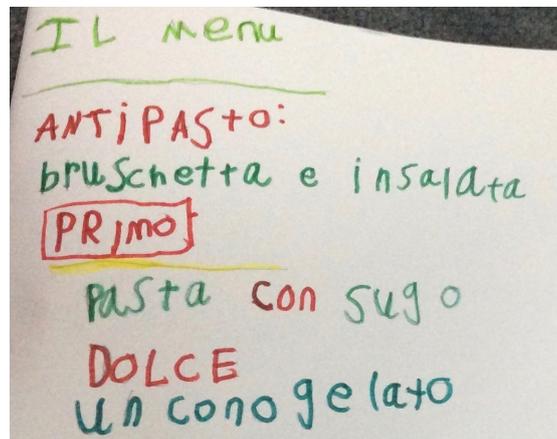
We also enjoyed the tastiest gelato in a cone and could choose from cioccolato, fragola and vaniglia.....mmmm delizioso!

After lunch we viewed some performances from each class showcasing a little of what we have been learning about in class.

Buona vacanza!

Caroline Colliss

Languages Specialist





Eggs for Sale!

Our superstar chickens have been laying so many eggs we have an excess! Pick up your half dozen from administration for only \$3!

Also, to our school lunch cooks, don't buy eggs! We have plenty of free range eggs our girls have laid. These are stored in the staff room fridge.



Lost Hat

Have you seen this hat in **GREEN**?
Precious holiday souvenir lost at school. If found, please return to Leo or message

Cara on, 0432 674 712.

Thank you!



Reminders

Student sign in/out - please remember to sign you child in at the office if you are running late in the morning, this will save you receiving an SMS that your child is not at school. If you are picking your child up for an appointment or any other reason please sign them out at the office before collecting them.

Parent sign in - please sign in and out if you are onsite to cook, help out in a classroom or you are at school for any longer than seeing your child to their classroom.

School Lunch emails:- reminder emails have been sent out, please ensure your payment is made to the Kitchen bank account as soon as possible.

Cleaning Roster: - Shifts are available on Tuesday and Thursdays if you would like to get some Community Jobs hours up 3.30 - 4.30pm each day.

Community Code of Conduct - Many of these have now been returned but a few are still outstanding, if you haven't signed and sent yours back, could you please do so or pick up a new copy from the Office.



Lunch Payments

Please note the following bank details for school lunch:

BSB: 016307

Account: 263330626

Name: Kerry Street Community School (Inc)

Students (and parents) are invited to sign up for school lunch in the mornings. Families will receive an email towards the end of each term detailing monies owed. Once received, please make payments into the school lunch account above.

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 Elvira, our Kitchen Coordinator via email kitchen@kerrystreet.wa.edu.au



Term 3 Lunch Roster

Starting Tuesday 12 October

To sign up for school lunch please check out the Kerry Street - Parents and Extended Families Facebook group or check the kitchen fridge for the roster.

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

Food Handling Course - All cooks must complete the online food handling course and forward the certificate showing this has been completed to the kitchen coordinator at kitchen@kerrystreet.wa.edu.au the link is

<https://www.ehawa.org.au/events/category/foodsafety-online-43>

On the payment page use the City's unique discount voucher "FSCBURN315" **and you will receive FoodSafe Online free of charge.**



Cleaning Roster

The cleaning roster is a good way to get your community jobs hours done, it involves approximately one hour either on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon from 3.30pm, ideally there are two parents rostered on.



KSCS Playgroup

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

Where: KSCS Wildspace

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

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.

Please speak to Hannah for more information, 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

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