



Week 1, Term 1, 2023

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Kerry Street Community School Term 1, 2022

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
	23 January	24	25	Australia Day 26	27	28 29
1	Orientation 30	Staff PL Day 31	First Day Term 1 1 February	2	3	4 5
2	6	Yc 3/4 Parent Meeting 7	8	Women and Girls in Science Day K/PP Parent Meeting 9	10	11 12
3	13	Year 5/6 Community Meeting Yc 5/5 Parent Meeting 14	15	16	17	18 Busy Bee 19
4	20	21	AQWA Excursion 22	23	24	25 26
5	CAMP					4 5
	27	28	1 March	2	3	
6	Labour Day 6	Year 3/4 Community Meeting 7	8	9	10	11 12
7	Neurodiversity Week					18 19
	13	14	NAPLAN			
			15	16	17	
8	NAPLAN					25 26
	20	Year 1/2 Community Meeting Harmony Day 21	22	23	24	
9	NAPLAN 27	28	29	30	31	1 April 2
10	Year 5/6 Excursion	K/PP Community Meeting 4	5	6	Good Friday 7	8 9
	Easter Monday 10		12	13	14	15 16

*Whole School Events appear in bold

**Tentative Events appear in italics

Term 2 Calendar

Term 3 Calendar

Term 4 Calendar



Message from Melissa

Welcome to 2023!

It was absolutely lovely welcoming all our students and families to school on Wednesday! There were feelings of excitement, nervousness and joy from both staff and students. We all enjoyed seeing the smiling faces as they walked through the gates and settled into classrooms.





The return to school is always very busy so this fortnight we have included some important information which will be handy for both new and returning families. More information can be found in our Parent Handbook via the link below.

Parent Handbook 2023

Before and after school

Drop off and pick up location will remain the same as last year. Students can be dropped off at the Forrest Rd entrance and collected from the Kerry Street entrance, these are the areas that will be supervised during these times.

School times

School is from 8:45am – 3:15pm

In the mornings students will be supervised from 8:30am in the undercover area and backyard. We encourage students to arrive between 8:30 – 8:45am to allow them to get organised for the day and connect with peers. Before 8:30am there will be no teacher on duty. Please be mindful that staff often use this time to prepare for the day and are not available to supervise students.

If you are running late in the morning, please sign children in at the front office. We ask that parents sign in for children unless children are travelling to school independently.

In the afternoons we ask parents/ carers to be present to collect children at 3:15pm, from the playground area. There will be a duty teacher supervising this area until 3:30pm. After this time students will move to the undercover area / administration building. At our school re-registration visit last year it was noted that we should be actively supervising all entrances to the school grounds. As a result the gates to the playground area will only be accessible at school collection time, whilst the after school duty teacher is on duty. These gates will be locked following

this (usually between 3:30 – 3:40pm). Gates will be opened for Kindergarten collections on Mondays at lunch time.

If you are running late please let our administration team know. If you would like to give permission for another adult to collect your child/ren, please email kerrystreet@kerrystreet.wa.edu.au or phone administration on 9335 1471. **All previous ongoing after school care arrangements have now been removed from the duty folder.** If you would like to continue an arrangement from last year, please contact our administration team with details of this notification. **If you are collecting a child on behalf of someone else, please notify the after school duty teacher.**

Students need to bring to school each day:

- A hat – essential for all outdoor play all year
- Closed in shoes – compulsory for excursions and play in the Wilderness Space
- Water bottle
- Crunch & Sip – fruit, vegetables, grains, or nuts (packed separately to lunch) which can be enjoyed during the morning session
- A change of clothes and towel – we encourage water play, students must have the resources they need to get changed if they get wet

We recommend that all personal items are clearly labelled.

Sunscreen

Given the warmer weather this term **please make sure you have made arrangements for sunscreen at school.** If you would prefer your child does not use school sunscreen, please provide an alternative to your child's classroom teacher.

Dogs on Grounds

ALL dogs must be kept on a lead whilst on school grounds, regardless of their temperament. Some staff and/or students may have fears or anxiety regarding dogs, we ask our community to be understanding of this.

Friday Excursions

For Term 1 we will be taking part in gymnastics, this will take place at school. Please collect your child/ren from school at 3:15pm on Fridays. We will head to the park again in Term 2.

Kind regards,

Melissa Kennedy

Principal



Welcome!

I would like to extend a huge welcome to the new staff joining us this year! Read on to hear a little more about the new members of our team.



Cindy May is our new teacher in the Yokine Mia class, Monday - Friday. Cindy is an experienced upper primary teacher who is passionate about creativity, mathematics and inquiry learning. She has spent the past 5 years in the Northern Territory teaching and creating large scale murals. She is excited to be back home in Perth near an ocean with no crocodiles! Cindy is a dedicated and enthusiastic teacher who enjoys being a part of a community. She has always believed that 'it takes a

village to raise a child'. Cindy has a wealth of knowledge, experience and stories to share with the community and can't wait to get to know everyone.

Dave Exham is a new addition to the Kerry Street community and will be teaching in Kaarla Mia every Wednesday and Friday. He recently attained a Bachelor of Primary Education from Curtin University, following on from two decades in the hospitality industry. This culminated in the ownership and operation of Little Lefroy's, in South Fremantle, which Dave and his wife, Cat, established in 2014.



Dave's hobbies include cooking, gardening, reading and keeping fit. He shares a passion for all things Science and is fascinated by the natural world. His teaching style reflects this, and Dave strongly believes nature-based pedagogies to be highly effective in sparking curiosity and engaging students in their learning.



Lisa Farrell is our new Wellbeing Coordinator. Unfortunately, Lisa has been sick this week but she is looking forward to joining us next Monday. Lisa will be at school on Monday and Friday each week.

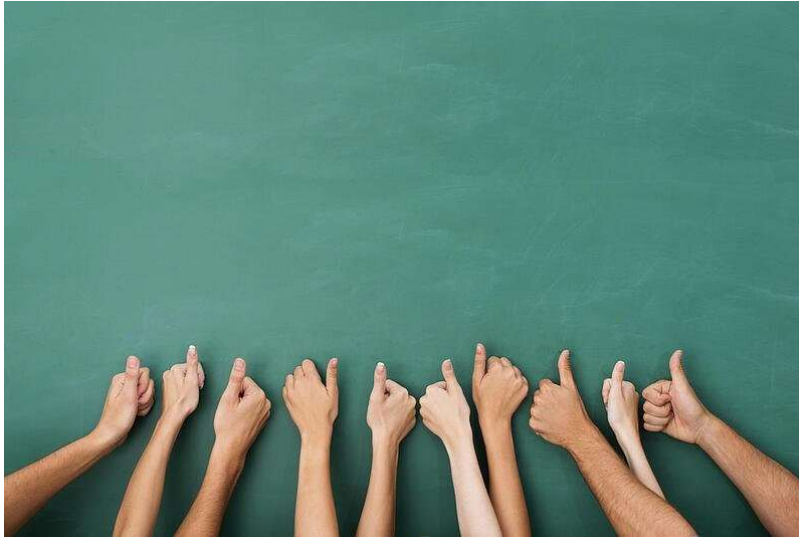
Lisa is a natural born free spirit, having travelled to over 30 countries and lived aboard twice she has a passion for culture, diversity and cultivating a growth mindset.

Lisa is an experienced facilitator, trainer, youth worker, mentor and coach. She brings a wide range of skills and life experience to this role and strives to build a community where all individuals are accepted and celebrated. She utilises a Trauma Informed Approach in all interactions and is passionate and curious about Attachment Styles and the impact that they have on children, young people and adults in their day to day lives.

Lisa looks forward to working with the Kerry Street community to continue to build a community that promotes a safe, always growing, supportive and joy filled environment.

We are also looking forward to seeing a lot more of Simmone who will be working three days a week in K/PP. Furthermore, Liz Lee, who completed her practicum in Year 5/6 in 2022 will be filling the Year 3/4 Education Assistant role on Wednesdays whilst Carolyn supports in Year 5/6.





Community Jobs

I am very excited to announce our new parent coordinator roles for 2023:

Community Jobs Coordinator - Firzana Jones

Cleaning Coordinators - Avis Callendar, Hayley Dart & Christel Vrancken

External Maintenance - Mark Johnson

Internal Maintenance Coordinator - Casey Haupt

Kitchen Coordinator - Chrissy Hazelwood

We are still looking for a **Public Relations Coordinator**. This role is focused on getting parent forum up and running for 2023 and organising parent led events. Please email me if you are interested in this role.

To find out more about Parent Coordinators please take a look at our Community Jobs Handbook attached below. If you have any queries at all relating to community jobs please chat with your buddy family, speak with Linda or send us an email.

A new term means new community jobs timesheets! Each family is required to do 10 hours of community jobs in Term 4. Jobs come in a range of forms and are specific tasks that each family takes on to help our school run smoothly, cooperatively, and fairly. In a larger school, many of these jobs are completed by paid contractors. In order to keep fees low and to foster a sense of belonging at Kerry Street, families are responsible for contributing skills, expertise, and time. Remember, you can always pay the levy if you are unable to participate, though taking on a job is a great way to get to know the school and to feel part of it.

- school washing once a week
- sweeping/tidying the outside of the school (never ending!)

- join a committee for example marketing, Reconciliation Action Plan working group, event planning
- building / maintenance projects
- helping organise the school camp
- scholastic book order coordination
- grant researching and writing
- graphic design
- shelving library books
- becoming a class rep
- gardening
- rubbish removal
- end of term/year clean up

There are many more opportunities! If you have another idea about how you could contribute to KSCS, don't hesitate to let us know.

Community Jobs Handbook

Community Jobs Timesheet



Annual Forms

If you have not yet completed the forms below, please do so ASAP.

Annual Excursion Permission Form

Kerry Street values the ability to take advantage of emergent learning opportunities in the local area. Therefore this annual permission form seeks your permission for

your child/ren to attend regular, ongoing park excursions and local area walking excursions.

Students in PP-6 visit Baker's Square most Friday afternoons to engage with participate in a range of team sports sessions. In the past we have done Basketball, netball, gymnastics, cricket, and many more.

Please follow the link to complete the form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/AQyjBxTVb8>

Social Media and Photo Permission Form

Each year we ask parents to consider whether you are comfortable and willing to allow us to use images of your child on our social media. This is completely voluntary and we are very careful not to use images for students who we do not have permission for. **If we do not have parent permission we will only use unidentifiable images, eg. taken from behind or with face blurred.** However, occasionally we capture beautiful moments of smiles, focus and learning that include faces. We love to share these with our local and wider community, where parents have provided permission.

Please follow the link to read more and complete the form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/b4M4y56BHx>



Wellbeing

Separation can be tricky

As we commence a new year many students find the return to school and/or transition to school challenging. At Kerry Street we are happy to help with this in a number of different ways. We can support a long term stepped approach, a short term transition and we also completely understand that for some of our parents/carers, we need to work towards quick goodbyes as you have other commitments.

If you are finding separation difficult, please make a time to meet with your child/ren's teacher. Together you can develop a plan to suit you and your family over this period. Some tips include:

- Decide how you plan to transition your child to school. We are open to supporting what you want/need in the mornings and have a wealth of experience and strategies for different models of separation. Once you have an idea of what you would like to do, make a time to discuss this with your child/ren's teacher and get their feedback.
- Work with the teacher to select a time to leave and stick to it. We know it can be distressing leaving an upset child! In our experience, most children calm down quickly and reconnect with the class and peers. Stretching out goodbyes often leads to increased anxiety for all involved and it is much harder for children to regulate after an extended goodbye.
- Trust that we will contact you if your child remains distressed. If your child is not able to regulate we will call and ask you to return. We also try to let you know if your child has settled to put your mind at ease.
- Develop a system with the teacher to indicate if you want us to step in and help with separation. We are often unsure if and when you want our support. Establishing a code word or sign ahead of time helps us to help you when you need it.
- Make time to build connections with other children outside of school. This often helps to build confidence and creates a feeling of safety for children parents aren't present.

Maggie Dent has written a great article full of ideas for supporting this transition. You can access the article here [Getting little ones ready for big school, with Maggie Dent \(theparentswebsite.com.au\)](https://theparentswebsite.com.au/getting-little-ones-ready-for-big-school-with-maggie-dent). There is also a wealth of information regarding separation in our Health and Wellbeing document which you can access below.

We know separation can be really tough for all involved. Please be aware that we are here to help! If you have any further questions or need some support please don't hesitate to contact your child/ren's teacher.



KSCS Goods and Services Directory



Hi everyone, a reminder that we have a Kerry Street Goods and Services directory where we can find and support the many businesses and folk within our community.

You can find this document in the files section of the Kerry Street Community Facebook group, using the button below or email Hannah to receive a copy.

If you would like to be included in this directory, please email me at publicrelations@kerrystreet.wa.edu.au

Goods and Serices Directory



Reminders

Arrivals

Please remember it is very important to sign your children in at the front office if you arrive after 8:45am. Doing so ensures we have accurate records of attendance but, **more importantly, that we have accurate emergency evacuation lists.** This allows us to ensure everyone is accounted for in the event we are required to evacuate the premises.

Please note that **absences** should be emailed to:-

kerrystreet@kerrystreet.wa.edu.au



Parking

Please be aware I have received correspondence from the Council advising that parents who continue to park on the median strip and/or on the verge of neighbouring properties will be fined.

Like parking at every school, ours is limited in terms of its availability, making school drop offs and pick ups a bit of a headache from time-to-time. We are aware of the issues our site causes and are investigating options for additional parking.

Please click the link below to read more about parking at Kerry Street.

Please be aware that you may be fined for parking illegally, we have had rangers visit our area at drop off and pick up times. For more information please see <https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Health-Safety-and-Rangers/Parking-and-Vehicle-Control/Parking-Laws-and-Guidelines>



School Lunch

The school lunch roster is located in administration. If you would like to sign up either email or speak with Linda to choose a date.

If you are new to cooking school lunch you will need to complete the Food Handling Course online 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.**

Please note the following bank details for school lunch payments. You can make transfers as you child/ren sign up and/or all families will be invoiced at the end of each term.

BSB: 016307

Account: 263330626

Name: Kerry Street Community School (Inc)

Please include student name/surname in the description



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!

Support your Community

ABOUT

Fremantle Speech Pathology Services is offering **speech, language and literacy screening** assessments for children who are in Kindergarten, Pre-primary or Year 1 in 2022.

WHEN

July School Holidays

WHERE

Fremantle Speech Pathology Services
Unit 1/14 Cockburn Road Hamilton Hill



WHAT AREAS ARE EVALUATED

Kindergarten

Speech and Language

Pre-primary

Speech, Language, Preliteracy, Phonics

Year One

Speech, Language, Preliteracy, Phonics, Reading, Spelling

These screening assessments are designed to provide a rapid and reliable profile of a child's performance across speech, language and literacy areas.

They are valuable for decision making:

- Is your child at-risk of experiencing difficulties communicating or learning?
- Is your child functioning below "normal limits"?
- Is your child functioning within "normal limits"?
- Should further assessment be conducted?

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE

Between 30-60 minutes

COST

Kindergarten \$90

Pre-primary \$90

Year One: \$100

Price includes the cost of the assessment and report. These screening assessments can be claimed through private health

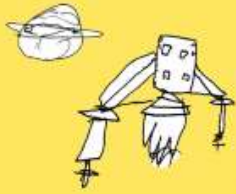
HOW CAN I BOOK

Contact the clinic or book on our website

CONTACT US

CONTACT@FREOSPEECH.COM.AU
9433 4595

ROCKET BOY DESIGNS



\$15 each



Jesse has been spending time here and there working on his T-shirt business over the last 6 years. We have a lot of stock at the moment so if anyone is looking for some colourful and fun kids T's for Xmas or Birthday gifts, come to our studio in Beaconsfield and have a brows...



Contact

Sam
0432 406 954

#rocketboydesigns



We're open!



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HIDDEN WORLD OF YOU

Help for parents to support their child with anxiety

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH ANXIETY

WHAT DOES THIS COURSE OFFER?

- ✓ • In the moment activities to do with your child to self regulate.
- ✓ • Communication strategies to help understand your child's needs
- ✓ • Proactive approaches to supporting your child
- ✓ • Practical activities to try
- ✓ • Help for parents to manage tantrums and communicate effectively with their child.

Childhood anxiety is one of the most important mental health challenges of our time.

When a child is struggling with anxiety it is natural to want to FIX it. Unfortunately, some intuitive solutions can actually make the problem worse.

It is important to spot signs of anxiety in the early stages so they can get the right support.

The Supporting children with anxiety course offers an alternative way of thinking about anxiety and provides practical strategies to try to help support your child through this difficult time.

COURSE DETAILS

Online Self Paced

Cost: \$49.00 + 15% discount using the code **"WELCOME"** at checkout

Bookings: www.hiddenworldofyou.com.au

For More Information

Email: info@hiddenworldofyou.com.au
<https://hiddenworldofyou.com.au/>

Cockburn City Council Programs




be heard!

We are looking for enthusiastic young people (7 to 12 years) to join our children's reference group

Seeking expressions of interest for 2023



The Children's Reference Group gives kids a voice and helps the City to understand what kids like and what issues affect them.

For more information or to register your interest, contact the Children's Development Officer 08 9411 3444.

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au | 08 9411 3444

Find us on 





presents:

Planning for Sustainability in the Early Years Setting

Wednesday 22 February 2023
5.30pm - 8.00pm

Coogee Community Centre, 19 Arlington Loop, Coogee WA

This workshop from Little Green Steps WA will provide EY Teachers, Service Directors and Sustainability Coordinators with a step by step framework for creating a Sustainability Actions Plan for their setting.

We will share tips for getting started, sustainable actions to plan for and information on what ECRU (Education & Care Regulatory Unit) is seeking to observe in your sustainable practices. Best practice models will also be viewed. The highlight will be a guided action planning session using LGSWA sustainability audit sheets.

Workshop includes:

- Ideas and inspiration for involving children in practical activities and routines
- Links with the EYLF and NQS
- Planning tips
- A chance to connect with other early years professionals and share ideas.



Please register at:
<http://www.littlegreensteps.org.au/CEZVN>
by Tuesday 21 February 2023

Enquiries about the workshop contact:

Belinda Bloxsome
Little Green Steps WA
Sustainability Officer
M: 0438 884 601
E: b.bloxsome@lgsaewa.org.au
www.littlegreensteps.org.au

This workshop is **ONLY \$5** for services within the City of Cockburn. A fee of \$20 applies to non City services.

"Wonderful learning experience"

"Thank you for getting me motivated"

supported by 

Maaraka Dabakarn

Hands to Steady

Are you a parent with a child under 5 years of age and are concerned about their development, or is pending an assessment?

We are holding a therapy day where parents can:

- Meet a range of therapists, in a group setting, who will provide families with hands-on activities and resources they can use, and take-away, to support children
- Discuss your child's development with Allied Health Professionals
- Have an Ears2Learn ear screening
- Build peer networks to support each other

Families are welcome to attend and there will be activities for siblings in a supervised play area. Morning tea will be provided.

Book your ticket via this link, spaces are limited

www.trybooking.com.au/CEHQC

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Visit www.dss.gov.au for more information.

EVENT

Saturday 4 February

9.30am (sharp) - 12.30pm (Registration at 9.15am)

Goodstart Early Learning Cockburn Central, 2 Muriel Court, Cockburn Central

A DAY OF DISCOVERY

TUESDAY 31 JANUARY
10am-4pm

Discover what the Cockburn Youth Centre *IS ALL ABOUT* learn more about our programs and meet our awesome team!

Activities: DnD, Open Studio and Bubble Soccer

Free food and drinks: Coffee and Sausage Sizzle.

08 9411 3888 | youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au
 @cockburnyouth | @cockburnyouthservices

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/youth

This information is available in alternative formats upon request.

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Email or call us to book 3.30pm-7pm \$20
1-on-1, 30 minute sessions. Keyboard, beginner drums, guitar, bass and music production.



RECORDING & REHEARSAL SPACE

Our awesome recording and rehearsal space is available for hire, whether it be for band practice or to record tracks. Inquire about our recording packages and pricing by calling 08 9411 3888.



KEYS 4 LIFE

Please email to register your interest for the next available Keys 4 Life.



Bookings and more info
T 08 9411 3888
E youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Ages
The Youth Centre is for young people aged 10-24 years (the month they turn 10) to drop in and get involved. Programs held during school term and holidays are for 10-17 year olds.

Memberships
Membership is free and is required for anyone using the Centre and its programs.

Program Bookings
Bookings and payments can be made by phone or in person at the Centre. Spaces for programs are limited, so please book in advance.

Personal Belongings and Food
Some of our programs include lunch, although it's best to come prepared. We have a fridge and secure lockers for storing personal belongings. Each person is responsible for their own belongings.

Hang Out
Our hangout spaces are open for all to use and include X-box, PlayStation, a pool table, ping pong, slackline and Football. Young people are welcome to drop in from 3pm on weekdays.

Cockburn Youth Centre Operating Hours
Monday-Friday 9am to 7pm
Thursday 9am to 9pm
Saturday 9am to 4pm

25 Wentworth Parade, Success
T 08 9411 3888 | E youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au
Find us on Instagram @cockburryouthservices

This information is available in alternative formats upon request

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/youth



SAVE THE DATE

World Environment Day Schools Festival

FRIDAY 09 JUNE 2023 **COCKBURN WETLANDS PRECINCT, BIBRA LAKE**

ALL DAY FREE EVENT FOR YEAR 3-6
(BUS SUBSIDY AVAILABLE)

REGISTER INTEREST:
environmentaleducation@cockburn.wa.gov.au




Kerry Street Community School, 20 Forrest Road, Hamilton Hill, WA 6112, Australia, 08 9335 1471

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