

NEWSLETTER



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See our calendar at
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Dancify
23rd, 30th Nov and 7th Dec

**Sporting Schools
Cricket**
26th November

**Governing Council
Meeting**
27th Nov 7pm

Year 7 Transition
Birdwood High 29th Nov

**New Student Transition
Days**
28th Nov and 5th
December

Christmas Concert
Tuesday 11th December

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Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers,

150th Birthday Celebration – The wind and wet weather certainly did not dampen our spirits on Thursday 22nd November as we celebrated the 150th year of education at Kersbrook Primary School. Over 100 former students, community members and past staff members joined us for a wonderful morning. My most sincere thanks to all of the people who assisted in making this a wonderful celebration.



Possible industrial action next week – As per the letter that I sent to each family earlier this week there is a possibility of industrial action next Thursday morning 29th November. We will not know until after 4.00pm on Monday 26th November. I will provide more information as soon as I can.

Before school OSHC – In the interest of meeting the needs of our school community we have been pursuing the possibility of offering before school care on site at our school. This would most likely be from 6.30 until 8.30 each morning. They are in the final stages of organising an online survey. If you do not have easy access to the online survey I have included a hard copy of the survey below. Please return to our office by 7th December. Before School Care can be very cheap with the government rebate.

Jill Gurner
Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Governing Council has asked Happy Haven to determine the feasibility of offering a Before School Care service on a permanent basis from 2019. We would appreciate it if you could take a moment to complete the details below and **return it to the school office by Friday 7 December 2018**. Completion of this form will indicate your interest in using the Before School Care service, which would be open each morning from 6:30am to 8:30 am.

Happy Haven will offer a Before School Care service, if we have an average of five children per day permanently booked in. Once the Before School Care Service is operational, we will also welcome casual bookings.

If you are interested in using Before School Care, please indicate the number of child/ren who would use this service and which days of the week they would be booked in. Please provide your details below and we will contact you to discuss the potential offer of this service.

Number of children				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

150th Birthday Celebration

Our 150th Birthday Celebrations on Thursday 22nd November were a great success. We welcomed over 100 people to school. Students showed our visitors into their classrooms and they participated in old style games like marbles and knucklebones. The whole community enjoyed the displays of old photographs and memorabilia. Some families have five generations who have attended Kersbrook Primary School. The inclement weather required some last minute changes but some of the old scholars from the 1930's were still able to join us and enjoy the morning. Best of all, our students were very excited to participate and dress up in period costumes. We would like to extend our gratitude to the many community helpers who returned to school to assist. Thank you especially to Kelly Pearce who made a spectacular cake to celebrate this very special occasion. Watch out for an article in the Mt Barker Courier. Thank you Kate, Joe, Joan and Barry (Hall Committee) for excellent catering.



Images above: The beautiful cake looked and tasted divine. Ivan Tiwu Copley OAM welcomed us to Peramangk country and told us some local history.

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Images below: Some of the special guests we welcomed included Dr Richard Harvey MP; Mr Tim Wilson Education Director and Julie James Principal Consultant from the Department for Education; and ex-Principals John Hendry, Mike Walsh, Peter Ryan and Jeff Bellman.



Left: Ms Gurner invited Des Levett and Cynthia Hill to help plant the Acacia Melanoxylon (Blackwood) tree to commemorate our 150th birthday. We hope our current students will come back to visit when the tree has grown. We received many positive comments from the community thanking us for the wonderful celebration. Thank you to Scott Summers for creating the brass plaque. The workmanship is superb.

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Below: Mrs Judd posed this great photo with her class in true old style. Everyone is very serious with no smiles to be seen. Our students were very enthusiastic and played old style games with our visitors.



See below our Commemorative Pen for our 150th Birthday Celebrations. If you didn't sign our Visitors' Book, please come into the Front Office to do so. We also have pens on sale for \$5.



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Year 7 Canberra Trip

November 11th – 17th, 2018

Ms Johnson, Maddi, Jack and Emily went to Canberra and all agree the trip was a great success. They learned about how Parliament and our system of democracy works. The Australian Government recognises the importance of young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship work which focuses on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. To assist students in meeting the cost of the trip, the Australian Government contributed \$60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program.



Image above: Our group photo with Norton Summit Primary, Gumeracha Primary and Uraidla Primary School.

Image left: Emily, Jack and Maddi on the lawns on top of Parliament House. Note democracy in action – they can stand above their elected representatives at work in Parliament House below.



Jack: My highlights of Canberra were.....

1. Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) because we got to see all of their training equipment and the games after.
2. Questioncon because it was awesome to see all of the equipment and the games which include the slide and caged lightning.

Emily: My highlight from Canberra was meeting all my friends and hanging out with them. My favourite place we went to was the War Memorial and the Library.

Maddi: Canberra was so much fun. My highlights were definitely AIS and the War Memorial. I also enjoyed just hanging out at the caravan park.



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Room 1 News



In Week 5 we had a special visitor. Taj's mum brought her 'work friend' Maurice to meet us. We asked lots of questions and learnt a lot about our bones.



Did you know.....?

- An adult has 206 bones.
- Your smallest bone is in your ear.
- Calcium keeps your bones strong
- Bones are very hard.
- Your skeleton protects your organs.
- Without a skeleton you would flop on the floor.



Maths in Room 2



Come and see our wonderful display of our names reflected on the diagonal.



We started by folding a square on the diagonal. Next we wrote our name in the triangle. We copied our names as a reflection along a line of symmetry. Lastly we coloured them in symmetrically.



Remembrance Day



Remembrance Day was commemorated on Friday 9th November as the 11th was on Sunday.

We had a ceremony at 11am with the flag half mast and Emily read the commemoration which included the Ode, the fourth stanza of the poem *For the Fallen* by Laurence Binyon (1869–1943).

Maryanne Norton came in and did some activities with students to commemorate the day. Pictured here from left is Harry, Finn, Maryanne, Isabel and Grace.



The above photograph was provided by Peter Malinauskas MP, Leader of the Opposition. It is a picture of the opening of the new school building in November of 1980. See more school history in the letter below.

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PETER MALINAUSKAS MP

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Members of the Governing Council
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Dear Members

Congratulations to the school community at Kersbrook on their 150th anniversary of the schools opening.

It was built as a joint government/community project back in 1868 and that same spirit lives on.

Records show that the Central Board of Education paid \$268 to the trustees of community funds who built the school for \$334.

It's a good example of community and government cooperation underpinning the future for our children.

A major redevelopment, planned in 1979, part of the Government's "Small Schools Project", opening in November 1980.

A copy of the Education Department of South Australia's 1980 brochure is available at the State Library of South Australia and includes the photograph enclosed.

We wonder where the 70 students from that opening day are today?

Just as it did when opening, Kersbrook Primary School continues to be a vibrant school, providing high quality education in a community-orientated environment with the backdrop of the Adelaide Hills.

Well done to everyone involved at the Kersbrook Primary on a magnificent 150 years.

Yours sincerely

A large, stylized blue ink signature of Peter Malinauskas.

Mr Peter Malinauskas MP
Leader of the Opposition

A blue ink signature of Dr Susan Close.

Dr Susan Close MP
Shadow Education Minister

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