



Kersbrook Primary School

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Newsletter No 1

Tuesday 28th January, 2020

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Traffic Monitor Training
29th January

Chinese Visitors
Postponed

Sausage Sizzle
Donation to our CFS
Friday 7th Lunchtime

Assembly 9am
Wednesday 19th February
Wednesday 11th March
Wednesday 8th April

Parent Aquaintance Night
Monday 10th February
5.30pm – 7pm
followed by
Governing Council AGM
7 - 9pm

Port Adelaide Football Club
Tuesday 11th February

V.I.P. Day
Wednesday 18th March
9am to 11am

Welcome back everyone!

I understand that the holidays were an anxious time for some people due to the Cudlee Creek and Kersbrook fires. If you or anyone you know needs help or support please let me know. I hope you were able to enjoy your holidays to some extent and the wonderful rain that we received.



I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone as we start our 2020 school year. It is shaping up to be another very exciting year for Kersbrook Primary School. During the holidays we had painting undertaken for Room 1 and new lockers for the student's bags. This, along with the new write on white board and interactive screen help to make this an even more dynamic and wonderful learning environment for our Reception and Year 1 students. Please feel free to pop in and have a look if you are passing by. Later this term should see the commencement of our Nature Play / Outdoor Learning Environment and also the installation of our long awaited high-speed uncontended fibre optic service. This will enable us to have high speed, unlimited internet usage and reliable Wi-Fi use for students and staff across the school and grounds.

Staffing updates include a special welcome to Dylan Baker who will be joining our teaching team. He will be teaching Health and Physical Education this year. Dylan's photo and self-introduction was in our newsletter last year. The rest of our teaching staff will remain the same with Lianne Zalac, Nina Judd and Lauren Johnson. Lynn and Andrea can be found most days in the office. Other support staff include Karen and Denise as well as Dean our Groundsman.

Kersbrook Primary School needs YOU. Can you spare two evenings a term for up to two hours? Kersbrook Primary School Governing Council members are the eyes and ears of our community. They support the Principal and decision making at our school. Our Fundraising Committee is a subcommittee of Governing Council and have been responsible for some great fundraising events in the past. We will be holding our AGM on Monday 10th February in the Library starting at 7.00pm. This follows our Parent Acquaintance Night from 5.30 pm until 7.00pm. If you are interested in being a Governing Council member or on a sub-committee, please feel welcome to come along and join us. In order to be truly reflective of our community I would like to encourage as many people as possible to be on our Governing Council to ensure broad representation.



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Sporting Schools Athletics

10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st March



I would like to welcome our new Reception students and their families. In Reception we welcome McKenzie, Aryanah, Paige, Gabriella and Thomas. This is a very exciting time for everyone. We would like to wish them all the best for the exciting adventure that awaits them. I have included a photo of our new students on the next page.

As always my door is always open and I invite you to catch up with me to ask questions or to clarify things that you may have heard. You can catch me in person at school, phone me or email at Jill.Gurner975@schools.sa.edu.au I will also be having two "Coffee and Chat" sessions this term where I would like to meet with people to have a chat over coffee in the Library. This term they will be Week 5 Wednesday 26th February at 9.00 am and also week 10 Friday 3rd April at 2.30pm. If you have another day or time that would better suit your needs please let me know and I will try to accommodate for next term.

We have been advised that our six homestay students from Liaoning, China will not be coming in February. Their trip has been postponed. Many thanks to the families who have so generously offered to host them. International students value add so much to our school and for our students. We will continue to host South Korean students later in the year.

Jill Gurner
Principal

Welcome to Our New Students

Welcome to our new Reception students in Mrs Zalac's class – Paige, Gabriella, Tom, Aryanah and McKenzie.



Staffing Update for 2020

We would like to welcome our new teacher this year –**Dylan Baker**. Dylan will be with us on Monday and Tuesday, teaching Physical Education and Health.

Room 1 (R, 1): Lianne Zalac
Room 2 (Years 2, 3, 4)
Transportable: Nina Judd
Room 3 (Years 5, 6 and 7) Main Building: Lauren Johnson



Karen Fergusson and Denise Scotford will be continuing in student support, Andrea Wilson in student and administrative support and Lynn Rawlings as Finance/Admin Officer. Dean Moss continues to care for our grounds.

School Times

Arrival time for school in the morning is between 8.25am and 8.45am. School starts at 8.45am. Parents/Caregivers are reminded that the morning yard duty does not begin until 8.25am. School finishes at 3.00pm each day and Teachers will be on duty until 3.20 if required.

Catastrophic Fire Risk Notification

If a day is declared *Catastrophic* due to bushfire or storm risk, the school will be closed and no staff or students will be on site.



The school will inform you of closures as soon as possible so that you can make arrangements for the care of your children. We strongly urge parents to consider how your children will be cared for on these days before the event. Normally the Bureau of Meteorology declares the risk at about 4pm the day before and it is widely broadcast in media and on websites.

Student Health and Medications

Your child's health is important so please let us know if your child has a health issue or allergy.

Student medication must be lodged at the front office with a Medication Agreement usually from your GP or Healthcare Provider. Staff are unable to administer medication without following Department for Education procedures. Please do not send students to school with medications in their bag, even Panadol. If your child has Asthma, please provide an Asthma Management Plan. Students may carry and administer their own Asthma Medication if that is part of their plan but their teacher and staff need to be aware of this.

Forms for your Doctor are available at:

<https://www.kersbrookps.sa.edu.au/parent-information/health-care/>

If you have any concerns, please speak with your child's teacher, Lynn, Andrea or Jill.



Attendance and Family Holidays

We understand that there are times when families need to take leave out of the school holiday period resulting in students being absent during the school term. Although this is not desirable or the best option for student learning we try to accommodate these requests.

Parents are required to submit a request for an Exemption on the official form, in writing if they know that their children will be away from school for more than 3 days. These forms are available from the Front Office.

If parents expect to be away for periods longer than 1 month then the application needs to be approved well in advance of the leave dates. These forms are part of the way that all Department for Education schools are required to monitor attendance.

Absences

If your child is ill or absent for any reason you are required to contact the school by phone, with a short written note, e-mail, Dojo or SchoolStream explaining the absence. Departmental guidelines require us to keep records about student attendance and absences. We appreciate your cooperation in this work.



School success starts
with attendance

Late Arrivals and Early Departures

It is a legal requirement that all students are accounted for on site and we ask that you come to the front office to sign your child in if late or sign them out if you need to collect your child during the day. We then know who is collecting children and have accurate records about children's attendance and absences. Importantly for any unlikely emergency that arises we need to have accurate documentation of who is on site at all times. Parents are encouraged to schedule appointments outside of school hours when possible.

2020 School Term Dates

1st Term	28 th January – 9 th April
2nd Term	27 th April – 3 rd July
3rd Term	20 th July – 25 th Sept
4th Term	12 th Oct – 11 th Dec



\$500 to help with education costs for you or your children

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for education costs.

- laptops & tablets
- vocational education

- uniforms & shoes
- lessons & activities

To join Saver Plus you must meet all of the below criteria:

- have a Centenial Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- be at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner)
- have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

Contact
Stacey Hall
your local Saver Plus
Coordinator
Phone
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Email
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Web
www.saverplus.org.au



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Eating Times

Recess time is 10.30pm until 10.50pm and supervised lunch eating time is 12.30 to 12.40pm followed by playtime until 1.20pm.

Materials and Services Charges- School Card

Students have been provided with a package including your 2020 Materials and Services Charges invoice, explanation and a form for making part payments if you require this.

Cash or cheque payments are accepted at the school but we do not have EFTPOS or credit card facilities. You may make an EFT payment to the school account. Please make sure you put a name and a description of the fee with the payment. The school banks with Bank SA.

BSB No. **105-117**
Account No. **427275340**

School Card: Go online to www.sa.gov.au and apply. Note that School Card must be applied for annually and if you have students at both primary and high school, you must make applications at each school. Eligibility criteria and salary cap has again expanded so more families may now be able to access school card concession. See the letter attached to your fees today for more information.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



All types of School Card applications are now online.

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

STEP 1 Visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

STEP 2 Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.

STEP 3 Complete all mandatory fields.
Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.

STEP 4 Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.

STEP 5 Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.
Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.

 sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard



Emergency Forms

You will be receiving student data forms and general agreements today. Please check that all the details are correct and sign where necessary. Please note in the address section a mailing and residential address is required if not already provided. Please return checked and completed forms to the Front Office this week (Friday 1st February). Please include mobile phone numbers as well as home and work numbers.

Important! If any changes occur during the year please let front office staff know in case of an emergency.

Newsletters/Communications

This is the first newsletter for the year. The next newsletter will be available on Friday 7th February and every 2 weeks after that.

Our modes of communication are:

School Website: www.kersbrookps.sa.edu.au

School Stream: an easy App for your device

E-mail: direct to you (If you are not receiving e-mails please flick a request to us at dl.0204.info@schools.sa.edu.au.)

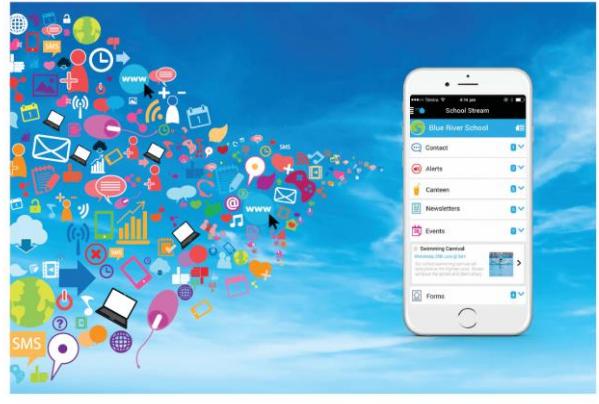
Emergency Telephone: **0419862579** used mainly for urgent alerts to you.

Class DoJo: Keep up to date with classroom activities.

If you have any difficulties with any of these communications, please let Andrea or Lynn know.

Your school now has a **FREE** app

Receive school information, instantly and directly to your smartphone



How to download your **FREE** app

- From your mobile device go to the **App Store (iPhone/iPad)** OR **Google Play (Android)** search for **School Stream** and download the app to your phone
- Make sure you agree to **push notifications**
- Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search **THEN** select your school

For more detailed instructions go to schoolstream.com.au/download



Out of School Hours Care

Happy Haven provide Out of School Hours Care and you can book on Ph: **81555444**.

Happy Haven operates from 3pm to 6pm in the Old School Building (OSB). Games, activities, food and drinks are all provided. The afternoon session is \$18.00. There are generous Government subsidies for most families.

Uniforms

Governing Council encourage school uniform or following our blue colour code. You can purchase or order uniforms at the front office. Please ensure that all clothing is labelled.

Information including our price list is on our website:
<https://www.kersbrookps.sa.edu.au/parent-information/school-uniforms/>

School Assemblies

School Assemblies will be held on Wednesdays, normally in Weeks 3, 6 and 9, in the Library from 9am to 9.30am. Assemblies are always fun and all families are welcome. Remember you can check our website or SchoolStream calendar. www.kersbrookps.sa.edu.au



Everyone Welcome! Come along to our Governing Council Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm after Parent Acquaintance Night on Monday 10th February. A little of your time can help to make our happy school vibrant and successful.