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Diary at a Glance

| Tues 20 to Thurs 22 Feb | School Photos | |
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| Thursday, 22 February | Assembly: TA 28/29 | 8.45am |
| Monday, 26 February | Board Nominations close | |
| Monday, 5 March | Labour Day Public Holiday | NO STUDENTS |

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a fantastic first few weeks we have had at Mindarie Primary. It is fantastic to see our students so involved in their learning and eager to participate in the activities available for them; in class and at break times.

We now have four clubs running each week during lunch time. Mr Burns is running 'Belly Busters' one lunch break each week. Mrs Parker is hosting dancing in the undercover area one lunch break each week and Mrs Em and Mr Whitaker are running science clubs one lunch break each week, one for the junior students and one for the senior. In addition, we now have a schedule of activities occurring in the library each week at break times. Therefore, our students should always be able to find something of interest to participate in.

Our first assembly this year was a very exciting one. It was fantastic to see three of our new staff members entering into the spirit of things and entertaining the students with their very exciting item about how teachers get ready for school in the morning. I'm glad that they put on some protective clothing prior to eating!! Have a look at the photos in this newsletter and you will understand why.

Parents, can you please remind your children to walk bikes and scooters in the school grounds. It is a safety issue for others on the grounds and also for your own child. It also teaches students the social norms around large amounts of people.

We are very fortunate to have two staff members who are willing to share their dogs with the students at Mindarie Primary. The children love seeing the dogs in the office and also taking them for walks. It seems to be a growing trend in schools now and it is terrific to think that Mindarie Primary led the way in this initiative. We do however ask that you do not bring your own dogs onto the grounds. There are several reasons for this. The first and most important is that we would hate for a student to approach a dog and get a negative reaction because the dog was startled or frightened. This could have a very negative result for your dog. Thank you for supporting us in this matter.

At our regular staff meeting last Wednesday, staff again raised concerns about students playing on the equipment in the junior primary area before and after school. Parents, as you are with your children at this time, can you please enforce the signage that is on that equipment, that it is

ADMINISTRATION

Barbara Bromley Principal

Rebecca Appleton Associate Principal

Belinda Bewick Associate Principal

Andrea White Associate Principal

Anne-Marie Rosa Manager Corporate Services

SCHOOL BOARD

Chris Erikson Chair Person Barbara Bromley Principal Anne-Marie Rosa Minute Secretary Board Members Rebecca Appleton Belinda Bewick Melanie Cook Andrew Crosby Kath Gilbert Ian Goodenough John Purtill Tracey Roberts

P&C COMMITTEE

President Aarian Daniels Vice President Michael Self Treasurer Clair Fordy-Clark Secretary Karyn Anderson WACSSO Melanie Cook Uniform Coordinator Clair Fordy-Clark

mpspandc2017@ gmail.com

Uniform shop Opening times Wed 2.15 - 3.00 Fri 8.15 - 9.00 not to be used before or after school. Again, thank you for your support in this matter.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the P&C meeting. It was great to see some new faces at the meeting. It was also terrific to hear that this year the P&C will again be organising a disco. We all know how much the students enjoy the opportunity to gather after school and have a dance. The running of a disco is always something that is done by the P&C, it is not a school organised event.

You will find in this newsletter a form calling for expressions of interest in becoming a general community member on the school board. If this is an area of interest to you please have a look at this form. Expressions of interest need to be emailed to me at <u>Barbara.Bromley@education.wa.edu.au</u> by 4.00pm Monday, 26 February. A panel of board members will then convene to review these.

Kind regards

Barbara Bromley Principal

NAPLAN Online Update



The NAPLAN Online assessment uses a locked down browser to help ensure security during testing. The link provided below (also on the School Connect Page) takes you to demonstration tests for conventions of language (grammar, punctuation, and spelling), numeracy, reading and writing for each NAPLAN test year levels: 3, 5, 7 and 9. There is no Year 3 writing demonstration test as Year 3 students in 2018 will conduct the writing test using pen and paper.

https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

or goo.gl/5YHxMg

Try the practice tests at home and interact with the site with your children. By exposing them to the platform giving them as much practical experience with the test will ensure the best possible outcome when it comes time to complete NAPLAN Online in May this year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to see Mr Gould.

MINDARIE PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD

The Mindarie Primary School Board is now calling for expressions of interest from community members (these can be parents or others in the school community who have an interest in progressing Mindarie Primary) to utilize the following form to express their interest in becoming a General Community Member of the Board.

- Three positions are vacant.
- The period of membership is three years.

A Board needs to reflect-

- The nature of the student population including cultural, linguistic, economic and geographic factors relevant to the school.
- The roles and responsibilities of the board.
- The general community.

The roles of the Board are as follows-

| Role of the Board | Example skills that may be required |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Participate in the development, endorsement and | Strategic planning |
| review of the school budget and business plan | Budgeting |
| | History and context of the school |
| | Education and pedagogy |
| | Community engagement |
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| Participate in processes to review school performance | Critical thinking |
| | Understanding data and reports |
| | Education and pedagogy |
| | Giving feedback |
| | Decision making |
| Participate in the development and endorsement of | Community engagement |
| the school annual report | Communications |
| Promote the school in the community | Community engagement |
| | Communications |
| | Ethical and responsible behaviour |
| Review of school policies | History and context of the school |
| | Education and pedagogy |
| | Community engagement |

Please use the attached expression of interest form to register your interest.

Please note that some of the following demonstrable attributes could assist the board selection committee when they meet to review expressions of interest-

- Evidence of broader connections to the community, for example sporting clubs etc.
- Evidence of clear connections to the school, for example membership of committees, volunteer work etc.
- Prior board experience or governance experience.
- Marketing experience.

In order to support you in relation to school governance refer to the Website for the Business Plan, School Board Terms of Reference, Annual Report 2016 and Independent Review 2014.



MINDARIE PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD

Expression of Interest by a Candidate interested in being a General Community Member on the School Board.

I nominate myself as a candidate for selection to the Mindarie Primary School Board.

| Name: | |
|-------------|--|
| Address: | |
| Occupation: | |
| | |

Candidates Statement

Declaration of Candidate

I nominate myself as a candidate and if selected I will accept the responsibility of being a general community member.

Signed:





KISS AND DRIVE PROCEDURES

The Kiss and Drive on the north side of Abbeville Circuit is a great initiative in our mission to help ease the traffic issues that occur before and after school. We would love to see the Kiss and Drive used fairly and responsibly as it is a great tool in combating road safety issues around the school. We know that as members of our school community we rate our children's safety as a high priority.

But what is a Kiss and Drive and how does it work?

The idea behind a Kiss and Drive is that you drop off or pick up your children in a designated and safe position to the school.

The Mindarie Primary School Kiss and Drive consists of a number of car bays. Once a car enters the Kiss and Drive bays it moves to the most **forward** bay in the area. Children exit or enter the car at the left hand side (the safety door away from the road side).

Parents and carers remain in the vehicle, with the car only allowed to remain in the bay for a **maximum of two minutes!**

After school, you **only** enter the bays if you see your child ready. Remain in the car with the engine running. If you cannot see your child, drive on around the school and come back to the Kiss and Drive bays. **By arranging to meet your children five minutes after the siren you can be sure that they are waiting for you by the Kiss and Drive bays.**

This is a great opportunity for parents to avoid having to arrive early and find a place to park! This is also great for parents of older students who don't need to attend/wait outside the classroom.

School Photos

Our school photo days are coming on Tuesday the 20th, Wednesday the 21st and Thursday the 22nd of February.

The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture's website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. If you pay online, there is no need to return the order envelope to school.

Alternatively you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day. Please note the photographers cannot open sealed envelopes and <u>cannot</u> provide change. Due to the sheer size of our school, this is not recommended and neither Kapture nor Mindarie Primary School will take responsibility for lost money envelopes.

You also have the option to order a sibling photo package online, however please note <u>sibling orders will close at</u> <u>12pm on Monday, 19 February</u>. We suggest you place your online sibling order as soon as you receive your order envelope with your order instructions.

Log on to kapture.com.au for your sibling photo order . Late requests cannot be granted.

Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture. You can place an order online for class or individual photographs at any time for the remainder of the current school year however a \$15 fee will apply if you order more than 10 days after photography.

If your child is in a special group photo, you can use the same school code on your order envelope to view and order these photos on Kapture's website, around the time that school photos are ready to be delivered. Please note; class group, individual and sibling portraits are not available to view online.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should <u>NOT</u> be included in the photo shoot –please contact the school office.

Your child's class has been allocated a day for their class photo and portrait. Please contact your child's classroom teacher for any further information.

| Tuesday 20/02/2018 Sibling Photos - 8:00-8:55am | Wednesday 21/02/2018 Sibling Photos— 8:15-8:55am | Thursday 22/02/2018 Sibling Photos— 8:00-8:55am |
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| Surname A-F | Surname G-L | Surname M-Z |
| TA 31 | TA 20 | TA10 |
| TA21 | TA28 | TA19 |
| TA20 | TA4 | TA20 |
| TA19 | TA5 | TA21 |
| TA18 | ТАЗ | TA10 |
| TA17 | TA7 | TP3 |
| TA11 | TA26 | Student Councillors |
| TA14 | TA27 | Faction Captains |
| TA15 | TA2 | |
| TA24 | TA29 | |
| TA25 | TA8 | |
| TA22 | TA9 | |
| TA23 | TA12 | |
| TP4 | | |
| TP5 | | |

Science News

This term in Science we are studying Biological Sciences. We are learning about living things, life cycles, and animal and plant environments and adaptions. To support us in our journey, some students have been bringing their pets to school.



Pictured is Thomas from Year 4, who kindly brought in his pet snake named Sarah! Fortunately it is a baby python and she is safe to handle. We have also been finding plenty of small creatures in our school garden, and investigating the Red Tiger worms in our worm farm.



TA 2: Thomas

Year 3 Indonesian

This year the Year 3 students are learning Indonesian through the KETAWA Online Indonesian Language Program. They have been enthusiastically learning how to greet people.

Our key words for this fortnight are Halo (Hello), Selamat Pagi (Good Morning), Pak (Sir/Mr), Bu (Mrs, Miss, Ms) and Sampai Jumpa! (See you later/Until we meet again).

TA28 and TA29 look forward to sharing more Indonesian words and an Indonesian song at the next assembly.

Buddy Class TA 11 & TA 10

Pre-primary TA11 and Year 6 TA10's first buddies meet up: outdoor reading under the trees on Thursday, 15 February

Lily, Oliver, Naylah and Christian

Dan, Skye, Jack, Loren and Niquole







Asha and Raymond



Arthur and James

Mindarie Supports Kids Mental Health

A pod of wildly colourful dolphins have swum into town as part of a vibrant public art trial. They are here to raise awareness of child and adolescent mental health and come with three clear messages:

- 1. You are not alone
- 2. It's OK to talk about your feelings and concerns
- 3. Real help is available

Mindarie Primary School has been participating in The Big Splash Program, which has been developed in response to the alarming increase in the number of children and young people presenting to Emergency Departments with self-harm and attempted suicide—a 400% increase in the last five years.



Savannah, Lucas, Tahlia, Jake and Finn

The program helps teachers and parents navigate the topic of mental health and wellbeing with their students and children. With a focus on building resilience, the program teaches children to recognise their emotions and develop essential coping strategies.

For more information visit the bigsplashwa.com.au.



UPDATING STUDENT INFORMATION

Would parents please ensure that all student contact information is up to date at the school. It is vital that we have the correct address and emergency contact details so that valuable time is not wasted in the case of an emergency.

You can now update student information easily by sending a message via the School App, send us an email, pop into the front office or simply give us a call.



Connect is a secure online environment developed 'in-house' by the Department of Education for staff, students and parents in public schools. It will give our teachers a tool to deliver content to the students via an online classroom. This means your children will be able to share with you what they are learning about, easily and safety online.

Teachers can use Connect to keep you updated with information about the class. Things like upcoming events, excursions, classroom activities, photos and stories can be sent to you via email or, if you prefer, via a push notification on your phone. Download Connect Now from the <u>Apple</u> <u>App Store or Google Play</u>.

MINDARIE PRIMARY SCHOOL APP

A reminder about the school app. The app is free and can be downloaded directly to your iPhone or android device. The app allows the school to give up to date information to parents/carers.

Once downloaded you will be able to:

- Receive instant push notifications and reminders from the office
- View the term calendar and timetable
- Submit absentee forms
- Submit change of details forms
- Look at the events page for current information
- View school forms
- Watch the virtual tour video
- The app is easy to download. You can follow these links:

https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/mindarie-primary-school/ id663060083?mt=8

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details? id=com.app_mindarieps.layout

| Kindergarten/Pre-Primary | | Years 1-6 | |
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| Phys Ed resource materials \$10 | \$10.00 | Science consumables \$5 | \$5.00 |
| Art/Craft consumables: Stationery \$10, Craft materials \$10 | \$20.00 | Art/Craft consumables Stationery \$10, Craft materials \$10 | \$20.00 |
| Language consumables: Resources \$10, Stationery \$5 | \$15.00 | English: Library resource materials \$10 | \$10.00 |
| Photocopy supplementary to all learning areas | \$15.00 | Photocopy supplementary to all learning areas | \$15.00 |
| | | ICT, Computing consumables \$10 | \$10.00 |
| TOTAL CONTRIBUTION | \$60.00 | TOTAL CONTRIBUTION | \$60.00 |
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2018 FEES AND CHARGES

The School Board would like to point out that the contribution per child (\$60.00) equates to \$1.50 per week over the course of the school year. We also point out that all contributions are used for the direct benefit of the children. Our aim is to raise our community's contribution rate to at least 85% for the benefit of all our children.

Contributions can be paid by direct debit to BSB 016 338, Account 3409 09309 (enter student's full name and "2018 Contributions" in payment description field. EFTPOS facilities and payments by cash and cheque can be made at the school office. We are more than happy to arrange payment plans if required. Please arrange at the school office.

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| X | Achievement Certificate Recipients | | | |
| | Thu | rsday 8 Feb | oruary 2018 | X |
| TA 2 | Jessica | TA 4 | Rylee and Trent | |
| TA 5 | Madison and Archie | TA 7 | Hudson | |
| TA 9 | Labron | TA 11 | Charlie and Naylah | |
| TA 14 | Kai and Chloe | TA 15 | Indie | |
| TA 17 | Jane and John | TA 18 | Isabel and Chase | - |
| TA 19 | Chayse | TA 23 | Liam and Jamie | |
| TA 24 | Max | TA 26 | George | X |
| TA 27 | Olivia and Cara | TA 28 | Kaiden and Daniel | |
| TA 29 | Spencer and Louis | TP 3 | Freya and Bella | |
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Well Done!

ASSEMBLY

Our students were hugely entertained by the New Teacher skit at last week's assembly. Thanks to Mrs Morrison, Miss Evans, Ms Chester, Mr Gould, Miss S and Miss O'Shea for putting on such an amazing performance.



P&C NEWS

The Mindarie Primary School P&C Association AGM will be held Wednesday, 7 March from 7pm onwards in the school staffroom.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

The school is collecting vouchers for the Coles Sports for Schools Program. The vouchers will be exchanged for sporting equipment for our kids. For every \$10 you spent you get one voucher.

Please encourage family, friends and neighbours to support our school. We have collection boxes at Ocean Keys Coles and at the school office.



Ve would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

BOOK CLUB

We invite Parents and Staff to join our Mindarie PS Book Club.

Our school librarian, Sharna O'Sullivan, has kindly offered her time to support our group. Each month we will discuss a different book chosen by a member of the group.



Meeting will run once a month on a Thursday night from <u>7:30pm</u> to <u>9:30pm</u>.

Our next meeting is Thursday, 15 March and we will discuss Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card.

There is no membership charge but you will need to access each book yourself, whether borrowed or purchased. You will occasionally be asked to bring a plate of food to share. BYO wine.

LUNCH ORDER DAYS

Subway—Friday, 23 February Pizza—Friday, 2 March Subway—Friday, 9 March Pizza—Friday, 16 March

To order:

ouronlinecanteen.com.au



2018 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1: Wednesday, 31 January to Friday, 13 April

Term 2: Monday, 30 April to Friday, 29 June

Term 3: Monday, 16 July to Friday, 21 September

Term 4: Tuesday, 9 October to Thursday, 13 December

2018 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL

Term 1: Monday, 29 January & Tuesday, 30 January

Easter Break: Thursday, 29 March to Tuesday, 3 April

Term 2: Monday, 28 May and Wednesday, 27 June

Term 4: Monday, 8 October & Friday, 14 December

SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIME

Starts at 8.45am and finishes at 2.45pm EVERY DAY

If you have to make other arrangements for the collection of your child please remind children and the class teacher before school as it is not always possible for office staff to get the message to the children. We will endeavour to do so but we cannot guarantee we will get the message to them on time.

SCHOOL GATE OPEN AND CLOSE TIMES

| Main front gates – | Open from 8.00am. Open all day. |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Other gates – | Opened at 8.15am. Closed at 9.00am. |
| | Opened at 2.30pm. Closed at 3.15pm. |

KINROSS COLLEGE MUSIC INFORMATION NIGHT INVITATION

To all Year 6 students and families,

Kinross College would like to extend an invitation to all Year 6 students and their families to our annual Music Information Night.

This night includes a short presentation of what is offered at Kinross College in regards to music as well as performances by some of our students, a chance for students and parents/guardians to meet our music teachers/tutors and an opportunity to collect any forms for the Music Enrichment auditions and instrumental lessons in preparation for 2019.

This event will take place on

Monday 12 March, 2018

6:00 -8:00pm

Performing Arts Block, Kinross College

ALL BOOKINGS (FREE EVENT) MUST BE MADE AT https://www.trybooking.com/UDPK

For more information or to answer any questions you may have, please feel free to contact our music teacher, Miss Ashlyn La Cava on 9306 6000 or at <u>Ashlyn.lacava@education.wa.edu.au</u>.

Kind Regards, Kinross College

BEWARE!! HEAD LICE SEASON IS UPON US

Head lice are extremely contagious and it really doesn't have anything to do with personal hygiene...

95% of lice are transmitted through close contact, which means sharing hats, head bands and pillows make it more difficult to control head lice.



Ensure that you are protected from head lice this season and take the necessary preventative steps to keep away head lice.

Below are four crucial steps to keep your school head lice free:

- Avoid sharing clothing: especially hats, ribbons, head bands and helmets
- Discourage children from playing with each other's hair
- Don't share brushes, combs, towels and pillows
- Keep long hair plaited or firmly tied back to prevent contact from other kids

We hope that the above tips will help you keep head lice away for good!



Mindarie Keys Early Learning School Family owned, leading education and care for children aged 0-12.

010 Early education and care from birth to 5 years at Mindarie Keys Early Learning School 010 Three Plus, based at Mindarie Primary School, offering a school readiness program

010 Outside School Hours Care, Before School, After School and an exciting Vacation Care

Our highly qualified educators are passionate about providing your child with what we are well known for, loving care and a head start in their educational journey.



A child, more than anyone else, is a spontaneous observer of nature

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Please join us at the NEW

Mindarie Playgroup

A Playgroup for children aged 0-4 and their families.

Where: Mindarie Primary School, in the undercover area

Fridays from 8:3-0am - 10:30 am

(excluding school holidays)

Please bring a hat & a piece of fruit to be shared.

At Playgroup ...

Wh-en

- You can have fun playing with your child
- You can meet other parents
- Your child can become familiar with the school environment ready for future years
- For more information, please call Karyn Anderson on 0414385 043.







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Anteriora Distriction Science Constructions Mindarie Keys Three Plus Kindy, Early Learning School and Outside School Hours Care are rated 'EXCEEDING' National Quality Standards. Our programs focus on early literacy and numeracy through varied, fun, play-based experiences in a supportive and nurturing environment.

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