



Katherine South Primary School

We are a Learning Community

Principals Message



Hello KSPS families,

Welcome back to Semester 2, I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. There were many stories from both staff and students about their time away, some managed time interstate, the Kimberley and Red Centre were popular destinations again, and as always lots of fishing and camping much closer to home.

Our term has started positively with students returning Tuesday full of smiles ahead of catching up with their friends.



This term sees a number of staffing changes. We bid farewell to Miss Grenfell at the end of last term, unfortunately due to staff shortages across the region her class has been dissolved among our other 3/4 classes. I acknowledge and thank our staff and families for their understanding and support with this unexpected change, and commend our students on their adaptability and positivity. We are fortunate to have Miss Chloe Tomlinson back full time, Chloe is very excited to take on the 3-6 STEAM position; knowing her creativity, interest in Science and love of the Arts, we can't wait to see the wonderful learning she generates in this area.

Our support staff team has been boosted with the addition of three new members. Please make welcome Miss Madonna supporting in Year 3/4 Jay, Miss Kellie supporting across the 1/2 classrooms and Miss Chloe in the Early Years space.



We also welcome a number of new students and families to our school community this term and hope that you settle in quickly to your new homes and classes. We realise this can be an anxious time for people, and our students are doing a fantastic job at making the first few days at a new school as friendly and positive as they can. Congratulations to all our students and classes.

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Our year 6 shirts arrived over the break and students received them this week...Wow! Don't they look amazing. I spoke briefly to our designers today to check in with how they were feeling: They played it all down initially, Hayes said, 'Yeah it's alright', Darcy and Max said 'It looks good but it took them a while to get the idea.' The boys then went on to explain that they had to work with the company to make sure the images were of animals and the environment found up here – like a water buffalo not a bison. We wanted the barramundi not just any fish. The waterfall was good and the scrub looked more like what we get around Katherine. We included the aboriginal design on the back to represent the three house teams coming together at KSPS in a community.

Thanks also to Mrs. Amy Piper for leading and coordinating this important piece of work for our Year 6 graduating class.



Our staff spent Monday revisiting our school priorities, unpacking data, reflecting on our achievements as a school community and participating in professional learning sessions

with a focus on RWI, positive behaviour approaches and understanding Investigations in our Early Years. I would like to acknowledge Miss Bajada, Miss Jenna, Mrs. Righton and Mrs. Shield for their work in preparing sessions for the day.



At the end of last term we held our Athletics Carnival; and what a great success it was. It was fantastic to see so many families come along in support of their kids and partake in the day. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our organising committee; Marnie Hopkins, Lyn Piper and Megan Hawkins. Whole school events like this do not happen without support from parents and families, a shout out to all of the parents who assisted us with officiating events on the day and a special thank you to those of you who supported the fundraising committee with their coffee and cake stall.

We announced and presented the winning house and age champions at our last assembly, congratulations STUART house for being our 2022 champions and to all of our Age Champions. The final scores are as follows:

STUART 1535 points
BUCHANAN 1505 points
VICTORIA 1340 points

Champions: Marjorie Skeen-John, Max Whitehouse, Fantasia Draper, Jobe Prime, Aqwarn AhFat, Taliesha Irwin, Ashley Redpath, Shaylen Wright, Cooper Shardlow, Talayah Gillett, Wade Bryant, Pailyn Mitchell



Runner Up: Jal Dojiok, Morgan Buckley, John Whitehouse, Izaya Berto-Miller, Logan Randell Nylah Amarant, Glen Higgins Lily Wright, Emersyn Berto-Miller, Mason Campbell, Dakota Watkins

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPION:

2009 Girls: Marjorie Skeen -John
 2010 Boys: Max Whitehouse
 2012 Girls: Nylah Amarant

We also presented our AFL Awards. These were reflective of the 8 week season our team participated in last term under the guidance of our coaches Miss Charli and Mr. Dale. All players received a medallion for their sportsmanship and efforts. Special mention to the following for their awards:

Leading Goal Kicker – Dre Jackson
Best and Fairest – Max Whitehouse
Rising Star – Harris Coburn

We have lots of wonderful experiences planned this term, the calendar is full of visiting artists, camps, showcases, fun days, science expos just to name a few. We work hard to continue to operate as normal however still need to be mindful of the impact of COVID. Please continue to monitor for symptoms and keep students away if they are not well. The whole school community relies on your continued support in this area to keep everyone healthy and safe.

We are certainly off and running... it has been a fantastic start; here's to another successful term ahead. Have a great week everyone.

Karen Taylor
 Principal



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House Spirit Points

"1" Wear your School Shirt	Victoria	542
"2" Wear your Sports Shirt	Buchanan	861
"3" Bread Bags	Stuart	690

Certificate of Merit

Jayde Devereux



Green Card Awards

Rory Lewis	Arlia Boxsell
Kai Rosas	Charli Hohn
Bobby Ross	Holly Dahl
Lola Blasch	Miss Charli Simmonds
Jerome Laurie	

CANTEEN NEWS

BREAKFAST IS AVAILABLE DAILY

From 7.45am until 8.10am
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
 2 x Toast & Milo \$2.00
 Thursdays: Hash brown \$1.00

Available Everyday:

Strawberry/choc or vanilla Breaka's (fresh or frozen)
 250ml poppers—ABC, Orange & Apple
 Fresh or Frozen yoghurt Fruit

COMMUNITY



ACHIEVEMENT



RESPECT



ENGAGEMENT



T-2 STEAM donations:

Any empty plastic bottles, bells, bottle caps
 (plastic or metal), buttons, toilet rolls,
 paper towel rolls,
 boxes.

Students will be creating musical instruments so
 any suitable donations would be greatly
 appreciated.



Reminder:

Upcoming camp to Kakadu for all
 students in Year 5/6 which is held in Week 6
 Term 3 from 17th to 19th August.

The cost for this excursion will be \$250 which
 includes transport, food and activities within
 Kakadu. If you have allocated money on your
 back to voucher please contact the office.

All notes need to be returned by 30th July
 and all payment is due by Thursday 11th
 August.



Calendar	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	<u>18th July</u> PUPIL FREE DAY	<u>19th July</u>	<u>20th July</u>	<u>21st July</u>	<u>22nd July</u>
Week 2	<u>23rd July</u>	<u>24th July</u>	<u>25th July</u>	<u>26th July</u>	<u>27th July</u>

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