

Newsletter 1

KAS

Term One

1 February 2012

WELCOME

Welcome back to KAS. What a start it's been already! Lots of fantastic new students right throughout the school, many enthusiastic new teachers bringing a wide range of skills, new classrooms ready and more on the way and a lot of rain and mud to keep us on our toes! It's going to be a great year...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAPEL

A chapel program is held every Friday at the church and parents and family are most welcome to attend. The children enjoy songs, stories and activities, along with awards to various students each week. Primary chapel is held at 9:05am to 10:05am and secondary chapel from 11:05am to 12:05am. A special dedication chapel will be held on Friday, 10 February in both primary and secondary chapel times.

CANTEEN

Your child should have brought home a canteen menu this week. It was printed on blue paper. It is also available on our school website. Please note the ordering instructions on the menu. It is expected that students pay their daily bill in cash, however, accounts are available for students in Yr 2 and below once an arrangement has been made with the canteen manager (Mrs Pead) and the parent/guardian. Students/parents wishing to pay their canteen bill using EFTPOS are able to do this at the school office.

PHONE MESSAGES

From time to time it is necessary for parents to contact their children regarding a change of plans with transport after school. Whilst we do our best to pass on these messages, they are not always able to be delivered due to the busyness of the office at this time of day. The earlier you contact the office with messages, the more chance there is of these message being successfully passed on. Parents are also encouraged to wait until the close of school time, 3:10pm, to collect their children, rather than expect office staff to get them out of class 5 or 10 minutes early. It is preferred that if your child needs to leave early, you write a letter to the teacher of that class and ask the teacher to send them to the office at the designated time.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Every Monday morning, the primary school line up under the COLA for an assembly. This process is repeated on Tuesday for the secondary school.

NEWSLETTER

Every Wednesday (usually!), students are given an A4 newsletter to take home. Please ask your child for this and encourage them to remember to give it to you as this contains essential information

each week. Every second week, the school publishes a several page long newsletter which is published to the school website. We encourage you to have a look at this newsletter at your convenience and perhaps print it out to share with the family. Should you like a copy of any photo of your child, you are able to email Idean-shaw@kas.nsw.edu.au and she will send you the photo.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website has several pieces of information, including a current calendar, canteen menu, uniform price list and current and archived newsletters. www.kas.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOL FEES

You should have received your fee statement for this year. Please ensure that you make arrangement to pay these at your earliest convenience. If paying fees electronically, please ensure you use your name with the payment so that we know which account to credit these fees to. The school BSB number is 032580 and account number is 151898. Please note that the Prompt Payment discount is available until 17 February.

PARENTS MORNING TEA

Parents and guardians are invited to come along to a 'get to know each other' morning tea on Tuesday, 14 February at 9am. Come along and meet some of our other wonderful parents from the school.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

In the next few days, each family will receive a school calendar which has important dates for the school year. It will be sent home via the youngest child in the family. Extra copies are available for purchase at the school office for \$10.

HATS

All students, both primary and secondary, are expected to wear hats. These are available from the uniform shop.

MANY RIVERS DIABETES PREVENTION PROJECT

Last year, a number of parents consented to their child participating in this project. To date, there are many consent forms outstanding from year 5, 6, 7 and 8 (current Year 6, 7, 8 & 9) students. Please complete and return to the school office the student consent form and parental survey form ASAP. The school has spare consent forms if you have lost yours.

PREKINDY ROOM

Our prekindy room has been inundated with people using the room to access other classrooms. Please note that this room is only for our prekindy families and other infants' families should use the concrete path around to their classroom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (con't)

KOORONG KIDS

Every few months you should receive a Koorong Kids catalogue. Please feel free to order any books and send payment and order form into the school by the due date.

CLASSROOM ENTRY

Please be aware that students and parents are not permitted to enter classrooms where the teacher is not in attendance due to OHS issues.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRIMARY INFORMATION NIGHT

All primary parents/guardians are encouraged to attend our Primary Information Night, next Monday, 6 February, at 6PM. Everyone is to meet together in the church for some general information and then they visit their child's classroom at 6:30PM to meet the teacher and listen to information and procedures from their teacher. The session is repeated at 7PM so that parents/guardians can visit another child's classroom. The evening finishes by 7:30PM and all families are expected.

HELP NEEDED

Our kindergarten students will be building 3D maps from junk in the next few weeks. If you have plastic containers, paper towel rolls (not toilet rolls), ice cream containers, cereal boxes etc, that you would normally throw out, please consider sending them into school for the Kindy children to use. Please hand them to either Mrs Walsh, Mrs Hodgekiss or Mrs Humphries.

AN ARMY NEEDED

KAS has purchased more reading books so we need an army of volunteers to cover them for us. If you are able to assist us please see Mrs Walsh who is ready and willing to supply you with books and contact.

HOMEWORK FOLDERS AND DIARY COVERS

At the end of 2011, the students' homework folders and diary covers were sent home by mistake. If your child came home with their homework folder and diary cover, could you please send them back to school by Friday as they are needed for 2012.

FUNDRAISING

Every Monday, students in the secondary school bring slices, cakes, drinks, etc to sell to raise money towards their service trips later in the year. If you are happy for your child to purchase items, please make sure you send some money along with them on Mondays.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOOKABURRA STATIONERY ORDERS

We have been informed that our supplier is waiting for a stationery delivery before they can send out our orders. It is envisaged that orders will be delivered by the end of this week. If your child does not have their stationery order, and hasn't submitted an order to Kookaburra, you will need to do this immediately so that your child is ready to commence class work.

SECONDARY FOCUS

Teachers in the secondary school are focusing on helping the students become organized. They are being taught how to use their diaries, planning to have the correct equipment in class, using their locker efficiently and keeping folder items organized.

KAS JEWELLERY POLICY

The wearing of jewellery is discouraged for health and safety reasons. Students are permitted to wear a wrist watch. Earrings must be limited to a maximum of one small, discreet, plain gold or silver ear stud or sleeper in a single lobe, or alternatively one in each lobe. Visible body piercings, such as, but not limited to, nose, lip, tongue or eyebrow are not permitted. This includes all clear plastic or similar piercings. Students are not permitted to cover such piercing with band-aids, medical plaster or any other such material. Likewise, visible tattoos are also prohibited. Sunglasses, if worn, may only be worn outdoors

KAS HAIRSTYLES

Hairstyles should emphasise neatness, cleanliness and moderation. Colouring of hair is only permitted in natural hair colours. In the interests of safety and hygiene, all students (girls and boys) with hair longer than collar length must have their hair plaited or tied back neatly with fringes not hanging over their eyes. Hair ties, if used, must be plain white or navy only.

PRIVATE STUDENT TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

If your child is wishing to drive themselves to school, they need to complete an agreement which is available in the school office.

ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT

If your child is wishing to use a mobile phone at school, they need to sign the 'Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement' which was part of the enrolment pack. A list is currently being updated of all students who have signed such an agreement and those students will be notified. Students who have not signed an agreement will need to get one from their roll teacher and read, sign and return it. Secondary students who have signed the agreement are able to use their phone at recess and lunchtime on the designated verandah which is outside Mrs Lestic's office. Mobile phones are not to be visible at any other time of the day.

PIZZA

Secondary students only will be able to purchase pizza for lunch on Monday - \$3 per slice.

SPORT & LIBRARY TIMETABLE		
CLASS	SUBJECT	DAY
PreKindy (Mrs Humphries & Mrs Cooper)	Library	Friday
Kindergarten (Mrs Walsh & Mrs Humphries)	Sport Library	Monday Friday
Kindergarten (Mrs Hodgekiss)	Sport Library	Monday Friday
Year 1 (Mrs Baywood)	Sport Library	Monday Friday
Year 2 (Miss Robinson)	Sport Library	Wednesday Wednesday
Year 3 (Miss Salt)	Sport Library	Wednesday Friday
Year 4 (Miss Muller)	Sport Library	Wednesday Thursday
Year 5 (Miss Hasan)	Sport Library	Tuesday Wednesday
Year 6 (Mr Humphries)	Sport Library	Mon + Wed Thursday
Secondary Students	Sport	Thursday

PICK UP AND DROP OFF PROCEDURES

SCHOOL ENTRANCE

Please note that the lower entrance to the school is a private driveway which is used by residents and school staff only. No children are to be dropped off or picked up from this driveway.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

School supervision is available at school from 8:20am and students are not expected to arrive before that time as they will be unsupervised. Contact the Assistant Principal in secondary or primary if you need to make alternative arrangements.

SCHOOL START AND FINISH

Students are expected to be at school and ready to enter their classroom by 8:55am. When students are late they disrupt their class and families are encouraged to strive towards being on time to school. School finishes at 3:10pm and students remaining at school after 3:30pm will be taken to the school office. Students are unable to play on the play equipment after school due to lack of supervision.

PREKINDY PICKUP AND DROP OFF

There are designated car parks for parents/guardians of prekindy students outside the main school office. Please note that these car parks are for 5-10 minutes only between 8:45 - 9am and 3:05 - 3:20pm. If you are wishing to be at school for longer than this you are asked to park near the church and walk up via the paths. Please do not walk across the carpark at any time.

BUS ROUTE ENQUIRIES

If you have any queries about your child's bus route or any other queries pertaining to your child's bus travel, you are most welcome to contact the bus companies directly on 6562 7800 (Cavanaghs) or 6562 4724 (Busways).

SCHOOL BUSES

We have several buses that drop off and collect children in the morning and afternoon. These buses have priority over cars due to their time pressures, size and the number of children they transport.

The table below lists the procedure in the afternoon and we ask you to remind your child where they are meant to be. Please note that students are not allowed to leave the school area without a parent so are not able to meet you down at the front of the church, for example.

At all times, students are not allowed to walk through the car park and bus turning circle.

ORDER	BUS COMPANY	DESTINATION	DEPARTURE TIME	PROCEDURE
1	Cavanaghs	North St	3:14pm	Students board bus immediately after school.
2	Busways	Connection at Sea St	3:16pm	Students board bus immediately after school.
3	Cavanaghs	Arakoon	3:20pm	Students line up under the COLA and are led by the teacher to the bus when it is ready.
4	Busways	Smithtown	3:22pm	Students line up under the COLA and are led by the teacher to the bus when it is ready.
5	PCYC	PCYC		Students wait at front gate and are directed to bus/car.
6	Private cars			Secondary students stand near locker area and primary students sit on benches between hall and learning support room and wait for cars or parents to collect them.
7	Busways	Crescent Head	3:30pm	Students line up under the COLA and are led by the teacher to the bus.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The Uniform Shop is currently available from Monday to Thursday from 8:30am - 3:30pm.

UNIFORM NEWS

As many people would know, we have not had the best start to the year with our school uniform delivery. Unfortunately, our order has been significantly delayed and we have many students, especially in the lower years who are still waiting for some items. We are in constant contact with the supplier and they are keeping us up to date on a daily basis. We apologise for the inconvenience this has caused. Below is a timetable of expected deliveries as of Tuesday afternoon this week.

ITEM	SIZE	DUE*
Primary Girls Blouses	Sizes 4, 6, 8, 10 (1 left)	Due Tuesday afternoon, 7 Feb
Primary Girls Shorts	Size 8, 14 (2 left), 16 (2 left)	Due Monday morning, 6 Feb
Secondary Girls Shorts	Sizes 8, 10, 12	Available now
Secondary Girls Blouses	Sizes 8, 12, 14	Due Tuesday afternoon, 7 Feb
Primary Boys Shirts	Sizes 6, 8, 10, 12	Due Monday morning
Primary Boys Shorts	Sizes 4, 6	Due Tuesday afternoon, 7 Feb(???)
Secondary Hats	Size 59	Due next week
Secondary Boys Shorts	Sizes 67, 72	Available now
Primary Sports Shorts	Sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	Due next Friday, 10 February
Primary Sports Polos	Size 4	Due by end February

* These due dates are based on the information that we have been given. They could change at any time without our knowledge.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM

Parents are encouraged to sell their clean, tidy secondhand uniforms by placing an advertisement in the school newsletter. Please forward your items, cost and contact details to leanshaw@kas.nsw.edu.au and we will ensure that the whole school community knows what you have for sale. It helps, too, if you send revised lists after some has been sold.

ACADEMIC

Primary boys shorts 1 x size 12 & 3 x size 14 & \$15.00each

1 x 'new size' 12 \$15.00

(same as old size 20, new)

Primary boys white shirt 2 x size 10 \$17.00each

School jumper 1 x size 10 & 1 x size 12 \$35.00each

School jacket 2 x size 12 \$45.00each

Primary trousers 1 x size 14 & 1 x size 16 \$20.00each

SPORT

Sports polo shirt 1 x size 4 & 1 x size 8 \$19.00each

Sports shorts 1 x size 8 & 1 x size 10 \$15.00each

Track pants 1 x size 10 & 1 x size 12 \$15.00each

BAGS

1 x large KAS school bag \$45.00

HATS

2 x medium bucket hat \$6.00each

1 x large bucket hat \$6.00

1 x 57cm wide brim hat \$6.00

2 x sport ankle socks \$2.00each

Contact Melinda on mkennewell@dodo.com.au or 0401404441

2 pairs of size 6 boys shorts

1 pair of size 10 girls shorts

Contact Hayley on 65667715 or 0449904811.

Calendar

6 Feb	Primary Information Night
10 Feb	The Shack
	Primary and Secondary Dedication Chapel
13 Feb	Yr 7 Information Evening
14 Feb	Parent's Morning Tea 9AM
15 Feb	Primary Swimming Carnival
19-24 Feb	Yr 6 Canberra Camp
20 Feb	Yr 9/10 Information Evening
	Yr 11/12 Information Evening
23 Feb	Secondary Swimming Carnival
27 Feb - 1 Mar	Yr 7 & 8 Class Camps
27 Feb - 2 Mar	Yr 9 Class Camp
9 Mar	Koorong Kids order due