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NEWSLETTER

Principal's Report

Principal's Word of the Week: *Unprecedented*

Hi everyone. I know you are mostly reading this wondering what is happening in the world and where to next? Eventually we will get back to "normal" so I have decided to keep some regular communications going including the newsletter.

I wanted to firstly let you know how amazing our students are by telling you what the KSIT team are doing. These are the students who put together our new format newsletter each fortnight along with doing a whole range of other cool things e.g. they were running our assemblies, the Instagram site for student notices, setting up our disco promotions, to name just a few. They contacted me to say they could still do the newsletter remotely and so we will continue to produce the newsletter to keep families informed. They have also already set up a site for students to do check ins on their wellbeing and chat about school – basically a virtual school playground. How good is that! They have also inspired our staff to contribute with podcasts and chats on a range of topics and this is all moderated with tight guidelines and controls instigated by the students themselves!

These final weeks of term are pupil free to allow staff to transition to on-line and remote school learning next term. We are still providing some materials for students to work on in the meantime but will launch full remote or on-line learning

next term. We will be using the newsletter to provide you with ongoing information but also our newly launched parent portal as a space where we can answer questions and provide resources specifically about home learning. The link is [here](#). On this site there is some advice for families on how to set up a home learning space and setting some expectations. There will be other information on what is the same and different for learning from home such as dressing for school, protocols around on line forums and video conferencing with the teacher and class as well knowing all videoing is recorded and monitored.



Welcome to the KSS Parent Portal

I want to close by reminding families to stay safe and connected in the most appropriate ways using the technology you have but also to practice social distancing of 1.5 m, keeping good hygiene by washing hands and setting aside time for school work and not leaving home unless necessary.

HUB Google Classroom

We (The HUB) have started a google classroom for all students to access resources around wellbeing and a contact place for them to contact any of the HUB team.

This is the code: 4lwe2it

Speedway Car Racing

Our students Chelsea and Max Essai do a very uncommon sport, Speedway Car Racing. For anyone that does not know what this is, it is a sport for people for ages 10+ where they drive a specially built race car and race in a dirt oval. Speedway is highly competitive and very difficult. The class Chelsea and Max race is in Junior Sedans, a class for 10-17 year olds, they drive stock standered 4 cylinder cars that are barred out with a roll cage and all the essential safety requirements to race. To race you need a speedway licence and all the required fireproof safety gear. Chelsea and Max race nearly every weekend at different tracks around NSW and ACT, some tracks include: Goulburn, Sydney, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Canberra, Lismore, Bega and many more. Most recently Chelsea and Max travelled 11 hours to Lismore to compete in the RSA Junior Sedan Australian Title. At the Aussie title they competed against the best kids in the country from different parts of NSW, ACT and QLD. Max held the current Australia 1 in his class (10-14yo). Max tried his best to defend his title qualifying 16 out of 21 for the



20 Lap feature race. This was Chelsea's first Aussie Title (14-17yo), she had some car troubles in the heats leading her to qualify 21 out of 21. During their feature race there were many stoppages making the restarts difficult to maintain their places, but both drove exceptionally well with Max finishing 10th overall and 5th in his class 10-14yos and Chelsea finishing 13th overall and 8th in her class 14-17yos. Chelsea and Max will be competing in the NSW title on April 10 at Gilgandra Speedway and the ACT title on April 4th at ACT Speedway. Unfortunately there is a lot of uncertainty in their sport due to government decisions and track funding. If you would like to come and support their sport and find out a little bit more the next meeting in Canberra is April 4 at ACT Speedway.



Year 4

Hello from Year 4,

We have had lots of interesting learning in the past couple of weeks. In math lessons we learnt how to use different strategies to apply when we are adding numbers together. We will learn strategies for subtracting with our online learning soon. Literacy lessons continue to follow a narrative structure. We know to use a title, orientation, complication, resolution and conclusion for our writing. We read all the time! During history, we are continuing to understand the reasons for the First Fleet and why they chose Australia. We completed a really cool art activity where we had to draw a first fleet boat. The art was drawn onto brown paper and the effect was awesome! We are very impressed with our Year 4 artists! We are also learning that there are many different types of materials in the world and the different uses and purposes for them in our science study. We look forward to our online learning through Google Classrooms. If you would like any information, please email your child's teacher.

Kind regards,

Year 4 teachers

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Year 8 HaSS

The task was to write two diary entries, one from the perspective of someone living in a rural area and one in an urban area, and how they are affected by Coronavirus.

Dear Diary,

My name is Grace Cavenburt, I live in Canberra where the Coronavirus is just starting to affect us. The cases in Canberra doubled overnight and now everything is starting to shut down. People are now starting to take the precautions needed, which includes schools. My school is now a pupil free school and there's only a couple exceptions for people to go to school, like if people's parents can't take time off. They haven't put us on lockdown yet but they are telling us to spend as little time outside as possible and to take precautions. I feel like this half lockdown is a big impact on everyone because we are all unable to socialise with our friends or are strongly recommended not to. So now in my free time I can't do what I would normally do like go to the mall to hang out with my friends or go to the skatepark. People are saying we could be on lockdown for up to 6 months, which would have a huge impact on everyone's social life. I hope the Coronavirus goes as quick as it came.

By Kira Clear

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Dear Diary,

My name is Jess and I live in a small town in NSW. For work I have to work two jobs as a teacher and at the chemist we have here. Working at a school during this time period is tough but I still have to go every day for the kids who can't stay home. I'm scared that I could catch the virus and

accidentally pass it onto my students or people who come in at my other job. The chemist is not open regularly anymore only three times a week for people who need supplies. I have a few friends who work at the hospital and I hear how tough it is with treating and testing patients as well as having a huge possibility of catching it. In my free time I love to travel. It is sad that my trips have been cancelled from the virus but I hope they will be back on soon. Living in a Rural area makes me feel lucky sometimes because we have a lower chance of spreading it but I'm extremely nervous for all the family I have in Sydney but I know they're staying safe and I need to stay positive.

By Jazmyn Volmari

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CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM
PRESENTS



Sunset Festival

THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2020
DILLON PARK, WODEN
POSTPONED

4PM - 8PM

Bringing young people together from across
Canberra to Celebrate YOUTH WEEK 2020

Join us for:

FREE EVENT | LIVE MUSIC | BBQ | VIDEO GAMES
INFLATABLE ACTIVITIES | SKATE DEMO | STALLS
and much more!

FOR MORE INFO: CONTACT YOUR LOCAL YOUTH SERVICES OR VISIT THE
WODEN YOUTH CENTRE FACEBOOK PAGE for regular updates.

