

# KAPINARA PRIMARY

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## 2018 School Development Days

- **Thursday 29 March**
- **Friday 1 June**
- **Friday 17 August**
- **Friday 14 December**

## COMING UP!

FEB 6	P & C AGM
FEB 12	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEB 16	P & C SUNDOWNER
FEB 23	YEAR 5/6D ASSEMBLY

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the beginning of a new school year. I trust that most, if not all our students, have had a smooth and happy start to the term. Thank you to staff and parents for making it so. I'd like to extend a particularly warm welcome to those families who are new to Kapinara this year. In addition to our Kindergarten students, we have welcomed families who have recently arrived from Germany, Switzerland, UAE, South Africa and Mongolia as well as from other Australian States and Territories. Thank you for making them welcome.

### What's new?

We kick off the year with a new Kindergarten roof and ceiling; a new purpose built Pre-Primary toilet block; new shade sails over the Pre-Primary playground and the play equipment on the lower oval (most commonly referred to as 'The Wobbly' if you are new to Kapinara); and refrigerated air-conditioning in our school library. The cost of the Pre-Primary toilet block was met by the Department of Education WA, as were the repairs made to the Kindergarten roof. Any lesser work however, are funded by the school. The shade sails cost approx. \$35 000 and the library air-conditioning \$20 000.

We are immensely grateful to the P & C for the significant financial support they have committed to these two projects. We also recognise that we have access to these funds because our families contribute annually to the P & C via the P&C Voluntary Contributions, in addition to supporting a broad array of fundraising initiatives throughout the year. Another contribution which makes an enormous difference to the programs and resources we are able to offer students, is the P & C's ICT contribution. We are leasing another five new Interactive Whiteboards (now eBoards) this year. We commenced the lease on four toward the end of 2017. This year we will spend approximately \$60 000 leasing notebooks, iPads and eBoards, so thank you for your contributions to the P & C and the school (through the \$60 voluntary contribution). You may be aware that this amount of \$60 is the maximum amount we are permitted to ask families for in the form of a voluntary contribution. It has remained in place since the *School Education Act 1999* was gazetted ... yes, in 1999.

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I would also like to acknowledge the significant effort that our gardener/handyman Simon Dewar invested in January, to ensure our playgrounds were topped with clean sand and quality mulch.

### Composite classes

This year we have four composite classes; more than we have had for several years. The way in which classes are structured each year depends *primarily* on two things – the number of students enrolled in each year level and the funding we receive. For example, the recommended maximum number of students in a class of students in Years 1-3 is considerably lower than the recommended maximum for Years 4-6. So, if we take Year 2 as an example; we have 56 Year 2 students, but should aim to have only 24 in a Year 2 class. If we were to place the Year 2 students in *three* classes, that would require us to employ (and fund!) another teacher.

We have very few staff changes this year. You will soon find a list of our 2018 staff on our website. We will continue to add information to our website and will highlight changes and updates as they 'go live'. Jen Sims and her small team at SimsDesign, who have designed and published our three year Business Plan and most recent Annual Report, have also developed our website, and continue to work with us to develop it further.

### School Board

You may recall that in Term 4 last year, we called for nominations for parent/community members on our School Board. We were in the privileged position of receiving six nominations for two positions. It was decided that it was best to provide you with information about each of the nominees at the very beginning of *this* year, rather than amid the 'busyness' of the end of the 2017 school year.

The two people who become new Board members will join existing parent members Chris Higgs (Chair), Lance Perry and Cherie Atkinson, in representing the perspectives of our parent community. We are grateful to Simon Messer and Melanie Watson whose tenures ended last year. We value the insights of parents when we are discussing policies, school processes and future directions. Staff members currently on the Board include Joanne Dixon, Louise Smith, Anna Trovarelli and myself. I urge you to consider the nominees, and what they potentially bring to the Board. Please record your two preferences by clicking two of the six radio buttons on the *Survey Monkey* survey. The survey will close on **Monday 12 January at 12:00pm**. Thank you for giving this your time and consideration.

Best Wishes

**Elizabeth Blackwell**

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### Community Free Triple P - Discussion Groups

This is a short 2 hour session that will focus on some of the commonly experienced behaviours that parents can struggle with eg: disobedience, fighting and aggression.

Dealing with disobedience 20 February 2018

Managing fighting and aggression 6 March 2018

Dealing with disobedience 20 March 2018

**RSVP:** Bookings are essential and places are limited.

**Please register via:** [www.trybooking.com/TDVW](http://www.trybooking.com/TDVW)  
or phone



# P & C

## PARENT CLASS REPS

There are very few parent reps confirmed as yet. We ask parents to please consider if you can nominate yourself for a class parent position it helps the school and teachers enormously to have volunteers for these rep roles. Full support and guidance will be given by your P&C. Sign up sheets are available outside your classrooms.

**Our Canteen and Uniform shop** will now join the digital revolution of online ordering, with OurOnlineCanteen.

Please visit [www.Quickcliq.com.au](http://www.Quickcliq.com.au) to register and see attached leaflet for further information.

Stickers will still be accepted till the end of term 1.

## Canteen News

Canteen opens on Tuesday 6th of February, with normal opening days of Tuesday and Thursday from then on. Please volunteer on days you are able to help so that our canteen runs smoothly with the assistance of parents, grandparents are also very welcome. Your child receives a free lunch on any day you volunteer :) We can't run the canteen without our fantastic volunteers! The sign up page for canteen is

<http://signup.com/go/UcyHdOK>

## P&C AGM

Our next meeting is our AGM on Tuesday the 6th at 7pm. All Executive positions are deemed vacant and we welcome interested parents who wish to contribute to our school community.

## Sundowner

Don't forget to lock in Friday the 16th Feb for the Annual Kapinara Family Sundowner. Live band "RETRO" will again be performing, food, drinks and glow products will be available for purchase. Tickets \$20 per family and are on sale now either by placing \$20 in named envelope to the office drawer, by EFTPOS next week on Wednesday before school or bank transfer to the P&C account with your surname as reference.

## Kapinara P and C

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## Community

The Newman Churchlands Swimming Club is delighted to return to the heated pool at Newman College from the start of Term 1, 2018.

Registrations are now open for new and past swimmers from Primary to Year 12: [NCSC Registration](http://www.ncsc.org.au)

For club information please visit our website [www.newmanchurchlandsswimclub.org.au](http://www.newmanchurchlandsswimclub.org.au) or email us at [nchswimming@hotmail.com](mailto:nchswimming@hotmail.com)

## Community

Floreat/Wembley Parish are holding after school classes commencing very soon for Catholic children who wish to receive the sacraments. Please email [floreat@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:floreat@perthcatholic.org.au) or phone 9387 1158 to for more information.

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## SPORT

### COME AND TRY GIRLS T20 CRICKET

On the oval at lunchtime next Monday, 12th February, the WACA cricket crew will be on site with some fun games and competitions to promote a new competition starting at City Beach Oval just for girls. All girls from PP to Year 6 are invited to come and try.

### SWIM SQUAD TRAINING

Training has begun. We are now in full swing and as a coach I have been very impressed with the ability of children to adapt to an

increased swimming load that some are not used to. A big thank you to the Mums and Dads that help support this activity by offering to coach, it is really appreciated. There is no way I could do it alone.

### A COUPLE OF REMINDERS

Please pick your child up by 8.00 - 8.05 at the latest. The squad gets out of the pool by 7.45am so it is the child's responsibility to be showered and dressed for an 8am pick up.

### BASKETBALL - ANY STUDENTS INTERESTED

The regular winter basketball season is coming up at the end of Term 1. Most Kapinara teams are already organised as they have been playing together for a season or two but I just need to know if anyone is keen to see if we can make another team or two. Please text me on 0478 556 493 if your child is not already in a team and I will see if I can get them in, no guarantees. The competition runs on a Saturday for boys.

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## MUSIC

Welcome back everyone.

This year we welcome, Miss Sarina Li as our class music teacher for 2018. Miss Li is classically trained in voice and violin, has been responsible for the Year 3 strings program at a non-government school and recently completed a Masters in Education at the University of WA. We are delighted that she has joined us at Kapinara.

We also welcome back the SIM teachers, Miss Arnold (violin), Mrs Person (double bass), Ms Bak (cello) and Mr Sutherland (guitar)

**Orchestra** commenced this morning with Miss Arnold, and some very enthusiastic music students.

**SIM lessons** for all students who learnt an instrument and were part of the SIM program last year, will commence their lessons **this week** (Week 2).

Students are reminded to bring their instruments on their lesson day and leave them in the Instrumental Room.

- Guitar lessons will be on **Monday**;
- Orchestra, violin and double bass lessons on **Tuesday**; and
- Cello on **Wednesday**

If anyone has any questions regarding The School of Instrumental Music (SIM) program, please contact Mrs Tusak who will continue to co-ordinate this program for 2018.

Thank you to all parents for your continual support of the music programs offered at Kapinara .

**Wendy Tusak**

### *Australian Girls Choir – February Open Classes*

*Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Contact us if you would like to attend a free trial class in February.*

*Ph 1800 338 142 or email [perth@aspagroup.com.au](mailto:perth@aspagroup.com.au)*

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# 2018 Calendar

## Term One

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	29	30	31 Students commence	1 Feb	2
2	5 Y3-6 In term swimming  Swim squad starts	6 Y3-6 In term swimming  P&C AGM	7 Y3-6 In term swimming	8 Y3-6 In term swimming	9 Y3-6 In term swimming
3	12 Y3-6 In term swimming  School Board Meeting	13 Y3-6 In term swimming	14 Y3-6 In term swimming	15 Y3-6 In term swimming	16 Y3-6 In term swimming  P&C Sundowner
4	19	20	21	22	23 Year 5/6D Assembly
5	26 Y6 Camp	27 Y6 Camp  P&C Meeting	28 Y6 Camp	1 Mar	2
6	5 Labour Day	6	7 Faction Swimming Carnival	8	9 Assembly TBC
7	12	13	14	15	16
8	19	20	21	22	23 Assembly TBC
9	26	27	28 Year 5 Cake Stall	29 School Development Day—Students do not attend	30 Good Friday
10	2 Apr Easter Monday	3 Easter Tuesday	4	5 School Photo Day	6 School Photo Day P&C Disco K-2 (5.00-6.30)
11	9 Swim Squad finishes	10	11 Interschool Swimming Carnival	12	13