

# KMS NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to KMS... Class of 2016

### From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the 2016 school year

I hope you had a restful time over the holiday break and are ready to tackle 2016 with energy and optimism.

I particularly welcome students and their families, who are new to Kadina Memorial School. This school focusses on developing positive relationships between families and staff and I know we can work together to provide opportunities for your child(ren) to enjoy success in their learning.

It was with great excitement we started the first day with approximately 1,200 students from R-12. The students look fantastic in their uniforms and I appreciate the support of parents in ensuring all students where possible are adhering to the school dress code. I have not seen one student today who is not in the appropriate uniform, well done to all.

My main aim is to continue to work with the community to ensure Kadina Memorial School is a place all are proud of and enables students to develop the

necessary skills, attitudes and competencies to become positive, productive members of our community.

I thank our School Support staff led by our Business Manager Carol Saunders, as well as my leadership team Debbie Terrett, Dave Love, Liz Wilson and Tarryn Germein who have ensured our school has enjoyed a well organised and smooth start to the 2016 school year.

### Key Messages

We will work with all students across the school to support a successful start to the school year.

**Opportunity Respect Excellence**

### Getting students established

The first few days and weeks of any school year are extremely important as we re-establish and introduce routines and expectations with the intention of starting the school year in a positive manner. This week, all students are learning about the importance we place on them striving to do their best. We expect them to engage in activities, to make the most of their opportunities at this school so their options for the future are maximised.

# KADINA MEMORIAL SCHOOL



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Government of South Australia  
Department for Education and  
Child Development



# Kadina Memorial School

Learning for our future

*Principal's Report Continued:*

## Appropriate behavior

Harassment, physical violence, disrupting others' learning, any form of substance abuse cannot be tolerated in a school setting. Teachers and students have a right to concentrate on learning in a respectful environment.

## Appearances

This includes the way the grounds, buildings and classrooms are cared for. There seems to be an absence of graffiti and rubbish in our surrounds, the majority of building works have finished and our grounds are looking fantastic. It is something I acknowledge and expect to continue.

Students wearing uniform is very important as it sets learning apart from the weekend or after school activities. We believe it helps build identity and pride; it is a discipline that helps create a better learning environment.

## Hats

**A reminder all R-12 students need to wear school approved blue bucket hats while sitting or playing in the sun.** These are available from the Finance Office or SportsPower.

The Finance Office has the following for purchase:

Blue bucket hat                      \$8.00  
Blue girl's ponytail hat              \$10.00



## Punctuality/Attendance

All students need to be at school and to their lessons on time. Continual lateness and/or non attendance has a dramatic affect on a student's learning. Support from parents is critical especially in the years where students are reliant on parents to make this happen. If

you require support in getting your child to school, on time every day, please let us know.

## Bullying/Harassment

My belief is all children and staff have the right to come to school, to learn or teach in a harassment free environment. No one has the right to negatively affect another person's learning. We strongly support this policy across the school. If your child is being harassed or bullied in any way, we want to know about it asap.

## Staffing News

We have 15 new staff joining us at Kadina Memorial School. In upcoming Newsletters we will include profiles of our new staff. Please support us in making them and their families welcome to our school and wider communities.

Name	Role
Jennifer Nicoll	Early Year. Yr 1
Brooke Polkinghorne	Early Year. Yr 2 (sharing with Ms Kotz)
Emma Lykke	Early Years Yr 2
Ben Graefe	Primary Yr 3/4
Abbey Ireland	Primary Yr 5
Alexandra van den Berg	Primary Yr 6
Justin Nicoll	Primary Yr 6
David Wetherall	R-6 H & PE/ 3.4KJ Friday
Nick Hewett	Middle School
Robyn Paterson	Middle School Counsellor
Simone Combe	Middle School
Dylan Agnew	Senior maths
Sandy Hahn	Music
Andre Starr	Drama/R-6 Support
Liz Wilson	Head of Senior School



We have included a full teaching staff list for you in this edition of the newsletter.

## Key Dates for Diaries for Term 1

I look forward to a number of upcoming school events which provide an opportunity to meet members of our school community.

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 10 Family Information Night, (details will be home soon)
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb Family Information Night, (details will come home next week)
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.00pm Volunteer training
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00 am - Meet the Principal/Principal tour
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - 7.00pm Governing Council meeting (Open meeting to find out more about being a Gov Council member)
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.15 am Induction Assembly of KMS Student Voice and House Captains
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2:20pm - Early Closure Partnership Training and Development
- Thurs/Fri 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March - KMS Sports Days
- Thursday 24 March - Pupil Free Day
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 pm KMS Governing Council AGM

## Early School Closures 2016 - School dismissal 2:20pm once per term

### Term 1 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, KMS 2:20pm dismissal

Most members of our school community are aware we now work within the Northern Yorke Partnership of sites. This include Bute, Wallaroo and Wallaroo Mines Primary Schools, Port Broughton and Moonta Area Schools and all preschools in our area.

The partnership of preschools and schools working together with the local community provides new opportunities to strengthen collective capabilities by providing skills, expertise and shared resources to carry out professional responsibilities and new tasks in the context of the reform measures directed at raising standards and improving teaching and learning.

The distinct advantages flowing from collaborative work within partnerships include the exchange of practice and expertise, reduced isolation, collaborative professional development and facilitation of knowledge sharing and school improvement. The partnership approach supports joint solutions to shared problems and enables young people to more easily overcome barriers to engage in learning and achieve their potential.

To enable this to occur the Kadina Memorial Governing Council, along with all other Governing Councils in the Partnership approved all sites in the partnership to have an early closure once per term. This early closure allows all teachers from participating sites to work with each other on formal training and development activities.

On this day, Kadina Memorial School will dismiss students at 2:20pm. Buses will leave at 2.30 pm

## Meet the Principal/Principal Tour

All new parents (and old) are invited to a 'Meet the Principal/Principal Tour' morning tea to be held on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February** at 9.00am till 10.30am. At this I will discuss our major directions and improvement strategies, tour the school and provide opportunities for you to ask questions. To assist with catering, if you plan to attend please let the Front Office know.

## Family Information Night

I encourage all families to attend our **Family Information Night on Tuesday 16th February** for an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and other members of staff including myself. Your child will show you around their class, you will receive important information from teachers and Coordinators. I look forward to seeing you there.

Times are staggered to allow for families to attend sub school areas where their children are enrolled.

# You are Invited to the KMS Family Information Night

**Rec to Year 2** – 5pm in the Big Red Building

**Years 3-6** – 5.45pm in the Big Red Building

*(Supervision of students is provided on the playground for the Primary 'talk' session)*

**Year 7-9** – 5pm, Middle School Common Room

**Year 11 & 12** – 6pm, Combined meeting Upstairs 6/7

Unit and Special Small Class (C4) – 3.30 - 4.30pm – meeting in their rooms.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The **Year 10** Family Information Night meeting is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, to coincide with a Parent Elevate Education seminar. Information will be sent home with Year 10 students this week.

Principal's Report Continued:

## Newsletter - Online edition

You have the option of downloading the fortnightly newsletter from our website: [www.kms.sa.edu.au](http://www.kms.sa.edu.au), as opposed to receiving a hard copy. If you would like a newsletter emailed to you please let us know and ensure your contact details have been updated. This year KMS will be launching its Skoolbag App for smartphones which will also help reduce newsletter printing costs. Information about Skoolbag will be sent home soon.

## Starting a new school year

- All children feel nervous about the new school year, whether they are starting a new school or returning but at another level. Be positive and optimistic about the new year but also be sensitive to your child's genuine fears. Bullying, lack of friends, low grades, and lack of confidence are among the factors that contribute to nerves or even outright resistance. Seek help if your child seems truly scared about going to school.
- Make sure your child has the acceptable uniform. Children hate being the odd one out. Try to outfit your child in the same clothes their peer group is wearing. The middle years can be made much easier if students are equipped with the right clothing, shoes and school bag. Don't mock your child's choices even if you think the fashion is ridiculous or you value non-conformity. Fitting in is very important to young people and will help them start school feeling happier.
- If your child is very shy, suggest they might look for another shy student and help them settle in. This will give your child the confidence you know and believe they are socially competent.
- Show enthusiasm for your child's new teachers rather than harking back to last year's teachers. Always speak positively about teachers. If there are problems, speak directly to the school rather than your child.
- Children benefit when both parents take an interest in school. Boys especially value the involvement of their fathers
- Encourage your child to make new friends by making them welcome in your home and allowing sensible use of the telephone and emails. Try not to be over-anxious if your children don't make friends quickly. Let them take their own time. However, do encourage

them to become involved in sports, clubs and other activities both at school and out of school.

- Try to arrange for an adult to be at home when your children arrive after school. Unsupervised children of any age are more prone to getting into trouble. They can also feel lonely or even scared at home alone. It's a good time to have a chat and discuss the day. If you cannot arrange for someone to be in your home, perhaps your child could go to someone else's house where there is a caring adult at home.
- Try to keep the pressure off in the first stressful weeks but do talk about goals for the year, even with young children. Having achievable goals gives a sense of purpose. Goals can include getting books read, joining a team, learning a new skill or a musical instrument, or getting better grades in a subject. Encourage them, give them positive feedback, be their cheerleader and have confidence in them to do their best for a successful year.

Finally, it was great to see so many parents enjoy the KMS Parent Club morning tea on the first day at school. Together we can make a positive contribution to your child's learning journey.

Regards,

Dean Angus  
Principal



# Sub School News

## R-6 Corner

Welcome to the 2016 school year. The R-6 world this year consists of 19 classes with many new students and staff.

One of our focus areas for 2016 is powerful learners at KMS.

**A powerful learner** is curious, creative and has the confidence to build the skills to be active and responsible participants in their learning. At KMS we build the learning power of all students by increasing their ability to use high-level thinking skills and apply what they have learned in new and progressively complex situations.

Growing such powerful learners requires a committed, team approach and genuine partnerships with families. Given this we invite all families to attend our Family Night on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at:

- **5pm in the Big Red building hall for Rec to Year 2 students families**
- **5.45pm in the Big Red building for years 3-6 students families**

The format for this is for 15-20 minutes we will share the key actions we are taking to build powerful learners (particularly focusing on what is new) and then, with your child, the opportunity exists to visit their class, meet their teacher(s) and see some of their learning this term. Supervision of students is provided on the playground for the 'talk' section.

At this a summary of the Australian Curriculum and staff information will be provided.

**Class placements:** The process for managing 400 plus student placements is comprehensive. It involves considering Years 3-6 student requests of their learning buddies and students they don't learn best with, parent requests (we had many requests this year) and teacher (including specialist teachers and Pre School staff) feedback. Sometimes we have contradictory information, for example students requesting someone who parents would prefer they not be with and parents requesting placements with other parents asking this doesn't happen. We consider all requests thoroughly and spend many, many hours drafting, referring and re-working to determine the best fit possible. Last year we had started the Years 3-6 placement process when numbers changed and an extra class was allocated meaning we started the entire process again!

In 2016 we have 17 of the 19 classes as straight year levels that has, in many ways, limited some of the

flexibility that existed in the past with composite classes. We thank families for their understanding of the complexities involved and trusting us to make the best possible class compositions and placements.

The R-6 leadership team consists of Sallyanne McNicholl (Early Years Teaching and Learning), Kylie Williams (Primary Teaching and Learning), Zelly Ritter (School Counsellor), Hayley Gullery (Intervention and Support Co-ordinator) and Debbie Terrett (Deputy). We look forward to working with you to grow the most powerful learners possible this year.

Cheers



Debbie Terrett  
Deputy Principal



R-6 first day Assembly



KMS Parent Club first day Morning Tea



Reception students – first day of school life.

## Unit News

Welcome back to the 2016 school year. I hope everyone had a good holiday and a break from school routines. It was great to see students eager to see their friends on Monday and they settled straight back into school life. Thank you also for having the students in full school uniform. They all looked very smart and I'm sure have grown during the holidays.

We welcome our new Reception student Talana Moore and her family to the Unit. Talana has transitioned from the Moonta Kindy and we wish her all the best as she settles into school life at KMS.

Andrea Harvie continues fulltime in her role as the Junior class teacher and visitors to the Unit this week will see Ktora Dannenberg, a Pre Service Teacher from Flinders University, gaining experience in working with students in special options settings. Ktora will be in the classroom Monday–Wednesday this week and will return for the whole of Term 2.

Rachel Foster and I will share the teaching in the Senior class. Rachel works on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and I will have the class on Thursday and Friday.

The Small Class in C4 has grown in numbers and it has been great to see how well the new students have settled into KMS school life. Welcome to Rhiannon Burke, Brett Reilly, Drew Raymond, Lachlan Anesbury and their families.

Sandra Hawes is the fulltime teacher and we welcome back Tenille Ziersch who will be teaching the class on Thursdays in Lessons 2-6. Visitors to that class will also see Troy Taylor a Pre Service Teacher from Flinders University, for Weeks 1 and 2 and returning in Term 2.

We are also privileged to have a fantastic group of support staff who assist our students across the Special Options settings. Welcome back to Karen, Lisa, Jodie, Donna, Janette, Andrea, Corinne, Deb and Sue and thank you for all the great work you do.

There will be an opportunity to meet staff and discuss learning programs at the Family Information Night on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30pm-4.30pm at the Unit and in the Small Class (C4).

Unit and Small Class staff all look forward to another year of great learning opportunities and fun and engaging lessons.

Sandy Mumford  
Unit Coordinator



## Senior School

My name is Liz Wilson and I have taken Grant Keleher's position as Assistant Principal, Head of Senior School. Previously I have been Principal at Yorketown Area and Bordertown High Schools. In the very distant past I was a teacher at Maitland Area School and have been delighted to reacquaint myself with staff members who were once my students. I look forward to working with students, staff and caregivers to ensure that our senior school students achieve their potential.

I would like to share the 2015 KMS Year 12 results with our school community. Nine students received an ATAR over 90, with 17 percent of our cohort achieving an A and 46 percent achieving a B.

### MERITS (A+)

Caitlin Adams – Mathematical Applications  
Liam Martin – Mathematical Applications  
Caitlyn Cattuzzo – Material Products  
Kimberley Burgan – Research Project  
Tahnee Measday – Research Project

Congratulations to the following 2015 Year 12 students who received an ATAR over 90.



Liam Martin 96.80



Caitlin Adams 95.85



Jordan Bruce 95.40



Lewis Baur 93.25



Jessica Fuller 92.95



Amelia Mercer 92.95



Ella Shaw 91.00



Erin Scott 90.85



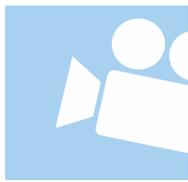
Joshua Allen 90.45

I look forward to working with the 2016 Year 12s and their families to complete their schooling at KMS.

Regards,

Liz Wilson  
Head of Senior School





## ART BEAT

# Arts offerings for 2016

At Kadina Memorial School all **Year Reception to 6** students attend one lesson a week of Performing Arts, which includes learning skills in Media, Music and Dance this year.

In the Middle Senior **Years 7 - 12** Visual & Creative Arts, Drama and Music are being offered. Mrs Aimee Sweet, Miss Jacq Henson, Mrs Zelly Ritter and Mrs Jo Hurrell welcome to the Arts Faculty Mrs Karen George and Mr Luke Atkinson, plus new teachers to KMS Mr Sandy Hahn and Mr Andre Starr.

**Recorder** lessons were offered to Year 4 students by audition in 2015. This gives the selected students a taste of what it's like to have the expectation of regular practice, reading music, working as a team and performing. It often gives students and parents a better guide as to whether they'd like to learn weekly instrumental lessons in Year 5. They will meet Mrs Hurrell Lesson 1 Mondays, **beginning Week 4**.

The **Primary Choir** performs at the Festival Theatre in September and is offered to Year 5 & 6 students. In weeks 1 & 2 Mrs Hurrell will audition **ALL** Year 5/6 students. Students who receive an invitation to join can then make a decision with their parents. Choir will be held in Lesson 6 Thursdays and will **begin in Week 4**.

This year 65 students from Years 5 to 12, attending free **Instrumental** lessons with specialist IMS teachers once a week. In 2015 Kadina Memorial School was selected as 1 of only 8 schools in the state to become a Music Focus school. We're looking forward to passing on more information soon as to how this will support our growing Instrumental Program.

All Instrumental students also attend an Ensemble lesson -:

- ♪ 12 second year IMS students make up the **Junior Ensemble** with Mrs Hurrell Lesson 5 Thursdays, **beginning Week 4**. First year IMS students may be invited to join as early as Term 2 based on progress made, with all Juniors expected to participate by Week 1 Term 3
- ♪ 30 third year and higher IMS students will meet Mr Hahn weekly for **Senior Ensemble** in a lesson to be decided **beginning Week 2**
- ♪ Invited Senior students will meet Mr Hahn after school as members of the well acclaimed KMS **Jazz Band beginning Week 2** on a day to be agreed
- ♪ **Rock Bands** also with Mr Hahn will be offered in a lunchtime **beginning Week 4**, on a day to be decided.

All relevant students will be given more details via DAYMAP and Newsletters home, prior to their lessons commencing. If your child is new to KMS and you believe they would benefit from being in one of the above groups, please see or email Mrs Jo Hurrell for information - [jo.hurrell583@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:jo.hurrell583@schools.sa.edu.au).

These groups are always in high demand and create a valuable link with our community. We thank these students for the way they energise the culture and spirit of Kadina Memorial School ☺



Hayley Dubskey with her

## Memory Project

Seventeen students participated in the Memory project last year, producing portrait gifts for orphaned children in Madagascar. For students (7-12) interested in participating this year, the project will start in Term Two. Students are encouraged to listen to the notices this term to ensure they express their interest.

# Teaching Staff 2016



New beginnings...



Revisiting play spaces...



Ready and prepared for class...



Welcoming new friends...

Class Role	Teachers	C Gp Room
Reception	Barb Ludwig/ Lisa Kelly-Brook	Cottage
Reception	Sallyanne McNicholl (Coord EY) / Lisa Kelly-Brook	Cottage
Reception	Kylie Mudge	TR4
1TM	Tegan Mengersen	LB7
1JN	Jen Nicoll	LB8
2KE	Emma Lykke (Karen English)	LB2
2TK	Tricia Kotz / Brooke Polkinghorne	LB5
2JS	Jenny Smith	LB6
3CP	Courtney Penney	BR2
3/4KJ	Kristi Junggeburdt / David Wetherall	BR3
3/4BG	Ben Graefe	BR5
4AS	Aaron Smith	BR6
4LD	Luke Davies /Tess Newbery	TR3
5HT	Helen Taylor/ Sue Stanley	TR1
5CS	Catherine Smart	TR5
5AI	Abbey Ireland	TR6
6AB	Alexandra van den Berg	BR8
6JN	Justin Nicoll	TR2
6KW	Kylie Williams ( Coordinator PY) / Raluca dan Marica	BR1
Student Counsellor	Zelly Ritter (Coordinator)	
R-6 PE	David Wetherall	
3-6 HASS	Sue Stanley	
R-2 HASS/Arts/Culture	Di Chamberlain	
Coord Interv/sup	Hayley Gullery	
Deputy Principal	Debbie Terrett	
7DE	David Easter	SB1
7KT	Kristina Toole	SB2
7RM	James Rigby-Meth	SB3
Year 8 Manager	David York	
8SE	Stacey Evans	SB6
8JK	Jai Koirala	SB5
8SM	Shane Moss	SB4
8AS	Alix Stanton (Coordinator Numeracy Improvement)	SB7
8KB	Kristy Bond	SB8
Year 9 Manager	Leanne Wait	
9FW	Floyd Weissmann	MB1
9SC	Simone Combe	MB2
9NH	Nick Hewett	MB3
9CR	Chris Rennie	MB4
9CH	Caroline Hennell (Coordinator HASS)	US8

**Canteen News:** Welcome back! We're launching an exciting new mobile phone app called 'Qkr', pronounced quicker, where you can order your child's lunch online. It's a new, convenient way to simplify lunch orders minimising handling money. More information about 'Qkr' in the next newsletter.

**VOLUNTEERS required!** If you are looking for a way to meet new people, be involved in the school community, or just need an excuse to get out of the house, we are always looking for people to help. We have Sports Day in Week 6 where we need plenty of helping hands to run two Canteens for both days. You are not required to have DCSI Clearance for this special day. If you are interested please contact us on 8821 1254, mobile 0419 866 471 or facebook.

Thanks Vicki, Canteen Manager

Student Counsellor	Robyn Paterson	
Head of School	Tarryn Germein	
Year 10 Manager	Pat Keane	
10NH	Nick Hedges	C1
10DA	Dylan Agnew	C2
10JH	Jacq Henson	C3
10AF	Adele Frost	C7
10CM	Chris Morrison	C8
Year 11 Manager	Al Woods	
11DH	Danni Hicks	F1
11TA	Tom Ackland	F2
11HT	Hanlie Truter	F3
11LA	Luke Atkinson	US3
Year 12 Manager	Megan Tucker (Coordinator Senior Pathways)	
12LD	Luke Driver	US2
12GR	Geoff Rees / Stephen Nelson	US5
12LW	Luke Wood	US 6/7
Principal	Dean Angus	
Assistant Principal Daily Ops/Flex/FLO	Dave Love	
Head of Senior School	Liz Wilson	
Senior Counsellor	Karmela Kleinig	
Middle Team	Sandy Hahn	
R-6	Jo Hurrell (Coordinator Arts)	
Senior Team	Aimee Sweet	
Middle Team	Jade Daniel	
Senior Team	Nick Anargyros	
Flex	Karen George	
Senior Team	Andrew McDonald	
Middle Team	Andre Starr	
Senior Team	Erin Schneider (Coordinator VET)	
Senior Team	Natasha Woodcock (Coordinator Lit Improvement)	
Middle Team	Gerrard Kleinig	
Special Class	Sandra Hawes/Tenille Ziersch	
AET	Janine Mckay	
Unit	Sandy Mumford (Coordinator Unit/Sp Ed)	
Unit	Andrea Harvie	
Unit	Rachael Foster	



Middle School begins...



Welcome to all new students...



Year 12 meeting...



All staff meet the week before school...



Old KPS office removed during the holidays.

# Kadina Memorial School Update

## WHO CAN I TALK TO?

Throughout students' schooling, young people experience a range of situations, hopefully many more positive than negative. Parents and students sometimes need a staff member to talk to who can assist them in their daily life at school. At Kadina Memorial School we have a great group of people who can assist you. I would encourage you to contact the relevant staff member with any questions or issues you may have.

## SCHOOL CONTACTS 2016

Principal	Dean Angus	R-12
Deputy Principal	Debbie Terrett	R-6
Assistant Principals	Dave Love	Daily Operations, Flexible Learning
	Liz Wilson	10-12
	Tarryn Germein	7-9
Business Manager	Carol Saunders	
Front Office	Jan Adams, Jo Davies, Kylie Johns, Linda Carbone, Hannah Dayman	

In order to best meet the needs of staff and students from Reception to Year 12, the school is divided into teams.

Team Name	Year Level	Head of School	Leaders	Counsellor
Early Years	Years R - 2	Debbie Terrett	Sallyanne McNicholl	Zelly Ritter
Primary Years	Years 3 - 6		Kylie Williams	
Middle School	Years 7 - 9	Tarryn Germein	Yr 8 Mgr David York Yr 9 Mgr Leanne Wait	Robyn Paterson
Senior School	Year 10 -12	Liz Wilson	Yr 10 Mgr: Pat Keane Yr 11 Mgr: Al Woods Yr 12 Mgr: Megan Tucker	Karmela Kleinig
Disability Unit	Years R-12	Sandy Mumford		

Other Learning Area Leadership includes:

Learning Area	Leader
Arts	Jo Hurrell
Disability Intervention & Support	Hayley Gullery
Health & PE	Chris Morrison
Literacy	Natasha Woodcock
Numeracy	Alix Stanton
Science/AG	Stephen Nelson
Vocational Education & Training	Erin Schneider
Senior Pathways	Megan Tucker

**Attendance:** As you are aware it is Government legislation all children under 17 years old attend school. All students who are absent from school must provide a reason for their absence. There should be very little reason for us to use the "Unexplained" category of absence in our records for any student absence. A quote from some preliminary information from the package provided to schools by the Education Department:

**'The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to regular attendance and appropriate participation in educational programmes.'**

It is crucial that children and students develop habits of regular attendance at an early age, even from the time they are enrolled in a pre-school setting. We expect all students to be here 5 days a week **including all Reception students.**

Students with poor patterns of attendance are at risk of not achieving their educational, social or psychological potential and are disadvantaged in the quality of choices they make in later life situations.

Although we would prefer students try to have appointments outside normal school hours, we realise there are times when a student needs to leave the school grounds for something that cannot be done at another time, or for unavoidable family reasons. At such times, we request families pre-arrange appointments with your child and either notify the school via telephone or a note in their diary of the absence.

# KMS Notice Board and DMC

*Attendance continued:*

To inform KMS your child/ren are absent

- Phone 8821 0100
- Text 0417 963 378
- Email [dl.0778.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0778.info@schools.sa.edu.au)
- Or write and sign a note in your child/ren's diary

To inform KMS your child is late or for early pick up:

- Reception – Year 6; please bring or pick up your child at the Front Office.
- Year 7 – 12 Students sign in and out via the Front Office.

## Exemption from school attendance

Where a student may be absent for periods longer than three days, for example family holiday, approval for an exemption from school is required. Exemption can be applied for, via completion of 'ED175 – Application for Exemption' which is available for download from our website or the form can be collected from the Front Office. For absences of longer duration, the ED175 form must be completed by parents and returned to school to be forwarded to the DECD Office for Schools for assessment.

## Material and Service Charge

Thank you to families who have paid in full, applied for School Card or have made arrangements to pay by instalments.

At KMS we have several options to support families with payment.

- ❖ **Post:** attach a cheque/money order made payable to Kadina Memorial School, PO Box 346, Kadina
- ❖ **By Phone:** Contact KMS Finance Office on 8821 111 to pay via phone.
- ❖ **Internet Payment:** Pay directly into KMS bank account, Kadina Memorial School, Bank SA, BSB number 105-004, Account number 051004640 with Family Code and child's name in reference details.
- ❖ **Centrepay Instalments:** You can make regular deductions from your Centrelink. Contact the Finance Manager at KMS for application forms and further information.
- ❖ **Direct Debit by Instalment - Bank Account or Credit Card:** Call the Finance Office on 8821 0111 to arrange for a Direct Debit agreement.
- ❖ **School Card:** School Card assistance must be applied for each year. School Card income limits for 2016 using Form A are based on your combined family gross income for the financial year. There is an opportunity however to apply for School Card using other criteria such as Change of Circumstances, Self-Employment and Hardship.

## Decision Making Committee

The KMS Decision Making Committee (DMC) is a Representative Committee consisting of staff, students and parents who meet each fortnight. The next DMC will meet on Monday 8 February, 5pm in the Staff Room.

### Proposal 1: KMSC Election/Training Schedule-Primary

**Date:** Wednesday 10 February Primary Nominations

Tuesday 16 February Primary speeches

Wednesday 17 February Primary elections

Thursday 18 February Election outcomes notified

Wednesday 24 February Primary KMSC Training

**Proposer:** Zelly Ritter, KMSC Team

### Proposal 2: KMSC Election/Training – Secondary

**Date:** Friday 12 February KMSC Nominations

Friday 19 February KMSC Elections

Tuesday 23 February Secondary KMSC Training

**Proposer:** Robyn Paterson/Karm Kleinig – KMSC Team

### Proposal 3: Sports Events/Meetings

**Date:** Various: House meetings; Track & Field events

**Proposer:** Chris Morrison

### Proposal 4: Yr 7 Clipsal 500 Excursion (Annual Event)

**Date:** Thursday 3 March

**Proposer:** David Easter

### Proposal 5: Start Smart Financial Literacy

**Date:** Thursday 17 March

**Proposer:** Patrick Keane/Megan Tucker/ Al Woods

### Proposal 6: Student Mentoring Training

**Date:** Thursday 31 March

**Proposer:** Zelly Ritter

### Proposal 7: KMSC Casual Day

**Date:** Friday 15 April

**Proposer:** Counselling Team

### Proposal 8: Religious Education Sessions R-6

**Date:** Friday 8 April; Friday 24 June; Friday 23

September; Friday 25 November

**Proposer:** Rhonda Allen

### Proposal 9: SAPSASA State Carnivals

**Date:** Monday 4 – Friday 8 April Softball

Thursday 9 June Cross Country

Monday 20 – Friday 24 June Soccer /Hockey

Monday 15 – Friday 19 August Netball / Football

Monday 26 September Athletics

Monday 21 – Friday 25 November Cricket / Tennis

**Proposer:** James Rigby-Meth

### Proposal 10: NYP SAPSASA Carnivals

**Date:** Friday 6 May Cross Country

Friday 20 May Athletics

Friday 17 June Football / Netball

Term 3 Basketball

**Proposer:** James Rigby-Meth

# Community News

**Bute Netball Club:** Senior Registration & Trials 25th February & 3rd March. Junior Registration Night 17th March - G Grade Vacancies (Born 2005-6) At Bute Sporting Club **\*\*ALL WELCOME\*\*** Enquiries to: President Meagan Daniel 0417 811 148.



## Thomas Plains Tennis Club

Outdoor Movie Night featuring 'Home', this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm for 8.50pm start. Tickets available from Anne Pearce 0428 367 684, Craig Ayles 0429 643 910, Corinne Bussenschutt 0438 272 242. Tickets also available on the night. Adults \$20, Children \$10, Family tickets also available.

## KMS Sport Tops

Kadina Memorial R-6 Sports Day will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March and Year 7-12 Sports day will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

House coloured sports tops must be ordered through Sportspower located at 4 Digby St, Kadina SA 5554, or for enquiries phone (08) 8821 1498, by **this Friday** the 5<sup>th</sup> February to ensure delivery for the 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Heath (Green), Chandler (Blue), Southwood (Yellow), Rose (Red) size 4-14 \$34.00

Heath (Green), Chandler (Blue), Southwood (Yellow), Rose (Red) size XS – 3XL \$36.50

## Buses

The DECD Transport policy states for a student to be considered an eligible bus user they must use the bus for more than 50% of the time. This year all buses are very close to maximum capacity and some have a waiting list. If you do not require your seat this year can please let the school know. If your child does not use their seat for more than the required 50%, you may be notified and their seat given to someone else. We apologise for any inconvenience that may occur.

# Calendar



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TERM ONE 2016	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 2	8 <sup>th</sup> February KMS Student Id Photo Day 7-12 DMC 5pm	9 <sup>th</sup> February Yr 10 Elevate Education Session	10 <sup>th</sup> February	11 <sup>th</sup> February 3.30 Sport & Rec Mtg 3.30 Grounds Mtg	12 <sup>th</sup> February KMSC 7-12 Nominations
Week 3	15 <sup>th</sup> February Yr 3-6 Swimming Improvement Teams 3.30pm	16 <sup>th</sup> February Family Info Night	17 <sup>th</sup> February KMSC R-6 Elections/ 7-12 Intros	18 <sup>th</sup> February NEWSLETTER Volunteer Training 2pm Finance Committee 3.30pm	19 <sup>th</sup> February Principal's Tour 9.30-10.30am KMSC 7-12 Elections
Week 4	22 <sup>nd</sup> February Yr 3-6 Swimming DMC 5pm	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	24 <sup>th</sup> February KMSC Training Governing Council 7pm	25 <sup>th</sup> February	26 <sup>th</sup> February KMSC/House Captain Student Induction Assembly

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### To inform KMS that your child/children are absent or late with reason:

1. Phone: 8821 0100
2. Text: 0417 963 378 with name and class
3. E-mail: [dl.0778.frontoffice@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0778.frontoffice@schools.sa.edu.au), or
4. Write and sign a note in your child/ren's diary.

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