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From the Principal: Alistair Williams

Congratulations to the House of Rose winners of the 2019 Sports Day - ending Heath's reign at the top by 164 points.

It was a colourful and competitive but fun filled two-day event with sportsmanship from all Houses coming to the fore, with Chandler placing third, followed by Southwood.

There were many spine tingling moments, including watching older peers encourage younger students across the finish line, regardless of House, such was the support and enthusiasm from our students.

This was my first Kadina Memorial Sports Day and I was impressed by how effectively it was run.

As a dad I enjoyed watching my children participate and revel in the friendly rivalry, and as a Principal I was impressed by the genuine connections and team spirit between students and staff.

Sports Day is an opportunity for students to take control and further develop their skills. While many enjoyed personal moments of achievement by breaking records, others played a pivotal role by participating in the team events which ultimately narrowed the winning margin.

I congratulate all House Captains who took the opportunity to lead and helped organise students into events, as well as the team meetings to coordinate marches and chants!

Leading to and on Sports Day there are always stories that make you know we are on the right track as a school. Head of Health and Physical Education Luke Driver spoke of Lachlan Jones' efforts as a leader taking aside a young student from another team to help him with his long jump techniques, whilst I saw the positive way in which the primary classes encouraged all competitors to achieve their best, not just those from their house.

Thank you Mr Driver, and team, for the organisation and time invested over the past few months. This extra effort meant that the two days were highly successful.

I also thank our grounds staff who provided a venue the envy of many. They worked tirelessly, often during extreme conditions, to ensure the oval was in good condition.

Finally, thank you to the many families and grandparents who visited during the two days, making it a genuine school community event.



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Principal's Report continued:

Governing Council February Meeting

The last meeting of the current Council was held on a hot evening and we welcomed new staff representative Ali Doolette and student representative Joel Martin. Discussions included:

- Joel sharing goal setting approaches in the senior years
- The new department improvement focus with a common template for this plan
- 40% of canteen sales last year were via the Qkr
- Draft plans for the Early Years Nature Play areas were shared
- The fundraising and special day's guidelines were approved
- Consultation processes for reviewing the Sun Smart and Electronic Communication Devices (ECD)

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting and will be held at 7pm on 27 March in the Hospitality Centre. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

Parent Teacher Interviews

As we near the half-way mark of Semester One R-12 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 10, starting Monday 1 April. For online bookings go to:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

R-6 code **echqt** 7-12 code **yc8qp**

An instruction sheet is with today's newsletter, alternatively contact the Front Office for assistance.

I strongly encourage you to meet with your child's teacher to ensure learning goals are met as we endeavour to work in partnership. Year 7-12 Traffic Lights will be sent home next Tuesday (Week 8).

Japanese Homestay Program

We still require families to participate in a two-week Japanese Homestay Program in Term 3. Ideally, we would like at least 10 families who have a child in Year 8-10 to host a student. For more information or to register your interest please contact teacher Chris Cook at christopher.cook112@schools.sa.edu.au



Student Success

Students and their families often invest a lot of time in their chosen fields out of school. During the summer holidays students participated in state and interstate competitions.

Congratulations to the South Australian Country Development Team, with Under 14, 16 and 18's playing the Australian Country Basketball Cup in Albury, while the Under 15's competed in the Southern Cross Challenge in Melbourne.

Students who competed: Under 18's Montana Briggs and Jordan Taylor, Under 16's Olivia Elsworthy and Eliza Monger, Under 15's William McKay and Tyrese Wanganeen, Under 14's Claire Venning and Airlie Ramsey. Reserves, Cheylen Waganeen U15 and Ryan Kirley U14.



SA Under 18 Lawn Bowls Championship

Year 11 student Faith Scholes won bronze in the open triples at the SA Under 18 lawns Bowls Championship in January. This was Faith's first time at the championshipa great effort!



Regards,



Alistair Williams Principal

Sub School News

R-6 News: Nature Play

Hi there! We, Charlotte and Joanne, are fourth year Occupational Therapy students from the University of South Australia. As you may be aware, there is a lot of work happening to develop a nature play space for R-2's that allows them to engage in play and active learning throughout the day.

We are currently running a 9 week project in partnership with this work that aims to provide loose parts for children to play with. Research shows that loose parts play (LPP) and nature play go hand in hand. Loose parts can include things like PVC pipes, old tyres, anything with no specific set of directions for how it should be used, that can be moved, carried, redesigned, lined up, taken apart and put back together in multiple ways. Loose parts support invention, creativity, problem solving and offer a sense of wonder and imagination to children. As natural loose parts can cause potential safety risks we aim to manage this by completing a thorough risk analysis alongside students as well as developing 'housekeeping' rules so that they can identify and minimise these risks independently.

From the future nature area and LPP, we aim to achieve the following goals:

- R-2 teachers implement outdoor play and utilise the area during lesson time
- R-2 students show increased attention in class and a decrease in prevalence of behavioural issues
- Teachers in other year levels utilise the nature play area for outdoor classes
- Young students use constructive and dramatic play amongst each other

We will be on site at KMS so please feel free to say hello and ask any questions! Or email us at charlottejoanne2019@gmail.com.



Unit News

Junior Class

It was great to see so many family members supporting the Junior students as they participated in all of the events of the R-2 program last Thursday. For some of our students it was their first Kadina Memorial School Sports Day so they were very excited at being able to wear their house colours and participate in the fun events. Parents were also on hand supporting the students to run, jump, throw, and complete the activities. Well done to class teacher Julia and support staff for assisting the students on the day, to the families who came along and to Jenny Smith for giving our students the opportunity to join in with her class. Thank you all for making it a great morning.



Senior Class

It was also great to see a number of families last Friday helping and cheering on the Senior students as they completed their modified events for Sports Day. The students keenly participated in all of the events to the best of their ability. Thank you to everyone cheering on our students as they ran their 100 metre race. For some of the students it was the first time they had run the whole way. Well done. They were also very excited to receive their ribbons at the completion of the events, and tried extremely hard to jump, throw and kick as far as they could. Thank you to support staff for assisting, and to all of the families who came along to help make Sports Day a rewarding day for our students.

These days are certainly great for our School Values, Opportunity, Excellence and Respect to be seen in action.



Statement: eSafety advice on the Momo Challenge

Media release | March 01 2019

It is very concerning when young people have been exposed to any content that scares them or plays on their emotions, like those reported via the Momo Challenge. Although it has now been widely reported and exposed as a viral hoax, the Momo Challenge is not the first, nor will it be the last, online "challenge" or phenomenon to target our children with potentially harmful consequences.

Our research shows 81% of parents hand their child an internet-connected device by the age of 4, so active parental engagement and oversight of a child's online activities is critical from the start, to help ensure they are prepared for what they may encounter. As young people often do not have the maturity or judgement to cope with confronting content online, it's important to guide and instil critical reasoning skills, so they are aware that not everything they see or receive online is real.

We encourage parents to co-view, co-play, ask questions about the games and apps they are using, and let them know you are there to support them if they are upset or uncomfortable about anything they see online.

Five top tips to help limit your child's exposure to harmful content online:

- Engage in your child's online activities ask what apps, sites and games they're using and make sure they're ageappropriate
- Use parental controls on devices to help limit what your child is exposed to
- Let them know not everything they see online is real or true.
- Help them report and block upsetting content they see on social media sites or apps.
- Let them know they can come to you about anything upsetting they see online, and contact <u>Kids Helpline</u> if they need further support.

Parents who are concerned their child may be susceptible to self-harm should be aware of the signs to look out for and know where to go for help – see more info here:

https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/newsroom/blog/is-your-child-at-risk-of-self-harm-or-suicide

Parents can visit www.esafety.gov.au/iparent for information and advice on keep your child safe online.

TRAFFIC REMINDER: Speed limits, school and pedestrian crossings

ALL students and families are reminded to use the school crossing or the pedestrian crossings to safely cross Doswell Terrace before and after school. Trained crossing monitors and the flashing lights alert drivers to slow down and stop for you to walk safely walk to and from school.

It is not safe to cross by moving in between traffic.

If you choose to use the protrusion walkway between the Flex Centre and the front of the school or in front of the library please be aware this is **NOT** a designated pedestrian crossing and vehicles do have the right of way and are not legally required to stop for pedestrians waiting to cross the road. You may only walk across this part of the road when it is clear of traffic.







New Staff Profiles

We continue our series of introducing new staff members to you in the fortnightly newsletters. Please make them feel welcome.

Name: Renee Thamm, STEM and Digital Learning Coordinator, Middle School Maths, Science and Digital Technology

Where did you study? I studied a bachelor of Applied Science / Bachelor of Education at UniSA.

What is your previous experience?

I taught Year 8-10 Maths and Science and Year 8-12 Physical Education at Gladstone High School from 2011 – 2018.

In 2017 and 2018 I was the SACE/VET/PE Coordinator.

What are you looking forward to this year at Kadina Memorial School?

This year I am looking forward to establishing myself within the school and community.

Hobbies/Sports?

I enjoy spending time at the beach kayaking, and bike riding.



NOTE:

In the next two newsletters Miss Thamm will outline Kadina Memorial's STEM and Digital Learning strategy as well as start discussion regarding the School's Electronic Communication and Mobile guidelines, reviewed every three years.

Name: Georgia Wells, Middle/ Senior Maths and Science teacher

Where did you study? Undergraduate at University of Adelaide (Bachelor of Science) and a Masters at Flinders University (Masters of Teaching/ Secondary).

What is your previous experience?

First year of teaching at Grant High School, Mount Gambier (years 8-11), with placements at Grant High School and Saint Marks College in Port Pirie.

What are you looking forward to this year at Kadina Memorial School?

Meeting new people and getting involved in the community, teaching chemistry and developing my skills as a teacher.

Hobbies/Sports?

Netball (although a little out of practice!), baking and trying new recipes and visiting new restaurants.



Name: Charlotte Ekberg, Year 2 teacher

Where did you study? Flinders University

What is your previous experience?

In 2018 I taught fulltime at Bute Primary School in a Year 2, 3, 4 class

What are you looking forward to this year at Kadina Memorial School?

Collaborating and sharing ideas with the wealth of staff here

Hobbies/Sports?

Netball, hanging out with my two year old niece and travelling!



2019 Sports Day

It was a Rose affair at the 2019 Sports Day but Heath, Chandler and Southwood were only marginally placed behind, reinforcing that the team games and relays are an integral part of the two-day event.

Rose started day two in the lead thanks to the primary cohort's effort the day before.

However, the margin narrowed with Heath and Chandler jostling for second position throughout the day. This made for an exciting finish: Rose (3,451), Heath (3,287), Chandler (3,211), and Southwood (2,740).

Sports Day is a culmination of preparation and training by all students and staff over the past five weeks.

The R-12ness was evident with older students volunteering at event stations, encouraging the younger students and assisting with team games.

House Captains proved why their peers chose them to lead, with many encouraging team members in track and field events. Southwood won the march and chant at the R-6 Sports Day with Chandler winning this team inclusive tradition on the 7-12 day.

Thank you to Lachlan Jones, 2018 Senior Sportsperson of the Year, and Member for Narungga and former KMHS student Fraser Ellis for opening the sports days, respectively.

We had awesome autumn weather allowing many students to perform at their best, with a number of new records set. These results will be published in the next newsletter, along with pennant winners and individual champions. I felt very proud of the professional manner in which our two Sports Days were held. I thank our grounds staff who work tirelessly to provide our beautifully kept ovals, teaching and support staff who timed, measured, recorded and aided students all day, Vicki Hartleib and her canteen volunteers, all volunteers who assisted with events, Little Athletics for the use of equipment, as well as NYP SAPSASA, Kadina Netball Club, ANZ, Wallaroo Mines Primary School and Harvest Christian College.

Luke Driver Head of Health and Physical Education







School Notices

Decision Making Committee

The Kadina Memorial School Decision Making Committee is a representative committee consisting of staff, students and parents who meet each fortnight. The next DMC is scheduled next week, **Monday 18 March**, **5pm** in the Staff Room.

Proposals tabled for consideration: Proposal: Student Mentor Training Date: Tuesday 2 April, 11am-12:30pm

Proposer: Zelly Ritter

Proposal: Anzac Dawn Service Date: Thursday 25 April Proposer: Sue Stanley

2019 Kernewek Lowender

The Kernewek Lowender is fast approaching. Year 5-7 students are invited to participate in the Maypole on Friday 17 May in Moonta and on Saturday 18 May in Kadina.

Students in Year 1-6 are invited to take part in the Furry Dance at Moonta on Friday 17 May. However, please note families are required to transport their child to this event.

Participation forms which must be returned to school by tomorrow, Friday 15 March were given to students last week.

Canteen News

Thank you to our many amazing volunteers, students, family members and my great team of workers who helped coordinate Sports Day week. Also a huge thank you to the Farm Shed, Des's Meats, Woolworths, Cornish Bakehouse Kadina, Centrestate, and Kadina Fruit and Veg Market for supplying us with everything to make this possible. It is always a huge achievement for us to run two Canteens and supply many families with yummy food and plenty of drinks on the day. Thank you also to Luke Driver, for his support and letting us use his classroom again this year. Without the use of this facility, it would not be possible to supply a great Canteen service. This year we sold over 420 hot dogs, 90 chicken burgers, 60 tender wraps, 40 pies, 65 sausage rolls, 210 donuts with plenty of drinks and iceblocks to keep everyone cool. We appreciate your support for our canteen and all feedback is greatly appreciated to improve each year.

Thanks Vicki Hartleib Canteen Manager

Year 10 KO Cricket

On Thursday 7 March the Year 10 Knockout Cricket team played against Adelaide High School in the second round of the State competition. Adelaide High were looking for a road trip so the game was played at Wallaroo Oval, which both teams were thankful for.

Our Captains Dylan Branford and Toby Glasson won the toss and decided to bat on the run friendly oval. The boys batted well as a team and managed to face all 20 overs for a score of 85. Solid contributions from Will Neumann and Dylan Branford gave our team a hope of victory against one of the best cricketing schools in South Australia.

Although the team bowled well, the experienced Adelaide High batsmen made short work of the total making the runs in the 14th over with only one wicket down.

Thanks to Gavin Branford for scoring the game and the Wallaroo Cricket Club for the use of their facilities.

Pat Keane

Book Fair: Students will have an opportunity to browse and purchase titles at a Book Fair in Week 9. There is no obligation to buy books at this event. This means there will be no Scholastic Book Club this term.



Community News

Winter Soccer: Season starts March 31, register by Saturday 23 March at www.football.com.au. First Sunday in every month will be played at Kadina hockey ground, all other games at Moonta Area School. Under 6 and Under 8 start at 10am-10:45am, Under 12 at 11am, Under 17 at 12:30am. For questions or assistance contact: ypsoccerassociation@gamil.com

Kadina Pony and Equestrian Club: Rallies held Sunday fortnights, 9.30am-11.30am at the old racecourse, Racecourse Road between Kadina and Wallaroo. Hot weather policy. Bring your horse or pony along for just \$10 inclusive. All ages and abilities welcome. Pony Club encourages riding skills of all kinds of sport connected with horses, loyalty, self-discipline, horsemanship, sportsmanship and proper care of their ponies, all while having fun. Contact Abbey on 0420 539 371 or Graham on 0414 907 034









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TERM 1 2019	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 8	18th March Stage 2 Outdoor Ed Kayak Camp, 7:30am departure KMSC Junior/ Middle mtgs 5.00 DMC	19 th March Stage 2 Outdoor Ed Kayak Camp	20th March Stage 2 Outdoor Ed Kayak Camp Jolly Phonics Parent Workshop, library, 9am & 6pm Positive Partnership Parent Workshop - MS	21st March Senior KMSC mtg 3:30 Finance Mtg	22 nd March KMS GIJ rehearsal travel to CHS, 4:30-8pm
Week 9	25 th March Literacy Week - Author Aleesha Darlinson visit Library Book Fair NY Partnership parent workshop 'Communication & Connection: Nature Play', Wallaroo Primary, 5:30pm-7pm.	26th March Literacy Week - Author Aleesha Darlinson visit KMS GIJ Rehearsal with Clare High School at KMS, 4:30-7pm Library Book Fair	27th March Interschool Athletics, Kadina Library Book Fair 7pm Governing Council AGM	28th March Interschool Athletics (reserve day) KMSC Captains Mtg NAPLAN trial day NEWSLETTER	29th March KMSC Fundraising day SAPSASA Swimming Country R-6 Religious ed

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