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# KPS Powerful Times

WEEK 1, TERM 1

JANUARY 2018

DIARY NOTES:

**VOLUNTEER  
MORNING TEA**

**TUESDAY  
8:45AM**

**FREE COFFEE &  
CAKE**

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## Principal's Report

Dear families,

Welcome to 2018.

I have heard from many families of exciting times over the holiday period.

Last Wednesday we had a whole school assembly to highlight the many improvement agendas that occurred over the past 6 weeks. This included:

Full upgrades to the Red and Blue units; finalizing construction of our 'Outdoor STEM' area; remodeled pond and play equipment in the scrub, upgraded resource centre; staining of all deck areas; new bag hooks for classrooms; repainted school signage and cleaning of all walkways and paths. We will be working hard in finalising all facilities over the next weeks.

The first week has run really

smoothly as Kilkenny students have settled into classes seamlessly. These are some tips for a great start to the year:

- Have morning routines—it helps make the day start in a smooth way
- Be involved in packing bags the night before—avoid a rush
- Get involved—a positive attitude from home will reinforce this for children
- Support your child's new teacher—they are working hard for your child and best outcomes for them.

In sharing the learning the school has planned a community meeting night for families and staff on Tuesday 13th of February, week 3. Mark the date in your diary.

There will be a note sent home soon for your information.

### School communication

Communication is a vital part of the school/ learning partnership. After this printed newsletter all correspondence with newsletters & school news, etc will be via our online facilities. Please carefully read the information below in the newsletter. Getting online with these portals will give you constant up to date KPS news.

Thank you to parents for your support in week 1, and look forward to seeing you all in Week 3

**Peter Dunstan**  
Principal

## Communication

### MGM App

Kilkenny is pleased to announce an upgrade to our school communication services. News, Events, Notices and general messages will now be sent using the School Star app. Only parents and community members can access content in this secure app for iPhone and Android.

Please download here:

[www.mgmw.co/8511fZP](http://www.mgmw.co/8511fZP)

**Facebook** – search for 'Kilkenny Primary School', like our page and get updated information on what is happening at Kilkenny

**Website** –

[www.kilkennyc7.sa.edu.au](http://www.kilkennyc7.sa.edu.au)

See our school website for more information regarding our school, Curriculum, News & Events, Facilities, Parent and contact information.

**Class Dojo** – All teachers use class dojo as a means of communicating with parents. It can be used to share class learning, class notes, excursions etc.

**Qkr App** – for payments of M&S Charges, camps/excursions, uniform, OSCH fees and Canteen lunch orders

Qkr by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple's app store for iPhones (iPads should

download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

After downloading the app and registering, simply select Kilkenny PS from 'Nearby Locations' on Qkr or type KPSSA after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr, and then the app will always recognise you as part of the school in future to make payments even easier. You can order and pay for school lunches right now using Qkr, so why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr!



Hi, I'm Miss Rhiannon and I am teaching year 6/7s in Green 1 and 2 with Miss Teigan. I have been teaching at a range of schools over the past 8 years and am very excited about making Kilkenny Primary School my home for good. I am loving my time here so far and I look forward to getting to know more students and meet more parents. If you see me out in the yard or around the place please say hello.

Rhiannon

Hi, I'm Miss Cat and I am teaching year 2 , Monday to Thursday in Red 1 with Miss Steph finishing off the week on Fridays. I am very excited about returning to Kilkenny after 18 months off spending time with my son. I have been at Kilkenny since 2011, where I came on a Teacher Exchange Program and loved it so much I had to stay! I have had a wide range of roles since being at Kilkenny and very happy to have the opportunity to teach Red 1 with Miss Steph. I have been teaching for 22 years, now I feel old! I have experience in mainstream, Special Ed and Intervention. I look forward to getting to know you over the coming year. Any questions feel free to ask or just come and say hello.



Hello, my name is Ms. Renee and I am very excited to be at Kilkenny Primary School teaching the delightful Receptions in Red 5! I have come from Pennington Primary School where I was a Junior Primary teacher for 12 years. Prior to that I taught at several schools across Adelaide and also spent a few years teaching in Victoria. I have a 6-year-old son and we enjoy spending our weekends going to the beach, playing soccer and catching up with friends. I am really looking forward to working in partnership with the whole community and having a successful 2018 together.

My name is Aleisha Brine and I am excited to be part of the Kilkenny Primary community. I recently returned to Australia after teaching in London for 2 years. Before moving to the UK I taught here in Adelaide for 6 years. I am enthusiastic about bringing both my teaching experience and passion for learning to such a dynamic and diverse school.

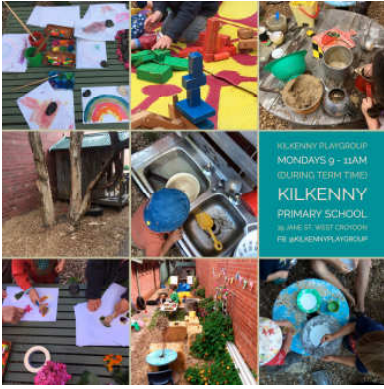


Hello, my name is Sharonlee and I am very excited to be part of the Kilkenny community. I have taught for 17 years previously at Settlers Farm Campus with Junior Primary students. I am looking forward to working with everyone this year and meeting all my new families.

# KILKENNY PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM 1 – 2018

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
<b>1</b>	29/01 	30/01	31/02	01/02	02/02	03-04/02
<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>						
<b>2</b>	05/02	06/02	07/02	08/02	09/02 BREAKFAST CLUB STARTS	10-11/02
<b>3</b>	12/02 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING	13/02 MEET THE TEACHERS 	14/02	15/02	16/02 Assembly  Newsletter	17-18/02
<b>4</b>	19/02	20/02	21/02	22/02	23/02	24-25/02
<b>5</b>	26/02 GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM	27/02	28/02	01/03	02/03	03-04/03
<b>6</b>	05/03	06/03	07/03	08/03	09/03 Assembly  Newsletter	10-11/03
<b>7</b>	12/03 Adelaide Cup 	13/03	14/03	15/03	16/03	17-18/03
<b>8</b>	19/03 SCHOOL PHOTOS  GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING	20/03	21/03	22/03	23/03 SCHOOL PHOTOS CATCHUP	24-25/03
<b>9</b>	26/03	27/03	28/03	29/03 Assembly  SPORTS DAY   Newsletter	30/03 GOOD FRIDAY	31-01/04 EASTER SAT/SUN
<b>10</b>	02/04 EASTER MONDAY	03/04	04/04	05/04	06/04	07-08/04
<b>11</b>	09/04	10/04	11/04	12/04	13/04 End of Term 1 2.05 Dismissal	14-16/4/18





Playgroup—Every Monday morning  
**9am-11am**  
**Cost: \$2.00**  
**What to bring?** Drink bottle, fruit to share

### **Supports from The Smith Family**

#### ***Learning for Life Scholarships***

Would a Scholarship help your family’s education?

The Smith Family supports long term participation in education through opportunities and support, enabling students to optimise their education outcomes. As part of the *Learning for Life* program, The Smith Family offers Scholarships, programs and support throughout the primary, secondary and tertiary education years.

Scholarships are awarded to students that have demonstrated their commitment to education. If you meet the eligibility and are committed to the long-term benefits of education, a referral form needs to be completed by the school.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Attend a partner school in Reception to Year 8,
- Have a current Pension Concession or Health Care Card, and
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to education through a minimum 90% school attendance.

As The Smith Family has openings for a number of Scholarship vacancies at the moment, families who meet the eligibility criteria, are encouraged to speak to Karyn Alford.

Enquiries can also be made to Regina Zare (Family Partnership Coordinator, *Learning for Life*) on 0429 220 538 or at [regina.zare@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:regina.zare@thesmithfamily.com.au).

#### **Homework Support and Tutoring**

The Smith Family is currently seeking expressions of interest for our Homework support program at Kilkenny Primary School.

The Smith Family provides a supportive out-of-school learning environment where students can participate in activities that develop their academic and social skills at no cost. Local volunteer tutors are recruited and trained to have appropriate skills and knowledge to support activities. Through regular attendance students are able to enhance their learning and development skills.

Kilkenny Learning Club starts in Term 1: Week 2 – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January. We will be running homework support on Wednesday afternoons from 3:05PM – 4:05PM.

If you would like any further information on this program or would like to register your child to take part please contact:

Anneleis O’Loughlin at [anneleis.oloughlin@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:anneleis.oloughlin@thesmithfamily.com.au) or call 8248 4005.

Or, contact Melody Stanford on [melody.stanford@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:melody.stanford@thesmithfamily.com.au) or call 0417 696 886.



*everyone’s family*