

Snippets

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Dear Parents and Home Tutors,
Welcome back to the School of Air environment for 2007.
For those of you starting with us for the first time I hope you enjoy your time with us.
We are only a phone call away and look forward to being of great help to you.

HOME VISITS:

Teachers will have hopefully phoned you to talk about visiting you this year. Visits will range from 3 one day visits to two 3 day visits depending on how far away you are. In stations closer to town at least one visit will be an overnight stay. So that means that everyone should have a teacher stay overnight at least once.

RENOVATIONS:

We have almost completed our studio/classroom renovations. This will allow us to have a realistic classroom set up for students when they visit us. It should be ready by seminar.

HOME TUTOR SEMINAR:

Information regarding Home Tutor seminar will be sent out to you in week 3. For those of you that are new to School of Air we have a Home Tutor seminar in week 5 of term 1. This is your opportunity to meet with teachers and other tutors to share experiences and pick up teaching strategies and find out that you are not alone in this different world of teaching your own children. Seminar will start on Monday the 26th February at 1:00pm when I will introduce myself and the teaching staff to Tutors and children. The school dentist is booked for Monday 9-12 for School of the air. People who wish to avail themselves of this service are free to go to the clinic at South Kalgoorlie Primary School during the above times. This year seminar will finish at midday on Friday with the final activity being an assembly presented by the year 7 students at the seminar. Activities at seminar will include discussions on schooling ages, ICT presentations, allied health talks, many sessions with teachers and tutors, tour of the school with Principal and registrar, P&C, school council and ICPA meetings, Dust watch presentation, visit by Director. There is no cost for food and accommodation with a kilometre allowance of 15cents per kilometre less the first 100 kilometres for the person bringing their vehicle to camp. Vicki McQuie is organizing for folk to go out for an evening meal on one night. More information will come out in week 3.

WORK: I hope everyone has received their materials from teachers. The air lesson timetable is attached with this newsletter and hopefully you will also have received one from teachers. I am starting M&M earlier this year at 7:45, so we can fit lessons in from 8:00 in the morning. For new people M&M is my 15 minutes where the children can talk to me and I can make announcements. Some people use this as the start of their school day.

LOTE:

We will be doing Indonesian on Fridays starting next week with Mrs McQuie doing it via satweb from Sandstone. LOTE is a requirement for all students from year 3 to 7 so please endeavour to be there.

MUSIC:

This will commence with Mr Inch after Home Tutor Seminar. Mr Inch is new to our staff this year and is looking forward to your participation in music.

STAFF :

Principal.....Gerry Keegan

Registrar.....Robyn Landers

Support Teacher Learning....Kerry MacFarlane

Kindy and Pre Primary.....Nahdia Lewendon

Year 1 and Year 2.....Diane Baker

Year 3.....Emma Morris

Year 4 5 6Adrian Parsons

Year 4 5 6.....Colin Inch

Year 7.....Melonie Winch

Library.....Linda Douth

Cleaner.....Barbara Hounslow

Gardener.....Sherry Middleton

WEBSITE: We have a website with past information on it as well as student work which is displayed during the year. We try to update our site weekly during each term. The address is www.kalsota.wa.edu.au.

Remember information about seminar will be out to you in week 3. Please fill out and return all forms.

M&M commences on Monday 5th February at 7.45. The first air lesson is at 8:00am.

Also being sent in hard copy with REVISE Forms.

Bye for now,

Gerry Keegan
Principal.

