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# South Kalgoorlie Primary School

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The Olympics have started and we're taking this advantage to learn more about the world! In Geography, we have introduced different parts of the world and began researching information about Brazil. Do you know why they're called the "Olympics"? This is because the Ancient Olympics were held in Olympia, Greece.



## Room 17 & 18: Rio Olympics 2016



Much has changed since the Ancient Olympics and we celebrate Australia as our athletes compete in the games. It is a time where the world comes together and celebrates this momentous occasion.



We have discussed the similarities and differences of the Ancient and Modern Olympics. Both are held every 4 years, the winners get the highest honour and several sports are still performed today, including boxing, wrestling, javelin, discus and more. However, the Modern Olympics have both summer and winter Olympics, both men and women can compete, any nation can compete and the location of the next Olympics is nominated.



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a gorgeous day on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> August at our Athletics carnival. The weather was superb and the students should be proud for the manner in which they conducted themselves and for their enthusiastic participation. Each faction received bonus points for behaviour, cheering and cleaning up their faction bays. The Red faction students were the overall winners in close competition between the other factions. Our Athletics carnival takes a great deal of organisation to co-ordinate and I offer a very gracious thank you to Ms Delia Botha, who organised the Junior Primary School part of the carnival and Ms Jessica Watt who organised the Senior Primary School. These ladies spent numerous out of school hours organising the day and the carnival was one of our best. Congratulations also to both Ms Botha and Ms Watt for their dedication in training and supporting the students to compete on the day. I would also like to acknowledge our announcer Ms Stephanie Billings who did an outstanding job, thank you, Ms Billings.

Any school event cannot be held without the support of our community and to the staff, parents/carers that assisted, thank you for your support, as we could not hold such a successful event without volunteers. A special thank you to Mr Steve O'Donnell who ensured our oval was in prime condition and who arrived very early to set up the tents with the support of Ms Watt and our Faction leaders. Students participated in individual and team events that allowed them to showcase their athletic talents.

Our four weeks of swimming lessons started this week and have been going extremely well, thanks to Mrs Crump for being such a fantastic organiser.

On Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> August, Ms Gallant and our school choir will be performing at the Eisteddfod and we wish them all the best.

Thursday of Week 10 is the Interschool School Athletics Carnival and will be held at Wallace Park. If you have any spare time please come down and support the students of SKPS.

Mrs Kath Grant  
Principal

#### Merit Certificate Winners 11th August 2016

<b>Room 1</b>	Maneeta Kumar Joshua Martin	<b>Room 12</b>		<b>Science</b>	
<b>Room 2</b>	Jesse Banyard Lucy Donnelly	<b>Room 13</b>	Matthew Bluck Ashty Munro-Traber	<b>Health/ PE</b>	Room 19 Sara Patel
<b>Room 3</b>	Hayley Lantzke	<b>Room 17</b>		<b>Jnr PE Health</b>	Koala & Gecko & Bilby
<b>Room 4</b>	Bella Drayton Aleutian Rewita	<b>Room 18</b>	Kadin McGuinness Lily Freemantle		
<b>Room 5</b>	Elise Healey Zoey O'Callaghan	<b>Room 19</b>	Alliyah Morales Joel Matsikenyiri	<b>Bilby</b>	Hayden Shuttleworth
<b>Room 6</b>	Amahli Hinder Zayde Miller	<b>Room 20</b>	Tremayne Dimer Jayde Hardman	<b>Gecko</b>	
<b>Room 7</b>	Taine Moyle Jeremiah Franklin	<b>Room 21</b>	Shaniqua Gordon Kyle Bourne	<b>Koala</b>	Mohua Hossen Kaylee Mudgeway
<b>Room 8</b>	Grace Zocaró Thane Butler-Henderson	<b>Room 22</b>	Chloe Lawrence Charles Coleman		
<b>Room 11</b>	John Stanton Jalahni Dabb	<b>Art</b>	Kayla Ah-Kim Devyne Silipa		



## Dates to Remember

August 15th-Sept 9th—

Swimming Lessons

September 16th—Enterprise Day

September 22nd—Inter School Athletics Carnival

September 23rd—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The WELCOME Award is a P & C initiative that recognises Parents/Caregivers who have been nominated by staff at South Kalgoorlie Primary. These parent/caregivers have helped in the classroom, the canteen or at school incursions and excursions. Congratulations and thank you to Linsey Cotter who was drawn out of the barrel for recognition at our last assembly. The South Kalgoorlie community would like to thank her for her continued help and support.

## With the tee-ball season fast approaching....WE NEED YOUR HELP.

All Souths Tee-ball Club committee positions are VACANT. There will be no more South's Tee-Ball Club unless YOU put your hand up to help this club. No experience necessary – you learn as you go. We had 6 teams last seasons – it would be great to see these kids keep our club alive in the competition with your help. The following positions need filling desperately - President; Secretary; Treasurer; Registrar; Uniform/Equipment Officer. Please we beg you to consider helping our club. If you are interested in helping in any way, please call Rochelle 0400 435 974 or email [robertsracing@bigpond.com.au](mailto:robertsracing@bigpond.com.au). I look forward to hearing from you soon.

## 2016 Faction Carnival

Thanks to Brendan Ah-Kim for the fantastic photos.



## Canteen

A reminder from the canteen that students who attend swimming lessons over recess need to pre-order their recess items. Their recess will be available for them to collect from the canteen when they return.

Students who have swimming lessons over lunch can still order at the canteen but will be limited to sandwiches only. Any sandwich from the menu can be ordered.



## South Kalgoorlie Primary School Faction Athletics Carnival

The 2016 South Kalgoorlie Primary School Faction Athletics Carnival was a successful and exciting day! Congratulations to Red Faction who won the shield on an amazing 445 points! In second place Green Faction came in on 331.5 points, followed by Gold Faction in third place on 289 points and in fourth place Blue Faction with 271.5 points.

Well done to all students for participating, giving it their best try and cheering on their fellow classmates. Our students loved joining in on their novelty games and had a fun-filled day.

Special congratulations to the following students who were awarded the Champion and Runner Up Champion Medals!

Year 3 Champion Girl: Emily Dawson  
Year 3 Runner Up Champion Girl: La-Sharn Blowes  
Year 3 Champion Boy: Devyne Silipa  
Year 3 Runner Up Champion Boy: Cruz Cooper  
Year 4 Champion Girl: Ashley Dawson  
Year 4 Runner Up Champion Girl: Noelene Smith  
Year 4 Champion Boy: Caylon Seelander  
Year 4 Runner Up Champion Boy: Jontaye Jones  
Year 5 Champion Girl: Faith Piuk  
Year 5 Runner Up Champion Girl: Ella Zocaró  
Year 5 Champion Boy: Malakai Dunlea  
Year 5 Runner Up Champion Boy: Jaxon Trinidad  
Year 6 Champion Girl: Zaleema Bourne  
Year 6 Runner Up Champion Girl: Sara Patel  
Year 6 Champion Boy: Blane Brown  
Year 6 Runner Up Champion Boy: Tamou Minhinnick



A big thank you to Parent Helpers, Teachers, Staff and our Year 6 Faction Captains who all contributed to the success and smooth running of the day. I'm looking forward to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September where our Interschool Team will compete at the E.G.C.S.S.A Interschool Athletics Carnival! Team selections and training will take place over the next few weeks.

Jessica Watt  
Physical Education Specialist



# You Can Do It! Fortnightly Focus

## Key To Success

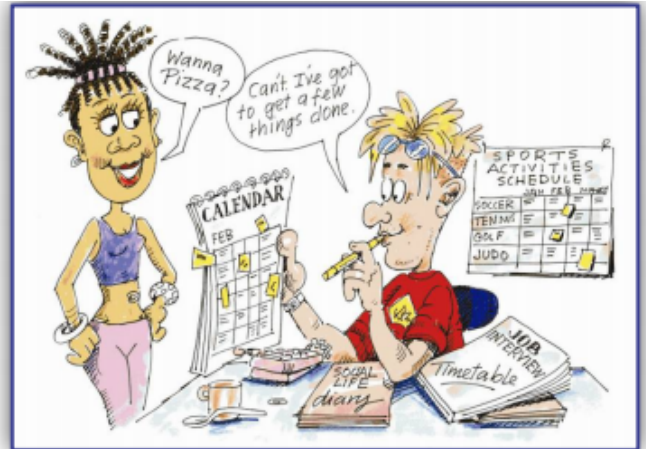
### Organisation

**Organisation** means ...

setting a goal to be successful, planning my time so that I'm not rushed, and having all my supplies ready.

- **Examples of Organised Behaviour**

- making sure I understand my teacher's instructions before I begin work
- having all my school supplies ready
- having a neat desk and school bag so I can find everything
- planning when I'm going to do my homework so I have enough time



## Habit Of The Mind

A Habit Of The Mind (Ways To Think Positive) that can help me to be **ORGANISED** is:

### Planning My Time

**Planning my time** means to plan ahead so I can be successful!

## Kids With Character

To **Do Your Best** you should:

- ⇒ Use your neatest handwriting in your work
- ⇒ Practise your reading every day
- ⇒ Choose to behave yourself



# Kids With Character

## Doing The Right Thing!

*You Are The Key To  
Your Success  
"YOU CAN DO IT!"*



We are proud to announce that last fortnight's **Kid With Character** is:

## Sarah Carter

Pre-Primary: Bilby



Sarah was chosen as this weeks **Kid With Character** by:

Miss Zuiderwijk & Mrs Seifert

**For:**

"Being kind to everyone in the class. For helping others when they need help and for your kind words to your friends. You are a very **caring** person, Sarah!"



## *Building parent-school partnerships*

WORDS Michael Grose

# The pitfall of using other children as benchmarks

Benchmarking children's progress with that of other children is not a wise parenting strategy. Inevitably, it will lead to parent frustration as there will always be a child who performs better than your own on any scale you use.

Have you ever compared your child's behaviour, academic progress or social skills with a sibling or your friend's children?

Comparing your child with others is a stress-inducing and, ultimately, useless activity.

But it's hard to resist, as we tend to assess our progress in any area of life by checking out how we compare with our peers.

When you were a child in school you probably compared yourself to your schoolmates. Your teachers may not have graded you, but you knew who the smart kids were and where you ranked in the pecking order.

Now that you have kids of your own do you still keep an eye on your peers? Do you use the progress and behaviour of their kids as benchmarks to help you assess your own performance as well as your child's progress? Or perhaps you compare your child to yourself at the same age?

Benchmarking children's progress with that of other children is not a wise parenting strategy. Inevitably, it will lead to parent frustration as there will always be a child who performs better than your own on any scale you use.

### **Kids develop at their own rates**

Each child has his or her own developmental clock, which is nearly impossible to alter. There are slow bloomers, early developers, bright sparks and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom. The slow bloomers can cause the most concern for parents who habitually compare children to siblings, their friends' kids and even themselves when they were in school.

The trick is to focus on your child's improvement and effort and use your child's results as the benchmark for his or her progress and development. "Your spelling is better today than it was a few months ago" is a better measure of progress than "Your spelling is the best in the class!"

### **Gender matters**

It's no secret that boys' and girls' brains were developed by different architects. One major difference lies around timing, or maturity. The maturity gap between boys and girls is anywhere between 12 months and two years. This gap seems to be consistent all the way to adulthood.

Quite simply, girls have a developmental head start over boys in areas such as handwriting, verbal skills and relationship skills.

Boys benefit greatly from teaching strategies designed for their specific needs. They also benefit from having teachers and parents who recognise that patience is a virtue when teaching and raising boys, as it seems to take longer for many boys to learn and develop.

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## ... The pitfall of using other children as benchmarks ...

### Kids have different talents, interests and strengths

So your eight-year-old can't hit a tennis ball like Novak Djokovic, even though your neighbour's child can. Avoid comparing the two as your child may not care about tennis anyway.


It's better to help your child identify his or her own talents and interests. Also recognise that the strengths and interests of a child may be completely different to those of his or her peers and siblings.

### Avoid linking your parenting self-esteem to your child's performance

As a parent you should take pride in your children's performance at school, in sport or their leisure activities. Seeing your child do well is one of the unsung pleasures of parenting. You should also celebrate their achievements and milestones, such as taking their first steps, getting their first goal in a game or getting great marks at school.

However, you shouldn't have too much personal stake in your children's success or milestones, as this close association makes it hard to separate yourself from them. It may also lead to excessive parental pressure for kids to do well for the wrong reasons – to please you!

The maxim "You are not your child" is a challenging but essential parental concept to live by. Doing so takes real maturity and altruism, but it is the absolute foundation of that powerful thing known as "unconditional love".

Michael Grose 



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