



# Air Waves

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## Principal's Column

We are at the end of Week 5 of what has started out as a very busy Term 3 – and the weather is starting to warm up! Tuesday this week, I went up to Darwin with Carolyn Whitting to join the Year 7/8 students as they commenced their excursion. They met up with students from the south and teacher Bill Newman in Canberra. Have heard they are all having a great time even though it is a little cold. No doubt they will experience the extra flurry of a big city as we move towards the elections this weekend.

We have had a number of visitors already this Term. Derek Thomas and Clint Andrews spent 3 days with Melinda and Gillian discussing IDL and ICT to ensure we have the support and procedures in place as we move forward. Installations are being carried out by contractors and we plan to have 7 installs done in the coming months, which will cover those who have been waiting since earlier in the year as well as those who enrolled in Term 2. If you have any queries or concerns, please give either Melinda or myself a ring.

Tom Harold and Robyn Hauser from ICT for Learning have also visited, working with staff as we continue to plan our move from Janisons Toolbox (OLE) to our school Portal site and Moodle as our online tool. All the information families will need, will be sent in the near future to ensure the migration across is successful. While teachers have started to work in the new Portal staff site, we will still have

access to Janisons until all information has been moved across and parents have the access they need to the new site.

Teaching teams are continuing to work on our 3 year teaching and learning cycle ready for 2011, and all staff are participating in Performance Review meetings this term. The level of commitment from those I have already met with, toward students and their education has been fantastic. Andy Street was also in the school yesterday and I worked with him on both my own and the school's performance reviews.

The park next to the Library has become a construction site as work has commenced on our BER classroom. Next time you are in town, have a look through the Library windows at the progress. We all look forward to this great new facility which all students and their tutors visiting KSA will have a chance to work in with their teachers.

Until next time  
Cheers Jen



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## Toothy Tips

Plaque is the clear or tooth coloured film of bacteria (germs) and food that forms on teeth after eating and drinking. Plaque converts any sugar or starch in food and drinks into acids that cause tooth decay and toxins that cause gum disease.

Disclosing is a method of making plaque more visible. To disclose teeth, wipe a cotton bud dipped in food colouring along all gum margins (where the teeth and gums meet). Rinse mouth with water. Any colour remaining on the teeth indicates plaque. This may help children to see where plaque is and encourage them to brush their teeth.

Gum disease in its early stages is commonly seen as red, swollen gums that bleed easily. The bacteria in the plaque irritate the gums. Regular brushing and flossing to remove plaque will help ease this irritation. Ignoring these symptoms may cause the gums disease to progress over years to a more serious condition. These symptoms should be looked into and treatment is available. Gum disease is one of the most common causes of tooth loss in adults.

Bacteria that collect underneath the gum weaken the structures that hold the gum onto the tooth and bone. Serious damage can be done before you notice any problems.

Remember, bleeding gums require better brushing. If bleeding persists a dental check is advised. Regular check ups, correct brushing and flossing will reduce the risk of gum disease.

Healthy Habits Start at Home



## Star of the Week Awards

Week	Year Level	Recipient	For:-
3	Trans	Tisha Harrison	For trying her best with daily writing and wanting to learn.
3	5	Brittany Shephard	A huge improvement in reading. Well done, Brittany.
3	5	Hannah Paech	For a great journal writing. Congratulations, Hannah.
3	5	Melita Kernich	For an excellent work return. Way to go, Melita.
4	5	Justin Beebe	For working hard and catching up on outstanding work. Well done, Justin.
4	5	Tim Ladner	Excellent work in completing maths activities.
4	6	Dimitrus Hood	For always trying his best with his work.
4	6	Robert Cooper	For a great work return. Tremendous effort, Robert.
4	6	Laine Hockey	Always being punctual with phone calls and having good manners.
5	Trans	Brodie Craig	Excellent RPV Maths participation.
5	Trans	Jesse Neilsen	Excellent writing in different genres.
5	1	Jessie Thompson	Excellent writing in her units.
5	2	Agnes Malibirr	For trying really hard to get work finished on time.
5	5	Caitlyn Taylor	For an excellent autobiography. Congratulations Caitlyn.
5	5	Jack Sears	For a great phone lesson with Nat. Congratulations, Jack.
5	5	Kevin Srdinsek	For producing huge amounts of great work. Awesome effort, Kev.

## Flyers To Look For

Title	Author	Date Sent	To	Colour	Return Date
Try a Trade Conference Alice Springs	Kate Dixon	20 <sup>th</sup> August	Middle Years	Pink	1 <sup>st</sup> September
Community Software Plan	EdAlive	18 <sup>th</sup> August	All Families	White & coloured	8 <sup>th</sup> September
SRC Readathon	SRC	23 <sup>rd</sup> August	All Families	Grey	

## Up and Coming Events

Name of Event	Date	Time	Venue	Who's Invited	Other Comments
MY Try a Trade Conference	14-16 <sup>th</sup> September		Alice Springs	MY students	

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug - 20th Aug 2010

Year Level	% IDL Attendance
Pre	61
Tran	62
1/2/3	60
4/5/6	65
MY	82
Primary Assembly	70
MY Assembly	50

### *SRC News*

The SRC are organising a *Readathon* to raise money for a kindergarten in Mongolia. The children are asked to read books for the term and seek sponsorship from family and friends.

During Inschool, the [awesome] SRC were selling Ice Cups for 50c each and Face Paints at \$1 for 6 stripes. Even at these low prices, the SRC made an amazing \$136.20! This will be donated to the Katherine Wildlife Rescue and Camp Quality. On behalf of all the SRC, thank you to everyone who helped us reach this amazing total! ☺

~Brian Stockwell,  
Chairperson of Student Representative Council



### Where to find other information.

- **The KSA Parent/Home Tutor Environment**  
All issues of Air Waves and lots of other valuable information for Parents, Home Tutors, Students and Teachers can be viewed here.  
Contact [melinda.ogilvie@ntschoools.net](mailto:melinda.ogilvie@ntschoools.net) for your log on.
- Displays of student work and school events will be published in the School Year Book at the end of the year.