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Important Dates

17 December
End of term—students



First Lego League Competition a SUCCESS!

What a FUNTASTIC way to finish 2020. We had 2020 FIRST Lego regional competition last weekend. To give you a snapshot here are just a few figures of the event. We had 80 visitors, 25 volunteers that included KBCHS students, Curtin University (Engineering students), Flying Doctors, 6 teams, 28 participants, and 6 coaches. I couldn't ask for more. Those who have been following the Newsletter from the start of the year would know that we have been working very hard since last year to organise a regional competition for all the students from the Goldfields. Negotiating with other schools and motivating them to participate in the Regional competition was extremely challenging. "All is well that ends well", we not only managed to successfully organise the event, our KBCHS ROBOTS team scored three trophies: "Innovative Robot Design", "Best Coach", and "Regional Champions". Our team will participate in the Regional Competition in Perth on the 12th of December.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers, especially my students who devoted their whole day to help out with the event. I want to say special thanks to Mrs. Westberg, Miss Pether and Mrs. Hanks for all their support throughout this journey. They have been with the team throughout the whole year to support and mentor the team.

Once again I want to congratulate Joshua Campbell, Suniah Akram, Molly Klemm and Will Simpson and wish them best of luck for the finals.

Mrs. Nawaz
Head of Scienc



The KBCHS ROBOTS, Ms Nawaz and Principal Dearle with the PEAC team who were also winners.

From the Principal

Mr Doug Dearle



It is with a great sense of achievement that I welcome you to our final newsletter of 2020. It goes without saying that this year was one of continual interruptions but I am proud to say that the overarching priority of student safety, wellbeing and achievement has remained our consistent focus. I believe that the school is well positioned to build on this foundation for continued success in the future.

For me as the school's principal it is an honour to be a part of this special Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community. I consider it to be a privilege to work with such a fine group of students, teachers and parents. It has been a pleasure to work with our School Board and Friends of KB who continue to be committed to supporting the school.

Looking back over this year I realize how much I have been inspired by the adaptability and resilience of our young people and by their talents and achievements in so many areas of school life. While many of the normal extra curricula activities have been disrupted this year, our most recent ROAR carnival is a great example of what we can all achieve together.

I would like to give a special thanks to the school's teachers who have supported our students both in school and when they were required to work remotely. Your commitment has been fantastic and I know that your efforts have been greatly appreciated by the community. To our support staff who have worked tirelessly, often behind the scenes, to ensure that our school runs smoothly and that students and staff are supported in their teaching and learning activities I also say a huge thank you.

We have recently completed a series of surveys of students, parents and teachers to find out how they feel about a range of aspects of school life. The overall response has been outstanding with over 580 students and 135 parents providing us with feedback. This will provide a rich source of data which staff will reflect on and work with in considering how we can improve for the future.

On behalf of the school I wish you the compliments of the season and I hope to see you all in 2021.

To our Year 10 students who are transitioning to the senior school, I wish you every success in your future studies and I hope your all your dreams come true.

Best wishes,

Doug Dearle
Principal
Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School

SCHOOL TIMES 2021

The start and finish times for school for 2021 will be:

	<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish</u>
Monday	8:44	15:00
Tuesday	8:45	14:53
Wednesday	8:45	14:53
Thursday	8:44	13:40
Friday	8:45	14:53

Each Thursday, all staff will remain at school until 15:00 pm.

On Thursdays, students who need to catch either the Coolgardie or Kambalda school bus will be supervised at school by student support staff. The town bus timetables will remain unchanged for all other students.

Regards,

Doug Dearle

Principal KBCHS

Every Day Counts

- At school, many concepts are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later.
- Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of ‘showing up’ – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.
- Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day at school counts towards a student’s learning. Students who attend regularly, generally do better at school and in life.

For reasonable absences please let the school know as soon as possible by calling the office on 9092 0300 or texting 0407 384 502

• If your child misses...	that equals...	or...	From Kindy to year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:	Attendance Rate
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	nearly 1 ½ years	part-way through year 11	90%
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	over 2 ½ years	part-way through year 10	80%
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	over 5 years	the end of year 7	60%
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4	40%

Year 10 Formal

Oh What a Night!

On behalf of the PBS Committee we present the KBCHS Year 10 Formal.

Held at Rydges Kalgoorlie on the 3rd of December.

Students who had achieved Good Standing were invited to attend a night of celebration.

It was wonderful to see the beautiful young adults that our students have become and we wish them all the best for their futures

Jacklyn Davis PBS Leader and PBS Committee



ROAR CORNER:

Our current whole school ROAR focus is:

“We are responsible and take pride in our school”.

In the wise words of Year 10 student Kelby Virgin, “Basketball is life”. Despite the obsession many students have with shooting hoops at lunchtimes, when it comes to picking up rubbish and ensuring it is put in the bin, there are some students who are ‘foul shooters’, meaning they aim for, but often miss the bin and then leave their rubbish on the ground. We also have some ‘90% ers’ (students who put large items in the bin, but leave smaller, less obvious items behind) and ‘inchers’ (people who check they aren’t being observed, then slowly inch away from their litter).

In recent PBS ROAR lessons, students have reflected on some of the littering behaviours they may engage in from time to time and set themselves goals to ensure all rubbish is correctly placed in one of the many bins located around the school. Some goals adopted by students this week include ‘the assist’ (a pick-up if a foul shoot is missed), ‘coaching’ (prompting people to do the right thing with the disposal of their item’) and ‘intervening’ (suggesting others pick up litter they have dropped). Students also participated in a mini clean up of the school, putting some of these positive littering behaviours into action!

Ms Emma Hart





THE GRAHAM (POLLY) FARMER FOUNDATION PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School is thrilled to announce a new Follow the Dream Enrichment Centre will be opening at KBCHS in 2021.

What is Follow the Dream?

Follow the Dream supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who aspire to successfully complete their secondary schooling, show aptitude for learning, and demonstrate a positive approach toward education. The Enrichment Centre will provide after-school academic tuition, literacy and numeracy support, specialist tutoring, personalised learning plans, one-on-one mentoring and practical experience for enrolled students. To be eligible, students must identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, have a positive attitude to learning and high attendance.

How important is Follow the Dream to KBCHS students?

“Follow The Dream is an amazing program which has supported me throughout schooling providing me help and encouraging me to strive successfully for my ATAR studies. It provides us with activities from trained tutors and mentors. It is a great place to stay with mates to work together at and interact with each other for work.”

“I like the food; it gives me energy to work hard. The tutors are very helpful and I can get lots of help”

Year 7 Student

“The tutors are reliable and help me with my school work when I need it. It’s a really good environment for me to get my work done”.

“Over the years Follow the Dream has enabled me to visit universities across Australia, which has given me the opportunity to experience many different pathways and study options for my future. I am incredibly grateful for Follow the Dream as it has helped me successfully graduate from school and gain entry to UWA in 2021”



For further information about eligibility and program structure please collect an enrolment form from the KBCHS front office or by emailing Hamari Ang at Hamari.Ang@education.wa.edu.au



The Arts—Year 10 Certificate I Visual Arts students show off their talent.

On Friday the 4th December (Week 8) the Arts Department opened the exhibition of final works by the Year 10 Cert I Visual Arts students. Opened by Principal Doug Dearle, distinguished guests from around the community, the Associate Principals, staff and students were in attendance.

The beautiful artworks on display was the culmination of their work this year. These pieces represent the students' final work, following a year of planning, practising and crafting. The Certificate I Visual Arts course is academically challenging, covering basic skills in the preparation, selection and creation of artworks, across multiple styles and mediums allowing students an insight into the creative arts industry. It provides excellent impetus for the WA Certificate of Education because it allows students to achieve credits towards Senior School WACE while they are in Year 10, before they leave KBCHS.

The effort students have put in has been tremendous, despite the challenges of 2020, and the artworks reflected the diversity of talent and styles represented in the exhibition. The students not only have done the school proud, but also themselves.

The morning also saw Deon Mawire receive the Certificate I Visual Arts Excellence Award. Deon completed all units with passion and drive, and in a thorough and organised manner. He not only demonstrated these attributes, he consistently sought feedback to improve his work. His work took inspiration from contemporary graphic artists who use text in creative ways. Deon was heavily involved in the KBCHS yearbook, and created concept artwork for the Yearbook front cover. The award was well and truly deserved. The guests in attendance were asked to vote for the artwork they felt was the most outstanding piece within the exhibition. The 'People's Choice Award' was tallied and presented to Lilli Bailey for her outstanding photo-hyper-realistic piece titled: 'Andla't fyriv suivirdingu' (Death before dishonour). This award was presented to her during the final whole school assembly of the year Friday.

To say I am tremendously proud of these students is an understatement. I wish them all the best of luck in their artistic and creative journeys in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank Ms Anna Gavan and her team of Year 10 Food Specialisation students who put together an amazing and delicious grazing table for the guests.

Mrs Kathrine Schubert
Cert I Visual Arts Teacher







2020 has been a unique year to some parts of the world but we have had things running pretty smoothly here at Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School. Teachers and students have been busy throughout the year engaging in a variety of learning spectra. The Maths team are grateful for the students' resilience, work ethic and end of year achievements. We have worked together towards a common goal to improve the mathematical capacity in each and every student. Maths does not only teach us how to Calculate, it also teaches us that there is a SOLUTION to every PROBLEM.

The highlights of the year were our achievements in OLNA, the World of Maths Fun Activities and the participation in the online AMC (Australian Maths Competition). During the World of Maths students were able to showcase their problem solving skills while having fun. We thank all our teachers for working very hard to improve students' capacity and for designing lessons that fostered and delivered differentiated learning.

We are looking forward to meeting the year 6's in week 10 and have lots of fun activities planned to keep them engaged and excited about their new adventure in 2021, high school. It is with some sadness that we farewell our year 10's. They have been a very mature cohort and we know they will settle well into year 11 at EGC. We wish them all the best on their chosen pathways and futures endeavours.

Have a safe Festive Season and a Merry Xmas and we look forward to seeing you all back at Kalgoorlie-Boulder refreshed and ready to go in 2021.

Some glimpses of Maths Department smartness: A class doing a test, daily lesson routine and the World of Maths day.

Maths Team



Humanities and Social Sciences

Food security: The Blind Taste Test

In HASS this term, Year 9 students have been learning about food security. They have been challenged to consider the availability and accessibility of foods in different parts of the world and reflect on Australia's risk of food security both in the present and into the future. Students were fascinated (and maybe a bit freaked out!) by some of the strategies currently being trialled to combat food insecurity, such as eating crickets and worms as an alternative to meat and growing crops in modular farms. When asked if he would consider eating crickets instead of red meat, Leyton Allatt-Heke was adamantly in the NO camp, whereas Meg Hannam was open to trying them, "maybe, possibly, maybe, yes maybe I would!".

At the end of the unit, students participated in a blind taste test of some familiar and some unfamiliar fruits and vegetables. With their eyes closed, students used their sense of smell and feel to guess the food in their hands before tasting. Some of the standout foods tasted during the lesson were olives, limes, radishes and ginger. Many students surprised themselves and actually enjoyed many of these flavours!



English

Well the end of the 2020 school year is nigh, and what a busy time it is for everyone in English. There has been some amazing work completed by students in every year group. The Year 7s are finishing the year with a study of newspapers, after having studied short films, then planned and pitched a sequel to a film they'd studied. The Year 8s have learned about gender representations in films targeted at children, then studied the 'opinion' section of newspapers, and how opinions on important issues can be communicated in society. The focus for Year 9 students has been on their creative sides. They have written and performed radio plays – watch out for the stars of the future. Last but not least, our Year 10s, in their final weeks at KBCHS, have studied protest music and written their own protest songs. One lucky student enjoyed the experience of having an original love song performed to her.

A huge thank you goes out to all of our students who made the most of a COVID interrupted year. Some fabulous work was created and many students can be very proud of their efforts. Thanks too, to all of the parents and carers who have supported them in their learning.

Thank you to all of our wonderful English teachers, Ms Gabby Rosengren, Ms Shaye Wright, Ms Jodie Nazzari, Ms Susan Macfarlane, Ms Lizette Brine, Mr Martin Skeffington and Miss Cara Maclay. Your work with our students has been of stellar quality. You have coaxed, wheedled, cajoled and sometimes badgered your charges to great heights. Your efforts are admirable and very much appreciated.

A special mention must go to all of the EAs who have helped us in our endeavours to assist every student to experience sound progress. Carrie Carlsen, Luke Maxfield, Tegan Moore, Deb Stanley, Roz Tela, Inga Westberg and AIEO Judy Clarke. The value of your work is immeasurable. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. To the Year 10s – it's crunch time. We've done all we can. Now it's up to you. You are a fabulous group of young people with huge potential. We wish you every success. Take every opportunity you can and give it your best shot. You are the future. Be brave. Be strong. Be the change you want to see.

Trevor Stace
HOLA English



Technologies 2020

As you would all agree 2020 has been an interesting year to date. Term one saw us deliver Technologies in some different ways due to the COVID events around the world and here in Kalgoorlie. Thank you to all students who embraced learning in the online space for us here in Technologies at KBCHS.

At the end of Term One the team bade farewell and happy retirement to one of the school's longest serving staff members, Mrs Dorothy Symes, Home Economics Assistant. Dot, as she likes to be known as, started in Home Economics in 1989 and retired happily on April 9 2020. However, her association with the school community spans back to 1976, when Dot commenced on this site as a cleaner. Her plan was to stay for twelve months but, as you can see, her relationship spanned many more years than that initial plan. Thank you Dot for everything you have done over time to make Home Economics fabulous. You are missed and respected beyond measure for your long service to the school, and we all take this opportunity to wish you a long, healthy and happy retirement. We will give you a proper retirement presentation and function when the rules around large gatherings are lifted.

Thank You to these staff from the Flying Squad, Ms Sandra Graham, Ms Leonie Creagh and Ms Christine Hill who have come to KBCHS to teach Home Economics for students during Terms 2 and 3. Your contributions have not gone unnoticed.

Thank you to Mr Washington Bepete and Ms Anna Gavan for the leadership you have shown to the team during this year.

Here's to over 10000 eggs, 10000 kilograms of chicken, 15000 kilograms of mince, 500 plus litres of milk, many other fine kitchen ingredients and lots of full tummies mixed with sustainable food living. Here's also to the many metres of fabric and thread used in textiles this year. Here's also to many cuts of timber, measures of steel, litres of engine oil and grease. Finally here's also to the hours of internet for the IT world. All of these things make technology possible. Ponder this – what would our world look like if we could not have all of these things in our lives?

Thanks to all the staff that make Home Economics possible. A warm welcome to Mrs Margaret Gray, who won the permanent Home Economics Assistant position vacated during the year.

Thanks to Miss Valerie Maynard for your service to the Home Economics Assistant relief position during 2020. We wish you happiness in your future endeavours beyond KB.

Thanks to all the staff that make Automotive, Woodwork and Engineering possible.

Thanks to all the suppliers that make the food possible for our cookery program.

Thanks to the suppliers of textile items that make our textiles beautiful.

Thanks to the suppliers of wood, metals and automotive supplies for the continued running of our projects.

Most of all thank you to you the students and parents who make being on site at KB rewarding. It is our absolute pleasure to have delivered a Technology education to your children. You are the reason we come to KBCHS every day.

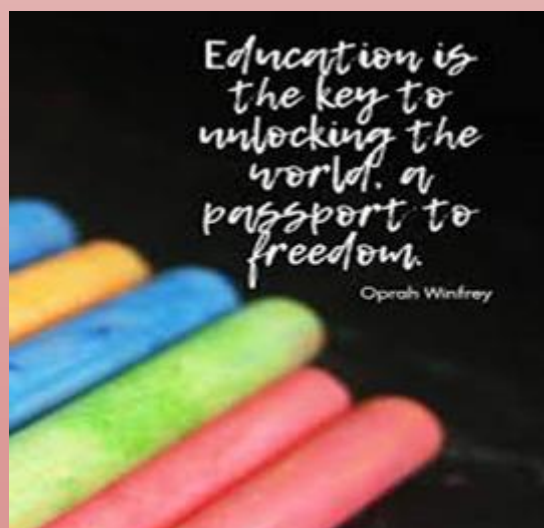
Congratulations to all students on the innovative and wonderful products that they have created in 2020.

To all of the Year 10 students this is a hard moment farewelling you after four years with us, and for some of you, just getting to know you this year will make us miss you in the new school year. We all wish you every success as you plan your future life embarking on the big wide world starting in January 2021. Good luck and live your dream always.

Technology is in everyone's universe, celebrate what it means.

Happy Holidays and warm wishes to everyone reading this article.

Technologies Team 2020



Specialised Netball News!

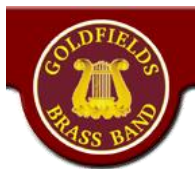
Weeks 3 and 4 saw some of the best competition in the Goldfields with the Year 7 and 10 students taking on JPC in friendly after school games. The Year 10 girls put on a dominant performance with a very convincing win by 40+ points where some of our best talent produce some brilliant Netball. Zaleema Bourne and Aniwa Bishop were unstoppable, working together across the court, supported by massive efforts from Ella Pumpa, Brooklen Dowson and the remaining team members. Surely a performance that will go down in the history books!

The Year 7 girls represented the school for the first time with two teams playing together. Although we did not get the results that we had hoped for, there sure was a large amount of talent that is going to represent KBCHS with some strength and pride in the future. A special shout-out goes to the Year 8 and 9 Netball Program students, who assisted with both of the games with coaching, umpiring and supporting roles. You sure were good role models for the younger students.

We are looking forward to a HUGE 2021 with plenty of opportunities for the girls to flourish in their game play, and to continue their development as Netballers.

Miss Jaques





Would you like your child to learn to play a Brass instrument?

5 ways music benefits kids
Why music education rocks!

- Confidence builder**
They can develop a skill by themselves, that they can get better and better.
- Boost the brain power**
Music stimulates parts of the brain that are related to reading, math, and emotions.
- Helps them socially**
Play an instrument can help your child break out of their social shell.
- Teaches discipline**
To improve, it is not only do in classes, but devote time to practicing, that requires discipline.
- Improves the memory**
Music at an early age improves memory by stimulating patterns of brain development.

COMOMOLA
Source: sheknows.com

Goldfields Brass Band Music Classes
Saturday mornings 9 am
Old Boulder Courthouse,
76 Burt Street, Boulder

Interested in your children (8+ years) learning to play a brass instrument?- free lessons, contact Geoff Sands on **0449 856 631**

Already play? - Rehearsal 7pm Tuesday's (contact John Foster 0417 478 128)



INVITES YOU TO...

KALGOORLIE-BOULDER

CHRISTMAS in the Park

11am - 2pm Friday
25th December 2020
Centennial Park



FUN & FREE ACTIVITIES
for everyone!

COME & CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS DAY WITH US!

- Lunch, Icecreams, Drinks & Popcorn
- Live Music • Bouncy Castles
- Games & Activities • Visit from Santa

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website for open times
and Xmas closure**

School Holidays

at the **MUSEUM OF THE
GOLDFIELDS**

18 Dec

until

31 Jan

Be prepared

Come to the Museum these holidays to see our new exhibition *Preppers*, keep cool in our air-conditioned galleries and join in with our bush survival activities.



Activities

Building Miniature Bush Shelters

Have a go at making your own miniature creation from materials you would find in the bush!

10:30am – 12:00pm on 29 December 2020 – 2 January, 12 January – 16 January, 26 January – 30 January
1:30pm – 3pm on 5 January – 9 January, 19 January – 23 January | Ages 6+ | Bookings essential

\$5

Design Your Own Camouflage Bag

Design your own camouflage bag from an old t-shirt. Print and paint onto a very useful bag.

1:30pm – 3pm on 29 December 2020 – 2 January, 12 January – 16 January, 26 January – 30 January 10:30am – 12:00pm on 5 January – 9 January, 19 January – 23 January | Ages 8+ | Bookings essential

\$5

Water Fun

Take a break from the heat and ride your bike or run through our kiddy carwash this school holidays in the Museum gardens.

19 December – 31 January | Daily | All ages

FREE

Survival 101

Meet prepper Jim Greer, learn about his equipment, followed by a talk from Kado Muir to learn more about the bush foods that can be found in the local region.

19 December | 10.15am – 12.45pm | All ages

FREE

Survival 102 – Surviving the Goldfields

Engage with a local snake handler, learn about preserving food and surviving in the unforgiving Goldfields landscape.

16 January | 10.30am – 2.00pm | All ages

FREE

Exhibition – *Preppers*

Around the world thousands of people are steadfastly preparing for the end of civilisation as we know it. Doomsday preppers, as they're known, collect specialised survival products, skills, and knowledge, both in real life and as members of online communities.

All ages

FREE

Programs are subject to availability. All children 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



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OF THE
GOLDFIELDS

Museum of the Goldfields
17 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie
(08) 9021 8533

museum.wa.gov.au/holidays

You could
 Try to drink 3 litres
 of water a day
 Have one hour of screen
 time, after get outside
 and do exercises
 Be a thoughtful fit person

You could
 Say hi to new people
 Plant or water trees
 Reuse or repair plastic
 Reuse water
 Walk or ride your bike instead
 of driving your car

Keeping mentally healthy!

ACT



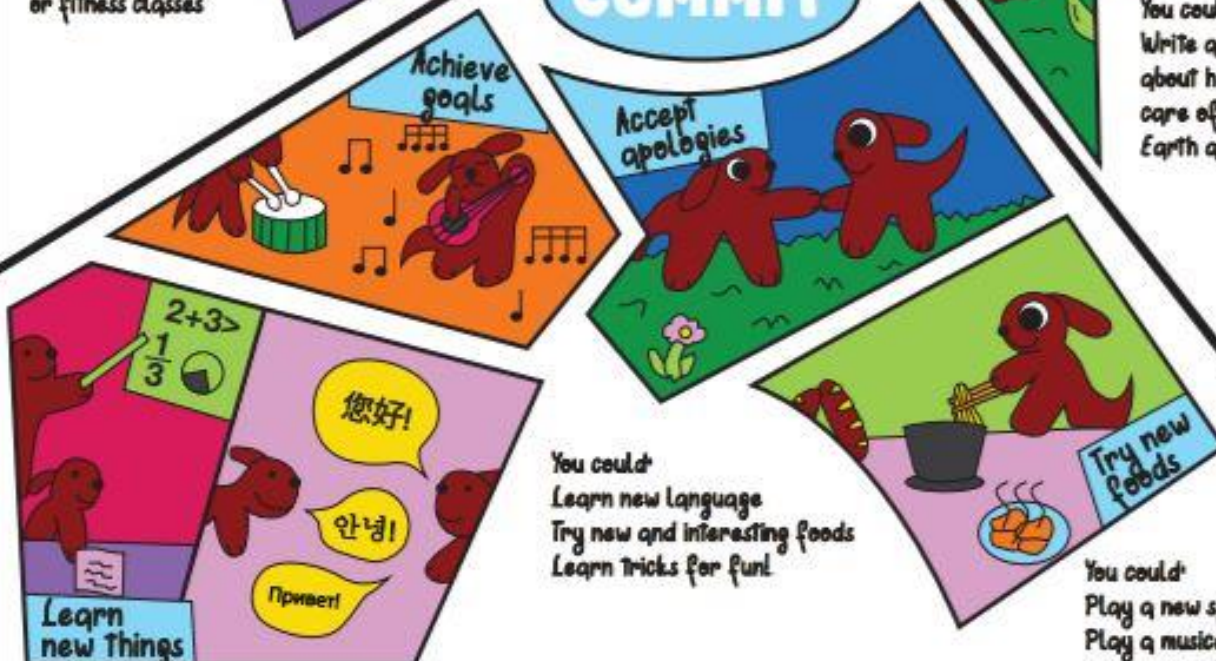
You could
 Reuse plastic bags
 Repair broken stuff
 Sign in for sport
 or fitness classes

BELONG



You could
 Write a document
 about how to take
 care of the
 Earth and nature

COMMIT



You could
 Learn new language
 Try new and interesting foods
 Learn tricks for fun!

You could
 Play a new sport
 Play a musical instrument