

# 10 STEPS TO NAVIGATING THE 4KM AND 4KJ BLOG

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## 1. BLOG JARGON...

**Blog:** Short for "weblog", a blog is a website that is like an online journal which is regularly updated. A blog is made up of a collection of posts. Each new post that is published moves to the top of the blog. Readers can comment on blog posts. Blogs often contain pages too.

**Post:** These are found on the home page of the blog and contain a title and text. Some posts also contain photos, images, videos, slideshows and links to other sites. Posts sometimes end with questions for readers. Readers are encouraged to comment on posts.

**Page:** You can find pages at the top of the blog (on some other blogs, they might be on the side). Pages contain static information that doesn't change regularly such as information about the blog.

**Comment:** Comments make blogs come alive! They allow the blog to become an interactive space where people can connect, converse and offer their thoughts and opinions. The administrators of the blog (in our case Miss Jordan and Mrs Morris) moderate and screen all comments.

**Category:** When posts are written they are usually put into a category. This helps people find collections of posts on topics that interest them. On the 4KM/4KJ blog we have categories such as 'literacy', 'maths', 'videos' etc.

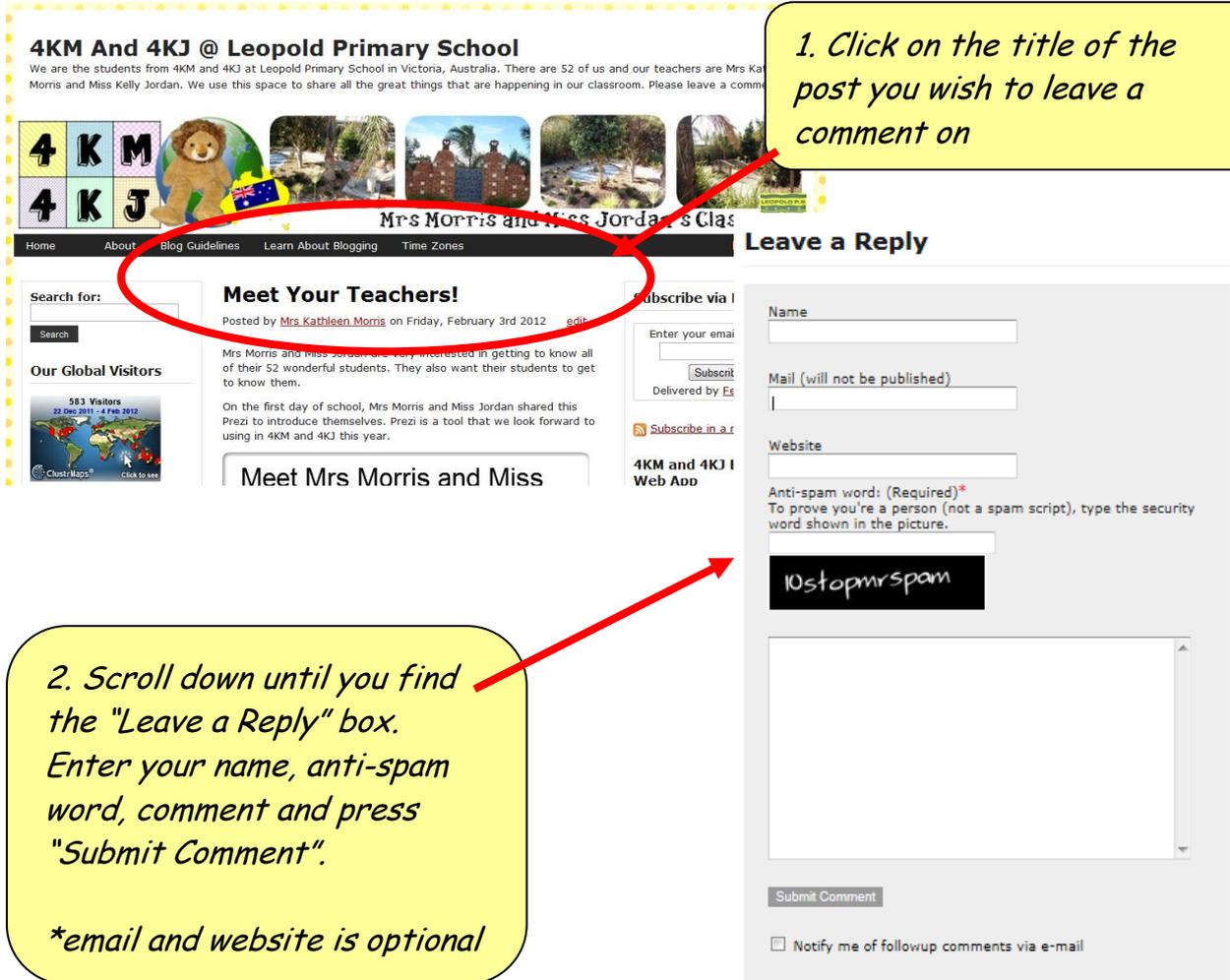
## 2. SUBSCRIBE...

To save you the hassle of having to check back to the 4KM/4KJ blog all the time to see whether there is anything new on there, we have set up an email subscription service. To subscribe, you simply need to enter your email address in the box on the right hand side of the blog. You will then get an email each time we post something new on the blog! You can click on the link in your email to visit the blog and leave a comment.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 4KM and 4KJ blog. At the top, it says "4KM And 4KJ @ Leopold Primary School" and provides a brief introduction. Below this is a navigation bar with links for Home, About, Blog Guidelines, Learn About Blogging, Time Zones, and RSS Feed. The main content area features a "Meet Your Teachers!" post by Mrs. Kathleen Morris, dated Friday, February 3rd 2012. To the right of this post is a "Subscribe via Email" form, which is circled in red. The form includes a text input field for "Enter your email address:", a "Subscribe" button, and a note "Delivered by FeedBurner". Below the form is a link to "Subscribe in a reader". At the bottom right, there is a link for the "4KM and 4KJ Blog Web App". On the left side of the page, there is a search bar and a "Our Global Visitors" section showing 583 visitors from 22 Dec 2011 to 4 Feb 2012.

### 3. LEAVE COMMENTS...

We ♥ comments! Comments really make our blog come alive. It's easy to leave a comment on our blog. Parents are asked to please avoid using their surname if they do not wish to identify their child. All comments are sent to Miss Jordan or Mrs Morris via email for approval prior to appearing on the blog.



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**Meet Your Teachers!**  
Posted by Mrs Kathleen Morris on Friday, February 3rd 2012

**Leave a Reply**

Name

Mail (will not be published)

Website

Anti-spam word: (Required)\*  
To prove you're a person (not a spam script), type the security word shown in the picture.

**10stopmrspam**

Notify me of followup comments via e-mail

*1. Click on the title of the post you wish to leave a comment on*

*2. Scroll down until you find the "Leave a Reply" box. Enter your name, anti-spam word, comment and press "Submit Comment".*

*\*email and website is optional*

### 4. STUDENT HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS...

All students who have internet access at home are expected to write or reply to at least one comment each week. Students without internet access can handwrite a comment to submit online at school.

This is part of our writing homework program. The students will have a few weeks to get the hang of blogging before we start monitoring this.



## 5. REPLY TO COMMENTS...

In 4KM and 4KJ we believe it is good blogging etiquette to reply to comments. This is a big job for Miss Jordan and Mrs Morris to complete alone!

The support of the 4KM/4KJ families and students to help us reply to comments is very much appreciated! Go ahead, if you see a comment that hasn't been responded to, hit reply! ☺



**Mrs. Yellis** says: February 2, 2012 at 11:14 am (Edit)

Dear 4KM and 4KJ,

Welcome back to school! I know you are all going to have an exceptional year with your new teachers, Mrs. Morris and Miss Jordan!

I really enjoyed seeing the photos from the vacation. It is so important to take time off for yourself and enjoy free time. It looks like the two teachers had a fantastic break!

It is funny to imagine that it is summer where you are in the southern hemisphere. In the northern hemisphere, we are in the middle of winter. Even though it is winter, it has not been very cold. It was around 70°F (21°C) here.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you and watching you learn. Have a wonderful day!

Your friend,  
Mrs. Yellis  
California

Reply

*After each comment you will see a "reply" button. Press this button and then leave a comment as normal to reply.*

*Your response will appear right under the comment.*

## 6. PAGES...

Don't forget to read all the information on the pages located at the top of the blog home page. There will be information about our class, school, teachers and suburb as well as websites for kids, blogging guidelines, global project information and more! We are still working on these pages.

*Some pages have drop down menus such as our "About" page.*

*Hover your mouse over the word "About" to find more*

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Mrs Morris and Miss Jordan's Class

Home About Blog Guidelines Learn About Blogging Time Zones RSS Feed

Search for:

About our Students  
About our Teachers  
About Leopold

Today is the first day of the 2012 school year at Leopold Primary School in Victoria, Australia.

After five weeks of summer holidays, Mrs Morris and Miss Jordan were excited to greet the 52 students in 4KM and 4KJ this morning!

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22 Oct 2011 - 4 Feb 2012

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## 7. VIEW OUR BLOG ON THE GO...

If you have a phone or tablet with internet access you can use the 4KM and 4KJ web app. You need to download a QR Reader from iTunes or your app store. Simply scan the code on the right hand side of the blog with your QR Reader and you will be taken to a mobile friendly version of the blog. You can then bookmark the site or save it to the homepage of your phone/tablet.

The screenshot shows a blog homepage with a navigation bar at the top containing links for Home, About, Blog Guidelines, Learn About Blogging, Time Zones, and an RSS Feed icon. On the left side, there is a search box with a 'Search' button, a section for 'Our Global Visitors' showing 583 visitors from Dec 2011 to Feb 2012, and a 'Leopold Time' section with a cherry graphic. The main content area features a post titled 'Welcome To A New School Year!' by Miss Kelly Jordan, dated Wednesday, February 1st 2012. The post includes a 'BACK TO SCHOOL' graphic and a QR code. On the right side, there are sections for 'Subscribe via Email' and '4KM and 4KJ Blog Web App' with a QR code. A red circle highlights the QR code for the web app.

## 8. SEARCH BOX...

As time goes on and more posts are published, older posts move down the home page of the blog. When you can no longer see older posts on the home page, they are still on the blog, you just need to search for them.

On the left hand side of the blog you will find a search box. This is an easy way to find posts from throughout the year. Just type the key words in the box and hit the "Search" button. You will find a list of blog posts that should include what you're looking for. Try searching for your child's name!

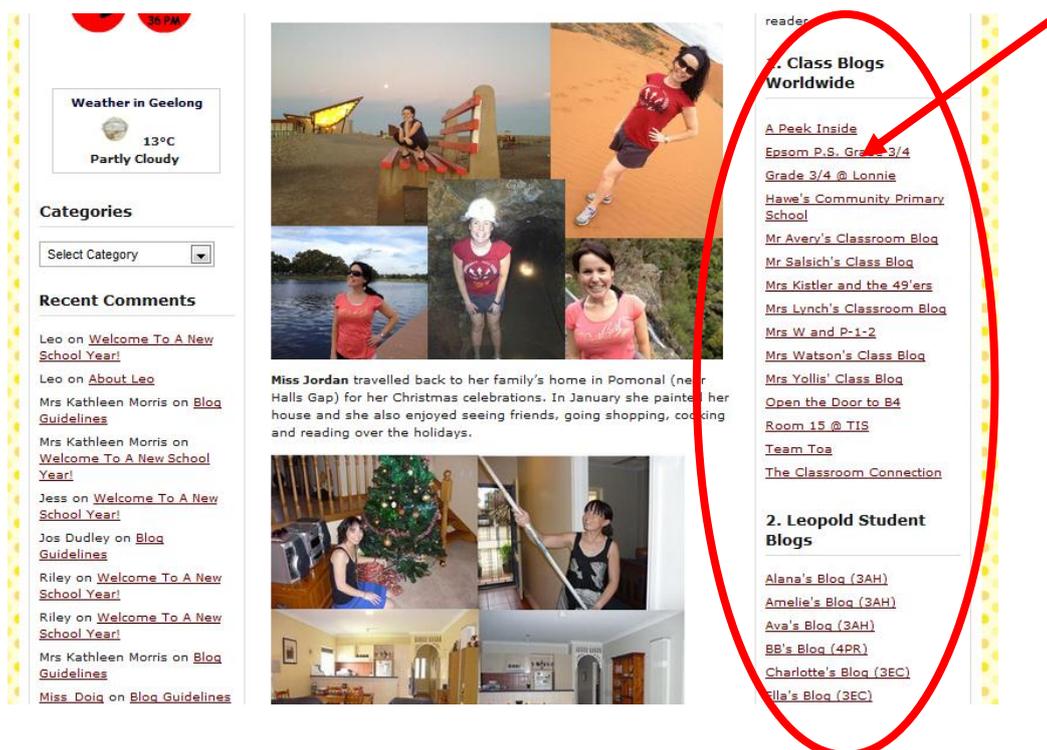
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## 9. JOIN THE COMMUNITY...

Blogging is all about being part of a community. We have a wonderful group of blogging buddies from all across the globe who we love to collaborate with. Blogging helps to flatten our classroom walls.

All our blogging buddies appreciate visits from 4KM/4KJ families. Why not check out some of their blogs and leave them a comment?

You can find links to some of our buddies' class blogs on the right hand side of the blog under "Class Blogs". We also support student bloggers. They'd love to hear from you too! Find their blogs under "Student Blogs".



The image shows a sidebar from a blog. On the left, there is a weather widget for Geelong (13°C, Partly Cloudy) and a 'Recent Comments' section with several entries. The main content area features a collage of photos: a woman on a boat, a woman in a red shirt, a woman in a white hat, a woman in a pink shirt, and a woman in a black shirt. Below the photos is a text block about Miss Jordan's trip to Pomonal. On the right, there are two sections: '1. Class Blogs Worldwide' and '2. Leopold Student Blogs'. A red circle highlights these two sections, with a red arrow pointing to the first link in the 'Class Blogs Worldwide' list: 'Epsom P.S. Grade 3/4'.

**Weather in Geelong**  
13°C  
Partly Cloudy

**Categories**  
Select Category

**Recent Comments**  
Leo on [Welcome To A New School Year!](#)  
Leo on [About Leo](#)  
Mrs Kathleen Morris on [Blog Guidelines](#)  
Mrs Kathleen Morris on [Welcome To A New School Year!](#)  
Jess on [Welcome To A New School Year!](#)  
Jos Dudley on [Blog Guidelines](#)  
Riley on [Welcome To A New School Year!](#)  
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Mrs Kathleen Morris on [Blog Guidelines](#)  
Miss Doig on [Blog Guidelines](#)

**1. Class Blogs Worldwide**  
[A Peek Inside](#)  
[Epsom P.S. Grade 3/4](#)  
[Grade 3/4 @ Lonnie](#)  
[Hawe's Community Primary School](#)  
[Mr Avery's Classroom Blog](#)  
[Mr Salsich's Class Blog](#)  
[Mrs Kistler and the 49'ers](#)  
[Mrs Lynch's Classroom Blog](#)  
[Mrs W and P-1-2](#)  
[Mrs Watson's Class Blog](#)  
[Mrs Yollis' Class Blog](#)  
[Open the Door to B4](#)  
[Room 15 @ TIS](#)  
[Team Toa](#)  
[The Classroom Connection](#)

**2. Leopold Student Blogs**  
[Alana's Blog \(3AH\)](#)  
[Amelie's Blog \(3AH\)](#)  
[Ava's Blog \(3AH\)](#)  
[BB's Blog \(4PR\)](#)  
[Charlotte's Blog \(3EC\)](#)  
[Ella's Blog \(3EC\)](#)

## 10. SHARE!...

4KM and 4KJ love having a large worldwide audience for their blog to share all the fantastic things they are doing in the classroom. Share our blog with your family and friends and encourage them to subscribe or leave us a comment.

We love looking at our *Clustrmap* on the left hand side of our blog to find out where in the world our visitors are coming from!

