



KANGAROO INN AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 3 WEEK 6 - 29/08/2025

Allergy Aware Policy

Please see attached our Allergy Aware Policy which is currently in place due to staff and students with anaphylactic reactions to Pistachio and Cashew nuts. In line with the DFE guidelines, we ask that you avoid sending any food product to school containing these nuts.

Year 10 Students Attend Active Citizenship Convention

During their Adelaide camp, our Year 10 students attended the first-ever Active Citizenship Convention at Adelaide Oval, aimed at strengthening civics and citizenship education. Nearly one thousand Year 10 students from across South Australia came together to explore the importance of democracy. Students heard from the Governor, Premier and Opposition Leader, took part in a mock ballot, and joined workshops and panels on issues important to young people.

We were pleased that Year 11 students Eve Mitchell and Bec Gibbs were chosen to participate as Facilitators for the event, representing the Rural Youth Ambassador program.

The experience gave our students valuable insight into their role as active citizens in shaping a strong democratic future.

Student Leaders Engaging in Community Issues

Three of our students recently represented our school in important community forums. Olivia Beggs (SRC) and Rebecca Gibbs (Rural Youth Ambassador Program) attended a meeting in Naracoorte with students from across the South-East to discuss local issues and propose solutions. They will present their ideas to regional Principals and share them at the next forum in Adelaide this September.

Sienna Sutherland also took part through her involvement in S.E. Rise, a group that grew from last year's Rural Youth Ambassador Program. Her focus has been on issues affecting young people, particularly access to health services, with the group working toward developing an online resource hub to support the community.

In addition, Sienna will be representing Wattle Range Council (WRC) in an upcoming online meeting with health ministers to discuss mental health services for young people. She is part of the Youth Advisory Committee for the WRC, which was formed following a community engagement session with KIAS earlier this year.

Our students are showing that young voices matter and can make a real difference to their community.

Book Week Celebration

On Tuesday we celebrated Book Week with a colourful parade and the cutting of the Book Week cake. A big thank you to parents and caregivers for helping with costumes, and to staff for supporting activities throughout the week.

Special thanks to Sally for the organisation of the week, Kelcey for putting Sally's ideas into place, with great support from Katrina and Keelin, Ange and the judging team, and Emma for the prize vouchers. Your efforts made the parade a wonderful success!

Most importantly, our students loved the chance to showcase their costumes and share in the joy of celebrating books and reading together. Thanks to our families for supporting the day!

National Teacher Certification

We are proud to share that Co-Principal Amy Oswald has achieved Lead Teacher Certification, the highest level of professional recognition for teachers in Australia. Amy completed this rigorous process at the end of 2024 and recently attended the official certification ceremony in Adelaide, where she was presented her certificate by S.A Education Minister, Mr Blair Boyer.

Lead Teachers are acknowledged for their ability to inspire colleagues, improve student outcomes, and contribute to the professional learning of others. This certification involves a rigorous assessment process, including evidence of impact on both colleagues and student learning, professional engagement, and leadership capabilities.

This significant achievement not only celebrates Amy's professional excellence but also strengthens our school community by fostering a culture of high expectations, collaboration, and continuous improvement in teaching and learning.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues. 2nd September - Thurs. 4th September -
Yr. 7-9 Royal Adelaide Show Camp

Wed. 3rd September - Yr. 4-6 Choir Rehearsal
@ Naracoorte

Wed. 3rd September - Millicent Golf Excursion

Thurs. 4th September - Yr. 10 Tree Planting
Excursion

Fri. 5th September - **SCHOOL CLOSURE**

Tues 9th September - Yr. 7-9 Boys 9-a-Side
Football

Tues. 9th September - Governing Council

Thurs. 11th September - Yr. 2-6 Bool Lagoon
Excursion

Thurs. 18th September - SACA Program R-Yr. 4

Fri. 19th September - Yr. 8/9 Archery Excursion

Mon. 22nd September - Thurs. 25th September
- Yr. 11 Outdoor Ed Canoe Camp

Wed. 24th September - **ASSEMBLY 10.30AM**

Fri. 26th September - **LAST DAY OF TERM**
2.30PM FINISH

TERM 4

Mon. 14th October - Start of Term 4

STRIVE FOR LIFE

Year 2/ 3 Learning Expedition: Why do birds count?

This term, our Year 2/3 class is exploring the learning expedition “Why Do Bird Counts Count?” – a journey into birds, conservation, and community science. We have begun using binoculars, spotting species around school, and practising bird counts to build observation and data skills like real scientists. Soon, we will join the Year 4/5/6 class on an excursion to **Bool Lagoon** to apply these skills in the field.

To extend our learning, illustrator **Bianca Richardson** shared how she creates picture books, and later this term we will welcome **Callum** (a secondary student birdwatcher and photographer) as well as an **ornithologist** (bird expert) to guide us in understanding the importance of bird counts. We are also using **calendars** to plan ahead and stay on track with important events, including expert visits, fieldwork, and publishing deadlines.

Each week we reflect on a **wellbeing question** that connects our expedition to respect, perseverance, and curiosity. Our learning will culminate in a kid friendly **local bird reference book** that can be used by preschoolers all the way to upper primary students. We have explored many mentor texts, and the 4/5/6 students have conducted Canva tutorials to support our learning.

Noticing birds helps us feel more connected to our environment

Taking deep breaths can help you smell the fresh air in the environment
Being outside and hiding in the bushes means you can get nice and close. Sharing the space with birds

You can take deep breaths and listening to the birds helps you calm down
Listening the beautiful sounds that birds make

You feel grateful that you are surrounded by lots of nature.

When you're watching you don't think about anything else. Your relaxed

It makes you feel better if you're having big feelings

The birds can get used to you being around and they come closer.

You can get lost in the activity

When you stop and really look around you notice things you normally wouldn't

We can hear all different noises, animals, wind, birds

Their vibrant colours make us stop and really look around



Bookweek 2025



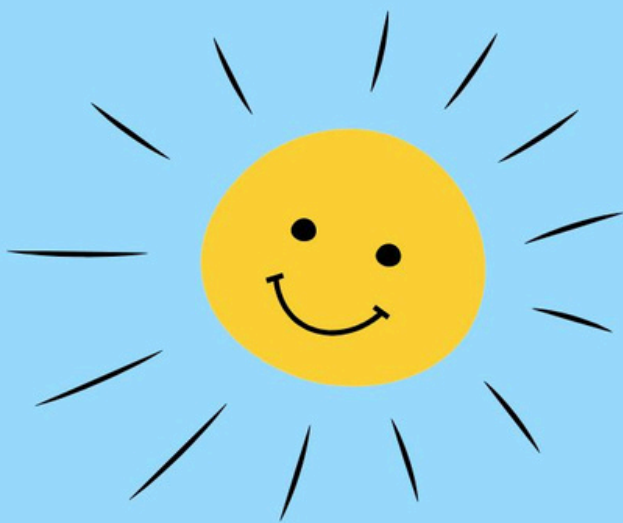


Year 7 Goat Leading



SRC Breakfast Survey

In early Term 3, the SRC conducted a survey to learn more about the breakfast habits of our students. Many of our students self-reported they were getting hungry before recess time, and the SRC had a goal to gain a better understanding of student wellbeing, and support positive routines. We surveyed Year 2-12 students at KIAS. The data collection told us that 62% of our students are eating breakfast 3-5 days a week, leaving 38% rarely or never eating breakfast.



Our survey findings also informed us that 30% of students who are rarely or never eating breakfast before school, is due to having no time in the morning. Students were much more likely to eat breakfast on the weekend, when they weren't in a rush. For this reason, we have a supply of fruit in the lunchroom fridge, available for students who need a pick-me-up energy boost before recess time!

After investigating further, the SRC realised many students weren't aware of how breakfast impacts our learning and school needs. Eating breakfast before school provides the body with necessary energy for optimal brain function! It can improve memory, helping us retain our learning. It can help our attention span, keeping us focused for longer. It can also help our problem solving skills, important for making the best decisions throughout the school day.

We want to thank all the students for participating and providing us with these great insights into our school's wellbeing!



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Update 2025

Information for Parents/Caregivers/Visitors

Risk minimisation strategies

To ensure the welfare of staff and students in our school, we ask that pistachio and cashew nuts and products containing these nuts be avoided in the school environment, at school events and on school buses. We will not be using these foods in cooking or science activities.

We ask for your help in providing our students with a safe school environment by being aware of what your child has in his/her lunch box. This also applies to any food intended to be eaten on the school bus.

Anaphylaxis is rare, but preventable and treatable. It is the aim of Kangaroo Inn Area School to establish and maintain a safe environment.

Staff will support risk minimisation through measures including

- ensuring students wash their hands regularly
- wiping tables and benches in food preparation and eating areas
- monitoring the students at risk and their peers and ensure no sharing of food occurs.

We appreciate your co-operation and consideration in ensuring the safety of all staff and students.

Please contact the school if you require any further information.



CAN YOU LEND A HAND ON LUNCH ORDER DAY?

To keep offering lunch orders throughout the year, we need just a little help from our amazing parent community.

We're asking for just one parent each lunch order day to assist from 9:30am to 1:00pm. If you can spare one morning please contact Emma at the school office.

Also, join our volunteer community chat by scanning the QR code – it's the easiest way for us to reach out when help is needed.



LUNCH