



# KANGAROO INN AREA SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 3 WEEK 9 - 19/09/2025

#### Public Education Awards Finalist – Excellence in Learner Agency

We are proud to announce that Kangaroo Inn Area School has been selected as a finalist in the 2025 Public Education Awards in the category of Excellence in Learner Agency.

This award recognises schools and educators who empower students to co-create their learning, build a strong sense of identity and responsibility, and contribute meaningfully to their community.

Our nomination reflects the work we have done to embed student voice, wellbeing, and community-connected learning through initiatives such as Learning Expeditions and The Resilience Project. These approaches ensure our students are engaged, purposeful learners who are ready to shape their world.

#### Last One Standing

The Kangaroo Inn Area School (KIAS) Parents and Friends have organised the Last One Standing raffle and dinner to serve as both a fundraiser for the school and a social event to bring our families together. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased by scanning the QR code in the school newsletter. Everyone is warmly invited to attend the dinner at Furner Hall, even if you don't have a raffle ticket. We would like to thank the Parents and Friends for their contributions to our school!

#### Acknowledgement

We are thrilled to see Kangaroo Inn Area School ranked 32nd in the top 100 public secondary schools in South Australia and featured among the top 20 rural schools. This outstanding achievement highlights the exceptional efforts of our school community and the strength of the area school model of education, which ensures successful continuity of learning. It is particularly gratifying to note that many top-ranking schools are area schools, exemplifying the effectiveness of this approach to education.

#### Staffing for 2026

We are pleased to share updates regarding staffing arrangements for 2026. Shannon Manouge will be joining our team to teach primary and secondary Agriculture, and Mia Varcoe will be teaching in the primary school. Furthermore, Annie and Amy will continue to serve in the shared principal role next year, maintaining a dedicated leadership presence.

We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to our staff who have stepped up to support the school in filling gaps during 2025:

- Eric Prelc and Feresh Pizarro in Agriculture,
- Karen Vianello in Reception/Year 1, and
- Susan Taylor in Mathematics.

Your flexibility and commitment have been invaluable, and we deeply appreciate your contribution to the success of the school.

Kind regards,  
Annie Matthews & Amy Oswald

### CONTACTS

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### COMMUNICATION

#### Community Portal



Find us on



### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep** - Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Canoe Camp

**Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep** - Yr 10 Scrub Camp

**Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> Sep** - **Assembly & Walkthrough**  
**10:30pm**

**Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> Sep** - **LAST DAY OF TERM 2.30PM FINISH**

#### TERM 4

**Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Students First Day Back

**Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Millapalooza Music Pre-Yr6

**Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Last One Standing

**Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** - Choir Rehearsal

**Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Choir Concert @ Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Yr 11 Bushwalking Camp

**Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Yr 4,5,6 Robe Camp

**Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov - Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Yr. 7 Transition @ KIAS

**Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** - R-Yr 6 Swimming Lessons @ Walunda Mt. Gambier

**Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Yr 7, 8 Aquatics Camp



**STRIVE FOR LIFE**



# Adelaide Show Camp

Recently, Kangaroo Inn Area School students had the opportunity to travel to Adelaide to attend the Royal Adelaide Show camp. Year 7 students engaged in curriculum-related activities centred around the show, while Year 8 and 9 students participated in the School Wether Competition. They were evaluated on their knowledge of the nutritional requirements and breeding bloodlines of their sheep, as well as the presentation and neatness of their school display area.

The students showcased their skills by leading their sheep for judging in the "Best Pen of Three" category and demonstrated their ability to handle the animals proficiently. Following this, the sheep were shorn, and the fleece values were calculated.

Although the school did not place in the "Best Pen of Three" category, their fleece wool was recognised among the most valuable fleeces at the show. The camp provided students with invaluable experience in training and handling sheep, alongside developing their skills and knowledge in wool handling.







**School Merino Wether Competition 2025**  
**Kangaroo Inn Area School** Team # 1  
 Class # 318 Exhibit # 1034 Reg Ear Tag # 25065

MICRON	SD	CV
18.9	3.2	17.0
CF	YIELD	MARCH WT KGS
99.4	72.1	58.0
FAT	EMD	SEPT WT KGS
FLEECE WEIGHT	TOTAL FLEECE VALUE	OVERALL VALE M&F
5.8	\$ 62.48	\$



# Yr. 2-6 Bird Room & Bool Lagoon Excursion

Students from Years 2 to 6 had a fascinating day exploring the wonders of local wildlife. At the Bird Room, Marian and Pat welcomed us into their incredible collection of over 600 animal specimens. Students had the rare opportunity to see birds up close, sparking curiosity and supporting our Learning Expeditions on local bird habitats and materials. We then ventured to Bool Lagoon, where we walked the boardwalk surrounded by the sounds of frogs and wetland life. Using bird-watching kits kindly provided by the Millicent Library, students identified a variety of wetland birds including magpie geese and black swans. It was a memorable day of hands-on learning and nature discovery!





# R U OK DAY

On Friday Week 8, Kangaroo Inn staff and students recognised R U OK? Day in collaboration with a fundraiser for the 2026 secondary snow camp. Students had the opportunity to wear their pyjamas, enjoy a sausage sizzle, and play some fun games at recess & lunch time. The BBQ was organised and cooked by students from the Year 10 cohort, and they did a fantastic job. It was a lovely day filled with full tummies, smiles, and coming together for an important reason. The day served as a reminder to check in on your friends, even the ones who always appear fine, and remembering to ask R U OK? Thank you to all involved, especially the Year 10 students who organised the day. Well done team!





**KIAS PARENTS & FRIENDS PRESENTS**



# ***LAST ONE STANDING***

Will your ticket be the last one to be drawn to win \$1000??

**ONLY 100 TICKET HOLDERS IN THE DRAW @ \$50 EACH**

**Everyone Welcome (not just ticket holders) to join us.**

**BBQ and Bar Facilities available**



**FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER (WEEK 1 TERM 4)  
6PM ONWARDS FOR THE TICKET DRAW**



**FURNER HALL**

**USE THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS  
OR RING THE FRONT OFFICE ON 87343046**

**RSVP BY WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**



**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE  
\$1000**

**2ND PRIZE  
\$500**

**1<sup>ST</sup> TICKET  
DRAWN  
\$50**







## Furner Cricket Blast

Fridays  
4:30pm - 5:30pm  
Furner Oval  
6 Weeks

Starting 24th October 2025



Scan the QR Code or search  
[www.playcricket.com.au/play](http://www.playcricket.com.au/play) to join today

 **Play Cricket**

ADELAIDE  
*Strikers*







# SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC



**THURS** FROM 10AM  
**9TH OCT** FOR AGES 5-16

*Join our new coach, Dean for a fun and skills-based holiday coaching clinic during the holidays!*

## PROGRAM:

### Youngsters (Hot Shots)

- 30-minute lesson  
\$15

### All Other Kids

- 1 - 1½ hour lesson  
\$25

## TEXT TO REGISTER:

Register via text to  
Melissa McGrath

☎ 0408 849 423

Include name & age.

\*Time will be  
confirmed  
closer to date.







# SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS



MULTI DAY  
SINGLE DAY  
GIRLS ONLY  
GOALKEEPING



BOOK YOUR SPOT AT A LOCATION NEAR YOU!



# TERM 4

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
WK1	13/10	14/10	15/10	16/10 Millapalooza Music Primary	17/10 Last One Standing	18-19/10
WK2	20/10	21/10 PPEP Online Yr 8-10 girls	22/10	23/10 Choir Rehearsal @ Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre	24/10 Choir Concert @ Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre	25-26/10
WK3	27/10	28/10	29/10 Yr 11 Bushwalking Camp	30/10 Yr 4,5,6 Robe Camp	31-10 NEWSLETTER	01-02/11
WK4	03/11 Stage 2 General Math's exam	04/11 Stage 2 Psychology Exam	05/11 Stage 2 Spanish Exam	06/11	07/11 Stage 2 Biology Exam	08-09/11
WK5	10/11	11/11	12/11 Yr 6 YELP @ Robe	13/11 Yr 11 Coorong TBC Stage 2 Legal Studies Exam	14/11	15-16/11
WK6	17/11	18/11	19/11	20/11 Presentation Night	21/11 PUPIL FREE DAY	22-23/11
WK7	24/11 Yr 11-12 Transition	25/11	26/11 Yr. 7 Transition @ KIAS	27/11	28/11 NEWSLETTER	29-30/11
WK8	01/12 R-Yr. 6 Swimming Lessons Mt. Gambier Aquatics Camp Yr 7-8	02/12	03/12	04/12	05/12	06-07/12
WK9	08/12 Secondary Activities Week	09/12	10/12	11/12	12/12 LAST DAY OF TERM 2.30pm FINISH NEWSLETTER	13-14/12