



# KANGAROO INN AREA SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 4 WEEK 3 - 31/10/2025

#### Farewell and Best Wishes to Our Year 12 Students

Our 2026 Year 12 students—Georgia, Sienna, Skyla, Benny, and Calvin—are commencing the final stage of their school journey as they sit for their exams. We extend our very best wishes to each of them for their exams and future endeavours, whether in further study or the workforce. It has been a pleasure to support them during their time at Kangaroo Inn, and we are excited to hear about the paths they choose next. We would like to sincerely thank the families of our Year 12 students for your involvement and support throughout your children's years at the school.

#### Presentation Night—Save the Date!

A reminder that Presentation Night is scheduled for Thursday, 20th November. We warmly invite all families to join us in celebrating the achievements of our students and the school community. The evening commences at 7:00pm and will conclude by 8:30pm, with a light supper to follow. You are welcome to stay afterwards to connect with other families and view a showcase of students' work on display in the hall. Please note that Friday, 21st November will be a pupil free day. Staff will use this time for planning as we look ahead to 2026.

#### Bushfire Safety Update

Bushfire safety remains a key priority at Kangaroo Inn Area School. This term, we will be conducting fire drills with staff and students to ensure everyone knows what to do in the event of a bushfire.

We remind all visitors and families that signing in and out is essential. This helps us keep an accurate record of who is on site should an emergency occur. Please sign in at the front office if you are visiting and let us know if your child needs to leave during the school day.

To further enhance our fire safety, the Department for Education and Telstra are piloting an initiative at our school to boost mobile phone coverage in the hall, our designated fire refuge area. The school is also funding an antenna for the satellite phone to ensure it works from the hall and a diesel generator to maintain power to communication devices and water pumps during outages.

For full details, please refer to the Bushfire Information for Families sent at the end of last term, which is also attached to this newsletter.

#### Staffing

We are excited to announce the following staffing for 2026:

- Emma Wheal has won the Wellbeing and Innovative Pedagogies Coordinator role for the next 3 years.
- Secondary Pathways and Innovative Pedagogies Coordinator will be filled internally for 2026 and advertised again next year.
- Mia Varcoe will be full time in the Reception/Year 1 class.

Kind regards,

Annie Matthews & Amy Oswald

### CONTACTS

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### COMMUNICATION

#### Community Portal



Find us on



### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** - Stage 2 General Math's exam

**Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Stage 2 Psychology Exam

**Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> Nov**- Stage 2 Spanish Exam, Yr 8/9 Art Excursion, Governing Council Meeting 6:30pm

**Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Stage 2 Biology Exam

**Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov**- Yr 6 YELP @ Robe

**Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Stage 2 Legal Studies Exam

**Fri. 14<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Yr 12 Graduation Dinner

**Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Yr 4/5/6 SAPSASA Volleyball

**Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov** - **PRESENTATION NIGHT**

**Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> Nov** - **PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> - Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Yr. 11/12 transition

**Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Yr 4/5 Water Expo Mt G

**Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> - 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> December - Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Yr 7/8 Aquatics Camp

**Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Preschool Beach Excursion Robe

**Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Preschool Graduation & Info Session

**Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Yr 6 Graduation Breakfast

**Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** - **LAST DAY OF TERM 2.30pm**

**FINISH**

**STRIVE FOR LIFE**

# Year 10 Survival Challenge Camp - Into the Scrub!

Last term, our Year 10 students embarked on an unforgettable Survival Challenge Camp deep in the scrub, where they tested their resilience, teamwork, and bushcraft skills in a hands-on outdoor adventure.

Throughout the camp, students learned to:

- **Build survival shelters** using natural materials and ingenuity.
- **Light and manage campfires safely**, with a focus on resourcefulness and fire safety.
- **Cooperate in a camping environment**, sharing responsibilities and supporting one another.

The camp also celebrated cultural diversity through food, with students enjoying:

- **Adobo**, a rich and flavorful traditional Filipino dish.
- **Gallo Pinto**, a classic Costa Rican breakfast of rice and beans that fueled our mornings.

## Special Congratulations

- **Jayson** showed exceptional courage with the bravest attempt at sleeping overnight in his self-built survival shelter—a true testament to grit and determination.
- **Olivia** and **Raven** took out the win in the Fire Lighting Challenge, impressively igniting their fire without a lighter—using steel wool and a 9-volt battery to spark their flame!

This camp was more than just survival—it was about connection, creativity, and courage. Well done to all our Year 10 adventurers!



# Bushfire Season - Information for Families

As we approach the bushfire season, we kindly ask you to review the attached documents:

- Department for Education Brochure – Bushfire and your child's school or preschool
- Appendix 1 – Kangaroo Inn Area School (KIAS) Emergency Action Plan – Information for Families

Early next term, we will send out a group text to all families to ensure you can receive critical information during an emergency. Please respond to the text and inform us if there have been any changes to your child's emergency contact details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the front office at 8734 3046.

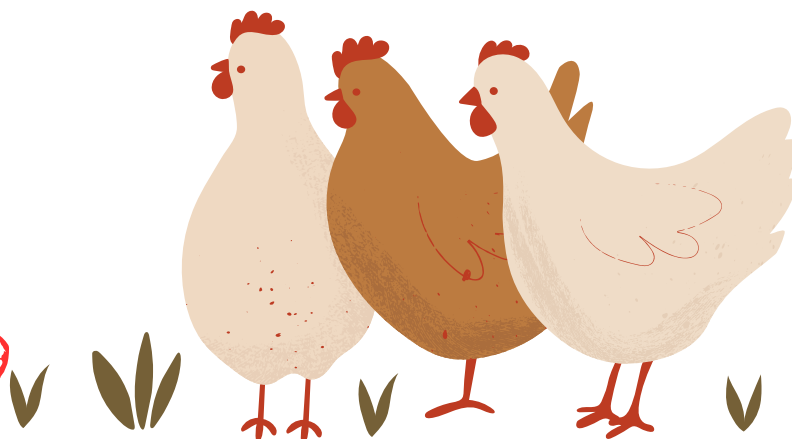
[bushfire and your child's school or preschool brochure](#)

[BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY - Information for Families](#)

# CHICKS FOR SALE

## PICK UP - WEEK 7

## 11 WEEKS OLD



Call the office on 08 87343046 for more information  
or to order your chicks.

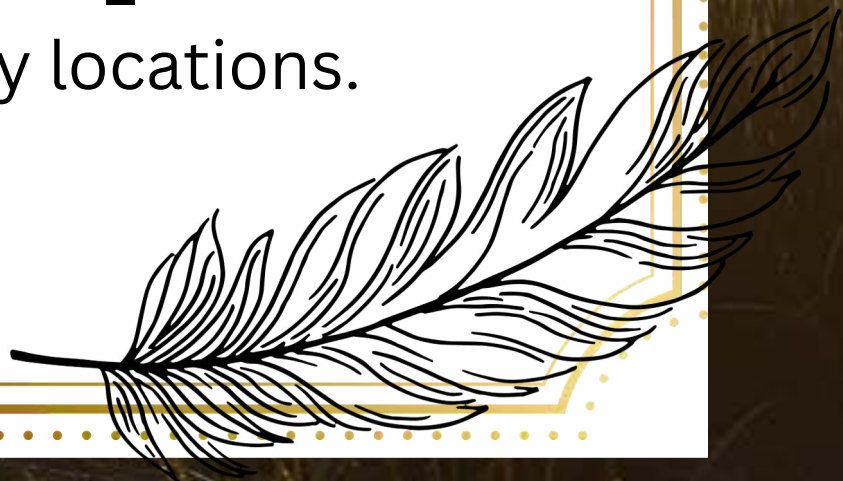


# *Avian Exposure*

**Come down to see avian exposure.**

We are a Mother (Kerry Oschar) and son (Callum Oschar) duo who sell and display our beautiful photography work at various places around the south east.

If you are interested, visit our Instagram page at [avian\\_exposure\\_insta](#) for new display locations.



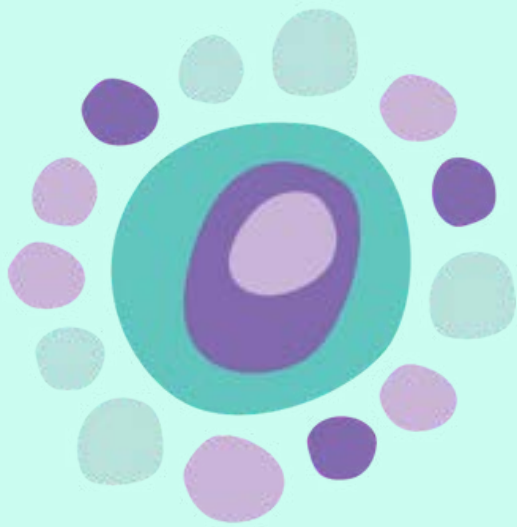


# i Scream for ice Cream

Thursday 23/10, Wednesday 29/10, Thursday 6/11 & Thursday 13/11.

**Ice creams available Term 4. All \$2.**





# SIES

Inclusive Teaching & Learning



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

## COME JOIN THE TERM 4 PARENT/CARER REGIONAL CONNECT!

The Statewide Inclusive Education Services (SIES) is hosting our termly regional information session.

Join us via Microsoft Teams (scan the link below to register) to hear Siobhan (Speech Therapist) from our Autism Inclusion Teacher initiative share her knowledge and expertise of neuro affirming practices in relation to expressive and receptive communication.

If you're a **parent** or **carer** of a student with disability or difficulty at a DfE School, you are invited to this session where SIES staff will be available to discuss resources and supports.



Tuesday 4th November 2025



1pm - 2pm



Register [here](#)



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# TERM 4

|     | MON                                                                         | TUES                                                                     | WED                                                                                              | THURS                                                       | FRI                                                      | SAT/SUN  |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| WK1 | 13/10                                                                       | 14/10                                                                    | 15/10                                                                                            | 16/10<br>Millapalooza Music Primary                         | 17/10                                                    | 18-19/10 |
| WK2 | 20/10                                                                       | 21/10<br>PPEP Online<br>Yr 8-10 girls                                    | 22/10                                                                                            | 23/10<br>Choir Rehearsal @<br>Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre   | 24/10<br>Choir Concert @ Sir<br>Robert Helpmann Theatre  | 25-26/10 |
| WK3 | 27/10                                                                       | 28/10                                                                    | 29/10<br>Yr 11 Bushwalking<br>Camp                                                               | 30/10<br>Yr 4,5,6<br>Robe Camp                              | 31-10<br>NEWSLETTER                                      | 01-02/11 |
| WK4 | 03/11<br>Stage 2 General<br>Math's exam                                     | 04/11<br>Stage 2<br>Psychology Exam<br>Yr 9/10 Cyber Safety<br>Excursion | 05/11 Yr 8/9 SOAP<br>Excursion<br>Stage 2 Spanish<br>Exam<br>Governing Council<br>Meeting 6:30pm | 06/11                                                       | 07/11<br>Stage 2<br>Biology Exam                         | 08-09/11 |
| WK5 | 10/11                                                                       | 11/11                                                                    | 12/11<br>Yr 6 YELP<br>@ Robe                                                                     | 13/11<br>Yr 11 Coorong TBC<br>Stage 2<br>Legal Studies Exam | 14/11<br>Yr 12 Grad Dinner                               | 15-16/11 |
| WK6 | 17/11<br>Yr 4/5/6 SAPSASA<br>Volleyball                                     | 18/11                                                                    | 19/11                                                                                            | 20/11<br>Presentation Night                                 | 21/11<br>PUPIL FREE DAY                                  | 22-23/11 |
| WK7 | 24/11<br>Yr 11-12 Transition                                                | 25/11                                                                    | 26/11<br>Yr. 7 Transition<br>@ KIAS                                                              | 27/11                                                       | 28/11<br>NEWSLETTER                                      | 29-30/11 |
| WK8 | 01/12<br>R-Yr. 6 Swimming<br>Lessons Mt. Gambier<br>Aquatics Camp<br>Yr 7-8 | 02/12                                                                    | 03/12                                                                                            | 04/12                                                       | 05/12                                                    | 06-07/12 |
| WK9 | 08/12<br>Secondary Activities<br>Week                                       | 09/12                                                                    | 10/12                                                                                            | 11/12                                                       | 12/12<br>LAST DAY OF TERM<br>2.30pm FINISH<br>NEWSLETTER | 13-14/12 |