



KANGAROO INN AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 4 WEEK 7 - 24/11/2025

Recognising Student Leadership

Congratulations to Year 12 student Sienna, who received the prestigious Muriel Matters Award at Parliament House. This award recognises exceptional young people who are dedicated to creating meaningful and positive change in their communities. We are incredibly proud of Sienna's leadership and achievements.

Thank you also to her nominating teacher, Kate England, for supporting her throughout this journey.

Presentation Night

It was wonderful to see so many families and community members join us for our Presentation Night on Thursday. The evening was a celebration of our students' achievements and featured a lively performance by the Primary Choir. Congratulations to all award recipients, and sincere thanks to our generous sponsors and everyone who helped make the night a success.

Growth in Learner Agency: Term 1 to Term 4

Our focus on Learning Expeditions and The Resilience Project has had a significant impact on how students understand and talk about their learning this year. These initiatives have strengthened students' emotional literacy, confidence, and ability to engage with real-world, meaningful learning—leading to noticeable growth in learner agency across the year.

Student interviews reflect this shift clearly. In Term 1, students spoke mostly about external factors such as school structure, distractions, and wanting more practical learning. By Term 4, their reflections showed far deeper insight into the learning process itself.

Students now describe effective learning using terms like persistence, curiosity, challenge, and growth mindset. They can explain the strategies they use when learning becomes difficult—trying different approaches, collaborating with peers, using feedback, and being willing to make mistakes. Their understanding of success criteria and how feedback helps them improve has also strengthened.

Relationships feature strongly in their reflections. Students recognise the value of peers as learning partners and appreciate teachers who know them well as learners. Their thinking about Learning Expeditions has also matured. Instead of simply asking for “more real-life learning,” students are now offering thoughtful ideas on connecting expeditions more closely to curriculum, including student interests, and sharing responsibility.

The growth from Term 1 to Term 4 highlights a powerful shift: our students are becoming more reflective, resilient, and active in shaping their learning—clear evidence of “Strive for Life” in action.

Kind regards,

Annie Matthews & Amy Oswald
Co-principals

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues. 25th Nov - Yr 2-6 Water Expo Mt G

Wed. 26th - Fri. 28th Nov - Yr 7 Transition @ KIAS

Mon. 1st Dec - Fri. 5th Dec - R-Yr. 6

Swimming Lessons @ Walunda Mt. Gambier

Mon. 1st December - Wed. 3rd December - Yr 7/8 Aquatics Camp

Wed. 3rd December - Preschool Beach Excursion Robe

Tues. 9th Dec - Preschool Graduation & Info Session

Tues. 9th Dec - Yr 6 Graduation Breakfast

Fri. 12th Dec - LAST DAY OF TERM 2.30pm FINISH

2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues. 20th - Fri. 23rd January - Office open

Thurs. 22nd January - Book collection

Tues. 27th January - Students start

STRIVE FOR LIFE

Presentation Night 2025











2025 Governing Council Parent/Caregiver Engagement Survey

We value your involvement in our school community and are committed to enhancing our partnership with you.

Your feedback is crucial in helping us understand how we can better support your engagement with the school.

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey.

Please scan the QR code.



Bring the Beachport Art Gallery to Life!

Please help us bring the Beachport Art Gallery to life!

We are thrilled to share an exciting development for our community, the establishment of our very own Art Gallery.

Thanks to the Wattle Range Council we have secured a space within the Beachport Visitor Information Centre to transform into a professional exhibition space. This marks a major step forward – but we need your support to bring it to life.

To convert the space into a functional gallery, we will relocate existing fixtures, install track lighting and a professional hanging system, as well as refresh and paint the walls to create a welcoming environment.

Your support will help us achieve the much-needed Art Gallery for the Beachport community.

We believe in the magic of art, if you do too, we'd be deeply grateful for your support.

If you would like to discuss ways to get involved, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Gallery Team or email Carrie Adamo: carrie.adamo1@gmail or Merilyn de Nys: cmerilynsea@yahoo.com

Warm regards,

Art Gallery Team

Adrian Smith, Angela Bevan, Anne Sawyer, Carrie Adamo, Deirdre Fitzgerald, Fiona Pattinson, Mark de Nys, Merilyn de Nys, Monica Redden, Pam Hales, Paula Tsernjavski, Pippin Ellis, Rachel Hales, Sally Ellis, Sally Watson, Sam Johnson, Susie Smith, Tim Ellis, Wendy Green, Wendy Stratford

**PUBLIC
EDUCATION
AWARDS**
2025

**RECOGNISING EQUITY AND
EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION**

Excellence in Learner Agency

2025 Finalist



**Kangaroo Inn Area School
Boandik Country**

Real projects, real purpose, real growth

Kangaroo Inn Area School fosters learner agency through Learning Expeditions and The Resilience Project. Students co-design inquiries tackling local issues such as food insecurity with Millicent Shares a Plate or silting at the Beachport Boat Ramp. Expeditions have engaged and inspired every learner with 80% recognising real-world connections and

empathy growth for all.

By embedding student voice, agency and wellbeing, the school has created a dynamic model influencing practice across the Limestone Coast. Strong community partnerships and a focus on wellbeing empower learners to contribute meaningfully and grow as confident, capable citizens.

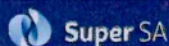
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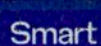
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