



KANGAROO INN AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 WEEK 3 - 13/02/2026

FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all new students and their families who are joining our school community in 2026. An email will be sent out shortly, containing subject details and staff contact emails. Building strong connections with families greatly supports student achievement and wellbeing, and our initial communication is an important part of developing these partnerships.

We are pleased to announce the following staff members who are either joining or returning to KIAS this year:

- Mia Varcoe – Reception/Year 1 class
- Deb Neal – Years 7 & 8 Maths and English
- Shannon Manouge – Primary Agriculture, Years 7, 8, 9 Agriculture and Year 7 Science
- Mary Reeves – Finance Officer

Congratulations

We congratulate Jack Francis, KIAS SSO, for being recognised by the Wattle Range Council with the 2026 Youth Recognition Australia Day Award. The positive impact Jack brings to both our school and the broader community is something we celebrate, and we are proud to have him on our team.

Principal Days

This term, due to a family members medical treatment, Annie Matthews will be working as Principal on Mondays and Tuesdays with Amy Oswald working as Principal on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays.

Primary Parent Information Session

We would like to invite you to the Primary Parent Information session on Thursday 19th February 2026 at 10am in the library.

**Please note that this will follow the Sports Day 1500m Race and the Hurdles which are held at 8.45am that day.

The topics covered will include:

- The Resilience Project information
- Primary Overview
- Maths program information
- Literacy program information
- Meet the educators

Please RSVP to the class teachers via SEESAW or to the Front Office on 87343046. All welcome.

Sports Day Information

KIAS Sports Day is scheduled for Week 5, on Friday 27th February. We encourage every student to get involved and earn points for their teams. The 1500m race and the Hurdles will be run on Thursday 19/2/26 from 8.45am. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch!

CONTACTS

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COMMUNICATION

Community Portal



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 18th Feb - Women In Service visiting Yr 9/10

Thurs 19th Feb - 1500m and Hurdles @ 8:45

Primary Parent Info Session 10am

Tues 24th Feb - Yr 6 YELP

Weds 25th Feb - Yr 3-12 WEC Student Workshop

Weds 25th Feb - Yr R-2 WEC Student Workshop

Fri 27th Feb - **SPORTS DAY**

Tues 3rd March - **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Weds 4th March - Yr 11/12 Mt G. Safer Journeys

Road Safety

Yr 2-7 Paul Rutter Drawing Workshop

Gov. Council AGM

Mon 9th March - **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Weds 18th March - Thurs 19th March - Yr 12

English Camp to Adelaide

Fri 13th March - **INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS @ ALLENDALE**

Thurs 19th March - Yr 7 Immunisation Information Session

Fri 20th March - Yr 9 Field Days Excursion

Thurs 26th March - Yr 7 & 10 Immunisation's

Thurs 2nd April - Adelaide Athletics

COLOUR RUN

Fri 3rd April - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Mon 6th April - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tues 7th - 9th April - Yr 7 Noorla Yo Long Camp

FROM THE PRINCIPAL continued...



	Emus (Green)	Dingoes (Yellow)
Primary Captains	Pip, Bailey	Eliza, George
Secondary Captains	Coaden, Amber	Tommy, Leyla
Secondary Vice Captains	Eli, Leni	Ethan, Olivia

The students have nominated themselves for events, and the Captains and Vice-Captains will be conducting run-offs at lunchtimes for the relay teams etc. Students are participating in twice weekly practices on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2.45 to 3.15pm to familiarise themselves with the events and the rules. The Preschool, Reception and Year 1 students participate in Tabloid Sports which are held on the oval in the morning. More information will be sent home from those class teachers about these events.

Families and friends are invited to Sports Day. Please bring a chair or rug - there is ample shade under the trees. We encourage everyone to participate enthusiastically in the team war cries, helping to build excitement and a strong sense of team spirit throughout the day.

The KIAS Parents and Friends group is running a raffle and organising catering for the day, and we invite volunteers to contact the school to offer assistance in the canteen or during events. More information to follow.

Interschool Sports Day

On Friday, 13th March (Week 7), selected students will represent KIAS at the Allendale East Area School Interschool Sports Day. Further details will be provided soon.

Governing Council AGM

The Governing Council Annual General Meeting will take place in Week 6 on Wednesday, 4th March, in the Collab Lab at 6.30pm. We encourage all interested community members to attend. A nomination form has been attached to this newsletter and nominations are required to be handed in or emailed to dl.leaders.0957@schools.sa.edu.au by 25/2/26.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN assessments for Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 will begin on 11th March and continue into the following week. Please see the Privacy Notice attached to this newsletter for parents of children sitting the NAPLAN test this year.

Amy Oswald and Annie Matthews
Co- Principals

Wanted

Donations of Cakes & Slices for Sports Day

Drop off info: items can be dropped to the canteen the morning of sports day.

YOUR HELP IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

GOT A FRUIT TREE OVERFLOWING WITH GOODNESS?



We're looking for donations of any orchid fruit for our students to snack on. If you have an abundance we would love for you share with us!

If you're able to donate, please send on the bus with your kids or drop at the front office.



Sports Team War Cries



Dingoes

Everywhere we goooo,
People want to know,
Who we are,
Where we come,
So, we tell them
We are dingoes, DINGOES
Mighty, mighty Dingoes!



Emus

Emus, Emus,
We're the best
We're a cut above the rest
Others fall while we stand strong
The shield is ours - don't get us wrong
We'll come through with points we need,
At Dingoes expense we will succeed
E. M. U. S
EMUS!!!



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

We are very excited to be delivering The Resilience Project at Kangaroo Inn again in 2026. This program supports our students' mental health and wellbeing through Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness, and Emotional Literacy (see framework below). This evidence-based program is designed as a preventative approach and aims to build a positive and sustainable culture of wellbeing at our site.

Over the past two years, we have seen a significant improvement in students' emotional literacy, with more students able to identify their emotions and regulate them effectively. We have also observed students becoming more grateful, engaging in mindfulness activities in their own time, and applying positive wellbeing strategies outside of school. Across South Australia and Australia more broadly, there are increasing levels of depression and anxiety among young people, highlighting the importance of proactively supporting students' mental health.

On behalf of the staff at Kangaroo Inn, we are looking forward to being involved in The Resilience Project again this year and continuing to strengthen the wellbeing of our students.

If you have any questions on the program, feel free to get in touch!

Emma Wheal

Coordinator of Wellbeing and Innovative Pedagogies





Governing Council Nomination Form

KANGAROO INN AREA SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

Wednesday 4th March 2026 6.30pm in the COLLAB Lab to be followed by a Governing Council Meeting.

As a KIAS Governing Council member you will be involved in the decision- making processes of the school which is greatly appreciated, as well as having the opportunity to play an important role in the educational opportunities for all children. KIAS Governing Council meets approximately 8 times a year.

Nomination forms are required to be sent in to school or emailed to

dl.0957.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

By Wednesday 25th February 2026 – please note there will be no nominations on the night.

KANGAROO INN AREA SCHOOL

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM

I(full name) Of

.....(Address) **Nominate**

.....(full name) Of

.....(Address) **To be elected**

as a member of Kangaroo Inn Area School - Governing Council. I

.....(full name) Of

.....(Address) accept the

nomination and hereby declare that: • I have not been declared bankrupt and do not

receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors

• I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed my membership of Kangaroo Inn Area School Governing Council will cease.

Signed.....Date.....

NAPLAN 2026 Privacy Collection Notice

This notice explains how personal information about student(s) and their parents/carers is collected and used for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing and preparation activities in 2026.

NAPLAN testing

NAPLAN is a national test conducted annually for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for the development and central management of the NAPLAN program. In South Australia, the Department for Education is the Test Administration Authority for NAPLAN and is responsible for the administration of the NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN tests are completed nationally online, except for Year 3 writing which is paper based. Small numbers of students may use alternative test formats, such as paper or special print materials.

More information on NAPLAN is available at: www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/.

Readiness testing activities

Schools participate in readiness activities before the main NAPLAN test.

The purpose of the readiness activities is to familiarise students with the test format, question types and the online testing experience and for schools to confirm they are ready to administer NAPLAN.

Collection and disclosure of personal information

As the State's Test Administration Authority, the Department for Education is required by law to collect and use personal information about student(s) and their parents/carers through each participating school, for the purpose of administering and delivering the NAPLAN test.

For every student participating in NAPLAN testing and readiness activities, the personal information below will be uploaded to the NAPLAN Online National Assessment Platform.

- Student name*
- Gender*
- School name, class and year level*
- Disability adjustments (where applicable) *
- Date of birth*
- Language background other than English
- Country of birth
- Parents'/carers' occupation, education and language background
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status
- Student's braille format*
- Jurisdictional and local school student identifiers*

The personal information for students who are exempted, absent or withdrawn from NAPLAN testing is also collected and used for reporting purposes. For information on how ACARA collects and uses personal information about student(s) and their parents/carers for NAPLAN, please refer to [ACARA's privacy notices](#).

The items marked with an asterisk (*) above are also provided to FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd (FUJIFILM) for the purposes of printing paper test materials, writing test assessments and the printing of student reports. FUJIFILM is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the SA Department for Education in providing these contracted services.

FUJIFILM's privacy policy can be found at: <https://www.fujifilm.com/au/en/privacy>



BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

Any 10c bottles and cans collected will be cashed in and will be given to Kangaroo Inn Area School toward the Year 10 & 11 SNOW CAMP



CALLING FOR
DONATIONS OF OUR
LOCAL FAMILIES
AND FARMERS
AROUND
KANGAROO INN
AREA SCHOOL



Pick up day will be
Tuesday 17th February,

arrange with
Mel Beggs
0427716327

if you have any to
be collected Furner/
Bray area

OR you can drop them
off any time at KIAS
recycling depot on the
Clay Wells Road at the
school

2026 MID SOUTH EAST SAPSASA CALENDAR

TERM 1

WEEK	DATES	SPORT	EVENT	VENUE
3	TUE FEB 10	GIRLS SOFTBALL	DISTRICT TRIAL	PENOLA
3	TUE FEB 10	BOYS SOFTBALL	DISTRICT TRIAL	PENOLA
4	THUR FEB 19	SWIMMING	DISTRICT TRIAL	PENOLA
7	FRI MAR 13	GOLF	DISTRICT TRIAL	PENOLA
8	TUE MAR 17	TRACK & FIELD	DISTRICT TRIAL	NEWBERY PARK
9	MON MAR 23	SWIMMING	STATE CHAMPS	ADELAIDE
9	WED MAR 25 TO FRI MAR 27	GIRLS SOFTBALL	STATE CARNIVAL	ADELAIDE
9	WED MAR 25 TO FRI MAR 27	BOYS SOFTBALL	STATE CARNIVAL	ADELAIDE
10	MON MAR 30	BOYS AUST. FOOTBALL	DISTRICT TRIAL	MILLICENT

TERM 2

WEEK	DATES	SPORT	EVENT	VENUE
1	WED APRIL 29	GIRLS NETBALL	DISTRICT TRIAL	MILLICENT
2	TUE MAY 5	BOYS NETBALL	REGIONAL TRIAL	NARACOORTE
2	FRI MAY 8	CROSS COUNTRY	DISTRICT TRIAL	NARACOORTE
4	FRI MAY 22	GOLF	REGIONAL TRIAL	NARACOORTE
5	MON MAY 25 TO WED MAY 27	BOYS AUST. FOOTBALL	STATE CARNIVAL	ADELAIDE
6	THUR JUNE 4	CROSS COUNTRY	STATE CHAMPS	ADELAIDE
7	WED JUNE 10	GIRLS FOOTBALL (SOCCER)	DISTRICT TRIAL	PENOLA
7	THUR JUNE 11	BOYS FOOTBALL (SOCCER)	DISTRICT TRIAL	MILLICENT
9	MON JUNE 22 TO WED JUNE 24	GIRLS NETBALL	STATE CARNIVAL	ADELAIDE
9	MON JUNE 22 TO WED JUNE 24	BOYS NETBALL	STATE CARNIVAL	ADELAIDE

TERM 3

WEEK	DATES	SPORT	EVENT	VENUE
2	WED JULY 29	BOYS HOCKEY	REGIONAL TRIAL	NARACOORTE
2	WED JULY 29	GIRLS HOCKEY	REGIONAL TRIAL	NARACOORTE
4	MON AUG 10 TO WED AUG 12	BOYS FOOTBALL (SOCCER)	STATE CARNIVAL	ADELAIDE
4	MON AUG 10 TO WED AUG 12	GIRLS FOOTBALL (SOCCER)	STATE CARNIVAL	ADELAIDE
5	MON AUG 17 & TUE AUG 18	GOLF	STATE CHAMPS	ADELAIDE
6	TBC	GIRLS AUST. FOOTBALL	DISTRICT TRIAL	MILLICENT
6	WED AUG 26	BASKETBALL	DISTRICT TRIAL	MILLICENT
7	FRI SEPT 4	TRACK & FIELD	STATE CHAMPS	ADELAIDE
8	WED SEPT 9	BASKETBALL	REGIONAL TRIAL	MT GAMBIER
9	WED SEPT 16 TO FRI SEPT 18	BOYS HOCKEY	STATE CARNIVAL	ADELAIDE
9	WED SEPT 16 TO FRI SEPT 18	GIRLS HOCKEY	STATE CARNIVAL	ADELAIDE
9 OR 10	TBC	TENNIS (BOYS & GIRLS)	DISTRICT TRIAL	PENOLA

TERM 4

WEEK	DATES	SPORT	EVENT	VENUE
1	TBC	BOYS CRICKET	DISTRICT TRIAL	MILLICENT
1	TBC	GIRLS CRICKET	REGIONAL TRIAL	NARACOORTE
2	FRI OCT 23	BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL	STATE CHAMPS	ADELAIDE
3	MON OCT 26 TO WED OCT 28	GIRLS AUST. FOOTBALL	STATE CARNIVAL	ADELAIDE
3	FRI OCT 30	MULTI SPORT	COME AND TRY	MT GAMBIER
5	MON NOV 9 TO WED NOV 11	TENNIS (BOYS & GIRLS)	STATE CARNIVAL	ADELAIDE
6	TUE NOV 17	VOLLEYBALL	COME AND TRY	MT GAMBIER
7	MON NOV 23 TO WED NOV 25	GIRLS CRICKET	STATE CARNIVAL	ADELAIDE
7	MON NOV 23 TO WED NOV 25	BOYS CRICKET	STATE CARNIVAL	ADELAIDE

TERM 1

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
WK1	26/1 AUSTRALIA DAY	27/1 SCHOOL STARTS	28/1 Playgroup	29/1	30/1	31/1-1/2
WK2	2/2	3/2	4/2 House Captain Nominations Playgroup	5/2	6/2	7/2-8/2
WK3	9/2	10/2 Walking the seasons excursion - Primary	11/2 Playgroup	12/2 Yr 11 Outdoor Ed - Ewens Ponds	13/2 Newsletter	14/2-15/2
WK4	16/2	17/2	18/2 Women in Service visiting Y 9/10 Playgroup	19/2 1500m Session 1 Hurdles Session 2 Primary Parent Information Session 10am - Library	20/2	21/2-22/2
WK5	23/2	24/2 YR 6 YELP NAPLAN Practice Test	25/2 Yr 3-12 WEC Student Workshops Playgroup	26/2 Yr R-2 WEC Student Workshops	27/2 Sports Day	28/2-1/3
WK6	2/3	3/3 School Photos	4/3 Yr 11/12 Mt G. Safer Journeys Road Safety Yr 2-7 Paul Rutter Drawing Workshop Gov. Council AGM	5/3	6/3 Newsletter	7/3-8/3
WK7	9/3 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10/3	11/3 Playgroup	12/3	13/3 Interschool Athletics @ Allendale	14/3-15/3
WK8	16/3	17/3	18/3 Yr. 12 English to Adelaide Playgroup	19/3 Yr 7 Immunisation Info Session	20/3 Yr 9 Fields Days Excursion	21/3-22/3
WK9	23/3	24/3	25/3 Playgroup	26/3 Yr 7 & 10 Immunisations	27/3 Newsletter	28/3-29/3
WK10	30/3	31/3	1/4 Gov. Council Meeting Playgroup	2/4 Adelaide Athletics COLOUR RUN	3/4 GOOD FRIDAY	4/4-5/4
WK11	6/4 EASTER MONDAY	7/4 Yr 7 Noorla Yo Long Camp	8/4 Playgroup	9/4 Yr 11/12 Millicent Shares a Plate	10/4 LAST DAY OF TERM 2:30PM FINISH	11/4-12/4