



# KANGAROO INN AREA SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 2 WEEK 9 - 26/06/2026

#### Mates on a Mission

Recently, students from Years 7–12 participated in Mates on a Mission sessions led by Ben, as part of the Ski for Life initiative. The program, founded by Ben Pettingill and Mike Rolls, aims to build mental health awareness, promote resilience, and encourage respectful relationships among students, all while breaking down the stigma around seeking help. Ben’s engaging storytelling and practical strategies resonated strongly with our students, who provided positive feedback about the session’s focus on self-care, peer support, and the importance of respecting others. This initiative has made a valuable contribution to our school’s culture of wellbeing and support.

#### Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Excursion

On Tuesday the 9th of June the Year 11 Outdoor Ed class travelled to Little Dip Conservation Park (Robe) as a substitute for their Bushwalking Camp, which was cancelled due to bad weather. Students walked approximately 8km through the conservation park, along Little Dip Beach, and finally along Nora Creina Road to return to the bus. Students then utilised their classroom knowledge and camping skills to cook themselves lunch on their cooking stoves. Overall, it was a worthwhile experience for the class. Thanks to Ayden and Jack for organising and supporting students during the day.

#### Millicent Shares a Plate

Last week, our Year 12 Food and Hospitality students volunteered at Millicent Shares a Plate, preparing and delivering 54 nutritious pasta, sausage, and vegetable meals using fresh tomatoes and herbs from the school garden. Throughout the semester, students have provided over 100 meals to support our community, demonstrating practical skills and compassion. This initiative builds on the Learning Expedition work completed last year, furthering our commitment to addressing food insecurity and making a positive impact in the local area.

#### Yr 7 & 8 Art Excursion

In week 8, our Year 7 and 8 students visited the Millicent Art Gallery to explore exhibitions featured in the Re-A-Range Sustainability Festival. Students had the opportunity to study and appreciate a variety of expressive artworks by local artists, including mixed media sculptures and unique dress designs. A highlight of the visit was hearing firsthand from artists Toni Greenwood, Steve Chapple, and Selina Smith, who generously shared insights into their creative inspiration and processes. We extend our sincere thanks to these artists, as well as the staff at the Millicent Library and the Wattle Range Council, for supporting and hosting this enriching festival experience.

#### Olympics Unleashed

Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming Olympic cross-country skier Seve de Campo and Olympic beach volleyball player Christopher McHugh to our school. Both athletes shared their inspiring personal journeys, offering valuable insights into goal setting, resilience, and the dedication required to achieve success at the highest level. Our students were highly engaged and asked many thoughtful questions, making the session an enriching and motivating experience for all involved.

#### Staffing

We extend our warm thanks to Emma Wheal as she begins her parenting leave, and wish her all the best for this exciting new chapter. For Semester 2, Graham Goodman will be teaching Emma’s Year 11 and 12 Maths classes. We also acknowledge Hannah Hentschke, who has been working as an SSO in our R/1 class and is also taking parenting leave. Sophie Andre is currently filling this role.

Kind regards,  
Annie Matthews & Amy Oswald

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### COMMUNICATION

#### Community Portal



Find us on



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Week 10

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June - Yr 2-4 Basketball Round Robin

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July - Assembly 10:30 followed by Family Fun Run & BBQ

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Yr 4-6 Basketball Round Robin

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July - **LAST DAY OF TERM 2.30PM FINISH**

#### TERM 3

#### Week 1

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July - **PUPIL FREE DAY**

#### Week 2

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> July - Yr 5/6 camp

#### Week 3

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Aug - Lunch Orders

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Aug - P&F Meeting 5:30

#### Week 4

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Aug - Senior Secondary info meeting

**STRIVE FOR LIFE**

# Design & Tech

This semester in Design and Technology, the focus has been on designing with empathy. The Year 8 class has created a range of puzzles, some of which were presented to preschool students. In addition, they have made Mother's Day gifts, including coasters, cutting boards, and jewellery holders. Currently, students are working on spice racks and storage boxes.

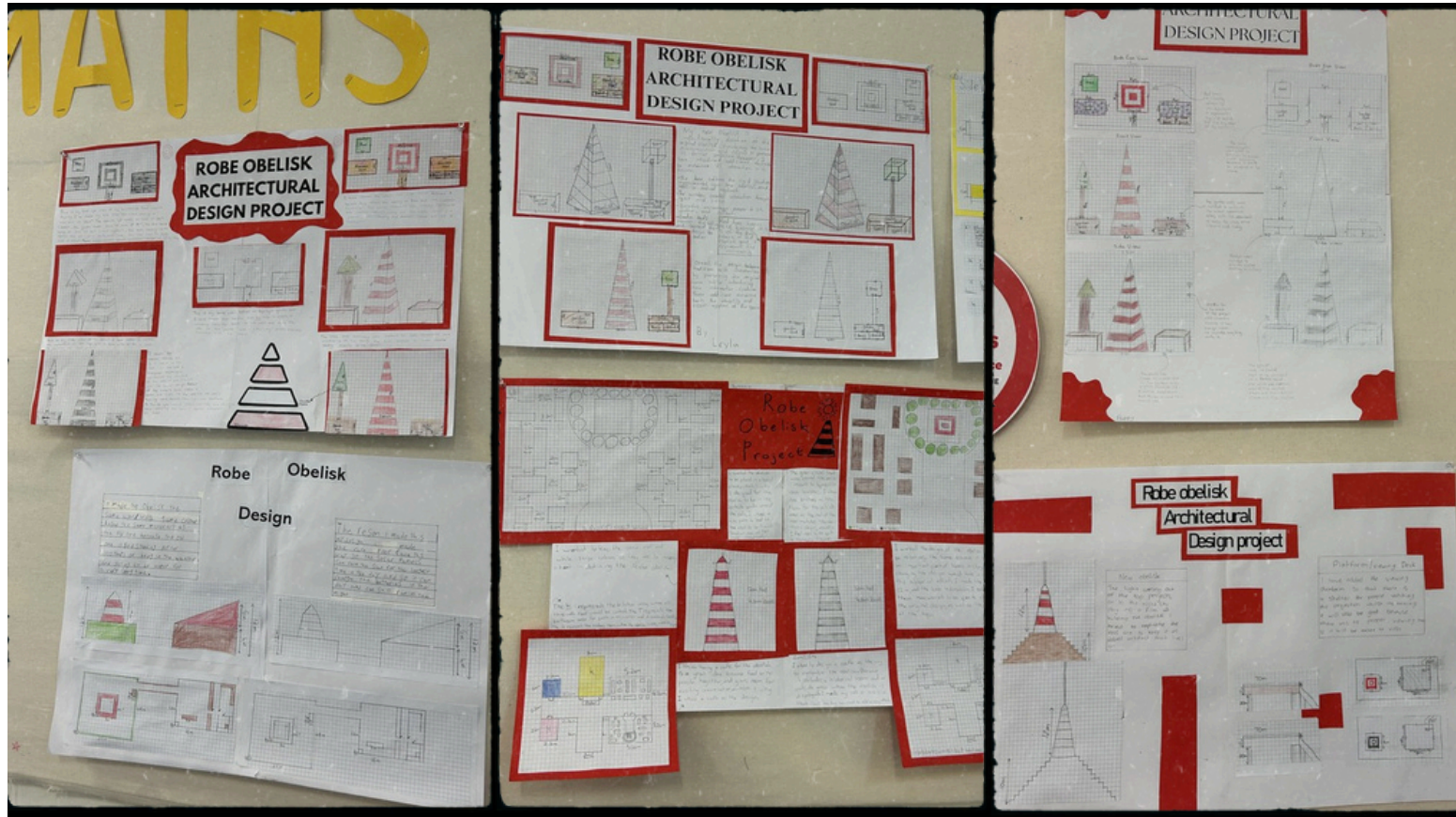


Year 9 students participated in a Learning Expedition, which involved designing the future Robe Obelisk. They presented their design proposals to a panel of judges consisting of Robe CEO Nat Traeger, Keelin Winterfield, and Sam Beckham. Alex Sutherland's proposal was selected as the winner; his creative model featured recycled materials and included a cray net at the top of the Obelisk.

The Year 9 class has also been learning to weld using the MIG welder and continues to develop their skills in this area.



# Design & Tech



Year 11 students' projects included a surfboard holder, a shelving unit for model cars, and a bedside table. One student designed and produced a large mulloway out of sheet metal, which is now displayed outside the front office.

Year 12 students have commenced their final assessment task, creating a folio documenting the design process and producing a product. Furniture products this semester include shelving units, a glasses cabinet, and a fishing rod holder, while engineering projects feature a tub rack for a Ute.



# Agriculture

This year, students from Preschool through to Year 9 have been engaged in learning about Agriculture. As it is such a broad subject, we're proud to showcase the many different projects taking place across the school and the hard work students have put into their learning.



Reception/Year 1 students spent the semester learning about farms and what plants and animals need to be happy and healthy. They used this knowledge to design their own farms using playdough.



Year 2/3/4 students have been learning about flowers and herbs. After selling a range of native and non-native seedlings to encourage insect biodiversity, they are now focusing on propagating herbs from cuttings.



Year 5/6 students spent the semester learning about lettuce production, before going on to run and manage their own projects to see if they could improve their results each time.



Year 7 students have been actively involved in working with the school's chickens across a range of projects, including egg sales, raising and selling pullets, and managing and preparing show layer birds for the Adelaide Show. **We also still have plenty of pullet layers available for sale!**



Year 8 students have taken on a range of projects this semester, including harvesting pumpkins from their summer plots, growing winter vegetables, and cultivating pasture varieties for identification. They have also assisted with crutching and have been involved in managing and preparing show goats during class and lunchtime practices.



Year 9 students have been learning about sheep production and are actively preparing Merino wethers for the Adelaide Show. They have also completed a crop health unit, where they grew a variety of broadacre crops in the greenhouse and identified nutrient deficiencies, diseases, and pests.

# FAMILY FUN RUN & BBQ

**DON'T!  
FORGET!**

## FAMILY FUN RUN/ WALK

- Join us after assembly for a family fun run/ walk
- Sausage sizzle to follow
- Gold coin donation



# CHICKS FOR SALE

**READY  
NOW!**

**19 WEEKS  
OLD**

**\$25**



Call the office on 08 8734 3046 for more information  
or to order your chicks.

# Choosing a Gratitude Mindset

## SHIFT FROM 'I HAVE TO' TO 'I GET TO'

A simple change in language from 'I have to do this' to 'I get to do this' can change our whole perspective on life and daily tasks. When we adopt the 'I get to' mindset as a gratitude practice, it helps us focus on the positive aspects of our lives and the opportunities we often take for granted.

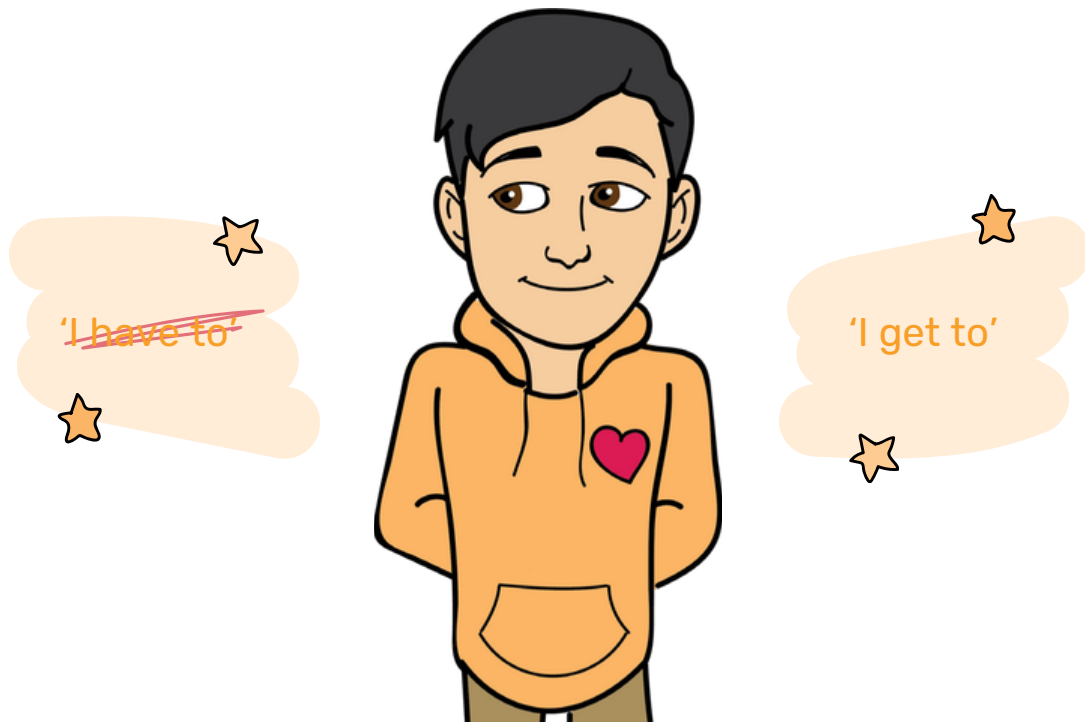
## HOW CAN YOUR FAMILY PRACTICE THIS TOGETHER?

Here are some examples to get you started:

- I get to wash the dishes.
- I get to make breakfast for my family.
- I get to walk the dog and spend time outside.

## FAMILY CHALLENGE

Try to replace 'I have to' with 'I get to' in your conversations this week. **Notice how it changes your perspective, and discuss as a family how it feels to focus on gratitude in everyday tasks.**



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:



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# Introducing

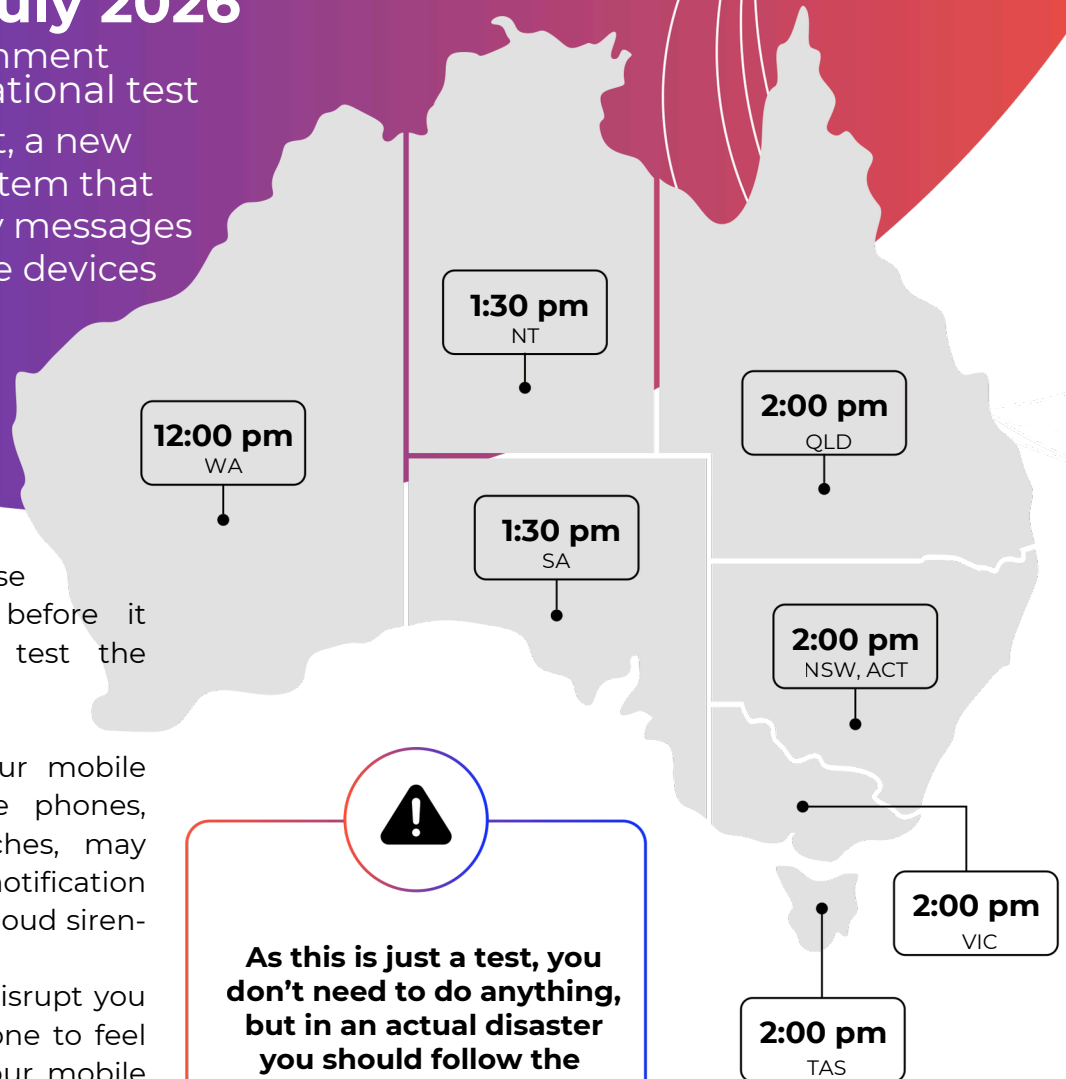
# AusAlert™


Monday 27 July 2026

The Australian Government and the AusAlert national test is launching AusAlert, a new national warning system that can send emergency messages to compatible mobile devices in times of disaster.

AusAlert will be ready to use in October 2026, but before it launches, we need to test the system across Australia.

On **Monday 27 July**, your mobile devices, such as mobile phones, tablets and smart watches, may receive a test alert. The notification will vibrate and include a loud siren-like sound that lasts about 10 seconds. If this could disrupt you or cause you or a loved one to feel unsafe, please turn off your mobile devices or switch them to aeroplane mode before the scheduled test time in your location, and leave them off for at least one hour.



  
**As this is just a test, you don't need to do anything, but in an actual disaster you should follow the alert instructions to keep yourself and others safe.**

For more information, visit [ausalert.gov.au](https://ausalert.gov.au)

# TERM 3

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
WK1	20/7 <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	21/7	22/7 Playgroup	23/7	24/7	25/7-26/7
WK2	27/7	28/7	29/7 Yr 5/6 Camp Preschool	30/7	31/7	1/8-2/8
WK3	3/8	4/8	5/8 P&F Meeting 5:30pm Playgroup <b>Lunch Orders</b>	6/8	7/8 Newsletter	8/8-9/8
WK4	10/8	11/8	12/8 Senior Secondary Info Meeting Preschool	13/8	14/8	15/8-16/8
WK5	17/8	18/8	19/8 Playgroup	20/8	21/8	22/8-23/8
WK6	24/8 Yr 10/11 Snow Camp <b>BOOKWEEK</b>	25/8	26/8 <b>BOOKWEEK PARADE</b> Preschool <b>Lunch Orders</b>	27/8	28/8 Newsletter	29/8-30/8
WK7	31/8	1/9 Yr 2/6 Walking the Seasons Excursion	2/9 Playgroup	3/9	4/9 Fathers Day Breakfast Show Day Parade 9:30	5/9-6/9
WK8	7/9	8/9 Yr 7/8/9 Adelaide Show Camp Governing Council	9/9 Preschool	10/9	11/9 <b>SCHOOL CLOSURE</b>	12/9-13/9
WK9	14/9 <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	15/9	16/9 Playgroup <b>Lunch Orders</b>	17/9	18/9 Yr 5/6 STEM Incursion Newsletter	19/9-20/9
WK10	21/9	22/9	23/9 Preschool	24/9	25/9 <b>LAST DAY OF TERM 2.30PM FINISH</b>	26/9-27/9