



Kaurna Plains School R-12

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NEWSLETTER #5 Term 3, Week 4 2025



Diary Dates

TERM 3:

Week 4:

Monday 11 - Friday 15 August

Bullying No Way Week

Week 5:

Monday 18 - Friday 22 August

Book Week

Tuesday 19 August

Bedtime Stories 6:00pm

Wednesday 20 August

Governing Council 6:00pm

Thursday 21 August

Book Week Parade 9:30am

Week 6:

Friday 29 August

Wear It Purple Day

Week 7:

Wednesday 3 September

Indigenous Literacy Day

Thursday 4 September

Assembly 9:15am

Friday 5 September

Pupil Free Day

Week 8:

Friday 12 September

Governing Council 9:30am

Week 10:

Thursday 25 September

Community Breakfast &

Assembly 8:30am

Friday 26 September

Sports Day & last day of Term 3



Niina Marni

Naa Marni,

What a deadly and busy start to Term 3! It was great to celebrate National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. The theme was "Little Footsteps, Big Future" and with well over 150 attendees, we really do see a big future that is strong in culture and voice. Big thanks to our special guests Deb Moyle, Daughters of the Land and Spirit in Unity. We are so lucky that the rain held off for most of the day, ensuring that everyone got to enjoy the food, the bungee jump, sensory play, weaving, art, colour fun run, boomerang throwing and more! Thank you to all the staff, families and community members who helped make the day special for our young ones.

This term we welcome Helena to the Ab Ed Team as an ACEO with an Early Years focus. Kamell hasn't left us though! She has stepped into

our Tailored Learning Youth Worker role, working with our secondary students. We also welcome new Co-Educators; Craig, Emma, Jacqui W, Jacqui H and Kate.

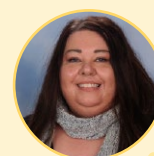
We have welcomed our Mid-Year Receptions who have loved their start to school. This has meant Aunty Leanne has moved to support teaching across our Reception and Year 1 classes. Aunty Josie has joined us as a Specialist Art and Science teacher.

We have had to move our Governing Council meeting in Week 5 to 6:00pm on Wednesday 20 August. Kindy is hosting their Governing Council at 5:00pm.

Don't forget next week is Book Week. We have Bedtime Stories organised for Tuesday at 6:00pm and our Parade will be on Thursday at 9:30am.

Ngaityala,

Aunty Ange & Aunty Natalea



Attendance Rate

72.4%



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Cooperation Organisation Respect Kindness Acceptance

Aunty Leayshia

We have some exciting events coming up over the next few weeks!

Year 1 Phonics Screener Check – Weeks 4 and 5

Over the next couple of weeks, our Year 1 students will be doing the Phonics Screener Check.

This check looks at how well students can recognise letters, sounds, and blend them together to read words. It helps teachers see what students are doing well and where they might need extra support with reading.

Book Week – Week 5

The theme for this year is “Book an Adventure” – and what better way to start than with a cosy night of stories! Bedtime Stories has become an annual event and a favourite Book Week tradition. It's a chance for families to come together, relax in their PJs, sip hot chocolate, and enjoy wonderful stories.

Tuesday 19th August – Bedtime Stories Night

- Time: 6:00 – 6:45pm at KPS
- Dress: Come in your PJs and get comfy!
- Enjoy hot chocolate and marshmallows while listening to wonderful stories
- Parents and carers can relax with a coffee in the staffroom while children are enjoying their stories

Thursday 21st August – Book Week Parade

- Time: 9:30am in the Gym
- Children can dress in the Book Week theme, come as a favourite character, wear a funny hat, or create a superhero outfit – it's all about having fun!
- Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us



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You're invited to
Miituthirntu pirrku
(Bedtime stories)

Join us for a magical evening of Miituthirntu Pirrku (Bedtime Stories) during Book Week!

Tuesday 19th August
6:00pm - 6:45pm at KPS
Dress Code:
PJs encouraged!

Special Guest Readers:

- Uncle Antony
- Aunty Kellie
- Aunty Cherylynn

The poster features a purple background with a night sky theme. It includes an illustration of a child reading a book under a starry sky, a small tree, and a book titled 'Book an Adventure'. Logos for the school and the South Australian Department of Education are present.



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You're invited to
BOOK WEEK PARADE
Book an Adventure

Thursday
21st August
9:30am

Parents welcome

The poster features a purple background with a night sky theme. It includes an illustration of a red dragon reading a book, a book titled 'Book an Adventure', and a red fish reading a book. Logos for the school and the South Australian Department of Education are present.

Indigenous Literacy Day – Week 7

We will celebrate Indigenous Literacy Day with a visit from some special Aunties and a Book Market where students will have the chance to choose a book to take home.

Indigenous Literacy Day is a national celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stories, languages, and cultures. It's about valuing the voices of First Nations peoples, supporting literacy in remote communities, and sharing the joy of reading. This is a great opportunity for our students to explore new books, including those by Aboriginal authors, and continue their love of reading at home.



Aunty Leayshia

Engagement and Wellbeing Leader

Hello KPS community.

Bullying No Way Week: 11–15 August 2025

Bullying No Way Week is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative for schools. It provides an opportunity for schools to create a shared understanding about bullying behaviours and share their bullying prevention policies and strategies.

The theme for 2025 is '**Be bold. Be kind. Speak up.**'

It takes courage to spark change.

Bullying is everyone's responsibility. It takes a community to be brave and address bullying behaviours, within and beyond the school gate.

Students can be bold, kind and take a stand to support others being bullied. While parents and teachers are there to support children and young people learn how to behave in a positive way.

In our community and in our school, we want a place where everyone can belong, a place that celebrates everyone, and where bullying is never accepted.

If you need support and/or resources, please visit:

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/resources>

Furthermore, some great cultural resources are found here: <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/resources/first-nations>



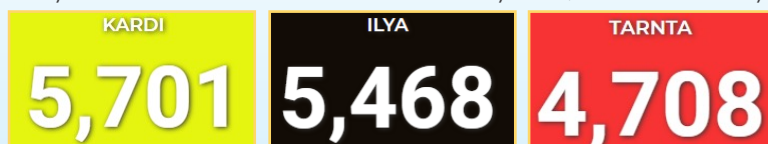
**Be Bold. Be Kind.
Speak Up.**

CORKA Points

We have so much to look forward to this term. One thing we are focusing on is CORKA points. CORKA points are awarded to those who show our CORKA values - **C**ooperation, **O**rganisation, **R**espect, **K**indness, **A**cceptance.

What do we do with our CORKA points you may ask?

They are used towards our House Point System, which currently looks like:



We also use them for individual students for our end of term CORKA reward day. Students are working to earn at least 80 points to participate in a CORKA day and the top two CORKA point recipients in each class get to go on a reward excursion – I wonder where we are going this term?...



Be CORKA, to get your CORKA reward!

Uncle Tom

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Cooperation
We listen and follow instructions from the adults to be successful.

Organisation
Uniform is organised to match our school colours.

Respect
Respectful language is key - let's keep swearing out of our conversations.

Kindness
Hands off means we kindly respect personal space.

Acceptance
We are accepting of everyone – racism, homophobia, ableist, sexual harassment has no place here.

Cooperation Organisation Respect Kindness Acceptance

Sports Day

Students have begun learning and practising various events in preparation for our upcoming Sports Day, which will take place on the final day of Term.

Over the coming weeks, they will focus on developing their skills, building teamwork, and gaining confidence in each activity, ensuring they are ready to participate and enjoy the big day!



Aunty Helena - Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO)

My name is Helena, and I'm pleased to introduce myself as the new Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO) here at KPS.

Over the past six months, I've been working as an SSO in Aunty Nat's classroom. I'm excited to take on this new role, supporting Aunty Sheryn's, Aunty Kellie's, and Aunty Nat's classes.

As ACEO, I'm here to support our Aboriginal students, help strengthen the connection between home and school, and ensure culture remains a strong part of our learning environment. Families are welcome to reach out to me if you have any questions, need support, or would like to check in about your child's learning and wellbeing.

I can't wait to get to know more of our families and work together to support our kids here at Kurna Plains.



A quick reminder: Last week, students in these classes brought home a note about the Under 8's Ear Health Program. This program will be taking place in Week 8 and includes hearing and health checks for students. Please make sure to return the signed forms so your child can take part.

Aunty Helena

Aunty Kellie

Mid-Year Receptions meeting their new school friends



Reception supports personal, social, and emotional development, helping children learn to play and cooperate with others. Children build self-confidence and learn to express their feelings.

Play-based learning builds creativity and problem solving.

Aunty Kellie

Aunty Leanne

Welcome to KPS to our new Mid-Year Reception students! We have been busy learning all of our new school routines, getting to know our teachers and making friends. There has been lots of learning, play and we have especially loved getting outside on the playground.



In Reception and Year 1 we have been working hard on our Maths skills. We have been playing dice games to improve our subitising – which is the ability to know the amount of dots in a group, without having to count! We have also been doing using lots of different objects to practise counting accurately and creating our own repeating patterns.



Aunty Leanne



Reception/Year 1 Wombats

What is happening in the Wartu Reception/Year 1 class in Term 3?

This term we have lots of learning going on. In Maths, we will be looking at measurement such as length, mass and capacity and Aunty Leanne will be helping us with some extra number work. In History, we are looking at past verses present and we have been looking at lots of old photos and seeing how things have changed or stayed the same over time. We have already been cooking in the kitchen this term. Check out our photos from our damper making last week. In Literacy, we continue to build our sound knowledge and this term we are working hard to write and read independently. If you are interested in reading our Initialit readers at home with your child, please let me know and I can arrange to send a reader home daily and a diary so your child can show you their amazing reading.



Aunty Tina - Year 2/3/4

On Monday we had a great time celebrating National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day. We began by thinking about what our futures could hold and how we have the possibility to be and do ANYTHING our hearts and minds lead us to.

The students reflected on the amazing stories of ancestors, elders and people in our community who share wisdom and knowledge with us all and how one day it will be their turn to take the lead.

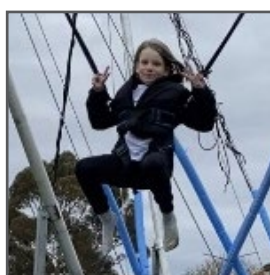
We shared stories and songs about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people we have heard about in the media, including famous sports people, singers and musicians, scientists, experts and so many others.

It wasn't long though, before it was time to remember we were still kids - so it was time to celebrate and have some fun!

Thank you so, so much to all the Aunties and Uncles from our school, The Community Centre, our families and others who joined us on the day. We know you worked really hard to make the day a really happy and fun one for us all. Thank you!!!!



Aunty Tina



Aunty Fontina

Naa Marni,

Throughout NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week last term our class created their own football guernsey or netball dresses. Some students used their totems or used Aboriginal designs that made them feel connected to their culture or family. The students drew them using pencils or textas and then we then used AI to create them.



We can't wait to share more about what we are learning this term.

Aunty Fotina



Aunty Josie

I would like to introduce myself - my name is Josie Poulton and I have been teaching since 2007. I spent my first 15 years working as a primary years classroom teacher at the same school. Since then, I have been a new arrivals teacher, teaching English to non-English speaking students. I have worked in Special Education at two schools in the North Eastern area. My passions in teaching have always been the Arts, Science and Mathematics.

After doing relief work here since Term 1, I was fortunate enough to be offered a full time contract as a specialist teacher, teaching Science and Visual Arts and one day a week as a classroom teacher, until the end of 2025.

Our Science focus has been on forces. Students have been making predictions, designing, making and doing investigations about forces. Students have been involved in activities to understand motion, looking at push and pull as well as gravity and friction. We've investigated if items will sink or float. This week, students designed and made sailboats and tested to see if they would float. We also weighted the sailboats down with rocks to see how many rocks they could hold before they sank. A lot of students were surprised at how well-made their boats were and how many rocks it took to sink them. Some boats held more than 50 rocks before they sank!



In Art, we have been learning about art techniques and use of colour from famous artists past and present. Students then put these techniques into practice in their own pieces of art. Each week we learn about new techniques and artists. So far, we have learnt about Andy Warhol, Piet Mondrian and Romero Britto. Each week we will be trying new techniques and styles.



Aunty Josie

Aunty Candace

Naa Marni families!

Last term, some of our exciting learning experiences included:

The Port Adelaide visit

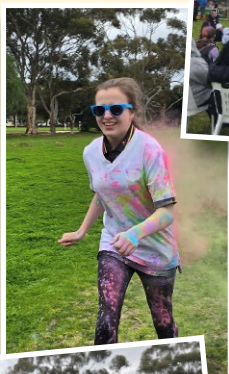


Our excursion to Yipti Yartapuultiku



As always, we have started this term with some fantastic learning opportunities, with many more fun and exciting things to come!

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Children's Day



Science Experimentation



Ngaityalya,
Aunty Candace

Aunty Stacey

In Digital Technology in the Year 5/6 class this term we are looking at Games and Gaming. We will use our knowledge of coding and digital systems to design a game, as well as create a business name, business plan and a pitch to mock sell our ideas.

So far, we have explored stereotypes in games, why we can challenge them through our game design, promoting inclusivity through our games, and what makes a game good.

Last week, two of our groups got to designing their company logo – they look great!

Aunty Stacey

