



# Kurna Plains School R-12

Strength Through Learning • Taingiwilta Tirkanthi-arra

NEWSLETTER #1 Term 1, Week 1 2026

## Term 1 Diary Dates

### Week 2

- **Thursday 5 February**  
Assembly 9:10am

### Week 3

- **Friday 13 February**  
National Apology Day  
STEM Scholarship Induction Day

### Week 4

- **Wednesday 18 February**  
Lattes n Learning Open Night
- **Thursday 19 February**  
Assembly 9:10am
- **Friday 20 February**  
Pupil Free Day

### Week 5

- **Monday 22 February**  
Pupil Free Day

### Week 6

- **Tuesday 3 – Thursday 5 March**  
Dental for Schools
- **Thursday 5 March**  
Assembly 9:10am
- **Friday 6 March**  
School Photos

### Week 7

- **Monday 9 March**  
Public Holiday (Adelaide Cup Day)
- **Wednesday 11 – Monday 23 March**  
NAPLAN

### Week 8

- **Tuesday 17 – Wednesday 18 March**  
Deadly Coders Incursion
- **Wednesday 18 March**  
National Close the Gap Day  
Assembly 9:10am

### Week 9

- **Monday 23 – Friday 27 March**  
Kids on Country Camp
- **Monday 23 – Tuesday 24 March**  
LifeEd R-12 Program

### Week 10

- **Monday 30 March – Thursday 2 April**  
One Plan Meetings
- **Friday 3 April**  
Public Holiday (Good Friday)

### Week 11

- **Monday 6 April**  
Public Holiday (Easter Monday)
- **Thursday 9 April**  
Community Breakfast & Assembly
- **Friday 10 April**  
Sports Day (TBC) & Last day of term



## Niina Marni

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Welcome to Kurna Plains School.

I acknowledge that Kurna Plains School is located on Kurna Yarta. I pay my deepest respects to the Kurna people, the Traditional Custodians of this land, and to Elders past and present. I honour the continuing strength of Kurna culture, language and knowledge, and I recognise the immense contributions that Aboriginal families, community members and Elders make to our school every day.

It is a privilege to lead this proud community, and I hope that as you journey with us you gain a strong sense of who we are, what we value, and the programs that make our school a place where every child belongs, feels supported, and celebrated. Our school vision: **Strength Through Learning - Taingiwilta Tirkanthi-arra** - underpins all that we strive to achieve for all our children and young people in our care.

Kurna Plains School is a culturally rich and community focused learning environment grounded in strong relationships, high expectations, and a deep commitment to Aboriginal education. We honour and celebrate Aboriginal identity every day through our curriculum, language initiatives, community connections, and the cultural knowledge shared so generously by our families and Elders.

Our school CORKA values - **Cooperation, Organisation, Respect, Kindness and Acceptance** - guide everything we do. Students learn in a nurturing and inclusive environment where culture is respected, children feel safe to take risks, and learning is personalised to help every learner grow. We work closely with families, recognising that strong partnerships between school and community are essential to success.

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## Niina Marni (continued)

Our dedicated educators work collaboratively to design high quality learning experiences that build essential skills, strengthen cultural identity, and open pathways to the future. Specialist programs such as Kurna Language and Cultural Studies, Kitchen Garden, Science, Physical Education and The Arts, enrich classroom learning and support students to explore their strengths and passions.

Student wellbeing is central to our work. We provide a range of programs and support that nurture each child's social, emotional, cultural, and academic needs. Our staff are trained in trauma informed approaches including the Berry Street Education Model, ensuring consistent and caring support for all students.

We are proud of our beautiful school grounds, our very own Wetlands, flexible learning spaces, and the warm, family centred atmosphere that makes Kurna Plains School such a unique place. Every member of our community contributes to creating a safe, welcoming environment where our children can thrive.

Kurna Plains School is a place of strong culture, strong learning, and strong community. We invite you to learn more about our school and join us in supporting the next generation of proud, capable, and confident learners.

We have many ways whereby families can join us in supporting our community such as joining our Governing Council, attending regular events like Community Breakfasts and school assemblies.



I look forward to welcoming you all to our school community.

**Cinzia Greco**

**Principal, Kurna Plains School**



## New Staff and Students

Welcome to all our new staff, students and their families. We hope you all have a fantastic start to Kurna Plains School. I know our existing community will ensure to connect our new families into our community.

### Names and role of new staff members

**Josh Young** - Secondary Pathways Leader - Leading the secondary school team, including SACE, VET, SAASTA Coordinator, Career Hub, Year 12 Pathways

**Antony Yates** - Welcome back as our Kurna Language Pedagogical Coach

**Rachel Robinson** - Special Options Teacher with the Frogs

**Vinny Urbancic** - Tailored Learning Teacher and Senior Teacher

**Jason Kan** - Secondary Education Teacher for HASS and The Arts

**Tameeka Cameron** - ASETO (Aboriginal Secondary Education Transition Officer)

**Tahnee Mallie** - Tailored Learning Youth Worker

**Sienna Wilckens** - Kitchen Garden Co-Educator

**Wendy Taylor** - SSO 2 Co-Educator

**Lauren Dutschke** - Welcome back as our Intervention Co-Educator

**Stan Spicer** - Classroom Support Co-Educator

**Kelsey Carter-Weissal** - Classroom Support Co-Educator

