



Kaurna 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 Kaurna Plains School.

I acknowledge that Kaurna Plains School is located on Kaurna Yarta. I pay my deepest respects to the Kaurna people, the Traditional Custodians of this land, and to Elders past and present. I honour the continuing strength of Kaurna 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.

Kaurna 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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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 Kaurna 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 Kaurna Plains School such a unique place. Every member of our community contributes to creating a safe, welcoming environment where our children can thrive.

Kaurna 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, Kaurna 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 Kaurna 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 Kaurna 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

