



Karna Plains School R-12

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NEWSLETTER #5 Term 2, Week 1 2026

Term 2 Diary Dates

Week 1

- **Friday 1 May** - Sports Day

Week 2

- **Thursday 7 May** - Assembly
- **Friday 8 May** - Year 9-12 Career Expo

Week 3

- **Monday 11 May**
MOD Visit STEM Congress
- **Tuesday 12 May**
R/1 Adelaide Zoo Excursion
- **Thursday 14 May**
North Eastern Nunga Tag Carnival
- **Friday 15 May** - Pupil Free Day

Week 4

- **Monday 18 May** - IDAHOB+ Day
- **Wednesday 20 May**
Governing Council 5pm
- **Thursday 21 – Saturday 23 May**
Power Cup
- **Thursday 21 May** - Assembly

Week 5

- **Tuesday 26 May** - National Sorry Day
- **Wednesday 27 May – Wednesday 3 June** - Reconciliation Week
- **Wednesday 27 May**
National Simultaneous Storytime

Week 6

- **Wednesday 3 June** - Mabo Day
- **Friday 5 June**
World Environment Day

Week 7

- **Monday 8 June**
King's Birthday – Public Holiday

Week 8

- **Tuesday 16 – Friday 19 June**
STEM Camp
- **Thursday 18 June** - Assembly
- **Friday 19 June**
Governing Council 9.30am

Week 9

- **Friday 26 June** - IYLP Madec Expo

Week 10

- **Monday 29 June – Friday 3 July**
NAIDOC Week
- **Thursday 2 July**
End of Term Assembly and
Community Breakfast
- **Friday 3 July** - Last Day of Term



Welcome to Term 2

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Welcome back to school and to what will be an exciting Term 2 for our school community. There are many cultural events and celebrations that will bring us together giving us the opportunity to learn and reflect as a community.

As we embark on Term 2, we are beginning with many changes to our front office and teaching and learning spaces. Thank you to our community for supporting the moving of our administration area as well as our entry and exit processes for the beginning and end of day.

I would like to acknowledge the significant time, effort, and hard work put in by our administration and leadership teams over the holidays to ensure the school was fully prepared for Day 1.

End of day exit from schoolgrounds – Please remember that ALL students enter the school grounds via the breezeway. ALL PRIMARY classes will exit the school via the wetlands, and ALL OTHER students will use the breezeway. This will hopefully help with eliminating congestion.

Scott Rathman – Rusted Tin – continues to animate our school vision, infusing our spaces with vibrant colour and meaning. His artwork captures and celebrates our students' sense of belonging, while illustrating the powerful ripple effect that acts of kindness have within our community. Through these creative expressions, our shared values come to life making KPS not only brighter, but even more connected and welcoming for everyone. In consultation with our school community, we are continuing to seek opportunities to engage with artists who represent a diverse range of cultural groups. These pieces will be created through workshops with our students and community and be displayed both inside and outside our learning and working spaces.

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Welcome to new staff – We welcome Kate-Ellen Hopgood who has won the role of SAASTA Coordinator at our site for the remainder of the year. If you were at KPS around 2021/2022 Kate was in the Wellbeing leader role and then in the SACE and senior/SAASTA teaching role. Kate brings a wealth of experience and expertise, and we welcome her into the site again.

We are also pleased to welcome Jasdeep Singh Sethi, who has been appointed to the Science NIT role from Reception to Year 8, including working with the Frogs class. Jas, known to students as Uncle J, is already a familiar and friendly face at our school, having previously supported us on relief days.

Staff Farewells – I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate **James Withey** on accepting a teaching position in Pilbara, Western Australia. I know this has been a difficult decision for James and his family however I know you will join me in wishing them a safe journey over as they embark on this new adventure as a family.

It is with great sadness that we farewell two valued members of our Kurna Plains School team. We congratulate **Tamika Wanganeen-Gollan**, who has secured a classroom support role at another school. We are delighted for Tamika, as this opportunity allows her to be at the same site as her children, a wonderful outcome for her and her family.

We also extend our very best wishes to **Taylor Winstanley**, who has chosen to pursue new endeavours. We thank Taylor for her contributions to our school community and wish her every success in the future. Both Tamika and Taylor will be truly missed by many students, staff and families, and we are grateful for the positive impact they have had at KPS.

Stationery and Locker Launch Secondary – On the first day of Term 2, all secondary students participated in a stationery and locker launch. Each student was allocated a locker and given the opportunity to set their own personal combination. Students were also provided with a stocked pencil case to use during lessons.

Expectations regarding the correct use of lockers and pencil cases throughout the school day were clearly explained to all secondary students. It is now an expectation that students use their locker daily and store all personal belongings there. We appreciate your support in reinforcing this new expectation at home.

Carpark – Our carpark is very busy at the beginning and end of the school day. For everyone's safety, please ensure you slow down when entering and exiting the carpark and continue to drive slowly until you have completely left the area. We also ask that families remain mindful of the language used and conversations held around children, particularly while students are waiting to be picked up.

Important dates – Please see front page for important dates this term.



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Principal, Kurna Plains School

6 Helpful Tips for School Zones

As parents and caregivers, we have a great responsibility to ensure children stay safe in school zones. We also play a key role in educating children about road safety.

Here are 6 helpful tips for safety in school zones.

- 1** Consider alternative transport modes to reduce the number of vehicles in school zones.
- 2** Allow enough time to take your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.
- 3** Always observe parking signs and speed limits in and around school zones. They are designed to keep your child safe.
- 4** Talk about traffic safety with your child. Identify and discuss places where it is safe to get out of the car and to cross the road.
- 5** Teach your child how to cross the road using the 'stop, look, listen and think' process – stop at the kerb, look and listen for traffic and then decide whether it is safe to cross.
- 6** Park a few streets away and walk your child to school to reduce congestion and improve safety. This is also good exercise and helps teach your child road safety rules.

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Parking safely around schools



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We all know parking and traffic around school can be frustrating but going against the road rules places not only your child's life at risk, but those of others. Tragedies can occur if care is not taken to abide by these rules.

Common Parking Restrictions



No Parking Signs

You may use this area for drop off and pick up only, for a maximum of 2 minutes. You must not queue or wait here. The driver must remain with the vehicle.

Kiss and Drop Zones

are generally near the school gates and are designated by 'No Parking' signs.

Here are some key reminders when entering a Kiss and Drop Zone:

Follow the rules of 'No Parking' signs

Be mindful of others who are also dropping off their children

Keep an eye out for children crossing the road when exiting the Kiss and Drop Zone

Be mindful that queuing for the Kiss and Drop zone may result in other breaches to the road rules

If your child is unable to enter/exit the vehicle and enter the school independently, consider parking and walking your child in



No Stopping Signs/ Yellow Lines

Both No Stopping Signs and Yellow Lines mean the same thing. There might be one or the other or both. Drivers must not stop on a length of road to which this restriction applies, even if you are stopping for a short period to pick up a child. Stopping here may cause a traffic hazard as well as congestion. You cannot stop near a school crossing, always follow the signs and yellow lines.



Bus Zone Signs

You must not stop within a bus zone at any time. This zone is only available to public buses. If there are no signs, you are not allowed to stop within 20 metres of the approach to a bus stop or within 10 metres of the departure side.

Double Parking

Drivers must not stop next to a vehicle already stopped or parked at the kerb at any time.

This practice is illegal and creates dangerous situations for traffic flow and for pedestrians crossing a road.



Example of cars double parked in a school zone.