



Karna Plains School R-12

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NEWSLETTER #12 Term 4, Week 1 2026

Term 4 Diary Dates

Week 2

Wednesday 21st October

- Reception Transition Excursion

Thursday 22nd October

- 5/6 Soccer Carnival
- Assembly
- Primary Movie Night

Friday 23rd October

- Open Morning

Week 3

Tuesday 27th – Friday 30th October

- Primary Swimming Week

Friday 30th October

- World Teachers' Day
- Go Foundation Excursion
- Year 12's Final Day

Week 4

Thursday 5th November

- Assembly

Friday 6th November

- Aboriginal Veterans Day

Week 5

Wednesday 11th November

- Remembrance Day
- R/1 SA Museum Excursion

Thursday 12th November

- Partnership Performance – Singing Group

Week 6

Wednesday 18th November

- Primary Cricket Incursion

Thursday 19th November

- Assembly

Friday 20th November

- Year 11's Final Day

Week 7

Wednesday 25th November

- White Ribbon Day

Thursday 26th November

- Christmas Concert

Friday 27th November

- School Closure Day

Week 8

Thursday 3rd December

- International Day of People with a Disability

Week 9

Thursday 10th December

- End of Year Assembly and Community Breakfast

Friday 11th December

- Last day of the school year



Naa Marni

Welcome Back to Term 4

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope all of our families and community members had a restful and enjoyable break and were able to spend quality time together with loved ones. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead, with many opportunities for learning, celebration and connection across our school community.

There is a great deal planned for Term 4, so please keep an eye on the **Sentral Parent Portal** as well as our **school newsletter** for important updates, reminders and upcoming events. One of the highlights of the term will be our **Christmas Concert** at the end of the year, and we look forward to sharing this special celebration with our families and community.

Over the break and into this term, our school has continued to be a place of great activity, with works underway to improve the safety of our students and to create engaging learning and play environments. These improvements have been thoughtfully planned in collaboration with students, helping to ensure that our spaces reflect their ideas, needs and interests. Some of these exciting developments include the

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new sand pit, additions to the mud kitchen, and the ongoing development of the **secondary outdoor space**, which is not quite finished yet — so watch this space.

We warmly invite families and community members to come in and see the exciting new spaces being created for our students. We are looking forward to a wonderful Term 4 and thank you for your ongoing support.

Congratulations!

I am proud to congratulate **Aunty Jeevan Jyoti** on being recognised as runner-up in the STEM Teacher category at the Women of Colour in STEM Awards 2026. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of her passion for teaching, commitment to excellence and the positive impact she has on students through STEM learning. We celebrate this well-deserved recognition and thank Jeevan for the inspiration she brings to our school community.



Commissioner's Choice Award in the 2026 Nunga Kids Art Competition

We would like to congratulate **Kyah Mansell-Morgan and Civanti Fred** on being selected as the recipient of the Commissioner's Choice Award in the 2026 Nunga Kids Art Competition.

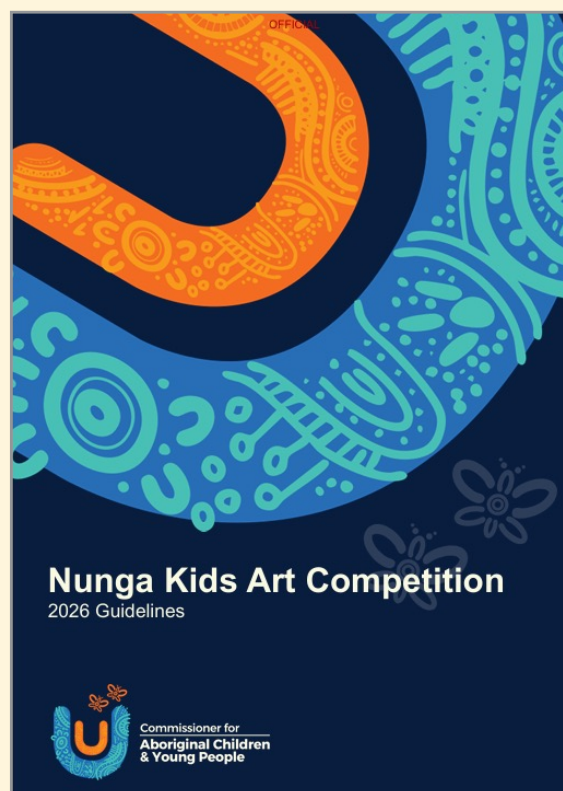
Inspired by the 2026 NAIDOC theme, "50 Years of Deadly", this year's competition showcased the creativity, talent and perspectives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people from across South Australia. Your artwork was chosen by the Commissioner for its outstanding creativity, originality and connection to the theme. In recognition of their achievement, they will receive a \$200 gift card and a certificate. Their artwork will be displayed as part of the 2026 Nunga Kids Art Competition Exhibition at the South Australian Museum from 19 October to 12 November 2026.

Keep a look out for Kyah and Civanti's artwork in the next newsletter.

Wishing you all a wonderful Term 4. I welcome any opportunity to have a yarn with families, so please come and find me or drop in for a chat anytime.



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Cinzia Greco
Principal, Kurna Plains School



Primary Swimming Week

Week 3

Make sure to have bathers ready to go!

Community Notices

Bushfires and the law



Police officers have the lawful authority to take preventative action to stop bushfires from starting. This authority **applies all year round**, not just during the Fire Danger Season¹.

The law states:

If a police officer is satisfied that:

- A person proposes to carry out an activity of a kind prescribed by the regulations, or any other activity that may cause a fire; and
 - Due to weather conditions, the fire, (if caused by the activity), might get out of control,
- Then a police officer may direct that person to stop the activity during a period specified in the direction.

What is an activity of a kind prescribed by regulations??

There are many specific activities, but common ones include:

- Lighting and maintaining a fire.
- Operating a gas fire or electrical cooking element.
- Operating an appliance for welding, soldering, metal cutting, grinding or abrasion.

Roadblocks and closures

For many reasons, travelling into, or through, the scene of an emergency can be dangerous and potentially fatal. Therefore, such travel must be controlled and minimised to reduce risk to the community and ensure clear access for firefighters. Roadblocks are usually managed by police officers though responsibility may also be delegated to other authorised personnel such as firefighters or the State Emergency Service.

Additional powers during a declared bushfire

Police and other authorised officers have powers under the *Emergency Management Act 2004* to:

- Direct or prohibit the movement of persons, animals or vehicles².
- Require a person to provide such information as may be reasonably required in the circumstances⁴.

For real-time information regarding roadblocks and closures, search: [SAPOL - Road closures](#)

¹ Section 105A Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005
² Regulation 54 Fire and Emergency Services Regulations 2021
³ Section 25F Emergency Management Act 2004
⁴ Section 25KA Emergency Management Act 2004



Bushfires and the law

Did you know it is an offence to:

- Light or maintain a fire in the open during the Fire Danger Season, unless you comply with the following requirements:
 - The fire is contained in a properly constructed fireplace, a portable cooking appliance or a trench at least 30 centimetres deep; and
 - The space immediately around and above the fire is cleared of all flammable vegetation to a distance of at least four metres; and
 - The fire does not occupy an area larger than one square metre; and
 - A person who can control the fire is present at the site of the fire from the time it is lighted to the time it is completely extinguished; and
 - There is an appropriate agent adequate to extinguish the fire at hand.
- If a Total Fire Ban Day has been declared in your district, you must not light a campfire or any fire for warmth or comfort **without a council permit**⁵.

Other offences during the Fire Danger Season:

- Lighting a fire to burn off on your property or burn rubbish or grass clippings without a Schedule 9 council permit. On a declared Total Fire Ban Day, a Schedule 10 council permit is required to light a fire – otherwise it is an **offence**⁶.
- Using an appliance for welding or soldering with an exposed flame or an appliance for metal cutting, grinding or abrasion – that produces sparks in the open air – is not permitted unless you comply with the following requirements:
 - The space immediately around and above the appliance is cleared of all flammable vegetation to a distance of at least 10 metres; and
 - There is an appropriate agent to extinguish the fire at hand; and
 - A person who can control the appliance must be present at all times while the appliance is in use or alight.
- Use is not permitted on a Total Fire Ban Day without a **permit**⁷.

More offences to be aware of at any time of the year:

- Dropping or throwing a burning object or material from a vehicle⁸.
- Burning in the open is regulated for environmental and air quality reasons. Failure to obtain the required permit under environmental protection laws is an offence. Contact your local council for advice⁹.
- Using private fireworks¹⁰.

⁵ Regulation 30(1) Fire and Emergency Services Regulations 2021
⁶ Section 79 (1) Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 & Section 31 Fire and Emergency Services regulations 2021
⁷ Regulation 39 (2) Fire and Emergency Services Regulations 2021
⁸ Regulation 45(2) Fire and Emergency Services Regulations 2021
⁹ Section 34 Environment Protection Act 1993
¹⁰ Regulation 9 Explosives (fireworks) Regulations 2016



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.