Kaurna Plains School R-12

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NEWSLETTER #14 Term 4, Week 6 2026



Term 4 Diary Dates

Week 6

Friday 20th November
- Year 11's Final Day

Week 7

Tuesday 24th November
- Reception in 2027 Transition Visit

Wednesday 25th November
- White Ribbon Day

Thursday 26th November
- **Late start 12pm** - Family Fun Night and Christmas Concert

Friday 27th November
- **School Closure Day**

Week 8

Wednesday 2nd December
- Governing Council

Thursday 3rd December
- International Day of People with a Disability
- Year 7 in 2027 Transition Visit

Friday 4th December
- Whole School Transition Visit

Week 9

Thursday 10th December
- End of Year Assembly and Community Breakfast

Friday 11th December
- Last day of the school year
- CORKA Splash Day

Naa Marni

Naa Marni,

I am pleased to announce our B1 Wellbeing Leader appointments for 2027.

Please join me in congratulating **Leahna Lucia**, who has been appointed to the **Primary B1 Wellbeing Leader role**, and **Natasha Trestrail**, who has been appointed to the **Secondary B1 Wellbeing Leader role**.

Leahna joins us from **Seaview Downs Primary School**, and we are very excited to welcome her to our school community.

We are delighted with these appointments and look forward to Leahna and Natasha working collaboratively to support students across our school. In their roles, they will help strengthen student voice and lead other initiatives that align with our proactive goals for 2027.

I know you will all join me in congratulating Leahna and Natasha as they begin these important leadership roles.

Governing Council

Governing Council will be held on **2nd December at 5:00pm**. This will be our final meeting for the year. We hope to see our current members there, as well as anyone who would like to come along to see how it all works and learn more about getting involved.

Portfolio Breakfast – Kaurna Plains Choir

At our recent Portfolio Breakfast, held at the significant Kaurna heritage site Together Woven, our Kaurna Plains Choir gave a truly special performance. It was a meaningful and memorable occasion for our children, families and community to come together in a place that honours Kaurna culture and connection to Country.

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Niina Marni - Principal's Message (continued)

Together Woven, completed in 2013, is a heritage marker recognising Kaurna people as the original inhabitants of the Adelaide Plains. The striking sculpture draws attention to the site through its tall, woven form, which references a boomerang and reflects important elements of Kaurna culture. The artwork has been described as resembling a net or a flock of birds suspended in the sky, with the hollow section suggesting a boomerang in motion and connecting to traditional Kaurna hunting practices.

The site itself has been thoughtfully designed as a place for gathering, learning and reflection. It includes accessible pathways, a large circular performance space, landscaped resting areas, a ceremonial platform and native local flora. The sculpture also points south-west towards Kangaroo Island, a place of significance for Kaurna people. With Kaurna and English language incorporated throughout the space, Together Woven promotes awareness, respect and understanding of the wisdom, history and continuing culture of Kaurna people.

We extend our sincere thanks to our special guests for supporting our choir and our children across childcare, preschool and school. Thank you to Aunty Eunice and Megan for their ongoing support on behalf of our community. We are also deeply grateful to Uncle Antony for his leadership and direction, and to Uncle Michael for leading the smoking ceremony and helping create such a powerful sense of connection and respect on the day.

Our children were absolute superstars, and their singing was heartfelt, powerful and deeply moving. Their regular Monday choir rehearsals at school have truly paid off, and we are so proud of the confidence, joy and teamwork they showed in their performance. We look forward to continuing to grow the choir even bigger and better next year.



Upcoming Whole School Events

We are looking forward to several upcoming events, including Family Fun Night, the Year 6 and Year 12 graduations, the NASSSA VET Awards, and Whole School Transition Day. We warmly welcome all new students and their families to the Kaurna Plains School community.

Marni padni, (go well)

Aunty Cinzia, Principal



Deputy Principal Update

Attendance

Our whole-school attendance for Term 4 is holding steady at **65.5%**, putting us just over **4.5% away from our 2026 goal**.

Every extra day matters. Being at school means more than completing schoolwork – it means staying connected, being part of your class and community, and having every opportunity to learn and succeed.

A huge shout out to the following students who have 100% attendance so far this term!

Temperance Dowling, Zeke Dowling, Scott Lawrie, Armani-Jane Martin, Ammie Smith, Evelyn Burgers, Kairo Calyun, Cole Rennie, Mayleah Robson, Myles Burgers, Jumani Cooper, Lylah Strangways, Darius Dowling, Ceasar Lawrie, Melinda-May Lawrie, Milly Moran, London Strangways, Kayden Rennie, Yasmin Stock, Milah Kalms, Antwone Williams, Hunter Kalms, Indya Royals, Shaniqua Campbell & Shayana van der Steen.



Christmas Concert

Don't forget our Family Fun Night and Christmas Concert next week. We have a late start at 12pm and can't wait to spend the night performing and celebrating. Dinner is provided and we have our Op Shop, Magic Cave and jumping castles as well!



Mural Art Workshop

This term, a group of secondary students took a mural project from concept to completion. They chose a theme, created the design and helped develop a Safe Work Method Statement as they learnt how to work safely on a public art project. After practising spray-painting techniques in an aerosol art workshop, the students brought their design to life on the gym wall.

The students loved the experience, particularly watching their ideas transition from paper to wall and come alive. They also loved working side by side with Co-Educators Riley, Ashalea and Brandon. The result on the gym wall is amazing – come and check it out next time you're in.



Aunty Natalea
Deputy Principal



Aunty Leayshia

A big welcome to our 2027 Receptions!

This week we welcomed our brand new Reception students to Kaurna Plains School for their very first transition visit. It was lovely to meet the children and watch them explore their new classroom, play together and start getting to know their new friends.

The children had a go at our morning routine, joined in at circle time and played games that gave them a chance to practise taking turns. There was plenty of time to look around, try something new and get a little taste of what a morning at school feels like.

That first visit is all about helping children feel comfortable, sparking their curiosity and making a happy first connection with school. Walking into a new classroom and joining in with new people takes courage, and we were so proud of how brave our newest learners were!

We can't wait to see everyone again **next Tuesday from 8:50am to 10:50am**, and then for our **whole-school transition visit on Friday 4th of December in Week 8**.



Aunty Leayshia



Engagement and Wellbeing Leader

How is it almost the end of 2026? We have so much going on this term. Most excitingly for the students are all the events. Every year, the school goes to Water World in Ridgehaven for 'Picnic Week' or Splash Day. This year it will be held on the final day of term, Friday, December 11th. As always, students need to earn CORKA points to participate. If they don't make the minimum points, an activity on site will be organised to celebrate the end of year. Students can earn CORKA points by being **C**ooperative, **O**rganised, **R**espectful, **K**ind and **A**ccepting. Following adult instructions, strong attendance, trying their best and wearing uniform can also get students points.



For our whole school CORKA points, the house tally currently looks like;



On Friday, November 6th we were lucky to be joined by Damien Schumann. Damien is a male beach volleyball player who represented Australia at the 2018 Commonwealth Games at the Gold Coast and the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. With teammate Chris McHugh, the pair won the gold medal at the Commonwealth Games. Competing at the 2020 Olympics, they were knocked out in the group stage after finishing at the bottom of their pool.



Damien spoke to our Year 7-9 students about resilience and persistence. It was a great presentation for our students and staff alike.





Uncle Tom



Frogs



Dear Families,

We are almost there! I am sure you are looking forward to Christmas and family time during the holidays which are coming up very fast!

Our Frogs have been busy consolidating and practising our independent life skills. We have been working on them all year and we are so proud that we can put our shoes in their places (both inside and outside) when we take them off, place our drink bottles in their spots so we can find them, put rubbish in the bin after eating, sit at our desks when we are working and sit at our eating table when it is lunch or recess. We continue to get better at following directions and our visual schedules to support transitions throughout the day. We are now able to move about the school and the preschool yard with less assistance so that we can be confident to join in our CORKA Fridays.

We each have our own iPads with our special communication system (Proloquo2go) on them (and this is all that is on them). We have been discovering pathways to find the words we need as well as putting together words to make simple sentences. Some of the Frogs love finding the folders that have 'celebration' words in them such as Halloween and Christmas and other Frogs love finding words to do with 'food' or 'animals. What ever their interests, this communication system has been a great way to explore new words and find old favourites while continuing to learn and use sign language to augment our communication.

We have loved to learn our two routines which we will be performing for the Christmas concert. We have a favour to ask the school community. When we go up and perform our 'Choo Choo Wa' song, can you join us too? It is a great song with loads of silly movements, and we want everyone to get up off their chairs and have a laugh with us! We can't wait to see what that looks like from the stage!

From the Frogs and the Frogs Team

Aunty Kellie



Aunty Fotina - Goanna Class

We have had a lot happening already this term. We have had our swimming lessons and showed our skills in the pool. We also went on a cultural excursion where we learnt about plants that grow on the beach and how to care for Country. We also had the opportunity to make our own ochre paint and then create artwork with it. We have been practising for our concert coming up. What a busy end to the year!

Aunty Fotina















Aunty Tina's Year 2-4 Snake Class

We love Fridays in our classroom! There is cooking, painting and lots of fun times as we share together, learn together and have fun together. A big thank you to Uncle Michael who comes in to share his yummy recipes and cooks for us too!

Aunty Tina






Uncle Thomas - Kookaburra Class

A couple of weeks ago we had our swimming week! The Year 5/6 class did an awesome job learning some new swimming skills and water safety at Salisbury Aquatic Centre. It was good to see everyone listen to the instructors and have fun in the water!

Uncle Thomas








Student Voice Flip Out Celebration

To celebrate the hard work of the Student Voice reps this year, students voted to have an excursion at Flip Out. We had it a bit earlier in the term knowing the end of year gets busy and some of secondary students are starting to finish for the year – and we couldn't have them miss out. Everyone had so much fun in all the different areas. The reps have been busy all year so it was a nice way for them to relax and have some fun. Check out some of the photos. Thanks to Uncle Kieran for coming along to support.



















Aunty Helena and Aunty Brooke

Week 4 was all about getting out on Country and having a bit of fun with potion making! We headed out to the wetlands, mixed up some colours and had a go at making our own creations. We collected things from the garden to add to our potions and got stuck into some experimenting. The favourite part was mixing bicarb soda and vinegar and watching our potions bubble up and fizz!

Weeks 5 and 6 have looked a little different – we've been working hard behind the scenes and are looking forward to sharing it with everyone soon!

It's been deadly seeing the kids get out, explore and spend time connecting with Country.

Aunty Helena and Aunty Brooke











Premier's Be Active Challenge

In Term 3, primary students took part in the Premier's Be Active Challenge. Students had to be active for 1 hour a day for four weeks, have their booklet signed off at home and return the booklet to Aunty Nat.

Premier's be active Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who received their medal at the Week 4 assembly:

Bronze Medal:

Temperance	Nayvah	Mary
Brae	Darius	Milly
Elijah	Leo W	Kayden R
Scott	Casey	

Legend Medal:

London



Community Notices

MAYFS
Metropolitan Aboriginal Youth and Family Services

You're invited to our
Christmas Celebrations

Join us for a BBQ lunch and some drinks as we celebrate with Elders, young participants, families and service providers. Enjoy the jumping castles, snow cones, fairy floss, slushies and pop corn.

Tuesday 15 December 2026
11am to 2pm
MAYFS, 9 Bayer Road, Elizabeth South

RSVP before 8 December:
1800 685 546 or mayfs.info@sa.gov.au

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS at MAYFS

Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm
No set schedule - open door

04/01/27 - 22/01/27

Gym equipment · Ping pong · Basketball · Art room · Chill zone · Free wifi

Open to Aboriginal youth **10-17**

Lunch and snacks provided

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For more information:
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Children's Creative Space

A place for local children & families to create, play, learn and connect.

Our programs and activities are FREE for children and young people in the community.

Some activities may require a booking, so check the program details before coming along.

Want to find out about our upcoming programs and activities? Scan the QR code to sign up to our mailing list!



Come visit our community space in the heart of Davoren Park, where children and families can explore their creativity, try new things, make friends and have fun.

Free creative arts workshops for children and young people.

6 - 8, 45 Peachey Rd,
Davoren Park SA

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What is the Creative Space?

The Children's Creative Space is a new community space located in the former IGA site at Davoren Park Shopping Centre.

It has been created in response to what local children and families have told us they want — a safe, welcoming and accessible place close to home where children can be themselves, have fun and connect with others.

The space offers a mix of creative activities, hands-on experiences, play, learning and opportunities to simply spend time together.

What happens here?

Our programs can include:
Art projects & skills development
Making & building
Music
Theatre & performance
Clay & sculpture
Creative workshops
School holiday activities
Sensory & creative play

There will be something different happening throughout the year for different ages and interests.





Create. Play. Explore. Connect.

There's no one way to use the Creative Space.

Children might:

- Make, build, paint & create
- Try new creative activities
- Explore through play
- Learn new skills
- Cook and share food
- Take part in workshops & school holiday activities
- Meet other children & families
- Work on their own ideas & projects
- Help shape what happens in the space

We want to give children opportunities to follow their own curiosity and discover what they enjoy.

Community Notices

Children's Creative Space

Join us for Free Festive Family Fun!
Bake, Decorate & Create

Bring the family and enjoy baking and decorating delicious biscuits. Then get crafty and help us decorate our space by creating a unique decoration to add to our festive display.

Pick a session that suits you!
Book your spot via the QR code.
Monday 30th November 3:15pm - 5pm
Friday 4th December 3:15pm - 5pm
Monday 14th December 1pm - 3pm
Friday 18th December 1pm - 3pm



Who: Kids 5 - 12 years and their families (younger siblings welcome)

Where: Carclew - Children's Creative Space (IGA)
6 - 8, 45 Peachey Rd, Davoren Park Shopping Centre

Book your spot!

Bookings essential as places are limited!

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Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

FREE "HIP HOP" DANCE CLASSES

ONE50 DANCE

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

WEDNESDAYS TERM 4
Rec - Year 2 | 3:30 - 4:15pm
Year 3-6 | 4:15 - 5pm

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Creative Childrens Space | 8/45 Peachey Rd, Davoren Park

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THURSDAYS
3-5PM
YEAR 4-7

**During school term

- Arts and craft
- Music
- Games
- Cooking & more

The Creative Space
8/45 Peachey Rd, Davoren Park

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Children's Creative Space



SENSORY MAGIC! WITH EBONY

FREE! A festive fun filled hour of exciting, messy play!

Wednesday 2nd December, 11am - 12noon

Join us for a festive-themed Sensory Magic session! Children can explore a world of festive colours, textures & taste-safe sensory play,

For children 1 - 5 and their families.

Book your spot! Limited places.

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Carclew - Children's Creative Space (IGA)
6 - 8, 45 Peachey Rd, Davoren Park Shopping Centre

Interested in working in education?

Would you like to learn more about employment opportunities in schools and the Department for Education?

Do you want to know how to register and apply for roles?

Join our information session!

Find out more at one of our information sessions about Aboriginal Education Worker (AEW) and ancillary employment pathways in education.

AEW roles in schools include:	Other ancillary roles include:
Aboriginal Community Education Officer (**ACEO**) Aboriginal Secondary Education Transition Officer (**ASETO**)	Student Support Officer (**SSO**) Early Childhood Worker (**ECW**) Hourly Paid Instructor (**HPI**) (mentor/tutor)

This session will cover:

- ACEO and ASETO roles and responsibilities in schools
- Other ancillary roles in schools
- Mandatory employment requirements and how to obtain the required checks
- How to apply through the Employable Ancillary Register (EAR)

Who should attend:

- Aboriginal people who are:
  - interested in working in schools or in the Department for Education
  - parents and caregivers interested in applying for ACEO/ASETO or ancillary roles in schools
  - current Year 12 students and recent school leavers seeking casual or part-time employment while studying at university or TAFE

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday 17 November	Online	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Friday 20 November	**Tauondi Aboriginal Pathway Centre**, 114 Beach Road, Christies Beach (next to Katrine Hillyard MP office)	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Tuesday 24 November	**Marni Waiendi**, Ridley Road, Elizabeth South	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Wednesday 25 November	**Gawler Education Office**, Phoenix Plaza (opposite Target)	10:00am – 11:00am
Monday 30 November	Online	10:30am – 11:30am



Register to attend:

Use the QR code or email: natasha.chisholm@sa.gov.au

Please note attending this session does not guarantee employment.

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