



Principal's Message

Friday, 22nd October 2025

Dear Families,

A warm welcome back to Term 4. We start Term 4 with 407 students.

We also welcome some new and returning teachers this term - Jerry Elder (Year 4/5, M3) and Elise Giarratano (Reception, A3). A full list of staff can be found on the next page of this newsletter.

Term 4 looks to be exciting with lots of different activities planned. I wish all students and staff a successful and rewarding term.

Arrival at school

To assist teachers and optimise students learning we are seeking parents support in ensuring all students are at school before 8:55am. This will ensure students are ready to learn and participate when the learning of the day is being discussed. If you ever have any questions about your child's learning, please don't hesitate to reach out to their class teacher.

Road Safety

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families about road safety rules when coming to school and going home. Please utilise the crossing if you need to cross Fradd Road and remember that 25km/h speed limit applies within school zones, at children's crossings when the lights are flashing and when passing a school bus that has stopped to pick up or drop off children.

Class Placement 2026

Last week parents/carers would have received communication via Class Dojo inviting them to inform us of any specific learning or social needs they would like us to take into consideration as classes are created. This information needs to be provided to the school by no later than **4pm Friday, 31st October 2025**.

STEM Aboriginal Learners Conference

Late last term Nevaya, Eloise, Bentley, Lisa and Miss Ruediger attended the STEM Aboriginal Learners Congress. The Congress gave Aboriginal Students a chance to dive into Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) through hands-on learning and real-world experiences. It aimed to spark their interest, help them see what's possible and encourage them to take on challenging subjects at school and in future studies. The program was shaped by Aboriginal community perspectives, allowing students to explore the skills needed to become future STEM innovators and problem solvers. The Congress was a powerful blend of STEM learning and Aboriginal culture, showing our Aboriginal students how innovation and tradition can work together to shape the future. Please find later in the newsletter a write up of the event from the students. A huge thanks to Lisa and Miss Ruediger for their support and attendance at the event.



Honesty, Respect, Confidence, Resilience





Principal's Message Cont.



2025 Staff List

Leadership team:

David Pitt - Principal
Pamela Kelly - Deputy Principal
Punu McGovern - Senior Leader
Natalie Such - Student Wellbeing Leader

Teachers:

Reception - Sharon Reed in A4
Reception - April Griffiths (Mon - Thurs) and
Leanne Lister (Fri) in A6
Reception - Elise Giaratano in A3
Reception Mid-Year Intake - Angela Laing
Reception Mid-Year Intake - Carol Martin
Year 1/2 - Stacey Lawrence in A2
Year 1/2 - Vincent Scali in G2
Year 1/2 - Sonia Ghimire in G6
Year 1/2 - Alyssa Pascoe in G7
Year 2 - Tenniel McKenzie - Campbell in G1
Year 3 - Sean Thompson Collins G4
Year 3/4 - Kate Larter - Conway in G5
Year 4/5 - Claire Adams in G3
Year 4/5 - Jerry Elder in M3
Year 5 - Bek Miell in M4
Year 5/6 - Jess Ogden in M2
Year 6 - Ashleigh Ruediger in M1

Specialist Teachers:

Tammy Bryant - Italian and Performing Arts
Keri Stone - Science and Autism Inclusion Teacher
Janika Welin - JP Science
Michael Menadue - Physical Education
Zoe Gidman - JP Humanities and Social Sciences
Kylie Slattery - Nuture Teacher

SSO staff:

Jess Gardner - Business Manager (Mon-Tues & Thurs - Fri)
Shanna Sebris - Front Office (Mon - Fri)
Casey Lukich - Finance (Mon & Wed)
Jane Pogas - Library (Mon -Tues & Thurs - Fri)
Lisa Francis - Aboriginal Community Education Officer
Caitlyn Walker - Aboriginal Community Education Officer
Karen Karklins - Intervention
Sharyn Sherin - Intervention
Jackie Harker - Interoception
Jacky Bubner - Classroom support
Abiey Aguto - Classroom support
Alesha Lively - Classroom support
Brooke Cochrane - Classroom support
Paige Maiolo - Classroom support
Chelsea Ellis - Classroom support
Nerissa Sellars - Classroom support
Emily Raymond - Classroom support
Mackenzie Pill - Classroom support
Kimberlee Malnai - Classroom support
Julie Holland - Classroom support
Taryn James - Classroom support
Gemma Nicholls - Classroom support
Rebecca Applebee - Classroom support
Cooper Pugliese - Classroom support
John Crowley - Grounds person (Tues & Thurs)

Dates to Remember



World Teacher's Day
Friday 31st October

Summer Carnival
Friday 7th November

Remembrance Day
Tuesday 11th November

School Closure
Friday 21st November

Swimming
Monday 24th November - Friday 28th
November

Colour Blast
Friday 28th November



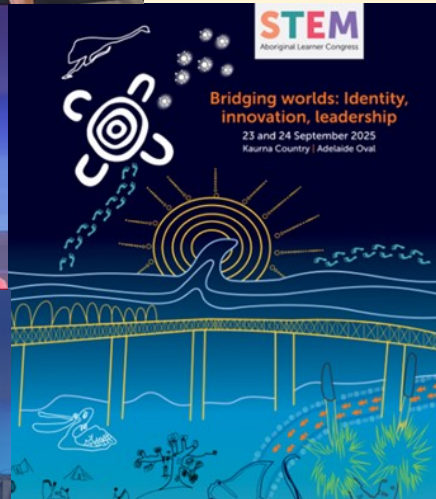
Aboriginal Learners STEM Congress 2025

Eloise - "My favorite activity at stem was the paper making because it was calming and fun. I also liked the freeze tag because it was cool and enjoyable. Lastly I really liked the Acknowledgement of country performance by Jakirah Telfer"

Nevaya - "My favorite activity was the boomerang decorating. I also liked when Nitro Nat did multiple cool science experiments".



Eloise making paper



Nevaya being interviewed