

# Koolunga Primary School

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## Attendance:

If students are absent from school ...please text or ring the school with an explanation.

This action supports our Attendance Policy, thankyou.

## KPS Reminders:

**Mondays:** School library  
Heat-up lunch

**Wednesdays:** Heat-up lunch

**Fridays:** Playgroup  
Mobile Library  
(Term 3 - odd wks)

## Upcoming Events

**18**

WEEK 9, THURSDAY  
School Choir

**19**

WEEK 9, FRIDAY  
School Closure

**26**

WEEK 10, FRIDAY  
Assembly @ 2pm

Early Dismissal  
@ 2:20pm

Dear Parents,

A special mention to Ali Jones, Emma Weckert and the wider GC for organising an unbelievable school fundraiser.

Thank you to those Parents, Community members and friends of Koolunga that were involved in the bidding.

**Your support is truly noticed and appreciated.**

## Thank You to our Sponsors

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## Staffing News + Update + Congratulations

All staff and I are super excited that Daisy Gulin has also accepted permanency at Koolunga PS. The role and scope of Daisy's work is well beyond her job description.

KPS is in a fortunate space to retain and value both Marissa and Daisy moving forward.



Welcome Kirsty Le Cornu and  
Congrats to our permanent staff  
team.



## Welcome to Koolunga Kirsty Le Cornu

Hello Koolunga Primary School Community,

I'm so excited to introduce myself as your new principal for Term 4! My name is Kirsty Le Cornu, and I can't wait to get to know our amazing students, families, and staff as we work together to make next term a great one.

I've been working in education for over 15 years in various roles across WA, the NT and, for the past 3 years, SA. During this time, I've developed a strong passion for creating a safe and welcoming environment where every student can thrive and succeed. Joining Koolunga feels like an incredible opportunity to be part of such a close-knit and supportive community.

This term, I'm looking forward to working closely with everyone—whether that's supporting our students' learning, connecting with families, or celebrating the everyday successes that make this school special. Outside of school, I enjoy renovating my cottage in Laura and spending time with family and friends, and I'm always up for a friendly chat.

Please feel free to reach out or say hello when you see me—I'd love to hear your thoughts or just have a chat about what makes Koolunga an amazing place to learn and grow.

Warm regards,

Kirsty [ [kirsty.lecornu669@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:kirsty.lecornu669@schools.sa.edu.au) ]

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## PAT M and PAT R Achievement at KPS

The PAT M – Mathematics and PAT R – Reading, are two of the recommended standardised assessments by DFE used at Koolunga PS.

The mathematics assessment is a snapshot of all concepts evaluating knowledge, understanding, critical thinking and application.

The Reading Comprehension is a variety of texts, reading, vocabulary, tense and inferencing to choose the correct answer for understanding.

For each year level there is a suggested benchmark or target to achieve that indicates students are progressing as they should for their age and year level.

**KPS is proud of our Upper Primary students from years 3-6 who sat the test.**

As the tests are online, the answers are immediately seen.

Educators will continue to view the test content and students answers to find patterns in practice and set revision where needed.

Parents are welcome to email Sarah-Jane or myself for your child's benchmark and raw score for both assessments.

**Below is a snapshot of Question 2 in the Year 5 PAT Maths.**

Alex has poured some flour onto his kitchen scale.



How much **more** flour must now be added to reach 4.5 kg?

- ☐ 1.5 kg
- ☐ 1.15 kg
- ☐ 0.5 kg
- ☐ 0.15 kg
- ☐ 0.05 kg

**How did you go?**





## There is a buzz to learning at KPS

The Upper Primary students have been navigating their patience, problem solving and persistence via Learner Agency and Drone Flying.

**Step 1** – Safety and Scaffolding

**Step 2** – The Parts – know your Drone

**Step 3** - Flying

**Step 4** - Set challenges to assess control

**Step 5** – Retrieving Drone from trees 😊

Once all students are able to fly and control the drone .... the drones will be used across Maths for Measurement.



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## GC Summary

On Monday morning, The Governing Council met for a quick Term 3 meeting.

The summary of business was;

Previous Minutes

Correspondance

Finanace

Principal Report [Camp, Staffing, thankyou and Fundraiser]

Reports

Thankyou GC for your support.



## SAPSASA Athletics

On the 5/9/2025 I had SAPSASA Athletics at Saddleworth. I was doing shotput, discus and long jump.

First, I had long jump I jumped 2 meters and 2 cms which I though was pretty good.

My second event was discus I used all my strength to throw the discus as far as I could and got it pretty far.

My last event was shotput I got in the middle of the range of people which was good.

After that event I packed up and headed home.

Harrison.

## SAPSASA Athletics

On the 5th of September I went to Saddleworth for SAPSASA athletics. I competed in the 100m, 800m, Long Jump & Relay.

When we got there, I caught up with a few friends and I even made a friend called Jessie Pink. I was so nervous to start all my races (my legs were shaking, and my heart was beating fast). In Long Jump the first jump I did I jumped far but lost balance and fell forward.

At the end I congratulated Roman for making it in the 800m (he was the only Koolunga Student that made it in).

The day was so fun I enjoyed it a lot.

Hanna Burford

Year 5

Koolunga Primary School



## SAPSASA Athletics

We went to Saddleworth for Athletics day.

I competed in three events which were long jump, shotput and high jump.

In the long jump on my last one I didn't touch the mat luckily it wasn't a foul, but I didn't go that far.

My two other ones were pretty good.

With shotput I didn't do that well either, but it was funny how we keep hitting each other's ball markers. We were a little late to high jump. I didn't get over the bar but it was really fun.

By Elsie

## SAPSASA Athletics

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2025 I started my 800-meter race against many other kids started at 11:10.

I came first and qualified to go to Adelaide to compete against the other districts/regions.

Many of my friends congratulated me. I did the discus after that but my luck ran out and I wasn't as good as some other kids whom could throw 24 meters or more.

I would like to thank Saddleworth for hosting this event and Koolunga Primary School for giving me the opportunity to participate.

By Roman Eaton

**Congratulations** to Roman on his success and the opportunity to run again in Adelaide.

**Congratulations** to all participants for trying your best and providing an opportunity for yourself.







## Meet Siobhan - Your Local Mortgage & Finance Broker

Hi everyone! I'm Siobhan Bryson, a mortgage and finance broker working with families all across Australia – including many right here in your local community. Whether you're buying your first home, upgrading, investing, or even looking to finance a car, ute, caravan or business equipment – I'm here to help make it easier.

My job is to take the stress out of finance by finding the right loan to suit your needs and explaining everything in plain, simple terms. I work with a wide range of lenders (including the big banks), and my services are completely free for you to use.

Most importantly – there's no such thing as a silly question or a "wrong" situation. Whether you're just curious, going through a tricky patch, or wanting to plan for the future, I'm always happy to have a chat and offer some guidance. You never know what might be possible unless you ask.

You might also spot my trusty sidekick, Koda the Great, who's part of the team too (and takes her job of client cuddles very seriously!).

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## **ROOM 1 WOODWORK/TECH**

Room 1 has been hard at work in their Woodwork and Technology classes over the past few weeks. As part of an exciting hands-on project, Room 1 have been building and designing their own vehicles from scratch!

From designing, cutting, sanding and now staining, the projects are coming along nicely.

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# HASS – CARING FOR SPECIAL PLACES



AS PART OF OUR LEARNER AGENCY IN THE JUNIOR CLASS STUDENTS WERE ASKED TO IDENTIFY SPECIAL PLACES WITHIN THE SCHOOL AND TAKE ON THE PROJECT OF NOMINATING A SPECIAL PLACE THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO CARE FOR UNTIL THE END OF THE TERM. AS A CLASS GROUP WE ALSO CHOSE A PLACE TO CARE FOR. THE PHOTOS SHOW OUR PROGRESS SO FAR.



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# Koolunga PS

# Term 3 2025

| Weeks | Dates                   | Monday   | Tuesday           | Wednesday                                 | Thursday                 | Friday                               |
|-------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1     | 21 <sup>st</sup> July   | Start T3 |                   |                                           |                          | Mobile Library - odd wks             |
| 2     | 28 <sup>th</sup> July   | GC Mtg   |                   |                                           |                          | Newsletter - even weeks              |
| 3     | 4 <sup>th</sup> August  |          |                   |                                           |                          | Sportsday @ Spalding                 |
| 4     | 11 <sup>th</sup> August |          | Nungus @ Koolunga |                                           |                          | Music - each Friday                  |
| 5     | 18 <sup>th</sup> August |          |                   | School Choir Rehearsal                    |                          |                                      |
| 6     | 25 <sup>th</sup> August |          |                   | BOOKWEEK<br>DRESS UP<br>FB Online Auction | →                        |                                      |
| 7     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept    | →        |                   |                                           |                          | FB Online Auction Ends               |
| 8     | 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept    | GC Mtg   |                   | RSPCA Fundraiser \$2                      |                          |                                      |
| 9     | 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept   |          |                   |                                           | School Choir Performance | SCHOOL CLOSURE                       |
| 10    | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept   |          |                   | Zooper Doopers \$1                        |                          | Assembly @ 2pm<br>Dismissal @ 2.20pm |

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