

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: Lunch Break
Ordered meals from our Kitchen

Fridays: Playgroup
Mobile Library
(Term 1- even wks)

Upcoming Events

FEB

9th

Monday Week 3

-Still Hot

-Governing Council @7pm

**16th
- 20th**

Mon – Friday Week 4

-Swimming @ Spalding

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to '26 ... a New Year with many exciting changes and opportunities ahead.

All staff trust that Christmas and the holidays were a relaxing and enjoyable break either spent travelling, time with family and friends or just at home to unwind.

A quick thankyou to Kirsty Le Cornu and the staff team in my absence.

A massive shoutout to those parents and families that looked over the school grounds, shared watering duties to keep our plants and fruit trees alive.

Currently, our fruit trees are blessed with an abundance of fruit and should be ready in a fortnight or so.

The list of thanks also includes the Lange family that returned to mow, whipper snipper and put all family members to work.... Thanks Tang!

This is yet another example of our supportive parent community which is noticed and appreciated by all staff.

On a personal note, it's great to be back and welcomed with many smiles on the first day.

Even better, I was treated to a delicious coffee made for me by our newly appointed Year 6 Barista.

I look forward to those skills and Thursday coffees continuing.

Music lessons.

Once again for Terms 1- 3 we will be working alongside Paul Gibson to continue our Music delivery and Arts improvement.

Thankyou Paul, your programme is very much valued at KPS.



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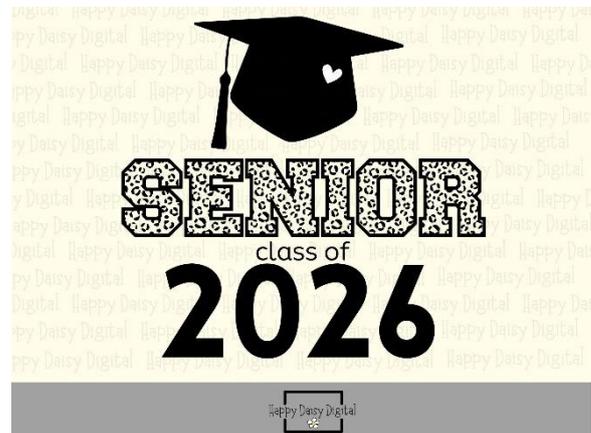
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Room 1 Art Check out these pastel self portraits

Year 6 Tops Are Here!

Check out our brand-new Year 6 senior tops! These tops were proudly designed by our talented group of Year 6 students and look fantastic.



Ants, Ants and more Ants

The continued hot weather has brought our ant colony back by the numbers.

While KPS slowly eradicates them it would be awesome if students [particularly] Junior Primary students could put their scraps in the bin rather than back their lunch box.

Lunch boxes that have ants in them have half eaten fruit, fruit skins, open foods and lunch boxes are left open in the lockers making it easier for the ants to feast and tell their friends.



During Wednesday's fitness lesson, the students stayed inside and teach their classmates how to play Dominos, rather than heading out into the heat for physical activities.

The library was lively as students explained

- *Rules
- *Demonstrated numeracy skills
- *Oral language
- *Taking turns

This engaging alternative not only encouraged teamwork and critical thinking, but also gave many of the Room 1 students a chance to learn something new and have fun together in a comfortable and cool environment. It was wonderful to see students taking risks, building connections, game vocabulary and supporting each other while staying safe from the heatwave outside.

Boneyard, Double Six and Harrison's favourite... Double Blank were just a few of the words I could hear being spoken with enthusiasm and gusto.

Lise Meek





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Welcome to the 2026 Lunch Break Kitchen LBK @ Koolunga Primary School

Daisy and Lise are really looking forward to cooking with the Room 2 students this year.

We will be offering a delicious selection of Lunches (\$7.00) and Gourmet Toasted sandwiches (\$5.00) for the students to enjoy.

Order forms will be sent home for lunches at the beginning of the week and are due by that Friday – CASH ONLY and NAMED CLEARLY. The lunch ordered will be cooked the following Wednesday.

What's new in 2026

This year we will also be cooking cakes in our sessions. The two students cooking will make a chosen cake to each take home. The bonus is that a cake will also be cooked for a student in Room 1 who doesn't have a sibling in the cooking program.

These will be sent home in a clearly labelled KPS Tupperware container. Please wash and return the container the next day.

Daisy and Lise have worked hard on deciding the delicious lunches being offered and look forward to sharing their cooking skills with the students.

PLEASE NOTE

- We are only able to accept CASH – no IOU's are possible – no late orders.
- If students have ordered and are absent on cooking day – food for the student will NOT be cooked and refunds WILL NOT be available as we have already purchased ingredients.
- Please discuss with Ronnie if any of this is an issue.

Snapshot of the 'Lunch Break' Menu

Toasties will be offered for each cooking session.

Week 1 Wednesday 28 th Jan	Organisation and Planning
Week 2 Wednesday 4 th Feb	FREE Toasties
Week 3 Wednesday 11 th Feb	Taco Bowls
Week 4 Wednesday 18 th Feb	SWIMMING No Cooking
Week 5 Wednesday 25 th Feb	Burgers
Week 6 Wednesday 4 th March	TikTok Chicken Rice Bag
Week 7 Wednesday 11 th March	Sausage Rolls
Week 8 Wednesday 18 th March	Rice Noodle Chicken Bowls
Week 9 Wednesday 25 th March	Nachos
Week 10 Wednesday 1 st April	Spaghetti Bolognese
Week 11 Wednesday 8 th April	FREE Toasties

Here is to good cookin' in 2026

Daisy and Lise

ENGLISH INFO

~ORAL LANGUAGE~

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Oral language skills include learning how spoken words sound, what words and sentences mean, and how to communicate ideas. A child's early language skills form the bedrock for learning to read and write.
- Research tells us that children with better oral language skills have an easier time learning how to read.

FUN WORDS TO TRY

C	P	M	E	U	W	P	U	J	G
D	K	M	H	O	O	M	P	H	U
N	V	W	R	N	N	G	K	V	R
K	A	P	U	T	T	C	N	I	U
W	T	J	Z	Q	X	N	P	C	U
M	W	A	B	Q	I	J	P	U	B
B	K	K	O	E	M	U	J	H	N
G	I	Y	P	I	Z	Z	A	Z	Z
W	X	D	J	F	I	A	S	C	O
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Y	W	A	E	B	E	B	M	E	H
W	R	D	R	G	I	R	E	S	Z
Z	B	L	D	V	H	Q	T	I	K

AGOG
BOP
DOODAD

FIASCO
GURU
JABBER

KAPUT
OOMPH
PIZZAZZ
WONKY

PARENT IDEAS

- 1 Ask questions which can't be answered with yes or no.
- 2 Play talking games: 20 questions, I spy, Guess who.
- 3 Talk about what you are doing - discuss colour, texture, sequence, thoughts.
- 4 Chat while in the car: what you see, where you're going, what you've been up to, etc.
- 5 Sing! Make up stories! Tell jokes! Be silly!
- 6 Don't answer 'for' your child, let them speak.

INTERESTING FACTS

Typically, 5 year olds will know up to 10,000 words.

In general we use only about 3,000 to 5,000 words for 95-98% of daily conversation and writing.

The average speaking speed for English speakers is typically 120 to 150 words per minute.

English uses 44 sounds to create all the words we speak.

2.29 sec=The world record for the fastest time to recite the alphabet with your fist in your mouth!

Mrs F Term 1: Overview



4-6 English

We will be using a mentor text this term (The Tale of Despereaux) and working on tasks with a comprehension focus and the identification of Author choices and language use. We will be producing a range of text types.

R-2 English

Our literacy rotations will continue this term: Coffee shop with Mrs F (Reading & writing focus); Garden with Daisy (Spelling and letter focus); Star time at desk (handwriting, fine motor focus). Oral language (sharing) will be Friday afternoons.



4-6 Design Tech

Woodwork will be our design focus for semester 1. The UP students will be working through a cyclic Design Process and producing an individualised wooden piece. Woodwork lessons will be on Wednesdays so tied up hair is a must on these days.

4-6 Digital Tech

Cyber safety and digital citizenship are our 2 focus areas this term. We will be incorporating: responsible online collaboration, ethics and information sharing, Minecraft Education tutorials and safe digital footprints.



R-2: Science/Design Tech

Science and Design tech will be combined for this term around the topic: Materials. We will be looking at what things are made of; the difference between natural and made materials; their properties and uses and actions we can use to change them.

General Info

R-2 book bags have started coming home with readers, diaries and homework books. You will find information inside regarding home reading and letter work if needed. 4-6 students are asked to read for 20 minutes each night. Library day is Monday and mobile library is Friday on even weeks. Boxes are in room 1 for returns.



ROOM 1 SHARING TIMETABLE



Weekly sharing for the R-2 students will be on Friday afternoons. The students are welcome to bring in something to share and talk about when it is their turn in the chair. We are happy to store an item in the office until sharing time to keep it safe if needed and out of lockers etc.

All room 1 students will be expected to participate when it is their turn but can choose to simply share some of their school work, read a book or tell a story if they would rather not bring something from home. Please check the timetable below to find your child's sharing weeks.

Year 2
Weeks:
2, 5, 8

Year 1
Weeks:
3, 6, 9

Reception
Weeks:
4, 7, 10

For Room 1 Parents of Junior Primary Students



Circle



Triangle



Square



Trapezoid



Pentagon



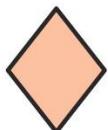
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Kite



Heart



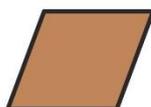
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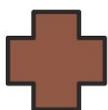
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Arrow



Parallelogram



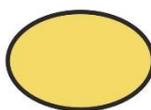
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Rectangle



Hexagon



Oval

2D Shapes.

Its Quiz time!!

These are the most common 2D shapes that student from Reception to Year 2 should be aware of and correctly name.

A show bag of shapes will be sent home to assist parents and students learning from home as well as quiz time at school.

Happy home learning.

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Weeks	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	26 th JAN	AUSTRALIA DAY	First Day Back			
2	2 nd FEB			Free Toasties		Mobile Library
3	9 th FEB	Governing Council @7pm		Taco Bowls		
4	16 th FEB	Swimming @ Spalding by bus		No Cooking (Swimming)		
5	23 rd FEB			Burgers		
6	2 nd MAR	Dream & Lead Conference Yr 6		Tiktok Chicken Rice Bag		Mobile Library
7	9 th MAR	Adel Cup Public Holiday		Sausage Rolls		
8	16 th MAR	Governing Council AGM @7 pm		Rice Noodle Chicken Bowls		Mobile Library
9	23 rd MAR			Nachos		Clean up Koolunga Day
10	30 th MAR			Spaghetti Bolognese		Good Friday
11	6 th APRIL	Easter Monday		Free Toasties		