

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
Kitchen

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

Upcoming Events

FEB

16th - 20th

Mon - Friday Week 4
Swimming @ Spalding

MARCH

2nd

Monday Week 6
Dream and Lead Conference Yr6
Governing Council AGM @ 7pm

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the end of Week 3.

Swimming at Spalding PS

There has been a significant change regarding our Swimming model. Next week, we begin our Swimming and Water Safety instruction with Spalding Primary School.

The Hanley Bus will depart KPS at 9am sharp – don't be late!

A brief timetable for our Swimmers:

10-11am – Years 5/6

11.05-12.05 – Years 2/4

12.10 -12.55 – Years R/1

All flotation devices, life jackets + noodles are on hand to assist water safety and confidence.

Students will need rashies, towels, a bag for wet clothes, sunscreen and their recess, lunch, hat and drink bottle.
Please consider labelling items for R-2's, thankyou.

Koolunga looks forward to sharing recess, the pool and lunch with our Spalding neighbours.

A KPS Favour during Swimming –

PLEASE DO NOT PACK any egg, diary [yoghurts], nuts or sesame products for your child's lunch box due to severe allergies.

As guests on site, thank you for this consideration.

Thank you to the Spalding Team for being so welcoming.



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YRS 4-6 SCIENCE

THE WATER CYCLE

In room 2 students were experimenting with the water cycle and reversible and irreversible changes of state to a liquid, solid or a gas. We used zip lock bags with a scene drawn on them to watch the stages of the water cycle. Do you know which parts of the water cycle are evaporation, condensation, precipitation, infiltration, ground run off and transpiration?



THIS IS WHAT STUDENTS DISCOVERED

ANNIECE – WATER DROPLETS ON THE INSIDE OF A CONTAINER OR A PLASTIC BAG IS CALLED CONDENSATION.

HARRISON – THE GROUND WATER EVAPORATES INTO THE CLOUDS THEN IT RAINS AND THEN IT COMES DOWN INTO GROUND RUN OFF AND THEN IT CAN DO IT ALL AGAIN.

HANNA- TRANSPIRATION IS WHEN THE GROUND WATER LEVEL COMES UP ONTO THE SURFACE.

AYLAH – IF YOU PUT AN ICE CUBE IN YOUR HAND AND MOVE THE ICE CUBE AROUND IN YOUR HAND THEN IT WILL MELT QUICKER THAN IF YOU PUT IT IN THE SUN.

ELSIE – IF YOU PUT AN ICE CUBE INTO NORMAL TEMPERATURE WATER IT WILL MELT FASTER THAN IF YOU PUT IT IN HOT WATER.

ALICIA – IF SALT TOUCHES ICE IT TURNS THE ICE INTO LIQUID. CONDENSATION FORMS WHEN THE OUTSIDE OF THE TIN IS HOT AND THE INSIDE IS COLD.

WESLEY – INFILTRATION IS WHEN THE WATER GOES DOWN INTO THE GROUND.

ELLA – PRECIPITATION MEANS RAIN.



NAPLAN 2026 Privacy Collection Notice

This notice explains how personal information about student(s) and their parents/carers is collected and used for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing and preparation activities in 2026.

NAPLAN testing

NAPLAN is a national test conducted annually for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for the development and central management of the NAPLAN program. In South Australia, the Department for Education is the Test Administration Authority for NAPLAN and is responsible for the administration of the NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN tests are completed nationally online, except for Year 3 writing which is paper based. Small numbers of students may use alternative test formats, such as paper or special print materials.

More information on NAPLAN is available at: www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/.

Readiness testing activities

Schools participate in readiness activities before the main NAPLAN test.

The purpose of the readiness activities is to familiarise students with the test format, question types and the online testing experience and for schools to confirm they are ready to administer NAPLAN.

Collection and disclosure of personal information

As the State's Test Administration Authority, the Department for Education is required by law to collect and use personal information about student(s) and their parents/carers through each participating school, for the purpose of administering and delivering the NAPLAN test.

For every student participating in NAPLAN testing and readiness activities, the personal information below will be uploaded to the NAPLAN Online National Assessment Platform.

- Student name*
- Gender*
- School name, class and year level*
- Disability adjustments (where applicable) *
- Date of birth*
- Language background other than English
- Country of birth
- Parents'/carers' occupation, education and language background
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status
- Student's braille format*
- Jurisdictional and local school student identifiers*

The personal information for students who are exempted, absent or withdrawn from NAPLAN testing is also collected and used for reporting purposes. For information on how ACARA collects and uses personal information about student(s) and their parents/carers for NAPLAN, please refer to [ACARA's privacy notices](#).

The items marked with an asterisk (*) above are also provided to FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd (FUJIFILM) for the purposes of printing paper test materials, writing test assessments and the printing of student reports. FUJIFILM is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the SA Department for Education in providing these contracted services.

FUJIFILM's privacy policy can be found at: <https://www.fujifilm.com/au/en/privacy>

Data security

Security and privacy are key requirements for the delivery of NAPLAN testing.

NAPLAN Online National Assessment Platform

The NAPLAN Online National Assessment Platform is managed and operated by Education Services Australia Limited (ESA) and has been designed to comply with relevant national data security policies and guidelines. ESA is a not-for-profit company established by all Australian Education Ministers.

ESA's privacy policy can be found at: <https://www.esa.edu.au/privacy>.

Access and correction

To request access or correction to personal information collected for NAPLAN and held by schools, please contact your school principal.

More information

Speak with your school principal in the first instance if you have any questions about this information.

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It's the Season to be Safe.

PREPARING FOR A BUSHFIRE

Help us keep your child safe this fire danger season:



Make a bushfire survival plan and practice with your family.



Provide your school or preschool with your up-to-date contact details.



Review who is authorised to collect your child on your behalf.



Advise your school or preschool if your family's personal bushfire survival plan will impact school attendance.



Like and follow the CFS, SES and SAPOL Facebook pages.



Call the emergency information line 1800 000 279 for information if the school or preschool is threatened by a bushfire.



Identify your local radio station that broadcasts ABC emergency information.



Read and save the 'Bushfire and your child's school or preschool' brochure.



To access the 'Bushfire and your child's school or preschool brochure' go to:
www.education.sa.gov.au/bushfire-high-risk-sites



As a part of our Bushfire Policy and safety procedures, all staff and students were involved in our practice Fire Drill this week.

All roles, systems and responsibilities were clarified and executed with a high degree of understanding and safety.

In the event of a fire, all students/staff/visitors will be moved to Room 1 and await further advice from emergency services.

LUNCH BREAK KITCHEN NEWS

What a blast the Lunch Break Kitchen has been – we have had every student order and enjoy a Gourmet Toastie or Taco Bowl.

Students have recorded their thoughts on the lunches - with many highlighting the following

- We loved sitting around the big table and eating together
- The toasties were crunchy and delicious
- We love the chips with our toasties and the cucumber and little tomatoes
- I loved that we had a lot of ham
- The bread tasted different, but delicious
- Loved how we ate in the staffroom
- My favourite was the Taco bowl with the sour cream and lettuce
- We got corn chips with our Taco Bowl
- Having a mixture of different foods in the Taco bowl was great



The classic comments were

- Flo loved her Taco Bowl and sour cream so much she had sour cream above her eyebrow.
- We all watched Landon try and eat his first Ham and Cheese Toastie – and he loved it.

It was also wonderful to have some photos sent through from students cooking their very own Taco Bowls for dinner the next night!

The freshly baked cakes were also a bit hit. Thanks to Chef Aylah and Chef Harrison who both made a Chocolate Cake – and a Lemon cake was baked for Blaike and Isiah to take home to their families to enjoy.

Toasties only in Week 5 – as most of the Room 2 students are in Clare at a singing workshop.

Thanks for your support with our Lunch Break Kitchen in 2026.

Daisy and Lise





What a great first cook of Gourmet Toasties



TACO BOWLS AND TOASTIES - MADE BY AYLAH AND HARRISON



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ENGLISH INFO

~READING~

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Learning to read is complex. Children don't learn one reading-related skill and then move on to the next in a step-by-step way. Instead, they are learning to do many things at the same time: decoding, reading with comfortable fluency, absorbing new vocabulary, understanding the text, and discovering that reading is pleasurable and builds knowledge about the world.

CAN YOU WORK OUT THESE BOOK TITLES?

James+ peach

pigs pigs pigs

CAT

D ←
D
D

SNOW

DR. DO

must get here
must get here
must get here

BPOUOSTSS

James and the Giant Peach, The Three Little Pigs,
Cat in the Hat, Heidi, Snow White, Doctor Dolittle,
The Three Musketeers, Puss in Boots

PARENT IDEAS

- 1 Make reading time a habit which you enjoy together.
- 2 Model reading - children learn by watching their parents.
- 3 Ask questions about the reading - show interest in the story or the material.
- 4 Read everything out loud. The recipe, the shopping list, the street signs, the menu.
- 5 Make a home library or special shelf so it's important.
- 6 Ring a favourite relative and read over the phone for fun.

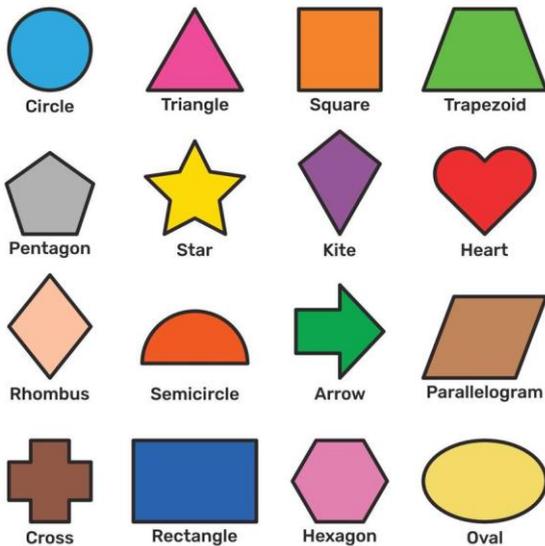
INTERESTING FACTS

- Reading for just six minutes can reduce stress by up to 68%
- If you read regularly, you're two and a half times less likely to be diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia.
- Your eyes look in different directions when reading
- The oldest bookstore is located in Lisbon, Portugal and has been operating since 1732.
- The first Aboriginal author to be published was David Unaipon in 1924.
- The most sold children's series ever: Harry Potter

R-2's ...Are you Shaping up ?

Each year, according to our Parent surveys, there is a pattern that parents would like Homework or learning tips for their child/children.

Staff are eager to provide tips for improvement. How is your Learning progressing?



Look Mr A I cut my schnitzel into the shape of a pentagon.

Hope you have had a great weekend.

Shapes are everywhere

Way to go Fletcher....

Possibly the world's best Mathematical Text ever received!



Student Absence

Please complete this form and return it to the school when your child resumes.

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Reason: _____

Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____

Parents, you may be wondering about the purpose of the slip that was sent home earlier this week.

If your child will be/is absent from school, please complete the slip and return it to the office or your child's classroom teacher. If you require additional slips at any time, please visit the office and we will be happy to provide more.

Welcome and Thankyou

A very warm welcome to Bubbles for teaming with Mel to support and coordinate our Playgroup.

Bubbles and family have been long supporters of our Playgroup.

Welcome aboard!

Parents ...Please monitor your Emails

As KPS has transitioned to a new system, consent forms/notes and info will be centrally emailed to you from EdSmart.



If interested in these cute Bunnies.....

Please call 88466052 to leave your name and number.

R-6 Cross Age Reading

On Monday afternoons during library lessons we have implemented a new shared reading program which involves small groups of students sharing a story together. The groups are led by year 4-6 students, one who reads the story and one who uses question prompts to help younger students predict, discuss, explain, clarify and share. It's great to see our students working together, showing leadership and enjoying relaxed time together.



Primary Schools Music Festival – PSMF

The students in room 2 are very excited to begin the PSMF choir again for 2026. Our books have arrived and we are already learning the new songs.



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WORK SHARE

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On Safari...

In Science this term we are learning about the different materials things are made of. We grabbed our bino's and helmets and went on safari to see what we could spot in the school yard. We discovered many different materials and found out that lots of things are made from multiple materials at the same time!



Koolunga PS Term 1 2026

| 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 | Clean up Australia Day | NAPLAN Practice | Toasties only Yr 4-6 Fringe Visit | | |
| 6 | 2 nd MAR | Dream & Lead Conference Yr 6 GC AGM @7PM | | Tiktok Chicken Rice Bag | | Mobile Library |
| 7 | 9 th MAR | Adel Cup Public Holiday | | Sausage Rolls NAPLAN Begins | | |
| 8 | 16 th MAR | | | Rice Noodle Chicken Bowls | | Mobile Library Magic Show |
| 9 | 23 rd MAR | NAPLAN Ends | | Nachos | | |
| 10 | 30 th MAR | | | Spaghetti Bolognese Choir Assessment | | Good Friday |
| 11 | 6 th APRIL | Easter Monday | | Free Toasties | | Last Day T1 |

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