

Koolunga Primary School

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Attendance:

If students are absent from school ...please text or ring the school with an explanation and send in the blue absence form upon their return.

This action supports our Attendance Policy, thankyou.

KPS Reminders:

Mondays: School library
Heat-up lunch

Wednesdays: Lunch Break
Kitchen

Fridays: Playgroup
Mobile Library
(Term 4 - even wks)

Upcoming Events

MAR

18

Wednesday WEEK 8
✓ KESAB incursion
✓ Gourmet Hot Dogs

20

Friday WEEK 8
✓ Mobile Library
✓ Magic Show

25

Wednesday WEEK 9
✓ Nachos

Dear Parents,

Welcome to March.

Governing Council News and AGM.

On Monday 01/03 the 2025 Gov Council returned for the Annual General Meeting. A summary of business included;

- ✓ Apologies
- ✓ Previous Mins from AGM
- ✓ Business arising
- ✓ Finance
- ✓ Annual report
- ✓ Election of office bearers
- ✓ Election of sub committees
- ✓ Close

As site leader, I would sincerely like to thank the 2025-26 Governing Council for their trust, support, advice and guidance to continuously improve Koolunga Primary School.

Gov Council Meeting.

A summary of our meeting/business includes;

- ✓ Apologies
- ✓ Previous Mins from AGM
- ✓ Business arising
- ✓ Finance
- ✓ Principal's report
- ✓ Grounds
- ✓ Fundraising
- ✓ SRC, Playgroup, Community and General Business.



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Governing Council News Continued.

In 2026 the Koolunga Governing Council is composed of:

Chair Person - Ali Jones

Secretary – Emma Weckert

Treasurer - Bec Burford

Committee Member: Sarah Mulholland

Committee Member: Katie Gribble

Committee Member: Mel Smart



I would like to thank all 2026-27 members of this years Governing Council for your anticipated support.

In particular, on behalf of all staff and Council I would like to welcome Katie and Mel to the positions and look forward to our partnership in 2026.

Student Programs.

Student programs at KPS means additional opportunities.

Under the new DFE Strategy of **Wellbeing and Learner Agency**, student programs will see our students access a wider range of opportunities that include excursions, performances and road trips in our 'off camp year'.

The Key Characteristics of wellbeing are;

- Students will feel a sense of pride, belonging and safety.
- Students will demonstrate resilience and persistence.
- Students feel cognitively engaged and be active in their learning.

The key Characteristics for Learner Agency are;

- Students are encouraged to plan and reflect upon how they learn best.
- Students are given a voice and actions reflect their contributions and commitment.

The range of programs that will be delivered to both classes reflect these above principles.

WASTE EDUCATION PROGRAMME



Wednesday 18th March 11:30am to
3:15pm

We are pleased to welcome Sarah Bruns on Wednesday the 18th March from the Port Pirie council to our school who will be delivering some of the activities from the waste Education Programme to our Koolunga Primary School students. This is a programme that is funded by the Port Pirie council. It supports our learning in room 1 around recycling, waste management and reduction of landfill. Students will be participating in making nude food, bees wax wraps and completing a recycling relay. We look forward to working with Sarah next week.

Congratulations
KPS NAPLAN 2026

Another year done and dusted!
Thank you to our year 5 student group who approached the tests with confidence and determination to do their best.

Results will be shared as they become available.



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R-2 Numeracy Tips for Parents

Quick and easy tips for driving in the car.

Below are two outcomes for Years R-1 in Measurement.

Reception - sequence days of the week and times of the day including morning, lunchtime, afternoon and night time, and connect them to familiar events and actions.

While driving or at home – Questions to ask your child may include;

How many days in the week? Can you tell me the days of the week? What is the day after Tuesday?

What day is before Sunday? What day is it tomorrow? What are the week days?

What days are the weekend? In 3 days time what day will it be? What was the day 3 days ago?

Key Language; before, after, ago, yesterday, tomorrow, weekday, weekend.

Yr 1 - describe the duration and sequence of events using years, months, weeks, days and hours.

While driving or at home – Questions to ask your child may include;

In Year 1, the days of the week are assumed and the attention turns towards;

What is the sequence and how many months are there in a year?

Seasons and different events, eg easter – when do they occur?

How many seconds in a minute, days in a week, months in a year?

What is a fortnight? How many days is that?

Key Language; fortnight, months, seasons, when do events occur, sequencing.

Just for fun Quiz. Regardless of year level, ask your childWhat is your;

Address, date of birth, what month they were born in and what day it was.

ENGLISH INFO

~SPELLING~

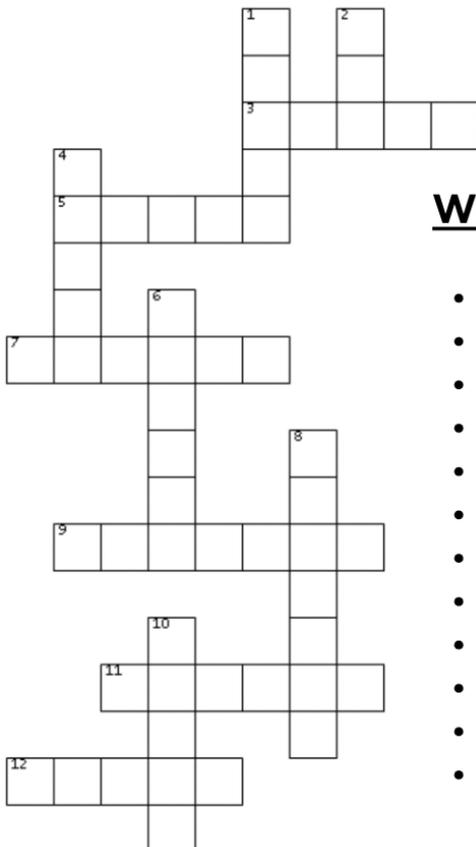
GENERAL INFORMATION

- Spelling is the ability to arrange letters in the correct order to make words that are communally understood.
- Accurate spelling is important for a child to get through their schooling years, as spelling is required in order to pass assessments.
- Learning to spell helps a child to develop a strong connection between the letters and their sounds.

PARENT IDEAS

- 1 Cut up words to create mini jigsaws.
- 2 Do find-a-word puzzles together.
- 3 Play lots with rhyming and syllables.
- 4 Lots of spelling games are available for ipads & phones.
- 5 Play with words: change first letters, add endings, jumble letters etc.
- 6 Help your child to articulate accurately - they can't assign the correct letters if they can't say/hear them.

HOMOPHONES



Word List

- guessed
- guest
- allowed
- aloud
- serial
- cereal
- write
- right
- flour
- flower
- ate
- eight

ACROSS

3. A visitor to your house
5. The opposite of left
7. A breakfast food with milk
9. Permitted to do something
11. The colourful part of a plant
12. A white powder for cooking

DOWN

1. Between 7 and 9
2. Past tense of eat
4. To use a pen on paper
6. An ongoing TV show
8. Attempted an answer
10. Said out loud

INTERESTING FACTS

NO English words end in 'v' or 'u'. There's always an 'e' on the end.

Prior to dictionaries, spelling was considered flexible - you could choose your favourite!

If you spell out 'TWELVE' in Scrabble tiles, their values add up to 12. No other number equals its value.

The word 'misspell' recently featured in a list of the 100 most frequently misspelled words.

'Ough' can be pronounced in ten different ways.

LBK – Cooking on Wednesday



Tik Tok Chicken Bag Reviews.

Chef Ella – The crunch and flavour was delicious.

Chef Hanna – I loved the sauces and crunchy onion.

Anniece – I loved the burnt vegemite flavour.

Harrison – Delicious as always.

Elsie – I really like eating with everyone.

Wesley - I liked the cheese flavour.

Aylah – The toasties were really crispy.

Alicia – I really like the cheese.

Landon – I really like the chicken.

Flo – The toasties were very yummy.

Joe - The toasty crust was very crunchy.

Jono – I liked the rice.

Tyler - I liked the toasties.

Blaikie -I really liked the Chicken Bag. It was yummy.

Fletcher - I really liked the chicken skin.

Addie – I liked my toasty a lot.

Isiah – The chicken bag was very yummy.



WORK SHARE

wk 7 UP Woodwork

Upper Primary woodwork projects are beginning to take shape - lots of measuring, cutting and sanding happening right now!



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	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			Gourmet Hot Dogs KESAB incursion		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