

# Koolunga Primary School

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Term 2: Week 2

8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## 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 2 - odd wks)

## Upcoming Events

**MAY**

11<sup>th</sup> -  
15<sup>th</sup>

**WEEK 3**

✓ **Governing Council 11<sup>th</sup> May @7Pm**

- ✓ LBK – Baked Potato's
- ✓ Mobile Library

**MAY**

18<sup>th</sup> -  
22<sup>nd</sup>

**WEEK 4**

- ✓ Whole School KESAB Excursion
- ✓ LBK – Tiktok Chicken Bag

Dear Parents,

**Welcome to May, colder weather and a little rain**

### Congratulations

Congrats to Harrison Jones and Hanna Burford who were voted our Sports Captains for '26.

We know that their patience, leadership and Koolunga Spirit will shine throughout practices and on the big day next term.

### Music with Paul

Term 2 is season of the Ukulele.

For students wishing to practice and increase their skills, notes were sent home last week regarding taking the uke home and returning by Friday for lesson time.

For those students wishing to practice and for the parents that said, 'yes....' We appreciate your bravery.

### Dancing Program

Currently, KPS is outsourcing to Clare Valley Dance. They have been working with the Upper Primary to learn and practice steps and in a few short weeks the Juniors will also join the dance floor.

Eventually, all students will be taught a health hustle dance routine, led by our Year 6 team for Sports Day.

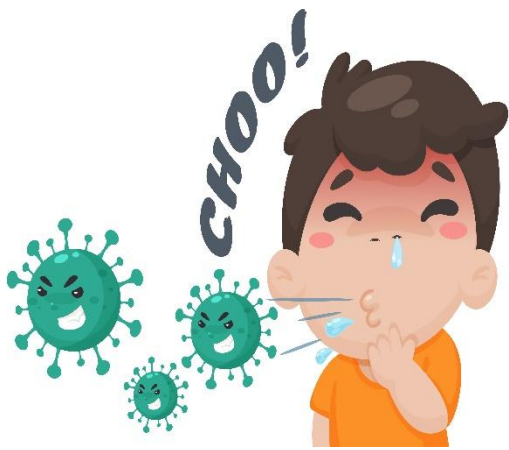
### Student Absence

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



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Dear Parents,

As we approach Flu Season with increased, sniffing, coughing and sneezing it is vital that if your child is developing symptoms .... **PLEASE** keep them at home.

This will prevent staff from disrupting your day if we choose to send your child home.

No one wants to spread germs, illness or share someone's cold.

Thanks for your understanding for keeping everyone safe and healthy.

## Year 6 Parents

Have you checked your inbox, clutter or Junk files?

Early last week an email was generated and sent to all year 6 families regarding their preference for High School.

Parents are encouraged to follow the prompts and email away.

Once completed, I receive a copy of the email.

## The 7 Habits of a Happier Family by Dr. Justin Coulson

### 1. Assume Positive Intent

**Principle:** Your children are not actually trying to ruin your life. They're trying their best with limited skills and resources. Sometimes they can be clumsy. They only have their 'L' plates on.

**In Practice:** When your child does something upsetting, pause before reacting. Ask yourself, "What need is my child trying to meet?" Then, address the need rather than just the behaviour. "I can see you're frustrated. Let's figure this out together."

### 2. Laugh Together

**Principle:** Shared joy creates bonds that withstand life's challenges.

**In Practice:** Have family movie nights with comedies. Share funny stories. Play ridiculous games. Create inside jokes. Laugh at yourself when you make mistakes. Make silly faces, tell dad jokes, and celebrate the ridiculous moments of family life.

### 3. Fix Things Fast

**Principle:** Conflict is inevitable; prolonged disconnection is optional.

**In Practice:** Be the first to apologise, especially if you're the parent. Name what went wrong. Take responsibility for your part. Ask what would help. End with physical connection. A hug, high five, or fist bump resets everyone's nervous system.

### 4. Stay Close

**Principle:** Children of all ages are biologically wired for connection with their parents.

**In Practice:** Create daily rituals of connection: bedtime stories, morning cuddles, after-school check-ins. Sit on their bed for five minutes at night. Drive them to school when possible. Find small ways to connect throughout the day that show you're thinking of them.

### 5. Listen Fully

**Principle:** Being heard creates security and builds trust.

**In Practice:** Put down your phone when your child speaks. Make eye contact. Ask follow-up questions. Reflect back what you hear. Don't immediately jump to solutions or lectures. Sometimes say, "Tell me more about that."

### 6. Create Meaningful Traditions

**Principle:** Family rituals create stability and identity in an unpredictable world.

**In Practice:** Establish weekly family nights, seasonal celebrations, birthday traditions, or Sunday dinners. They don't need to be elaborate – consistency matters more than complexity. Even simple traditions like Sunday morning pancakes create anchors of belonging.

### 7. Have the Hard Conversations

**Principle:** Children need parents who are brave enough to discuss difficult topics.

**In Practice:** Create an environment where no question is off-limits. Talk about bodies, relationships, disappointments, and fears in age-appropriate ways. Don't wait for the "perfect moment". Use everyday opportunities to address important topics briefly and naturally.





# SMALL ACTION

# BIG IMPACT

SOLUTIONS TO SAVE THE OCEAN AND PLANET FROM RUBBISH



**A NET BAG FOR DIVERS**

**A LARGE NET FOR A BOAT TO DRAG**



**A SMALL NET FOR THE BACK OF A BOAT**

## YRS 4-6 SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

After looking at the rubbish problem in the ocean around Indonesia, students were asked to create a solution for cleaning up the rubbish in the ocean. Using their prior knowledge and understanding of chemical and physical reactions, students were to design and create either an alternative to plastic bags or a way to remove the rubbish from the ocean. They then presented their ideas and prototypes to the class. The students came up with some amazing and creative solutions.

**FELT BAG**



**HESSIAN BAG**



**COTTON BAG**

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# WINTER CARNIVALS: FOOTBALL AND NETBALL HUB DAY

## Footy Hub Day

On Thursday 30th of April, I had SAPSASA footy Hub Day at Blyth town oval. I had to get there at nine a clock in the morning and once there I found out what team I was in. and I found a guernsey that fit, then we all found out our coaches and who was in our team ready for when we had to play.

First game that played was Clare 1 against Balaklava, so my team had to wait until that game had finished. Once it finished my team, Clare 2 had to play Burra. We beat Burra by one goal and then I had to play straight after against Balaklava. It was a tough game, and we only lost by one goal which we thought was pretty good. After the game finished then we had recess.

After recess Burra played Balaklava. Balaklava won by a lot and after that game we had Lunch. We got told once lunch had finished it was the Derby Clare 1 vs Clare 2.

Once that game started it was pretty even, but my team (Clare 2) sadly lost by a little bit then I had to play Burra. This was the first final and whoever won came 3rd. We won by about 5 goals, so my team came 3rd overall.

In the Grand Final, Clare 1 Vs Balaklava and Balaklava won by a few goals. Overall Balaklava won the day. We had presentations once that finished and we were allowed to go home.

It was a fun day meeting new people and playing with friends. **-Harrison**

## Netball Hub Day

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of April was Hub Day at Blyth town oval. There were Clare 1, Clare 2, Clare 3 and Clare 4 teams. I was in Clare 1 in the yellow bibs. I knew some girls and one was in my SAPSASA soft ball team from this year. We only played two quarters (half a game) in each game. Once everyone was with their team, we got ready to play. When Kylie (the organizer) blew the whistle, everyone started to play. After one whole game we had a break and had something to eat. The undefeated winner was Balaklava 1 – but we all had a really good time. Thank you for letting us participate. **-Elsie Yr 6**

## Netball Hub Day

On Thursday 30th of April, Elsie and I went to Netball Hub Day in Blyth. When we all got there, I met a girl who I trialled with and she was really nice. I met so many other kids but unfortunately only some are going to come to Clare high - but some is better than none. I was in team Clare 4 and Elsie were in Clare 1. On the first game everyone was a bit rusty, but we all gained confidence and knew each other better by the second game.

When it came to presentations Kylie (the coordinator) said all her thankys and then announced that the undefeated team was Balaklava 1 and everyone clapped.

Thank you for this opportunity to trial and play in the hub day. **-Hanna**



## Menu Options: Lunch Break Kitchen

| LBK                         | LUNCH BREAK KITCHEN   | Room 2 Cookers  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Week 1 Wednesday 29th April | Free Sausage Sizzle   | RA, Daisy, Lisa |
| Week 2 Wednesday 6th May    | Burgers               | Harrison/Aylah  |
| Week 3 Wednesday 13th May   | Baked Potatoes        | Elsie/Alicia    |
| Week 4 Wednesday 20th May   | TikTok Chicken Bag    | Hanna/Ella      |
| Week 5 Wednesday 27th May   | Mini Pizzas           | Wesley/Anniece  |
| Week 6 Wednesday 3rd June   | Nachos                | Harrison/Aylah  |
| Week 7 Wednesday 10th June  | Lasagna               | Elsie/Alicia    |
| Week 8 Wednesday 17th June  | An Iconic SURPRISES!! | Hanna/Ella      |
| Week 9 Wednesday 24th June  | Sausage Rolls         | Wesley/Anniece  |
| Week 10 Wednesday 1st July  | FREE Toasties         | Daisy and Lisa  |

### Happy Burger Faces



A **MASSIVE** shout out to Daisy and Lisa for not only the cooking program..... but the clean-up that often follows.

**It's appreciated.**

## Room 2 HASS with Lisa

Aussie icons are people, places, animals, and products that are instantly recognisable and represent Australia's culture, history, and way of life. From kangaroos and Vegemite to the Sydney Opera House and AFL football, these symbols are loved by Australians and help tell the story of our unique country. This is our focus this term and we have been 'as flat out as a lizard drinking' in HASS.

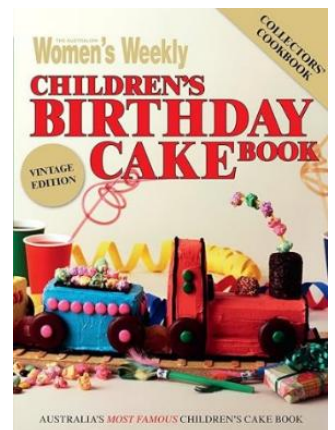


All of the Room 2 parents have received a text message to see how far back their memories can take them... from the days where FAT CAT went to bed ... Cliff Young won the marathon from Sydney to Melbourne ...or you watched the Birdman Rally on Channel 9.

A huge thanks to parents for discussing what you can remember from your own childhood.

Kids have been doing research on particular icons and sharing their finding with the rest of the class. What do you remember from your childhood as being iconic?

Did you ever have a birthday cake from the famous Women's Weekly Birthday Cake Book?



GTS/BKN television station took over from Fat Cat and had the Bakana Bilby put the kids to bed at 7.30pm. Impaja Television also had Yamba the Honey Ant.

Whether it's a Chicko Roll or a dimmy at the servo OR a pie or Kitchener bun from a local bakery – Australia has a plethora of iconic things and as a group we are really enjoying our learning journey.



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# Parent Tips to help young people read and count

## 1. "One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab: A Counting by Feet Book"

By April Pulley Sayre & Jeff Sayre

A fun book for counting by numbers and by groups of feet (useful for skip counting and addition).

## 2. "Ten Black Dots"

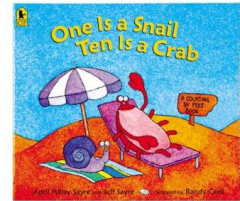
By Donald Crews

Introduces counting and shows how numbers can transform into different things.

## 3. "Each Orange Had 8 Slices: A Counting Book"

By Paul Giganti, Jr.

Explores counting in groups and simple multiplication ideas.



## 4. "Anno's Counting Book"

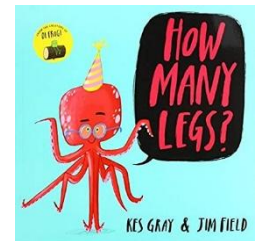
By Mitsumasa Anno

A beautifully illustrated, wordless book that supports counting and understanding number concepts.

## 5. "Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3"

By Bill Martin Jr. & Michael Sampson

Uses a lively story to teach number recognition and counting.



## 6. "How Many Legs?"

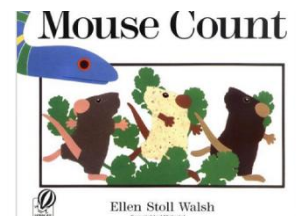
By Kes Gray and Jim Field

Silly, rhyming text invites children to count up the legs of quirky animals at a party.

## 7. "Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On"

By Lois Ehlert

Combines bright illustrations with simple counting concepts.



## 8. "Counting Crocodiles"

By Judy Sierra

A counting adventure with rhythm, rhyme, and a clever monkey character.

## 9. "Mouse Count"

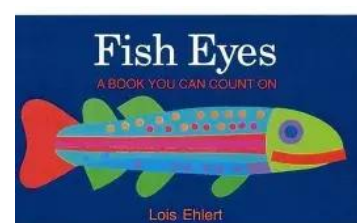
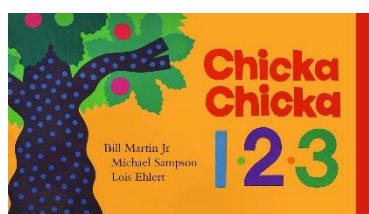
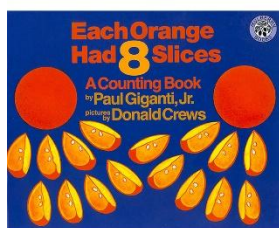
By Ellen Stoll Walsh

Features counting up and counting down as a group of mice outwits a snake.

## 10. "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"

By Eric Carle

A classic that incorporates counting, days of the week, and sequencing.



# Koolunga PS Term 2 2026

| Weeks | Dates                  | Monday                       | Tuesday | Wednesday                                      | Thursday | Friday                          |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------|--|----------|---------------------------------|
| 1     | 27 <sup>th</sup> April | First Day of Term 2          |         | Free Sausage Sizzle<br>No Order Required       |          | Mobile Library                  |
| 2     | 4 <sup>th</sup> May    |                              |         | Burgers  |          |                                 |
| 3     | 11 <sup>th</sup> May   | Governing Council @7PM       |         | Baked Potatos                                  |          | Mobile Library                  |
| 4     | 18 <sup>th</sup> May   | Whole School KESAB Excursion |         | Tiktok Chicken Bag                             |          |                                 |
| 5     | 25 <sup>th</sup> May   |                              |         | Mini Pizzas<br>National Simultaneous Storytime |          | Mobile Library                  |
| 6     | 1 <sup>st</sup> June   |                              |         | Nachos   |          |                                 |
| 7     | 8 <sup>th</sup> June   | Public Holiday               |         | Lasanga  |          | Mobile Library                  |
| 8     | 15 <sup>th</sup> June  | Governing Council @7PM       |         | Surprise                                       |          |                                 |
| 9     | 22 <sup>nd</sup> June  |                              |         | Sausage Rolls                                  |          | Mobile Library                  |
| 10    | 29 <sup>th</sup> June  |                              |         | Free Toasties                                  |          | 2pm Assesmbly<br>2.20 Dismissal |