



Kurna Plains School R-12

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NEWSLETTER #6 Term 2, Week 3 2024



Pictured: Kids on Country Camp to Witchelina (see page 6)



Diary Dates

Week 4

Monday 20th May

Course Counselling

Wednesday 22nd May

National Simultaneous Storytime

Thursday 23rd May

Nunga Tag

Week 5

Reconciliation Week

Tuesday 28th May

Community Afternoon Tea

Week 7

Monday 10th June

Public Holiday

Week 8

STEM Congress Camp

Week 9

Boori Monty Pryor Visit

Week 10

Monday 1st July

Pupil Free Day

Thursday 4th July

Community Breakfast & Assembly

Friday 5th July

Last day of Term - Early finish 2pm



Niina Marni

Nina Marni,

This term has kicked off with a bang! Seniors are preparing for the Power Cup and secondary just had the most successful Hear from the Trainer week in years! We have had STEM Congress start with an incursion supported by Jyoti and Kieran, before they head off to camp. Staff have participated in Professional Development this term at the Pupil Free Day and staff meetings, with a huge focus on our Cultural Responsiveness Journey. We have a large staff now of 45 Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal workers, and we are strongly committed to working together and building a culturally strong school. Big thanks to Gary Passmore, Renee Andrew nee Coulthard, Alison Denee, Cherylynne Catanziriti and Madelena Bendo for supporting our training this term.

Reconciliation Week

The Culture Committee has been working hard on Reconciliation Week planning. Invitations and further details will be advertised shortly. You can expect an opening, bonfires, open classrooms, deadly research and more!

Watch this space...

Kurna Plains School has been successful in securing a Place Based Project on site. This means we will be hosting a variety of skills building courses for Aboriginal youth in the north from our current Trade Training Centre. The work will include renaming, redesigning and rebadging the space. Works will start shortly and will ensure the space can provide skills in retail, barber, barista, automotive, construction and more. We are really excited about this program moving forward.

Uniform Reminders

Just a reminder that students are expected to wear uniform. This includes black bottoms that not ripped (due to WHS issues) and adhere to sun safety rules. As we come into cooler weather, please remember we have jumpers to purchase at the front office. Any plain black jumper is fine though. If a student regularly attends school not in uniform they will be loaned items.

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Attendance Rate

70%

This is amazing!!! So high!

Acting Principal's Report (continued)

School Fees

Please don't forget to pay your school fees. We have payment plan options or our Ab Ed Team can support you to fill in the School Card application. School fees are integral to the running costs of our school so we truly appreciate your support.

Morning Duty

Families and students are reminded that once students are dropped off at school, they are in the duty of care of KPS. If students wish to access the service station before school they need to be dropped directly there. Staff will be directing students to stay on site and families will be contacted moving forward. We have also had a large increase in students arriving to school with slushies or energy drinks and we kindly remind you we have a strict policy against this. Students are asked to place them in the fridge till the end of the day.



Ngaityalya,

Aunty Natalea

Acting Principal

Kaurna Plains School

Deputy Principal Update

Hello families,

Last week, while students enjoyed an extended long weekend, the staff at Kaurna Plains School had a fantastic day of Professional Development on the Pupil Free Day. We had some amazing presenters join us, making the day rich with learning, language, culture, and truth telling.

Uncle Gary Passmore, an Aboriginal cultural educator and former Assistant Principal at KPS, explored with us the importance of Aboriginal Perspectives through the Australian Curriculum. He also shared his own powerful story of connecting to culture and identity.



We were also incredibly fortunate to have Aunty Alison Denee and Aunty Cherylyne Catanziriti with us. Aunty Alison, who is part of NgarrpadlarnaMila and a former KPS Principal, shared the history of our school and how Kaurna language is embedded in that history. Aunty Cherylyne, also a part of NgarrpadlarnaMila, immersed us in learning by teaching us important Kaurna phrases and words.



Scott Rathman, an incredible Aboriginal artist, and whose work you see all over Adelaide, ran a trauma informed workshop where we also had the opportunity to unleash our own creativity through an art activity.



Lastly, Madelena Bendo, an Anti-Racism Project Officer and former KPS teacher, led a powerful session about truth telling regarding Aboriginal history and racism in Australia. She also discussed the new Anti-Racism Strategy and its impact in schools.



It was an incredibly valuable day of learning and reflection. A huge thank you to all our wonderful presenters.

Changing gears, students will be taking part in online Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) over the coming weeks which cover Reading and Maths. This year we are part of an 'Adaptive Pat' trial. Instead of all students answering the same questions, the test adapts the questions based on student responses. This gives us a detailed view of each student's achievements, helping us understand their needs better and target our teaching accordingly.



We'll be administering PAT tests to students from Year 2 to Year 10. If you have any questions about PAT testing, please get in touch with the school.

Aunty Leayshia

Engagement and Wellbeing Leader

The Ninja Playground

The Ninja Playground is almost here! Later this week, we should see the 'soft fall' be put in, along with the finishing touches of swings etc. Look out for the official opening on social media. Students and the staff alike can't wait for this one!



Breakfast Club Volunteers

If you are available and keen to help out in the kitchen for our breakfast club, please see a myself or a member of leadership. With enrolments increasing, we also have a huge number of students coming to school for a great morning feed. We would love to see more community members faces!



AFL Max

We are excited to announce that AFL Max is hosting a free Coles Healthy Kicks Session for our students at AFL Max.



Coles Healthy Kicks is a fun and entertaining health and fitness program designed specifically to encourage Australian children aged 5 to 12 years old to embrace healthy eating, mindfulness and exercise.

Through fun fitness, healthy food education and engaging games, Coles Healthy Kicks is sure to be a winner for our students.

What does the session involve?

- 2 hours of Coles Healthy Kicks activities at AFL Max
- Education around the importance of a Healthy Body, Healthy Team, Healthy Mind & Healthy Food.
- Free play in the venue.
- Access to all of AFL Max (inflatables, trampolines, rock climbing, testing zone, interactive and skills).
- Coles football for each student.
- Run by AFL Max staff.

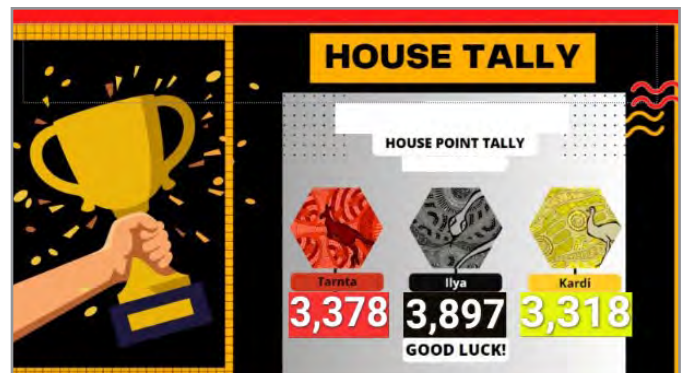
4 Quarters of Education

- Q1: Healthy Body – Physical Activity & Movement
- Q2: Healthy Mind – Problem Solving & Mindfulness
- Q3: Healthy Food – Entertaining Food Activities
- Q4: Healthy Team – Team Games & Fun

Look out for your child's consent form if they are in Reception to Year 4. Year 5/6s may also receive an invite if we need more students to fill our 50 student invite.

CORKA House Tally

Here is our House Point CORKA update;



Uncle Tom

PLEASE UPDATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH THE FRONT OFFICE IF ANYTHING HAS CHANGED



HOME/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS?



MOBILE NUMBERS?



EMAIL ADDRESSES?



EMERGENCY CONTACTS?



FAMILY INFORMATION?

School Photos

2024 School Photos were sent home late last term. We have had a number of envelopes returned to us that did not match online payments. If you would still like to order photos, please access the MSP website directly www.msp.com.au



Waikerie Bakery Pie Drive

Are you interested in a quick and easy winter warmer meal for your family? We have the answer for you! Why not indulge in a pie or 2?

Kaurna Plains School is offering our school community the opportunity to participate in the **Waikerie Bakery Pie Drive** which is being run as part of the school's fundraising activities. Funds raised will go towards our new Ninja Playground.

Please encourage your family and friends to place an order with you for one or more of these delicious pies. Pies are a large plate size and are delivered fresh so you can bulk buy and freeze if required.

Order forms are attached to this newsletter and additional forms are available from the Front Office if required.

Orders and payment must be received by the Front Office by **Thursday June 13th (Week 7)**.

Pies will be delivered to the school on **Thursday June 20th (Week 8)** and will be **available for collection from the Front Office between 2-3:30pm**. Please ensure you are able to collect your order at this time as we do not have the facilities to store uncollected orders.

Thank you for your support.



Engagement and EALD

Dear parents, carers and families,

Positive Language Focus

Throughout Term 1 and 2, the school initiated a focus on promoting positive language among our students. We have been actively engaging with them to encourage the use of positive alternatives rather than racist, homophobic, sexist, ableist and other derogatory terms that have negative impacts.

It is essential for students to understand that such language is inappropriate in the school environment and beyond, as it can have repercussions and limit their opportunities. The great news is that we have noticed that students are already making positive changes and 'catching themselves.' We are committed to providing the best outcomes for our students. By teaching them the life skill of 'code switching,' it helps them adjust their language according to context resulting in positive interactions.

One Plan update

Thank you to all the people who attended their child's One Plan meeting. Your input as parents, carers and families is essential in determining the best ways to support your child's learning. These meetings also provide a valuable opportunity to learn about your child's goals and how we can work collaboratively to support them to achieve these goals.

For those who were unable to attend a meeting or speak with your child's teacher, please feel free to contact the school. We will gladly arrange an appointment and have a discussion with you.



Ngaityalya.

Aunty Lou
Engagement and EALD

AbEd Team

Niina marni parents and caregivers,

We're fast approaching Reconciliation Week, coming up in Week 5 - only two weeks away! We will be having a smoking ceremony to kick start Reconciliation Week which means we will be hoping to see many of you mob in attendance. We encourage you to stick around and be present for the week as we have many things planned based around the Reconciliation Week theme *NOW MORE THEN EVER*. If any of you mob have any input or suggestions for the week please contact Kieran or Michael as we find it important to have input from the community.

Ngaitalya,

AbEd team



Interoception Room

This term, Aunty Fiona and I will be working with the girls from Aunty Tina's room running a program called *Rock and Water*! This program helps promote self confidence, self control and self esteem amongst students. So far we have had 2 lessons together "Standing Strong" and "Finding my own strength". This is a lesson that we all look forward to every week and Aunty Fiona and I are so excited to see what the girls will be able to accomplish this term!



Aunty Kelsey

Interoception Activity of the Week

Infinity Breathing



1. With your index finger, start to trace an infinity symbol on your table.
2. Start in the middle, go up to the left and trace the left part of the infinity symbol while breathing in through your nose.
3. When you get back to the middle of the 8 again, breathe out through your mouth while you trace the right part of your infinity symbol.

Where did you feel it in your body?

We are going to repeat the activity again, but this time we are going to focus on our breathing in through our nose and out through our mouth.

Kids on Country Camp to Witchelina

Witchelina is a former pastoral property that runs from Lake Torrens in the south to Marree in the north – an area larger than Kangaroo Island. It spans three bioregions, Flinders Lofty Block, Stony Plains and Gawler, which is divided into nine land systems.

The Kuyani Adnyamathanha Peoples Nation and the Arabana Peoples Nation are the Traditional Owners of Witchelina and it contains many culturally significant sites. They work with Traditional Owners to enhance conservation outcomes and increase cultural understanding.

Witchelina hosts several Kids on Country camps each year. Karna Plains Year 9 and 10 students attended the camp in Week 8. Students were involved in a number of activities ranging from setting camera traps, observing birds and wildlife, counting eggs in the wren nests, conducting basic vehicle safety checks and learning about dead things from the dinosaur era, just to name a few of the topics presented.

We would like to say a big thank you to the conservation staff that presented amazing and engaging topics and activities and also to Uncle Warren Milera for sharing his cultural knowledge.

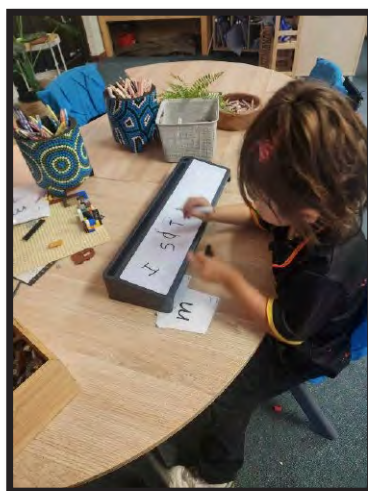
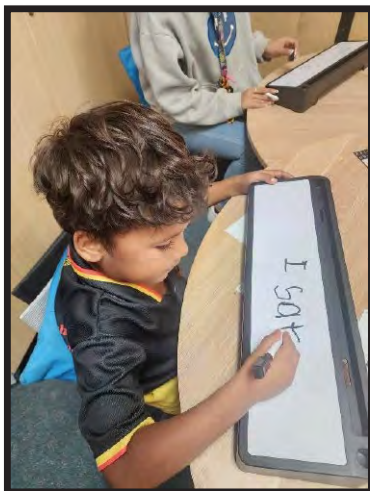
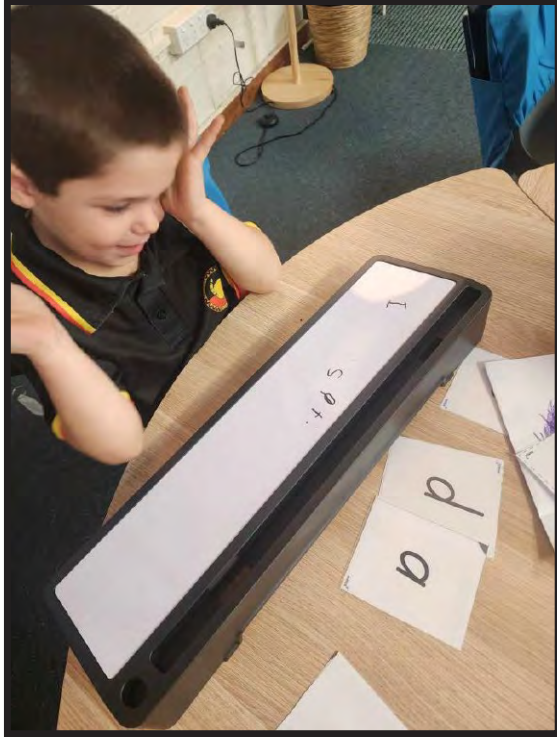


Malee and Aaron setting the infrared camera with Michael.



Aunty Kellie's Bilby Receptions

We are writers!



Aunty Kellie

Aunty Candace

Naa Marni Families,

We have started our term hitting the ground running. Our class have refreshed their expectations in the classroom, along with each week having a value in the spotlight. This week our spotlight value is **respect**.

We continue exploring our Makers Empire program and 3D printing. To welcome everyone to our Magpie classroom, we 3D printed some magpies.

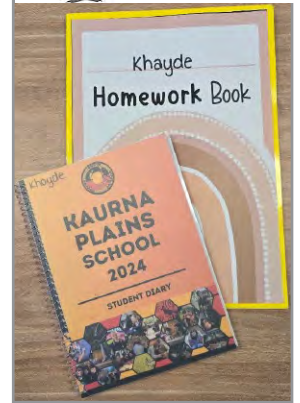
Thank you to all the parents who have joined our Class Dojo account. If you are looking to join please leave me a note in your child's diary and I will provide the necessary information.

Finally, a BIG thank you to the children and parents/carers who have support the implementation of homework in our classroom. This has become a very positive thing in our classroom with almost 100% of students participating.

We are looking forward to sharing all about our learning in future newsletters as well as through our Class Dojo!

Ngaityalya,

Aunty Candace

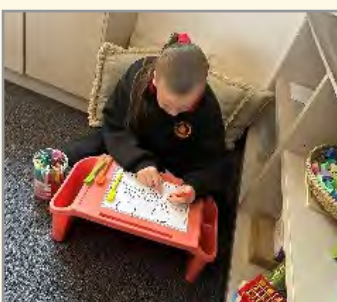
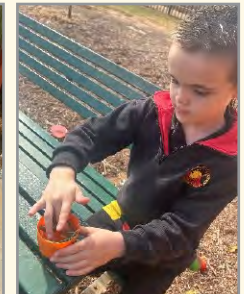


Aunty Fotina

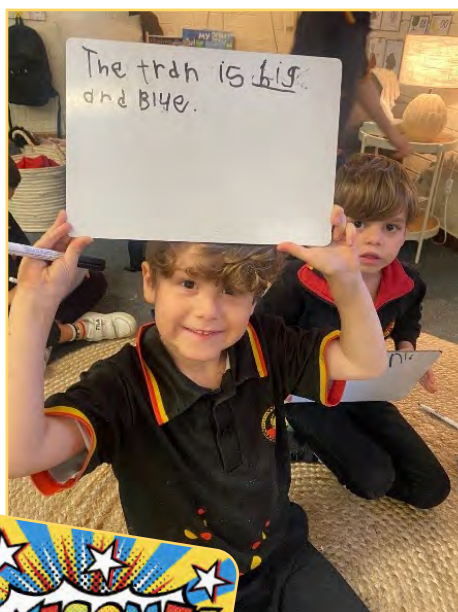
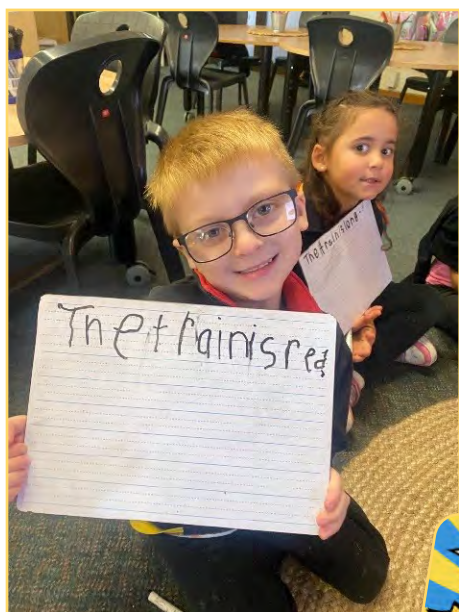
Throughout the start of the term we have looked at place value and number. We have looked at creating numbers and patterns. Students have also done some exploring outside with Aunty Sangeetha on a Wednesday. We can't wait to share more of our learning when we present in Week 6.



Aunty Fotina



The Wonderful Year 1 Wombats!



In **Literacy**, we are learning to read and write sentences independently. We are working on remembering our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.



In **Maths**, we have been partitioning numbers to 20 and writing number lines to 20. We can also count in tens!

Aunty Leanne



In **Health** class, students are discovering the link between emotions, exercise, and diet. They're learning how feelings influence food choices and activity levels, and how these, in turn, affect well-being. It's about understanding that a happy mind and a healthy body go hand in hand. Through exercise and good nutrition, they're finding ways to feel great inside and out.

Meanwhile in **PE**, students have been engaging in team-based sports and the principles of cooperation. Through various activities and games, they have been immersed in the dynamics of teamwork, learning invaluable lessons about communication, collaboration, and mutual support. Whether it's passing a ball in soccer or coordinating strategies in basketball, these experiences foster a deep



understanding of how individual efforts contribute to collective success.

Uncle Nick

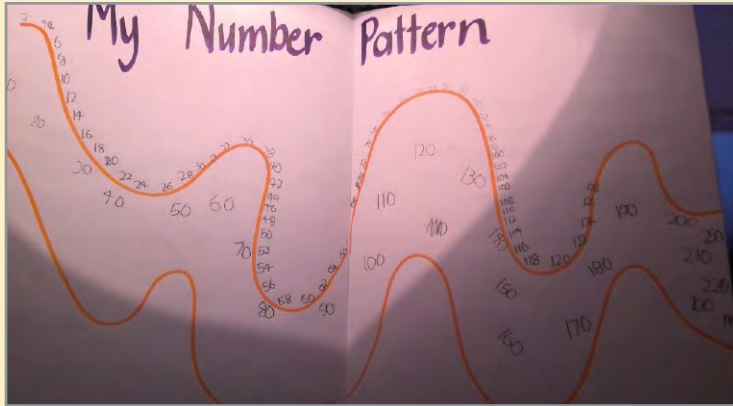
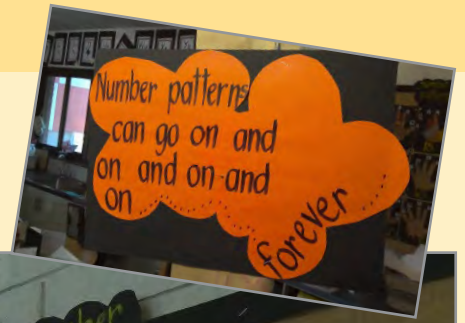


Aunty Tina



We have been exploring number patterns in our classroom. They can go on forever and ever!!

Aunty Tina

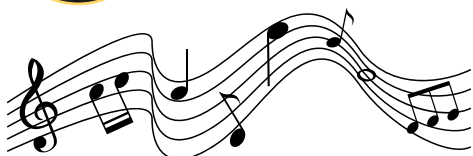


Music

In Music, Auntie Kellie's Reception class, Auntie Fotina and Auntie Tina's 2/3/4 classes have been learning about rhythm, pitch and harmony. They have been playing along with Boomwacker arrangements, focusing on pitch and rhythm. They have also been creating their own rhythm patterns on Music Chrome and composing with graphic notation. It's been great to see so much engagement with learning and music games.



Uncle Michael



Aunty Sangeetha

Sense of Belonging

Once a week we come together during lunch playtime to taste some different Indian recipes! Sharing a meal is the key to promoting better behavioural and social health. Through this, students improve their social connections and gain a greater sense of belonging.



Aunty Sangeetha



WE are "BRAVE EXPLORERS"



SACE & Career Pathway Leader

Welcome back to Term 2! It's going to be a big one for career development and pathways planning at KPS.

This week, a range of students across Year 8-12 have engaged in 'Hear from the Trainer Week'. Students from these year levels were surveyed on career pathways they might be interested in, and this week, some of these students have taken part in online live sessions with trainers from VET courses across a range of career pathways. These sessions are designed to explain how different VET courses are delivered, what students learn, and what qualifications they can achieve at the completion of the course. Our senior students will have the opportunity to do further investigation into these courses in the coming weeks to see if undertaking a VET course as part of their SACE completion is something they would like to do. There will also be upcoming opportunities for 'Industry Immersion' visits, where students can explore pathways by visiting worksites. For our younger students, Hear from the Trainer sessions have provided an opportunity to start thinking about possible career pathways. We know that making connections between school learning and how it can benefit students in their future jobs is a powerful way increasing engagement with schooling in a meaningful way. It's been wonderful to watch some of our younger students get excited about the possibilities for the future as they have engaged in these sessions over the week, and I look forward to supporting our students further to explore the endless possibilities open to them.



In Week 4, senior students will undertake Career Counselling sessions with family, myself, and Aunty Leayshia. All senior students will have a scheduled meeting where we discuss learning progress, SACE completion, and explore career pathways. These meetings are designed to help our students understand where they're at, and where they're headed, and are a really great way for us all to work together to support our young people to be successful. If you don't have a meeting booked for your student yet, please contact the Front Office to make a time.

We have also introduced a new 'traffic light' system in the senior class. Teachers provide regular updates as to whether the students in their class are 'on track' (green), 'slightly behind' (yellow), or 'significantly behind' (red) for their subject. They also provide indicators around effort and attendance. This information is then compiled into traffic lights which the students can see. The traffic light system gives each student a visual understanding of how they are progressing in all of their subjects on a regular basis, and allows them to see connections between their progress, effort and attendance. We will discuss your student's most recent traffic light results at their career counselling meeting in Week 4.



Aunty Erin

Name	COMMUNITY STUDIES			ESS ENG			MATH ESS			PE			Research Project		
	Attendance	Effort	Prog.	Attendance	Effort	Prog.	Attendance	Effort	Prog.	Attendance	Effort	Prog.	Attendance	Effort	Prog.
Student 1	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green
Student 2	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Red	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green
Student 3	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green
Student 4	Green	Red	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green
Student 5	Green	Yellow	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green

Yoga Club with Aunty Nat

Yoga Club

Every Thursday lunchtime in the Kookaburra room with Aunty Nat

We also do quiet drawing or just chill time
Feel free to come on in!



Yoga club with Aunty Nat continues this term but has moved to Thursdays. Feel free to come on in and try some yoga stretches.

We also offer quiet drawing or colouring. It can also just be a place to come and chill if you need it. Hope to see you on Thursdays in the Kookaburra room!



Aunty Nat

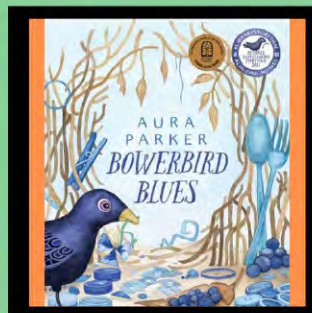
LIBRARY NEWS

AUNTY LISA

National Simultaneous Storytime

Wednesday 22nd May

11:30am-12:30pm



National Simultaneous Storytime runs every year celebrating an Australian Author and Illustrator. This book is read at the same time by people in libraries, schools, preschools, homes, bookshops and more. It aims to help promote the value of reading and literacy.

You can watch an online version of the story being read on youtube.

There are also many craft activities that you can find online as well to help you interact with the story.

Don't forget to check out your local public library for events they are hosting. Many have free sessions, and events for all ages.



Community Notices



Take control of your finances

For every **dollar you save**, you will receive **another dollar from ANZ** to spend towards educational costs, up to \$500



Saver Plus gives you down-to-earth money talk - and a **\$500 incentive** to build your savings!

If you save up to \$50 a month for 10 months (the length of the program), **ANZ will double it.**

What can the \$500 be spent on?



Laptops and tablets



Uniforms and shoes



Vocational education



Lessons and activities



Books and supplies



Camps and excursions

To join Saver Plus



Be 18 years or older



Have a Health Care or Pensioner Card



Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself



Get a regular income (you or your partner)



Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

saverplus.org.au 1300 610 355

Community Notices

Parenting Teenagers in Australia

...a workshop for multicultural families

Families Growing Together

Parenting in Australia is a **FREE** workshop that helps you as parents and caregivers to build an understanding of your teenager and their healthy development.

Our workshops are full of helpful information with a choice of simple, practical strategies that each family can adapt for their own parenting situations.

Topics to support your parenting include:

- 🕒 Parenting in a new culture
- 🕒 Teenagers' development
- 🕒 Understanding teenagers behaviour
- 🕒 Staying connected with our teenagers
- 🕒 What about conflict?

Our workshops are based on the latest parenting research and use information from **Parenting SA**.

Light refreshments and crèche provided.
(Bookings essential)



Where: Morella Community Centre
90 Kings Road Parafield Gardens
When: Part 1 – Thursday 27th June 2024
Part 2 – Thursday 4th July 2024
Time: 12.00pm – 2.30pm
To book: Morella Community Centre - 84068484

Everyone is welcome, bookings essential.

Please arrive 10 minutes early to register.

Delivered by the Department of Human Services.

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Department of Human Services



NDIS PROGRAMS

Talk to us about your NDIS needs. We can support young people who are plan-managed or self-managed.

Whether you are looking for behavioural supports, social and emotional skill building or are looking to support your young person to access a culturally safe service, we can walk along side your family to achieve your goals.

ABOUT US

Yara Family Connections is family owned and operated. Our Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal team walk alongside families to identify and achieve their goals.

Whilst the young person is at the centre of the service, we work alongside the important adults in the lives of young people, ensuring a family-centered approach to our supports.

YOUTH MENTORING

CHILD & YOUTH COUNSELLING

THERAPEUTIC YOUTH GROUPS

CULTURAL EDUCATION

We come to you!

We provide services in schools, and in community centers. Talk to us about more options if you need another choice.

Phone
0403 630 123

Email
info@yarafamilyconnections.com

Website
yarafamilyconnections.com



School Student Broadband Initiative
An Australian Government initiative powered by nbn

Do you qualify for free home internet?



Our helpful team can check for you. Scan the QR code or call **1800 954 610** for more information.

National Referral Centre (Mon - Fri, 10am - 6pm AEDT). Callback, webchat, translating and interpreting services available. Visit anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet for more information.

Get back to school ready with the School Student Broadband Initiative

Children who can access online learning at home as part of their education are more likely to engage in classroom activities.

With broadband internet access your family will be able to access fast internet at home, which supports children to build their digital skills, learn how to safely use the internet and participate in a world that is more dependent on digital technology.

There is still time to sign up for the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI):

- For any families signing up now, this offer means free internet until 31 December 2025.
- For families who have already connected with SSBI, their free internet will automatically be rolled over until 31 December 2025.

Check your eligibility for free nbn broadband until the end of 2025 now:

Contact the National Referral Centre on **1800 954 610** (Mon - Fri, 10am - 6pm AEDT) or visit anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet

KAURNA PLAINS CHILDREN'S CENTRE TIMETABLE TERM 2

Monday

9.30am-11.45am

Nunga playgroup

For families with children
birth to 4yrs

Thurza 0428 286 349

Sarah 0439 104 355

KPCC 08 8209 3840
3pm

Family by Family

After school program held
every second Monday from
30th April

CAFHS every second Monday

Come in for a chat

Tuesday

9.30am-11.30am

Circle of Security

Parenting Program Women's

12.30pm-2.30pm

Circle of Security

Parenting Program Men's

Beginning May 7th

KWY Aboriginal Corporation

08 8377 7822

Wednesday

12pm-2pm

Grandparents/Carers Group

Every third Wednesday
of the month.

Eunice 08 8209 3840

Thursday

9am-4pm

NDIS Feros Care

Available to chat every Thursday

10am-12pm

Ngangkita/Yarlita & Wakwaku Playgroup

For Mums/Dads and

Bubs 0-3yrs

Connected Beginnings

KPCC 08 8209 3840

Coming Up

TBA

Busy Bee

Come and help us plant our bush
tucker garden with Bunnings!

Details to follow soon on our

Facebook page



Tukatja Community Garden

Always open to community to
try out their green thumbs

Call us for more info

For More Information



08 8209 3840



Facebook.com/Kaurna
PlainsChildrensCentre

Centre Opening Hours:

Monday-Friday

9am-4pm

KAURNA PLAINS FAMILY CENTRE STAFF

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Tessa Lennon

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Tina Sordillo

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

Di Nelson

RECEPTION

Jazmine Glancey/Kim Neate

ABORIGINAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER CITY OF PLAYFORD

Naomi Agius

CONNECTED BEGINNINGS

Megan Hickman

Leonie Fuchs

Jasmin Wilson

Eunice Bartlett

Jo Lee