



Kaurna Plains School R-12

Strength Through Learning • Taingiwilta Tirkanthi-arra

NEWSLETTER #7 Term 2, Week 6 2024



Diary Dates

Week 7

Monday 10th June

Public Holiday

Thursday 13th June

Kids in Parliament Excursion

Week 8

STEM Camp

STEM Enrichment Excursion

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,

We've had an amazing few weeks with some wonderful activities, the highlight definitely being Reconciliation Week.

Last week, we commenced Reconciliation Week with a moving smoking ceremony led by Uncle Harley Hall. We gratefully acknowledge Aunty Patricia Agius for her Kaurna Welcome and extend our heartfelt thanks to special guest Aunty Deb Moyle, a proud Ngarrindjeri woman and a local voice to parliament member representing the Central Region.

Throughout Week 5, we prepared for the Little Long Walk and celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Michael Long's historic journey from Melbourne to Canberra in 2004. Our students painted banners and decorated socks to honour his legacy and mission of reconciliation and unity. The excitement continued as we took part in 'Rec in the West' at Tavondi College, where the kids enjoyed exploring stalls and immersing themselves in activities and culture with Uncle Tony and Aunty Brooke.

Despite the rain last Friday, our spirits were high as we embarked on our Little Long Walk. We walked alongside our Kindy students and special guests, including Bronwyn Milera, Alison Denee, Matt Burnell, Aunty Lauren, Aunty Donna and Aunty Mikala. A big thank you to Uncle Harley Hall and Patricia Agius for another powerful smoking ceremony and Kaurna Welcome.

We are so very grateful to our amazing staff for their tireless efforts over the last few weeks. Thank you to our special guests for their powerful contributions to our events. We also appreciate our incredible community members who joined us and braved the weather last week.



Just a reminder that students arrive at school at 8.30am. If they are here before they do need to be supervised by an adult.

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Aunty Natalea, Acting Principal

Public Holiday Reminder

No school on

Monday 10th June.

It is a public holiday
(King's Birthday).

Attendance Rate

69%

Great effort!

Reconciliation Week



Deputy Principal Update

Exciting Events at Kurna Plains School!

In addition to the incredible Reconciliation events we've had, there have been other wonderful events over the past few weeks.

National Simultaneous Storytime

In Week 4, Kurna Plains School took part in National Simultaneous Storytime. We joined over 2,340,000 people online to enjoy this year's story, *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker. The book, with its environmental theme and focus on Caring for Country, was a hit with our students. They also enjoyed bowerbird-themed activities, which made for a delightful start to our literacy block that morning!

Cultural Learning by the Gawler River

Earlier in the term, a group of our secondary students had a wonderful opportunity to work with artist Violet Buckskin of Winda Creations and Green Adelaide. The students joined Violet by the Gawler River, where she shared stories about the river's significance. They reflected on the area's natural beauty and the animals inhabiting it. The students learned how the Kurna people used the river for hunting. Violet also shared the Dreaming story of Tjilbruke, adding a rich layer to their understanding and connection to the land.

From this learning, our students created artwork under Violet's guidance. Their pieces were compiled by Violet and Violet turned it into a powerful and cohesive artwork. This amazing piece embodies their reflections and learnings and their strong connection to country. Thank you Violet for this incredible collaboration.

Year 5/6 Boys Shine at NRL Carnival

The Year 5/6 boys attended the NRL Carnival in Week 4. They won 5 games and only lost 2. Additionally, they received a values trophy for showing respect to themselves and others. Fantastic effort, boys! We are so proud of you!

These events have made the past few weeks very special for everyone at Kurna Plains School. We look forward to more amazing experiences together!



Aunty Leayshia



LAST CHANCE - 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 were sent home last week with students 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.



The poster features the school logo at the top left, followed by the text 'Kaurna Plains School R-12' and 'Strength Through Learning • Taingiwilla Tirkanthi-ara'. The main title is 'KPS Fundraising Committee Waikerie Bakery Pie Drive'. The central graphic says 'EASY AS PIE!' in large, bubbly letters, with 'fresh & tasty' and 'family size' written in a script font around a pie. Below this, it says 'Fundraising Event' and 'Order and pay at the front office by Thursday 13th June Pick up on Thursday 20th June'.

Rock and Water

In Rock and Water over the past few weeks we have been working on Standing Strong and self-defence. We have been discussing what kind of situations it is important to stand up for ourselves and how to handle different situations. We have been practising making the choice between using our voice to stand up for ourselves and others and how to stay strong and walk away. We are so proud of how the girls have been progressing and working with each other!



Aunty Kelsey and Aunty Fiona



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



HOME/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS?



MOBILE NUMBERS?



EMAIL ADDRESSES?



EMERGENCY CONTACTS?



FAMILY INFORMATION?

Engagement and EALD

LEAP Levelling

Dear parents, families, and carers,

At Kurna Plains, we are committed to ensuring every child progresses in language proficiency. We aim to support and guide your child effectively using tools such as LEAP (Language Essentials for Academic Progress) levels. LEAP levels help us identify your child's current proficiency, allowing us to tailor our instruction to their specific needs. These levels also enable us to apply strategies to improve language outcomes.

In the coming weeks, we will ask your child to participate in writing or oral language activities to provide us with samples for planning and monitoring progress. If you have any questions about sample collections or LEAP levels, please feel free to contact me.



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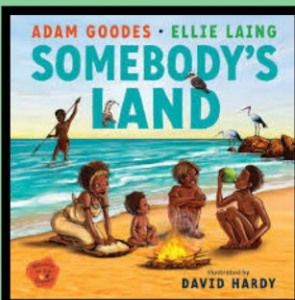
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LIBRARY NEWS

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Book Spotlight

Somebody's Land
by
Adam Goodes and Ellie Laing

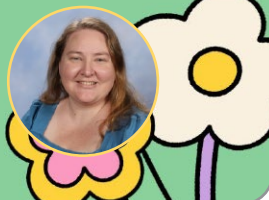


This Picture Book is a wonderful book that introduces First Nation History to a general audience.

It is an invitation to connect with culture, acknowledge the hurt of the past and join together as one.

This is a great conversation starter to help both old and young in understanding the culture and acknowledging Country.

Other Books by Adam Goodes:
Back on Country, Ceremony, Walk With Us, and Kicking Goals,



Senior Class - True North

The senior class had a great time learning about boundaries with True North. They worked amazingly as a team to practice respectful boundaries and methods of communication. Great to see everyone giving it a go and getting involved.



Aunty Jess



Year 8-12 STEM

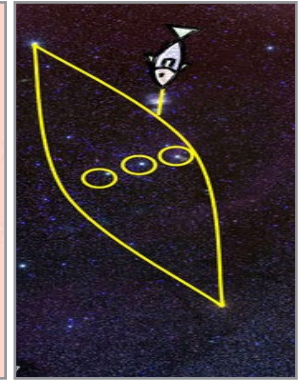
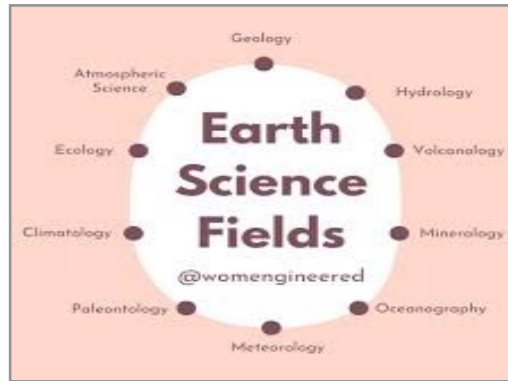
Nina Marni

We have been having a busy and interesting term in the STEM room. In Science we are focusing on Earth Science. Students are looking for what career opportunities are available if you want to work in Earth Science and what skills/qualifications are required.

In Week 8, Uncle Harley is going to visit the Year 8/9 class to talk about various rock tools used by Aboriginal people and he will be showing students how to use those tools. We

also talked about how we need to be respectful to country and we can't take away anything we found on country. While the Year 8/9 class is learning about Earth and rocks, the Year 9/10 class is learning about Space. They are studying the life cycle of stars, how are they formed and why different stars die in different ways. They are learning the effect of nuclear plants on life. We also learnt about different constellations and dreamtime stories related to those constellations.

In Maths we are learning about different types of data, what is the importance of data and how data can be used to answer many questions. For example, weather can be predicted based on data. We are also going to learn how to process data using different methods.



DATA

Qualitative

Descriptive information
or labels

Quantitative

Numerical value
information

Discrete
Counted

Continuous
Measured



Aunty Jyoti

Reconciliation in the West

On Thursday, 30th May, 15 KPS students from Year 5 to Year 9 took a trip to Tauondi Aboriginal College in Port Adelaide to attend the annual Reconciliation in the West event.

The event has been running since 2022 and is a free, whole-of-community event promoting Reconciliation. Held during National Reconciliation Week, the event encourages a unified society, where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and heritage are recognised and valued as a proud part of this country's shared history.

The KPS students enjoyed looking around the markets and consuming all of the delicious food available, including the mouth-watering BBQ lunch. Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather the much anticipated "Colour Run" was cancelled. Nonetheless, students built stronger bonds with each other and had an enjoyable day.



Uncle Tony



Year 7 Art

The Year 7 students have been learning various techniques when applying acrylic paint to a canvas to create an image. Backgrounds for our image were applied by brushing, sponging, flicking, layering or blending paint on the canvas. Images were then transferred or drawn onto the canvas. Students were encouraged to trust the process when creating their



artwork in order to achieve the required effect for their piece.

Aunty Sharna



Seth



Eveisha



Leigh



Lachy



Jordan

Nunga Kids Art Competition

Open to students
Contest Divisions are grades
K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9, 10-12

Paint, draw or take a photo of what the below theme means to you:

**“Strong in Culture,
Stronger Together”**

Entries no larger than A3 size, no smaller than A4 size
Paper, canvas or hardboard accepted
Submissions open now until 30 June 2024

For more information visit: www.cacyp.com



COMMISSIONER FOR
ABORIGINAL CHILDREN
& YOUNG PEOPLE

AbEd Team

Niina marni parents and caregivers,
Firstly, we would like to give a massive shout-out to our Years 10, 11 and 12 students who attend SAASTA, for attending the Santos Power Cup last week. It was extremely successful and it was awesome to see the students have such a great time playing football and learning about potential career pathways after school. Also, we would like to shout-out students, staff and community for their engagement in Reconciliation Week as that also was a great success.

Ngaityalya,

AbEd team

Aboriginal Power Cup

The SAASTA students were fortunate enough to attend the SANTOS Aboriginal Power Cup during Week 5. On the Tuesday they went to Morphettville Racecourse and participated in a workshop on Respectful Relationships. They also heard from prominent businessmen and women who spoke on a panel about their respective experiences in establishing their ventures and provided some advice on employment opportunities.

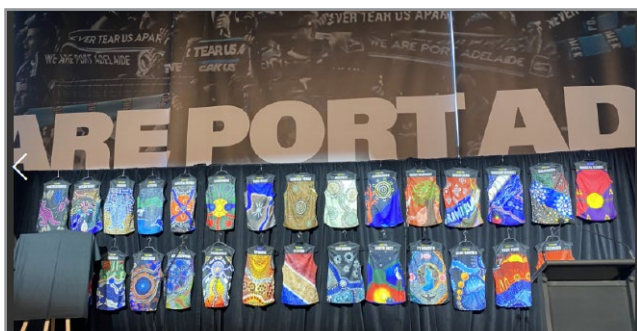
On Wednesday, they went to Alberton Oval and after a memorable welcome to country and smoking ceremony led by Uncle Trevor, the boys and girls split into their respective teams together with the Playford International College students. They played 9-a-side footy on a smaller field and came up against some quality metropolitan and country schools, such as Salisbury, Paralowie, APY lands, Port Lincoln and Murray Bridge. There was also an Expo for the students to attend where exhibitors such as the ADF, Police and businesses like Santos and Enerven had many giveaways and spoke to the students about career pathways.

On the Thursday, the cold and rainy conditions did not deter our students from participating in more footy matches. As the weather cleared, our students' skills shone through. Tayte, Camron and Ashton displayed tenacity and great skill to keep our team in contention. On the girls side, Peyton and Kayla were determined to represent our team with great effort and team spirit. At the conclusion of the footy we then headed to Adelaide Oval for presentations and the cultural dance just prior to the Power v Blues clash.



On the whole, the students had a great time, established new friendships, worked well as a team and learnt some invaluable lessons about business and relationships. We are really looking forward to next year's cup!

Uncle Marty





Men's Health Week

Free Community Connections North Event

Join us for a fun day out for men, dads and the whole family to celebrate connecting men in our community

Free food, entertainment and activities:

BBQ | live music | drumming demonstrations & workshops | boxercise | face painting for adults & kids | haircuts | ice-breaker activities | health checks | kids' play space | sensory space | car & bike displays | video presentations.

There will also be a showcase of handcrafted wood and metal items including toys, garden ornaments, chopping boards and more available to purchase from Willo's Men's Shed.



When: Saturday 15 June, 11am-3pm

Where: Grenville Hub, 10 Playford Blvd, Elizabeth

Bookings: Scan QR code for more Men's Health Week events

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THE MEN'S TABLE
MEN SERVING MEN



Community Connections is an initiative of the Department of Human Services.

Community Notices



NAIDOC in the North

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**Wednesday 10 July
10am – 2pm**

John McVeity Centre
182 Peachey Rd, Smithfield Plains

FREE entry

Connect to Culture

**Fire pit • Stalls • Free BBQ • Music • Elders Area
Activities • Chillout Zone • Deadly event!**




Book via **Eventbrite**
Scan or click the **QR Code**

Call Naomi – City of Playford
0410 341 028
or Leonie – Connected Beginnings
0439 785 583

Pooraka Farm Community Centre **FREE EVENT**


RAISING THE FLAG

**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD**




Wednesday 3rd July 10:30am to 2:00pm

- Aboriginal Flag Raising Ceremony
 - Cultural Craft Activities
 - Children's Activities
 - Wadjadin Scrub Meal
 - Face Painting
 - Sausage Sizzle Lunch
- Come celebrate culture and community in our annual flag raising ceremony. Featuring stalls, learn about Aboriginal artefacts and enjoy a Sausage Sizzle lunch.
- Pooraka Farm Community Centre - 126 Henderson Avenue, Pooraka**



Contact : Heather Hewitt
Phone : 8406 8488
e-mail : poorakafcc@gmail.com
Bookings essential



SUPPORT GROUP FOR ABORIGINAL CARERS WITH CHILDREN 0-5 YEARS

Grandparents for Grandchildren can assist by providing information support and advocacy.

Come along and build your village, gain support and share your experiences, while enjoying a cuppa and a feed

KAURNA PLAINS CHILDREN CENTRE

Wednesday's 13th March
10th April

69 Ridley Road, Elizabeth South
8209 3840
1:00pm -2:30pm




An Australian Government Initiative

NUNGA PLAYGROUPS TERM 2





Ngangkita Yarlita Wakwaku
MUMS/DADS AND BUBS 0-3 YEARS

Spending time with other mums/dads and connecting with your bub.

Transport available

Facilitated by:
Jill Lee (Cultural Learning, Training & Communities)
Tina Smith (Occupational Therapy, Connected Beginnings)
Elaine Nelson (Specialist Behaviour, Department for Education)
Contact Kaurna Plains Children's Centre on 840 3544

