



# Kurna Plains School R-12

Strength Through Learning • Taingiwilta Tirkanthi-arra

NEWSLETTER #13 Term 4, Week 1 2024

## Hats on! It's Term 4!

### Diary Dates

#### TERM 4

Week 2	<b>Friday 25th October</b> Open Morning
Week 3	<b>Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November</b> Primary Swimming Week <b>Tuesday 29th October - Early finish 2:00pm</b>
Week 4	<b>Wednesday 6th November</b> Governing Council 5:30pm <b>Friday 8th November</b> Reception Transition Visit 1
Week 5	<b>Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th November</b> Camp <b>Friday 15th November</b> Reception Transition Visit 2
Week 7	<b>Friday 29th November</b> Governing Council 9:30am
Week 8	<b>Thursday 5th December</b> Christmas Concert <b>Late start 12pm</b> <b>Friday 6th December</b> <b>School Closure</b>
Week 9	<b>Tuesday 10th December</b> Year 6 Graduation <b>Friday 13th December</b> CORKA Splash Day Last day of term <b>Early finish 2pm</b>



### Niina Marni

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Welcome to Term 4 – and what a paitya (deadly) term it will be! We have swimming week for Primary students followed by Camp in Week 5. We will then be gearing up for our amazing Twilight Christmas Concert alongside Year 6 and Year 12 Graduation celebrations. We will end the term with a CORKA Splash Day Celebration.

Term 4 is a HAT term – no hat, no play for Primary students. If you are missing a hat they can be purchased from the front office for \$5.



#### Early Finish

Governing Council has approved an early finish of **2pm** on **Tuesday of Week 3**. This will allow staff to participate in a 2-hour long staff meeting reflecting on the school's vision alongside the Department's strategy work to plan for 2025.



#### Late Start 12pm Christmas Concert

Once again, we will have a late start to support our Twilight Concert on **Thursday 5th December**. Students will come to school at **12pm** and be under duty of care of staff until the concert is complete. The following day, **Friday 6th December** will be a **school closure day**.



#### Staggered Start to 2025

With our numbers growing and spaces tight, we are trialling a staggered start to 2025. Reception to Year 7 students will start on Tuesday 28th January. Year 11/12s will then join on Wednesday 29th January, before all students are back on Thursday 30th January. This will give students time to settle into spaces in a more calm environment and allow teachers to build stronger bonds with transitioning students.

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# Principals' Message continued

## Transition into 2025

We will have an Open Morning on Friday Week 2 for new families – in particular Reception and Year 6 students. Please note that we will be starting next year with over 160 enrolments and until our new building is ready, we will have a wait list for students wishing to attend KPS. If you have any questions please see Natalea or Ange.

## Attendance Awareness Week

This week, students will be looking at their attendance data and making goals for Term 4. As a school, we have improved our attendance drastically over the last 4 years and we want that to continue! Our Ab Ed Team will be making contact to get student's unexplained absences explained.

*It's really cool to be at school*



If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which is equal to finishing in...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Grade 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Grade 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Grade 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years	Grade 4

## Camp

Deposits and forms are now overdue! Please see the front office ASAP.

## School Fees

Please see the front office ASAP to complete a payment plan for school fees. If you haven't heard back regarding School Card please chat to Bec our Finance Officer.

## Thank you!!

The staff and students at KPS would like to thank Variety the Children's Charity of SA for their support in creating the Junior Primary Breakout space. Staff have now purchased a range of resources to utilise in the space providing students with creative activities to keep them engaged in their learning.

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**Aunty Ange and Aunty Natalea**  
Principals



## Attendance

