



Kurna Plains School R-12

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NEWSLETTER #15 Term 4, Week 6 2024



Diary Dates

TERM 4

Week 7	Friday 29th November Governing Council 9:30am
Week 8	Thursday 5th December Christmas Concert Late start 12pm Friday 6th December School Closure
Week 9	Tuesday 10th December Year 6 Graduation Thursday 12th December Community Breakfast & Final Assembly Friday 13th December CORKA Splash Day Last day of term Early finish 2pm



Niina Marni

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The year is coming to a rapid close and so much is still to come...

Wonderful news in regards to **The Kurna Song book**.

Hannah Yates from Carclew is working with CASM. CASM will be rerecording the songs in the booklet with Aunty Cherylynne and Kurna Plains students this Tuesday and Thursday.

This is a great opportunity in republishing and continuing to expand and update Kurna Language resources. This year, Aunty Cherylynne has also been running Kurna Language lessons onsite on Thursday nights.

Well done to the Senior students who are currently finishing up their SACE and will have an earlier break as they complete their assignments and tasks.

Just a reminder that the Christmas Concert is on Thursday 5th December and we start the day at 12:00pm. Friday 6th December is our school closure.

On Thursday 12th December, we will host our final assembly and community breakfast of the year. The following day, Friday 13th December is the final day of school. We have planned a Splash Day to celebrate, so look out for those permission notes.

Aunty Ange & Aunty Natalea, Principals



*Pictured: Arbury Park Camp
(see more photos on the next page)*



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Deputy Principal Update

Since our last newsletter, we've been busy with some amazing events and achievements!



Halloween

We kicked things off with a Spooky Halloween Disco in the gym. It was fantastic to see so many cool costumes and incredible face paint! A huge thank you to Aunty Fiona for her fabulous face-painting skills - she made everyone look amazing. Even Uncle Luis joined in on the fun with his creative faces! We gave out prizes for the best-dressed costumes, and Uncle Michael kept an eye out for the dancers with the best moves. A big thanks to our high school students who helped set up and to all of our students for bringing their Halloween spirit!



Literacy

Of course, Literacy has been a big focus across the school, and we're so proud of the hard work happening in our literacy intervention groups. These groups are all about giving students extra support to build their reading knowledge and increase their language and literacy skills and some of the progress has been amazing! Many of our students who started the year struggling with reading are now gaining confidence and becoming fluent readers. A massive shout out to Aunty Lauren, Aunty Fiona, Aunty Tamika and our MultiLit tutors for running these groups and to our students for putting in the effort. Your hard work is paying off, and we're so proud of you!

Camp

Finally, last week our students had the opportunity to attend camp at Arbury Park. From bushwalking to team-building activities and cultural sessions, including a session with Uncle Trent Hill, students embraced the great outdoors and created memories. It was wonderful to see students trying new things and having fun. A huge thank you to the amazing staff at Arbury Park for making this such a special experience particularly for our Receptions and Year 1s.



Aunty Leayshia



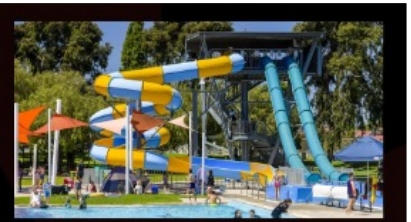
Engagement and Wellbeing Leader

Only 3 weeks left of school in 2024! Every year, the school goes to Water World in Ridgehaven for 'Picnic Week' or Splash Day. This year it will be held on the final day of term, Friday 13th December. As always, students need to earn 80 CORKA points to participate. If they don't make the 80 points an activity on site will be organised to celebrate the end of year. Students can earn CORKA points by being cooperative, organised, respectful, kind and accepting. Following adult instructions, strong attendance, trying their best and wearing uniform can also get students points.

Here is our House Point CORKA update:



Uncle Tom



House Tally



Library News

On Wednesday 20th November, Aunty Lisa and Aunty Taylor took Khayde to the Premiers Reading Challenge Reception. Khayde did an excellent job representing the school and receiving the schools award for great participation. We all then got to go around the zoo and look at all the animals.



Aunty Lisa

Kaurna Plains Childcare Centre Expressions of Interest

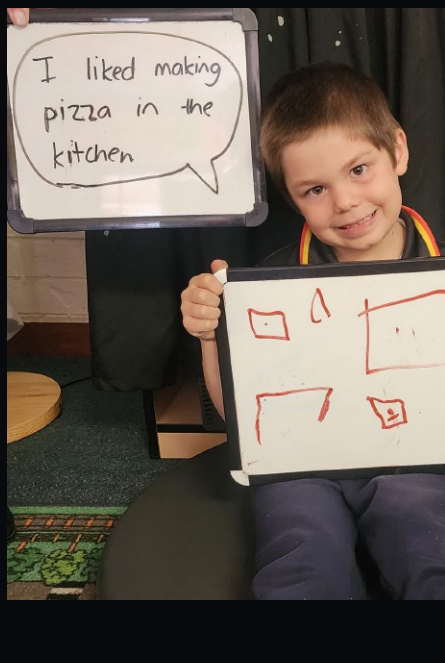
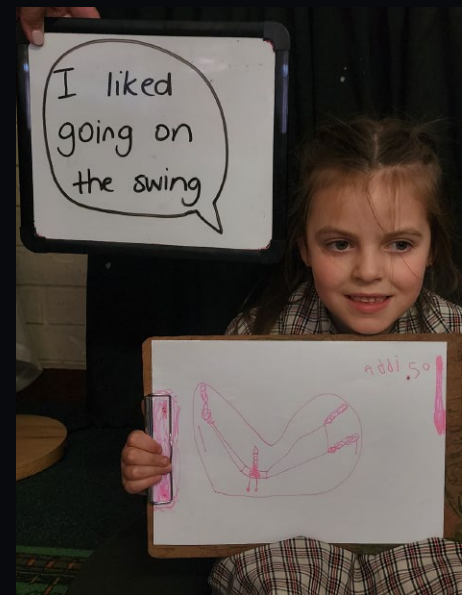
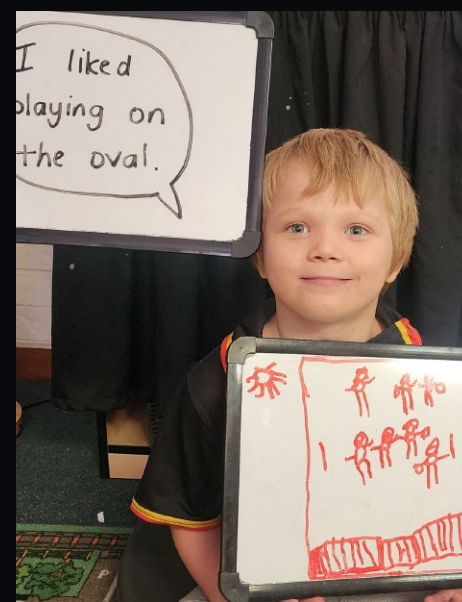
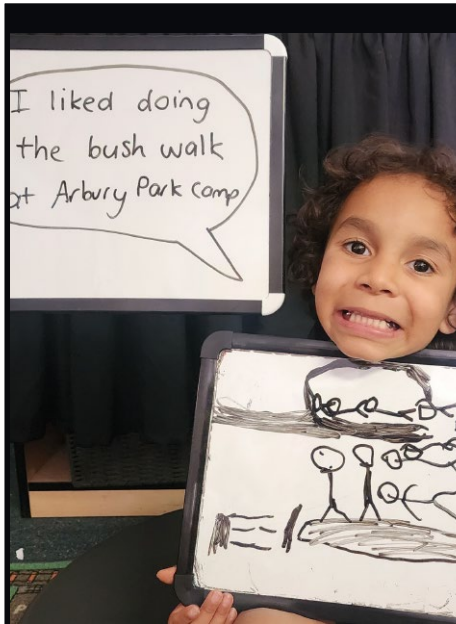
Kaurna Plains Childcare Centre is seeking expressions of interest from enthusiastic educators to join our team on a casual or part-time basis. Opportunities for before and after school hours as well as school based hours. Approved early childhood qualifications (Cert III / Diploma) or working towards, WWCC and RAN training required. Please contact Bec at Kaurna Plains Childcare Centre on 8255 4311.



Reception Classes



Reception Classes (continued)



Aunty Leanne - Year 1

Year 1 are happy campers!

Year 1 had an amazing time at Arbury Park Camp. We explored the woods as forest hunters, made Milo cakes in the mud kitchen and built dens using logs and materials. We ate lots of different foods, played on the playground and had discos before bed in our dorm! We saw kangaroos and kookaburras. Best of all, we spent time with our friends and worked so well as a team, making



it an unforgettable experience.

Aunty Leanne



HPE

This term, we've focused on building skills, teamwork, and having fun through a variety of activities. The younger classes have been learning the basics of movement, coordination, and game sense with lots of active play. It's been amazing to see their confidence grow as they master fundamental skills like throwing, catching, and balancing.

The older students have spent some time focusing on their techniques in team sports to refining their strategic thinking in modified games.



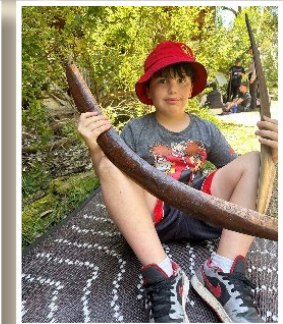
Aunty Fotina and Aunty Tina

We had a great time at camp and some of our favourite things included looking at artefacts, going on long hikes, team building challenges as well as Uncle Trent coming to speak to us and tell us stories.



We also had swimming the week before! It's been a super busy term already and as we lead up until the end of the year we will be preparing for our Christmas Concert.

Aunty Fotina and Aunty Tina



Aunty Candace

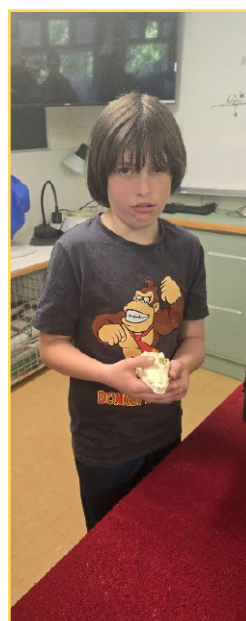
Swimming Lessons

In week 3 our class participated in swimming lessons at the newly renovated Salisbury pool. These lessons were about survival swimming and how to keep safe around waterways including; the pool, the beach and the river. We practised our survival stroke, floating on our backs, how to rescue someone from the water and how to get the attention of lifeguards. We all had a great time at the pool and the weather was great!



Camp

In week 5 we travelled to Arbury Park Outdoor School for our whole school camp. We participated in a scavenger hunt, a whole class web of life game and spent the two days bonding as a class. Check out some of our pictures!!



Aunty Candace

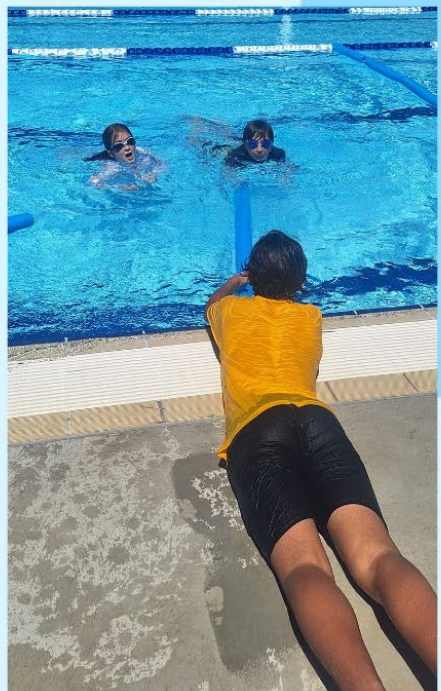
Swimming Week

In Week 3, our Primary Students participated in Swimming Week.

They learnt new swimming skills that they can apply in different water environments.

Some of the things that students learnt was how to put a life jacket on in water, how to help rescue someone, and how to sustain their energy levels in the water.

Well done to all of our primary students.



Science with Aunty Sangeetha

The environment is our BEST TEACHER!

An outdoor classroom with Aunty Sangeetha is a delightful experience that blends learning with nature. Aunty Sangeetha, known for her play based teaching style, transforms a simple sand pit or garden into a vibrant learning environment. Imagine students sitting in a circle under the shade of a large tree, surrounded by the sounds of chirping birds and rustling leaves. Aunty Sangeetha uses this natural setting to teach a variety of topics, where students can identify local plants, make creative paintings and taste new foods inspired by the environment around them. Her approach encourages students to explore, ask questions, and develop a deeper appreciation for the world around them. This outdoor setting also fosters collaboration and communication among students, making learning a holistic and enjoyable experience.



Aunty Sangeetha

