

# **Kaurna Plains School R-12**

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NEWSLETTER #2 Term 1. Week 9 2025

# Harmony Week

**EVERYONE BELONGS** 



# **Diary Dates**

Monday 24 - Wednesday 26 March

Life Education

Tuesday 25 March

JP excursion to Handorf Farm

Years 7-9 Hospitality fishing and eating trails

Wednesday 26 - Thursday 27 March

Dream Big Festival workshops

Friday 28 March
Pupil Free Day

Monday 31 March – Thursday 3 April

One Plan Parent Meetings

Friday 4 April

JP Ochre Play workshop

Monday 7 – Friday 11 April

Kids on Country Camp

Thursday 10 April

Community Breakfast and Assembly

Friday 11 April

Last day of Term 1 -

early dismissal 2pm



## Niina Marni

Welcome to this term's secondary showcase of learning newsletter, as teachers share the exciting programs that are in place from SAASTA, ACE and TLP.

On Thursday 20th of March we acknowledged National Closing the Gap Day, a time to reflect on the ongoing journey towards equity for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and community. At Kaurna Plains School, we are committed to ensuring our students feel strong in their culture, language and identity while striving for success in all areas of learning. Closing the gap is more than just numbers - it's about valuing culture, creating opportunities, and ensuring every child has the support they need to thrive. Together, with our families and community, we continue to walk this path.

Last week was **Harmony Week** and on Friday afternoon we enjoyed whole school activities as a part of CORKA (see more on our Facebook page).

A big thank you to those parents who attended our Annual General Meeting. If you are interested in joining our **Governing Council** please contact the school. Governing Council meet twice a term and we

encourage parents to join and share their voice.

# Important reminders for the remainder of the term:

**Life Education** (24-26 March) are visiting for all classes. Junior Primary excursion to **Handorf Farm** (25 March). Years 7-9 students in Hospitality are going fishing and collecting food on the eating trails (25 March). There will be **Dream** Big Festival workshops onsite (26-27 March). On our **Pupil Free Day** (28 March), staff will be working with Aunty Alison on implementing Aboriainal Perspectives in the Curriculum and planning Reconciliation and NAIDOC Week for next term. One Plan meetings will be held after school (31 March-3 April). An Ochre Play workshop (4 April) will be onsite for junior primary students. Secondary students will be attending the Kids On Country Camp during the final week of term (April 7-11). Also in the final week, we will host a community breakfast and final assembly (10 April). The last day of term is Friday 11th of April with an

early dismissal at 2pm.
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Aunty Ange Principal



# **Deputy Principal's Update**

#### **Attendance**

Amazing work with attendance – Primary have increased their overall attendance!

Current R – 12 Attendance Rate 65.5%

Current Primary Attendance Rate 71.5%

Current Secondary Attendance Rate 58.7%



We are still aiming to **increase our overall attendance rate to over 73% by the end of 2025**. In Week 11, students with high attendance will be acknowledged – so keep up the great work!

#### One Plans

Every student at KPS has a One Plan. One Plans are a personalised learning plan that identifies goals to help students achieve at school. There are four stages to One Plans:

Consult & Collaborate	Ask the perspective of teachers, student and families.	Generally annually
Assess & Identify	Where is the student at? Set goals based on this.	Each term
Adjust	Make the necessary adjustments to support students to achieve their goals.	Each term
Monitor & Review	Record the progress made.	Each term

One Plans use **SMART** Goals.

S	Specific	Relating to a skill
M	Measurable	Able to know if it is achieved
Α	Achievable	Within reach of your child's abilities
R	Relevant	Directly related to your child
T	Timely	Can be achieved in a 10 week time frame

Right now, teachers have assessed and identified the needs of our students. We are discussing them at One Plan Meetings in Week 10. Thank you to all our families for making the time for this discussion. If you cannot make this week, teachers will be in contact with you to make an alternative time.

Aunty Natalea Deputy Principal

# Kaurna Language songs

Scan the QR code to listen to the Kaurna Language songs that Aunty Cherylynne and our students have recorded and performed a few weeks ago.

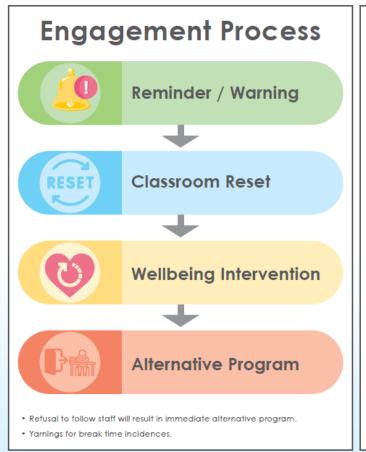


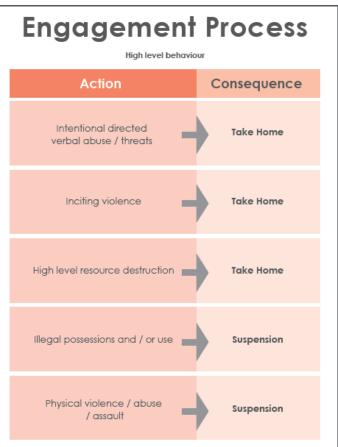
# **Engagement and Wellbeing Leader**

### **Engagement Policy**

As we have all now found our feet in 2025 as staff and students, we are focusing on our Engagement Process to maximise teaching and learning time. All students are familiar with the process, it is discussed in our 'Circle times' more than once a day. The process is based on the Berry Street Education Model, trauma-informed practices, and restorative application.

As all children have the right to feel safe and learn at school, we have developed a high-level engagement action and consequence chart to complement our 'low-level' engagement process.





"...individuals are most likely to trust and cooperate freely with systems – whether they themselves win or lose by those systems – when fair process is observed..."

The process follows the three 'Fair Process Principals' of **engagement** – having the opportunity to have a say, **explanation** – understand the reasons for the decision, and **expectation** – clarity and shared understanding on what is expected in terms of behaviour and rules. This process achieves trust, commitment and co-operation.

The process enhances learning, behaviour, moral development and helps build stronger relationships. Our processes are ongoing and forever developing and changing. We will always keep community updated and we appreciate your input! As always, if you have any questions about the process, please speak with a member of leadership.



## **Aunty Leayshia**

## NAPLAN and Harmony Day – What a Big Couple of Weeks!

Over the last two weeks, our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students have been taking part in NAPLAN testing. This is a national test that checks students' learning in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and maths. We're really proud of how our students approached it – especially our Year 3s who had never done NAPLAN before! It was so wonderful to see them having a go, staying focused, and showing resilience. Amazing effort, Year 3s!

Last Friday, we celebrated Harmony Day across the school. Harmony Day is about celebrating diversity – all the different cultures, languages, and backgrounds that make up our community. Harmony Day also coincides with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination – so it's an important reminder to keep creating safe, inclusive spaces for everyone. It's a day to say no to racism and to stand together.

After lunch, our amazing R–12 students and staff participated in a bunch of fun and activities. We saw Aboriginal yarning, games, music and dance with Uncle Kieran and Uncle Colin, and a stunning harmony banner decorated with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander themes with Aunty Sharna and Uncle Jack.

There were harmony biscuits made with love by Aunty Fiona, Aunty Taylor, Aunty Bahera and Aunty Kelsey, and delicious food from around the world shared by Aunty Tina and Aunty Nadene. Aunty Natasha and Aunty Georgia kept minds busy with Harmony Day puzzles, while Uncle Nick, Uncle Lachie and the students got active with sports from around the world. Henna was a big hit too, with Aunty Ruhi leading the way, supported by Aunty Jyoti, Uncle Paul, Uncle Sean, Aunty Bri and Uncle Tom. Our younger students loved the Harmony Day colouring with Aunty Kellie and Aunty Brooke.



A big thanks to Uncle Tom and all the staff who worked hard to make the afternoon possible. It was wonderful to see everyone come together to celebrate diversity, connection and kindness.

#### **Aunty Leayshia**



## Ab Ed Team

Niina Marni families,

## **Community Breakfast**

We will be hosting Community Breakfast in Week 11 on Thursday 10 April at 8.30am. Please come along and celebrate the end of term with us.

#### **Absences**

We are focussing on unexplained absences and have distributed letters. Please return these so we can update our records.

#### **Dental Schools**

We had the highest amount forms returned ever, with lots of students visiting the dental van. There will be more dental visits next term.

#### Witchelina Camp

Information packs will be handed over the coming week for students who have returned their forms. Please get your forms in ASAP to Uncle Kieran. We can't wait to be out on camp with the team, Aunty Bri, Uncle Ross and Uncle Kieran.

#### **AbStudy**

After meeting with Josh from Centrelink, Uncle Kieran will be handing out AbStudy forms. If you have questions please see Uncle Kieran. We are hoping to host a parent information session - please see Uncle Kieran if you are interested.

Ab Ed Team

# Year 7/8 Maths

This term, our Year 7/8 class has been diving into the exciting world of factors and multiples - two key building blocks of mathematics!

We've explored what makes a number a factor (a number that divides another number without leaving a remainder) and what counts as a multiple (a number found by multiplying a number by an integer). Students have tackled practical problems, discovering factors and multiples of various numbers and learning how these concepts connect to real-world scenarios, like planning equal group sizes for events or understanding

patterns in numbers.

# HASS

Year 7/8s are learning about Ancient Aboriginal History which began over 65,000 years ago when a stone grinding tool was found in northern Arnhem Land. These show that Aboriginal people were using edgeground hatchets, processing pigments and grinding seeds far sooner than any other civilisation in the world.

For thousands of years prior to the arrival of Europeans, Australia was occupied by many different Aboriginal clans. Living around vast areas, they fished, hunted and performed ceremonies on their traditional land, and harvested food from the surrounding bush.

Aboriginal people were self-sufficient and harmonious, they had no need to travel far from their lands, since the resources around them were so abundant, and trade with other tribal groups was well established.

Year 8 to 10s are learning about the second world war and the impact it has had on Australian society over the years. During World War II, an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people served in the Australian Defence Force, including regular units, irregular units, and support roles, despite facing discrimination and exclusion.

Long before they were considered citizens of Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have had a proud history of contributing to Australia's defence efforts. Their assistance spanning in all areas of Army, Navy and Air Force.

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander war stories are only now being uncovered.





In 1944, nearly every Torres Strait Islander man was a member of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion – in proportion to population, no community in Australia contributed more to Australia's effort in World War II than the people of the Torres Strait Islands.

The first Japanese Prisoner of War in Australia was captured by Aboriginal people after his plane crashed on Melville Island, north of Darwin in February 1942.

**Aunty Sharna** 

# **Aunty Erin**

Niina Marni! It's been a very busy start to Term 1 in the secondary school. Welcome to our new Year 7s. Teachers and co-educators are doing lots of work to support them to settle into secondary school life. This looks quite different to primary school, with different classrooms and teachers for different subjects.

To support our new Year 7s, and all of our secondary students to flourish in a high school setting, we have had a strong focus on consistent and predictable routines (CPR). Ensuring that each teacher and classroom has consistent expectations helps students to feel safe and settled, no matter where they are or who they are with in the school. In Term 1, we have focussed on entry and exit routines as students come in to class and leave for breaks, as well as having a strong focus on students using movement passes and correct processes when they need to leave the learning for any reason. In Term 2 we will be looking at building on our CPR to incorporate more consistency across subjects.

Our seniors have started 2025 off very strong. They are engaging in their learning in subjects including AIF (the new Research Project), English, and Maths. While students who were part of the senior cohort last year have already completed their compulsory Maths component for their SACE, this year we have worked to design a community connections subject with a numeracy focus. This is to ensure our Year 12 students are given as much exposure and opportunity to build vital numeracy skills for work and life. This is part of our ongoing commitment to closing the gap and supporting our students to build the skills they need to engage in meaningful life pathways.

This year we have also embarked on a joint venture with Playford International College (PIC) to offer Aboriginal Studies. Senior students attend PIC on Friday mornings for explicit teaching and are supported in their coursework for this subject on site throughout the week by Uncle Sean. So far, our students are enjoying being able to deepen their understanding of culture and receive SACE points for this important learning.

We have also launched and Integrated Studies subject for our seniors this year. Integrated Studies is largely a project-based learning program where students, both individually and in groups, plan and carry out projects that add value to the KPS community. We currently have two projects running; the building of a secure and lockable bike shed which will be located near the Trade Training Centre in the wetlands, and the repurposing of the old chicken coop located next to the primary playground. While we are still firming up ideas for this space, we are leaning towards the idea of creating an outdoor sensory space where students who need to reset can spend time in a peaceful garden area with plants selected for their calming scents or textures.

Ngaityalya,

**Aunty Erin** 



# **Aunty Jyoti**

Niina Marni

Students have had a great start to 2025. We started our year with discussions about one of our most important CORKA values, *kindness*. We discussed examples of kind behaviour and participated in activities encouraging people to act kind to others.





In Science, we are learning about Earth Science. We have been discussing different types of rocks in the Year 8/9 class and tectonic plates in the Year 9/10 class. The following pictures give a sneak peak of our term so far.

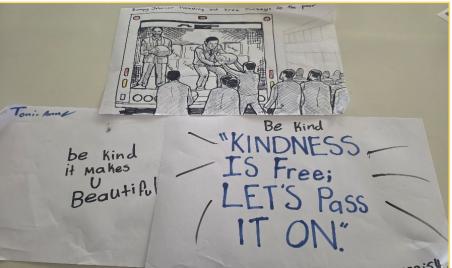
Aunty Jyoti, Year 8-12 STEM Teacher











## Health and PE with Uncle Nick

In HPE, we have had two coaches from Norwood Basketball who came out every four weeks to run basketball skills and games sessions. These sessions focused on fundamental basketball techniques such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and defensive movements. The coaches also incorporated team-building activities and small-sided

games to help students develop their skills in a fun and engaging way.

These sessions complemented our regular HPE curriculum by reinforcing important motor skills, promoting physical activity, and encouraging sportsmanship. The students

looked forward to each visit from the Norwood coaches, and many expressed interest in continuing basketball outside of school.





## **Community Notices**



Delivered by MTA

RTO CODE: 2293

A FREE\* taster program for Yr 8 to 10 students looking to explore career pathways into the automotive industry.



TRY-A-TRADE offers students the opportunity to participate in a day program and gain experience. ith hands-on practical activities



- > Assist students make informed decisions about career pathways by providing exposure to the automotive industry.
- > Help students fulfil their VET Readiness (VETRO) requirements by supplying a certificate of participation.



#### WHERE AND WHEN

The TRY-A-TRADE is delivered at ST PATRICK'S TECHNICAL COLLEGE 2-6 Hooke Road Edinburgh North THURSDAY 17 APRIL 2025 - Term 1 holidays THURSDAY 10 JULY 2025 - Term 2 holidays
THURS 2 OCTOBER 2025 - Term 3 holidays 10am to 2pm (arrive 9:50am)



The taster program is fully funded. There is a \$20 administration fee to students for the Try-A-Trade program.



- All participants must have
- · long pants or trade pants
- closed in shoes hair tied back
- · MTA will supply safety glasses



## PLANNED EXPERIENCES

Students will have the opportunity to gain experience and knowledge into the world of

- automotive through:

   hands-on automotive activities showcasing
- light vehicle interactive spray painting and panel beating
- learning how to change a wheel and compete in the exciting MTA Pit Stop Challenge
- an introduction to VET and careers in the automotive industry



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**Neuc** RTO CODE: 40222

A FREE\* taster program for Yr 8 to 10 students looking to explore career pathways in the building and construction industry.



TRY-A-TRADE offers students the opportunity t participate in a day program and gain experienc with hands-on practical activities, in the areas of bricklaying and tiling.



- > Assist students make informed decisions about career pathways by providing exposure to the building and construction industry.
- > Help students fulfil their VET Readiness



# WHERE AND WHEN

The TRY-A-TRADE is delivered at ST PATRICK'S TECHNICAL COLLEGE 2-6 Hooke Road Edinburgh North TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2025 - Term 1 holidays TUESDAY 8 JULY 2025 - Term 2 holidays TUES 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 - Term 3 holidays 9am to 3pm (arrive 8:50am)



The taster program is fully funded. There is a **\$20 administration fee** to students for the Try-A-Trade program



- All participants must have:
   long sleeve shirt or top (no hoodies with drawstrings)
- long pant or trade pant
- closed if snoes
   hair tied back
   NEVC will supply safety glasses and gloves, as required



- use bricklaying and tiling hand and
- lay basic stretcher bond brickwork
- mix mortar/adhesive
- cut and lay wall/floor tiles
- grout tiles



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**WATEC** RTO CODE: 0022

A FREE\* taster program for Yr 9 to 10 students looking to explore career pathways in the building and construction industry.



TRY-A-TRADE offers students the opportunity to participate in a day program and gain experience with hands-on practical activities, in the areas of carpentry and plastering



- · Assist students make informed decisions about career pathways by providing exposure to the building and construction industry.
- > Help students fulfil their VET Readiness (VETRO) requirements by supplying a certificate of participation.



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The taster program is fully funded.
There is a \$20 administration fee to students for the Try-A-Trade program.



- All participants must have:

  Iong sleeve shirt or top (no hoodies with drawstrings)

  Iong pant or trade pant
- preferably safety boots or at minimum
- closed in leather upper shoes hair tied back
- safety glasses the College will provide as required



- · use of hand and power tools

- use or nano and power tools cutting and fixing timber learning and using first fix carpentry skills working in a team to complete a project prepare to work safely in the construction industry



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Delivered by PEER

RTO CODE: 45744



A **FREE**\* taster program for Yr 8 to 10 students looking to explore career pathways in the building and construction industry.



TRY-A-TRADE offers students the opportunity to participate in a day program and gain exp with hands-on practical activities, in the areas of



> Assist students make informed decisions about career pathways by providing exposure to the building and construction industry. > Help students fulfil their VET Readiness

(VETRO) requirements by supplying a certificate of participation



#### WHERE AND WHEN

ST PATRICK'S TECHNICAL COLLEGE 2-6 Hooke Road Edinburgh North WED 16 APRIL 2025 - Term 1 holidays WED 9 JULY 2025 - Term 2 holidays (TBC) WED 1 OCT 2025 - Term 3 holidays (TBC)
9am to 3pm (arrive 8:50am)



The taster program is fully funded by CITB. There is a \$20 administration fee to students for the Try-A-Trade program



All participants must have

- long sleeve shirt or top (no hoodies with drawstrings)
  I long pant or trade pant
  closed in shoes
  PEER will supply safety glasses and gloves,

- as required



## PLANNED EXPERIENCES

- use electrical hand and power tools instal cable into conduit and lighting sockets
- perform electrical work on boards prepare to work safely in the construction
- industry
  use plumbing hand and power tools
  experience joining methods with PVC
- stormwater piping
- · perform basic levelling, trenching and setting up strina lines





## **Community Notices**



CIVIL TRAIN

A FREE\* taster program for Yr 7 to 10 students looking to explore career pathways into the civil construction industry.



TRY-A-TRADE offers students the opportunity to participate in a half day program and gain an interactive industry immersion experience into the world of civil construction. world of civil construction.



> Assist students make informed decisions about career pathways by providing exposur to the civil construction industry.

> Help students fulfil their VET Readines: (VETRO) requirements by supplying a certificate of participation.



The taster program is fully funded.
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All participants must have

WHERE AND WHEN

The TRY-A-TRADE is delivered at ST PATRICK'S TECHNICAL COLLEGE 2-6 Hooke Road Edinburgh North

9am to 12pm (arrive 8:50am)

- appropriate clothing for practical activities · enclosed non-slip footwear
- (safety boots or sports shoes/runners)

## PLANNED EXPERIENCES

Students will have the opportunity to gain an interactive experience into the world of civil

- nteractive experience into the world of civil construction through: gamified learning operating a variety of simulated heavy machinery including an excavator, front-end loader, and haul truck
- learning how to undertake pre-starts
- learning how to safely operate the vehicles



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## PREPARING FOR SUCCESS

POST-SCHOOL PATHWAYS FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

PRESENTED BY EMMA RAMKE

#### - SECONDARY STUDENTS ONLY -

THIS SESSION IS FREE FOR ALL FAMILIES | PARENTS | CAREGIVERS

WHEN: THURSDAY, 13TH MARCH 2025.

TIME: 9:30AM - 10:30AM
VENUE: PARA HILLS OFFICE - CONFERENCE ROOM ADDRESS: 26-34 WILKINSON RD, PARA HILLS SA 5096

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Starting Term 2, 2025

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fun, hands-on cooking class! Learn new recipes, cook together, and enjoy good food while making great memories.

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