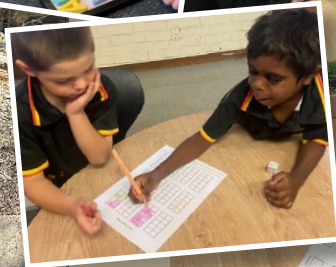




# Kurna Plains School R-12

Strength Through Learning • Taingiwilta Tirkanthi-arra

NEWSLETTER #3 Term 2, Week 4 2025



## Diary Dates

### Week 5

- **Tuesday 27th May**  
Little Long Walk 9:30am
- **Thursday 29th May**  
Rec in the West Excursion
- **Friday 30th May - 9:00am**  
Open Classrooms 9:00am  
Community Morning Tea from 9:45am

### Week 6

- **Friday 6th June**  
Pupil Free Day

### Week 7

- **Monday 9th June**  
Public Holiday (King's Birthday)

### Week 10

- **Thursday 3rd July**  
Community Breakfast 8:30am  
Assembly 9:10am
- **Friday 4th July**  
Last day of Term 2

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Kurna Plains School

## Niina Marni



Next week is Reconciliation Week and the theme this year is 'Bridging Now to Next'. See below for the activities happening at Kurna Plains School.

Ngaityalya,  
Aunty Ange, Principal

## Reconciliation Week 2025

### Upcoming events

### at Kurna Plains School R-12



## Bridging Now to Next

27 MAY -  
3 JUNE

#NRW2025



- **Little Long Walk**  
**Tuesday 27th May - 9:30am**  
Join us for a walk around the oval to commemorate Michael Long's Walk.
- **Poetry Competition**
- **Reconciliation Reflections**
- **Rec in the West Excursion**  
**Thursday 29th May**
- **Open Classrooms**  
to share learning and  
**Community Morning Tea**  
**Friday 30th May - 9:00am**  
Join us for an open morning to showcase our learning from Reconciliation Week. Followed by a morning tea and bonfire from 9:45am.



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Cooperation Organisation Respect Kindness Acceptance

# Deputy Principal's Update

## The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) is a process that happens every year in all Australian schools. It helps schools and governments understand how to support students with disabilities better.



### What is NCCD?

- Purpose: The NCCD collects information about students with disabilities to improve their support and education.
- Privacy: Your child's privacy is protected. No personal details are shared, and your child will not be tested.

### What Information is Collected?

- Year of Schooling: The grade your child is in.
- Type of Disability: This could be physical, cognitive (thinking), sensory (like hearing or seeing), or social/emotional.
- Level of Support: How much help your child receives. This can be basic, extra, or a lot of support.

### Why is NCCD Important?

- Recognising Support: Schools can see what support is already given to students with disabilities.
- Improving Support: Schools can find ways to give better help to students.
- Planning: Governments use this information to plan and provide resources for schools.

### How Does it Affect Your Child?

- No Direct Impact: Your child will not be involved in any testing.
- Confidentiality: All information is kept private and secure.

### Where to Get More Information?

- Visit the NCCD Portal for more details.
- Check the Australian Government's Privacy Policy to understand how your child's information is protected.

If you have questions, feel free to contact the school or make a time to see me. a

## Building Works

This term site works are commencing for our 4 new classrooms. Site works include temporary fencing so that the ground can be prepared for the modular delivery in Term 3. We will have an opportunity for students to visit Shape Construction to see the modular being prefabricated.

Ngaityalya,



**Aunty Natalea**  
**Deputy Principal**



## Engagement and Wellbeing Leader

Welcome to Term 2! We have had a very busy start to the term, as expected, as learning never stops. As learning is our core business, and our school is rapidly growing - the staff and students initiated a document that would display our expectations, values and consistent approaches so that all stakeholders are well informed.

Last term, I introduced you to the KPS Expectations and Consistency document. It's like a 'cheat sheet' if you will, that will put the focus on maximising learning and experiences for our students. We have created visuals for our younger learners that will be displayed throughout the school. Please check them out.



Uncle Tom

**Primary students  
wear hats in  
Term 1 and 4.**



**Basketball and playing  
in the Quadrangle is for  
Reception-Year 6  
students**



**Ninja Playground  
is for  
Year 5-12 students.**



**The Kitchen is open to  
Secondary from  
12:50-1:10pm.**



**The Courtyard is  
a quiet place,  
free from running  
and eating.**



**C ooperation**

Phones and devices stay off and in the office during school time.



**O rganisation**

Uniform is organised to match our school colours.



**R espect**

Respectful language is key - let's keep swearing out of our conversations.



**K indness**

Hands off means we kindly respect personal space.



**A cceptance**

We are accepting of everyone - racism, homophobia, ableism, sexual harassment has no place here.



## National Tennis Carnival

On the 8th of May, students from Years 2-6 attended the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival. It was a fantastic day filled with fun tennis activities, skill-building, and great sportsmanship. Students enjoyed rallying, serving, and participating in games alongside their peers. Their enthusiasm, positive attitude, and excellent behaviour were

noted by staff and organisers. A big thank you to all involved for making the day such a success!



Uncle Nick



## Aunty Leayshia

Naa Marni everyone,

After some time away on long service leave, I'm really happy to be back at school. I had a wonderful break with my family, and it's been lovely to return and be welcomed so warmly. A big thank you to Aunty Fotina for stepping in while I was away – she did an amazing job keeping everything running smoothly.

This week, our Year 10 students took part in a NAPLAN trial focused on ICT (technology). I was really proud of the way they approached it. Every student gave it their best and worked hard to stay focused – well done to all of them!

Over the next few weeks, students from Year 2 to Year 10 will be completing their PAT (Progressive Achievement Tests) in Reading and Maths. This is the second year we've used PAT Adaptive. PAT Adaptive is an online test that changes the questions depending on how each student is going. This helps us get a much clearer picture of what your child knows and what support they might need, so we can plan our teaching in the best way possible.

If you have any questions about PAT testing, please feel free to call or come in and have a chat.

Lastly, I want to give a huge thank you to our Literacy Intervention Team and Aboriginal Education Team, who are working closely with our speech pathologist, Claire French. They're doing incredible working with our families and supporting our students.



Ngaityalya,

**Aunty Leayshia**

## Library News

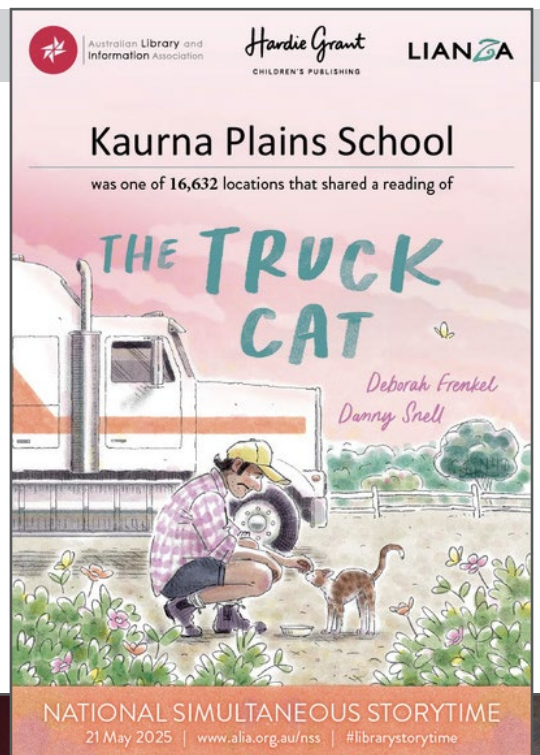
### National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 21 May our primary students participated in the 25th Annual National Simultaneous Storytime.



All the primary classes gathered together to listen to the story *The Truck Cat*, and participated in discussions before and after.

**Aunty Lisa**





## Finance News

School Fees for 2025 are now overdue.

Please see Bec in the Finance Office for help with School Card applications or setting up a payment plan.



## Ab Ed Team

### SAASTA Power Cup Success

Last week, a group of our Year 10–12 students participated in the SAASTA Power Cup at Alberton. It was a solid turnout, and our students made us proud by showcasing their skills, teamwork, and strong cultural pride both on and off the field. They even had the opportunity to perform a dance on the oval before Yartapuulti (Port Adelaide) played, and they enjoyed watching the game. A big thank you to all who represented our school and community.

### Upcoming Events

This week, some of our senior students will take part in Nunga Tag at Avenues College, supported by Uncle Kieran, Auntie Sharna and Auntie Bri.

Coming up on Thursday 29 May, our high school students will head on an excursion to Rec in the West at Tauondi College. We look forward to another positive day of community engagement and connection to culture.

### Community Support

A friendly reminder to all families - if you ever need a yarn, we're here to support you. Kieran is available for high school students, Michael for Years 3–6, and Kamell for our Junior Primary and Kindy transition kids.

**Ab Ed Team**

## Auntie Kelsey

At Lunch Club in the kitchen we have had a large increase in students accessing the emergency lunches (cheese toasties). Often the reason for this is students forgetting to make/bring their own lunch. To help increase accountability, secondary students that bring their own lunch to either heat up or toast will receive a CORKA point for displaying the school value of Organisation!

If any secondary students would like to volunteer in the kitchen at lunch times please come see me to put your name down on the roster! Volunteers also receive CORKA points.

In other news, Rock and Water has started up again with a group of primary boys participating this term. We have been going for a few weeks now. This week's theme focus is "What does it mean to be a good friend?" and "What is worth fighting for?". Stay tuned for photos coming soon!



**Auntie Kelsey**

# Lunch Club



### WHO

All Secondary students

### WHAT

Students are encouraged to bring along sandwiches to toast, noodles or any food they would like reheated.

### WHERE

Kitchen

### WHEN

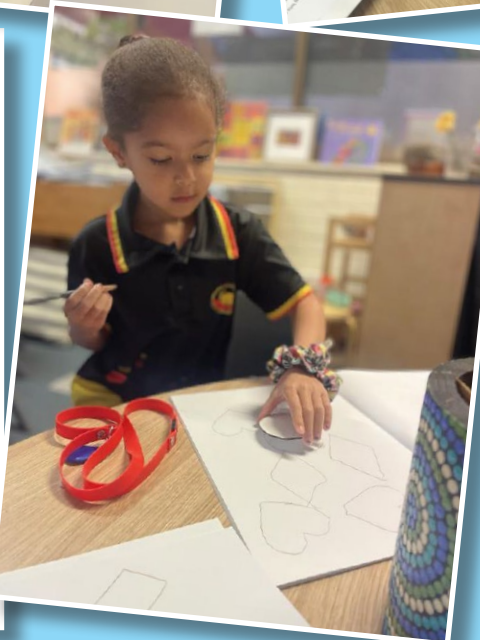
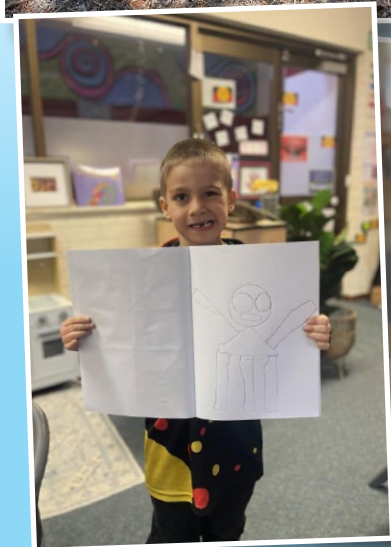
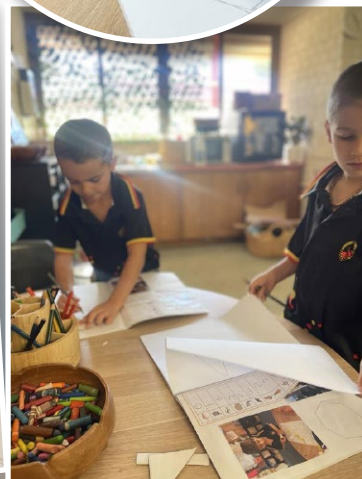
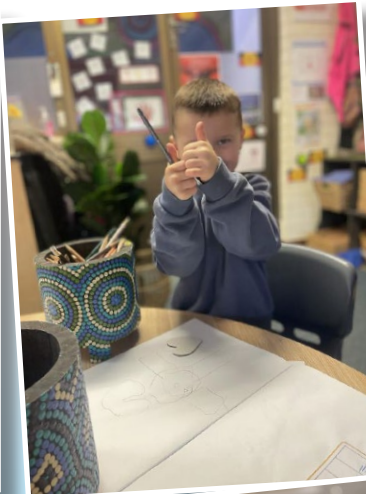
Every Lunchtime, 12:50 until 1:10pm



## Reception Bilbies

### What has been happening in the Reception class?

The Bilbies have had a busy start to the term with lots happening. We attended the Reconciliation River Walk and then the Dream Big excursion. Auntie Kellie is on leave at the moment so Auntie Josie and Auntie Milly have been in our room. This term we are learning about shapes. We are learning to name and draw them. We have some of our work to share with you. Enjoy!





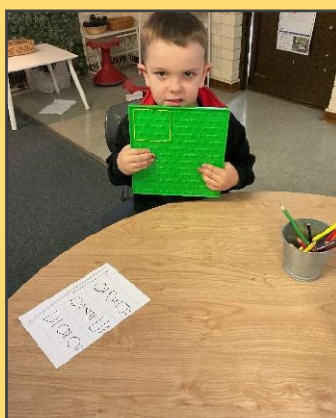
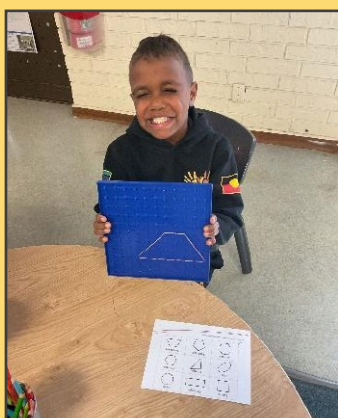
## Aunty Natasha - Reception/Year 1 Wombats

### What has been happening in the Reception/Year 1 class?

It has been a busy start to the term with two excursions and lots of learning. In Maths we have been practising our skip counting and have moved onto recognising and making shapes. We have been working hard to get ready for the Reconciliation Week events next week. We have used our learnings from the Reconciliation River Walk to create our own artwork and then written about them to share for next week. We are also excited for the Little Long Walk. We look forward to sharing our learning with you next week.



**Aunty Natasha**





## Aunty Sheryn's Fantastic Frogs

This term we have had lots of fun exploring book-based learning themes through songs and puppet play. Our focus has been colour and number match and lots of fun sensory activities.

**Aunty Sheryn**





## Aunty Tina - Year 2/3/4

Panya Marni everyone!

Our first couple of weeks back to school were busy, exciting ones with lots of excursions and fun activities.

Students learnt lots about Kaurua culture and country on our River Excursion. We all had lots of fun and built on our tennis skills at the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival and celebrated the beginning of the Dream Big Festival.



We look forward to sharing some of our learning with you during Reconciliation Week.

**Aunty Tina**





## Aunty Candace

Naa Marni families!

Welcome back for another term at Kaurna Plains. Our class has started the term with many immersive experiences and opportunities for learning.

In our first week back, we travelled to Tea Tree Gully and participated in a Reconciliation River Walk, where we used our iPads and QR codes to learn more about the river area and ways of living more sustainably. You can see more about this learning at our Open Day on Friday of Week 5.

In Week 2, we had two excursions. Our first was to the Adelaide Festival Theatre to participate in the Dream Big Children's Festival Parade. This year marked the 50th year of the Children's Festival, and to celebrate, we were invited to a huge birthday party and parade where our class held the banner for Kaurna Plains School. After the parade, we got to experience one of the performances that is part of the festival. We danced in a disco with three deaf hosts, learning some sign language as we danced.

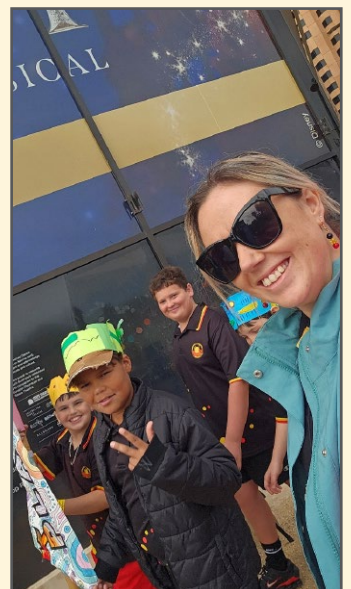
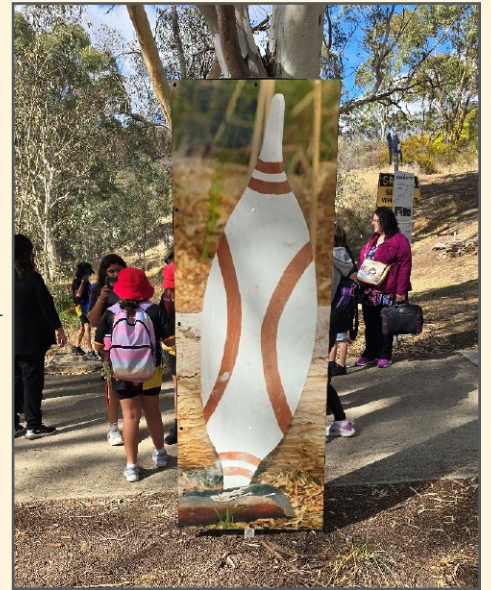
Our second excursion in Week 2 took us to the Playford Tennis Courts for the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival. During the carnival, we participated in cultural learning, creating seed bombs using native seeds. We then refined our tennis skills in a workshop and enjoyed a BBQ lunch!

Reconciliation Week is coming up with lots of learning happening in the classroom and around the school. We hope to see our families at our Open Day and Morning Tea on Friday morning of Week 5. We will have QR codes

in our classroom that will allow you to use your smartphone to view some of the learning that has been going on!

Ngaityalya,

**Aunty Candace**



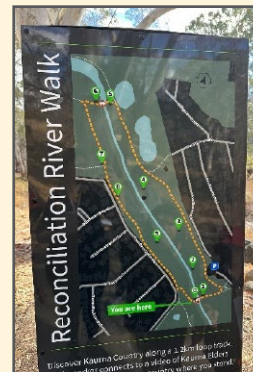


## Aunty Fontina

The past few weeks we have been learning about fractions in class with Aunty Klara. We have been on the Reconciliation Walk, tennis excursion as well as the Dream Big excursion. We have had lots of time this term experiencing new things together in new places. We can't wait to share more learning with our families.



**Aunty Fontina**

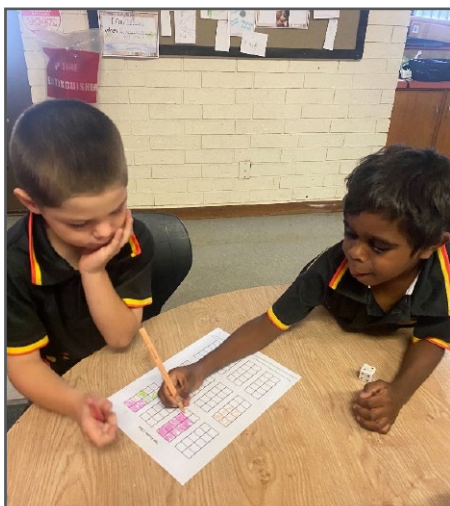


## Maths with Aunty Leanne



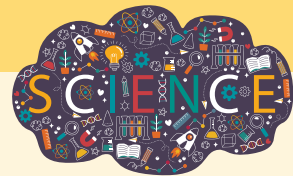
In Maths, we have been playing lots of different dice games with Aunty Leanne to build up our skills in number. We have been practising 'subitising' which means recognising an amount, without having to count! We have also been trying out different tools and strategies to help us when working with bigger numbers.

**Aunty Leanne**



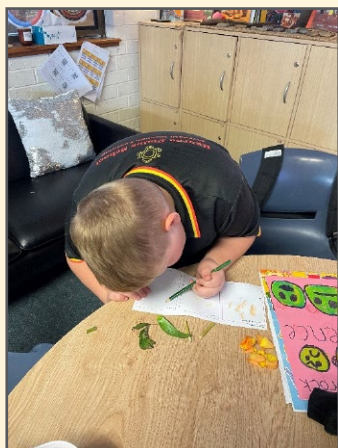
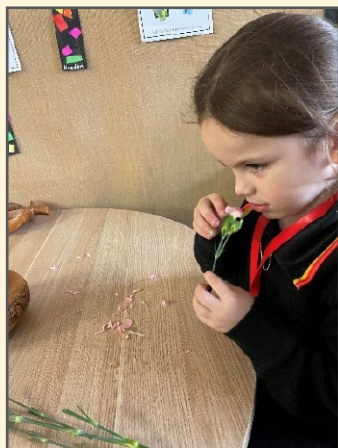


## Science



Lots of Science has been going on around school over the last few weeks! After beginning the term with our Reconciliation River Walk, Reception to Year 4 students have been looking at plants that are native to South Australia, as well as those that have been introduced from other parts of the world. We have made observations of flowers by taking them apart and labelling what we can see and discussed the differences between different plants around us. We are looking forward to diving deeper into the many uses of our native plants in future lessons.

Year 5/6 have continued linking their Science learning to the 'Makers Empire - Kids in Space' Program in Design and Technology, developing physical and digital prototypes before finalising designs in preparation for our upcoming showcase.





## Seniors

Hi everyone!

In Week 10, the senior class is hosting a community breakfast in celebration of NAIDOC Week! We would love for all students and their families to come and enjoy some yummy food and have a yarn with the community. This event is fully run by the senior class, so we'd appreciate your support! It is on the 3rd of July at 8:30am and the end of term assembly is to follow at 9:10am.

As a part of our celebrations, we are also running a colouring in competition. There will be 3 different age group competitions, with a different picture for each, and a different prize for each winner!

Your teachers will hand these out in class very soon, good luck, and we can't wait to see you all there!

## Community Notices



**JINDOKAI SHOTOKAN KARATE**  
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QR code linking to Jindokai Shotokan Karate information.

### Jindokai Shotokan Karate - Traditional Martial Arts for today's kids!

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**KAWANTA PIRKU-ITYA  
YARNING FOR KNOWLEDGE**

Yarning for Knowledge is a relaxed and welcoming space to learn about disability, share experiences, and connect with others. Each session starts with an info session then we come together for a yarn, where you can ask questions, share challenges, and have open conversations in a safe, judgment-free space.

**02 MAY**  
**CREATING AUTISM-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENTS**  
Learn simple, practical ways to support kids with Autism and make learning spaces more inclusive. We'll chat about things like engine changers, visual supports, language tips, mealtime strategies, and creating a positive environment

**16 MAY**  
**SENSORY PROCESSING WORKSHOP**  
Let's talk about how our senses work and why they matter! We'll go over different sensory systems, how people process things differently, ways to support regulation, and how to use neuro-affirming language to create a more inclusive and supportive space.

**30 MAY**  
**HELPING KIDS GROW: LANGUAGE & LITERACY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD**  
Learn how kids develop language and literacy, and how to create a space that supports this. We'll cover easy ways to help with early learning, signs of delays, and when to ask for support.

**13 JUNE**  
**INTRO TO MEALTIMES**  
Learn how to make mealtimes safe and enjoyable for people with swallowing difficulties, while considering sensory needs. We'll cover how to provide the right textures, ensure meals are nutritious, and prepare food to match individual preferences and sensory needs.

 **Marni Waiendi Community Centre - 69 Ridley Road, Elizabeth South**  
**Contact Kim for information or to RSVP 0436 349 387**



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**Kawanta Pirku – itya  
MOB MOMENTS**



**Mob Moments is a family group for people with disability and their families to connect, share, and learn. Through workshops on Country, Kurna educators share cultural practices, stories, and language, strengthening connections with each other and Kurna Country.**

**MAY 1ST    MAY 15TH  
JUNE 12TH    JULY 3RD**

**Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm**

 **Program delivered by  
Walking Together  
with Kurna**

 **Marni Waiendi Community Centre - 69 Ridley Road, Elizabeth South**  
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## Community Notices



### KAWANTA PIRKU-ITYA

"FOR THE NORTHERN COMMUNITY"

Kawanta Pirku-itya is a program for Aboriginal families where at least one member, adult or child, has a disability. Focused on inclusion and connection, it provides opportunities for families to come together in a supportive environment, with activities tailored to their interests, goals, and needs. From cultural workshops and community gatherings to recreation and family outings, the program fosters a sense of belonging while promoting cultural identity, skill development, and overall well-being.

Please contact Kim for more information or to RSVP

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## KAWANTA PIRKU-ITYA


"For the northern community"

### OLIVE BRANCH

Our Olive Branch group offers a supportive space tailored specifically for carers. It's a place to build meaningful connections, access valuable resources and information, and focus on your well-being. Join us to connect with others who understand the unique experiences of the caregiver journey and find support along the way.

<b>April 29th</b> 11am-2pm	<b>May 13th</b> 11am-2pm	<b>May 27th</b> 11am-2pm
<b>June 10th</b> 11am-2pm	<b>June 24th</b> 11am-2pm	

Limited spots available. Please contact Kim for more information or to RSVP

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### Kawanta Pirku-itya

## LEGO CLUB

with Bricks4kidz

After school program: 4.00 - 5.30

<b>May 6th</b>	<b>May 20th</b>	<b>June 3rd</b>
<b>June 17th</b>	<b>July 1st</b>	

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### Kawanta Pirku-itya

## Tukka Time

**4.00pm - 5.30pm**

**Elizabeth Rise Community Centre**

**8th May**

**22nd May**

**5th June**

**19th June**

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

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# ANGLICARESA

## Peaceful Parents

### Four week workshop

**This workshop aims to strengthen family life and equip parents with peaceful parenting strategies**

**Participants will learn the following to help themselves as a parent:**

- mindfulness strategies
- slowing life down and being more in flow
- enjoying parenting more and reducing stress
- resilience-building exercises and strategies
- mindful parenting strategies
- self care and wellbeing boosters
- positive psychology strategies to boost wellbeing



**They will also learn how to better support their children, including:**

- mindful listening and responding
- effective coping strategies
- managing children's feelings and worries
- problem-solving strategies



### When

Wednesday 10am - 12pm  
7 - 28 May 2025

### Where

Elizabeth Grove Children's Centre  
20 Haynes St, Elizabeth Grove

### Registration

Call 1800 569 094 or  
email [familyservices@anglicaresa.com.au](mailto:familyservices@anglicaresa.com.au)  
to register your interest and  
explore a referral

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