



KANGAROO INN AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 4 WEEK 7 - 28/11/2023

In addition to our families, friends, staff and students, we were privileged to have Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC and her husband, Mr. Rod Bunten attend our Presentation Night last week. It was a great opportunity to promote our school and achievements to the visitors as well as the showcase country schools and their unique way of supporting country people.

Highlights of the night included the KIAS Primary Choir and their beautiful singing, the very professional comperes, the presentation to the Year 6 and Year 12 graduates and Year 12 student, Lana Morrison's heartfelt speech about her time at Kangaroo Inn and the importance of the staff supporting her and her special group of peers...

'In my 13 years at this remarkable school, I have created countless memories, met amazing people, learnt so very much, and experienced my fair share of the ups and downs that school brings. From gossiping in the tech theory room, escaping to the Ag farm, hiding in the year 12 study room, green bucket hats, countless sports days, and bus rides, we thank you Kangaroo Inn for the memories and connections you helped us develop.' Lana Morrison 2023.

This year we wish Julie Figg a happy retirement as she hands over the Finance position to spend time with Ron, her children, and grandchildren. Julie has worked at KIAS since the 1980's when she started as a bus driver. She has seen all of her children through our school and worked in the office since 2004. I would like to thank Julie for all she has done over the years and wish her all the best for her future.

On Wednesday we will start our Transition program with the 2024 Year 7 students coming to visit our classes. Other students will be sampling their new classes and subjects. We look forward to working with new groups of students before we wind down towards the end of the term.

We also have 400 preschool and primary students, staff and families coming to KIAS on Thursday to celebrate the culmination of the Songroom program. Our thanks go to Scott and the team for running this program for our students and staff throughout the year. The Songroom program was nominated in the recent SA Public Education awards coming runner up in it's category.

Please find attached more information from the KIAS Bushfire policy - information for Families and Bus Information. I would also urge families to check the last newsletter email as there was a DFE Fire Information brochure for Families attached which has detailed information about schools and bushfires. To support families to be Bushfire Ready, you are invited to the **'Bushfire Ready Information session and BBQ'** on at the Furner Community Sports Club this Friday night at 5.30pm. All welcome.

Kind regards,
Annie Matthews

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed. 29th November - Fri. 1st December - Transition Days

Thurs. 30th November - Song Room Picnic

Thurs. 30th November - Fri. 1st December - Y9 Holy Carp Camp

Mon. 4th - Fri. 8th December - Reception to Yr. 6 Swimming

Fri. 1st December - Yr. 10 & 11 Last Day

Mon. 11th - Fr. 15th December - Activities Week Yr. 7 - Yr. 9

Tues. 12th December - Preschool Graduation & Reception Information Session 2.30pm

Fri. 15th December - **LAST DAY OF TERM**
2.30PM FINISH

2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed. 24th January - Office open

Thurs. 25th January - Book Collection

Mon. 29th January - Students start

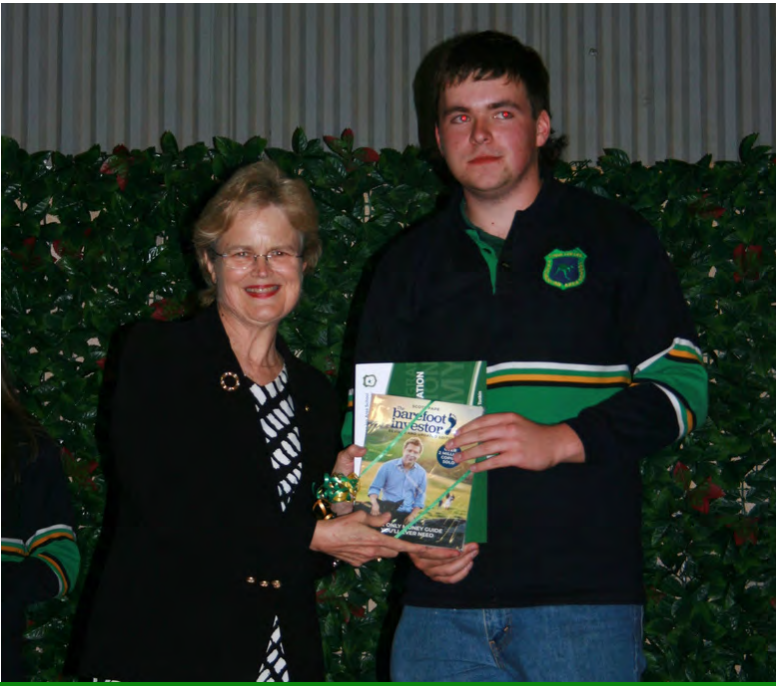
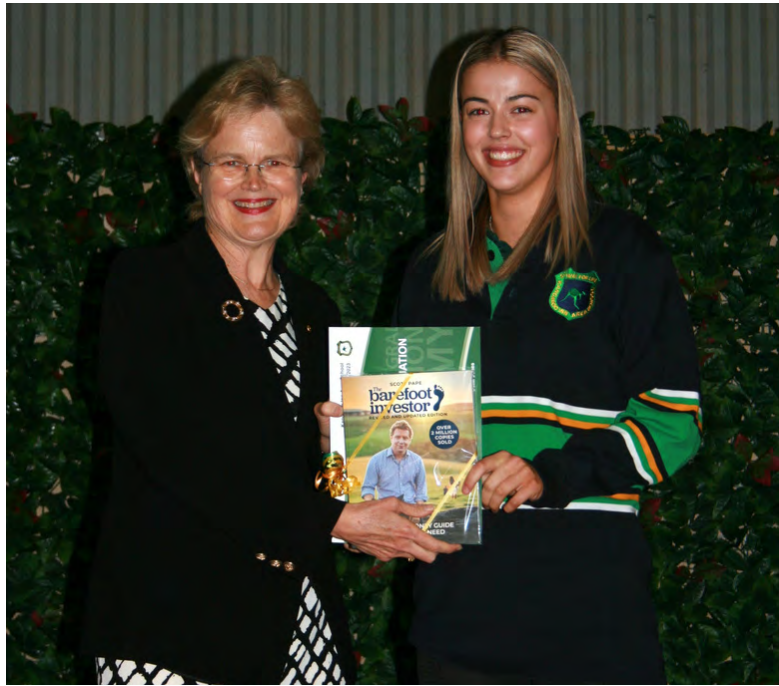
STRIVE FOR LIFE

Presentation Night 2023









Growing up Online



An educational & empowering session for Parents and carers, Susan's unparalleled knowledge leaves audiences shocked at the reality of the online world. It is a wake up call to even the most switched on parent and is delivered with Susan's famous 'no nonsense' approach. The session will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of:

- Reality & Risk.** The reality of the online world. It's not a matter of if – rather than when.
- What are kids doing online.** Learn the latests apps and platforms your kids are either on, want to be on or are being told about at school. TikTok, Omegle, Discord, Yolo, Wink & more.
- Online Grooming.** What is it and when/how does it occur? Preventative measures. What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.
- Cyberbullying.** What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.
- Sharing Nudes.** The taking and sending of explicit images. The social and emotional consequences as well as the Law and the serious issue of Sextortion..
- Problematic Gaming.** How to manage digital devices in your home to avoid problems and what to do if/when they arise.
- Exposure to damaging content.** Including online pornography & site that encourage suicide, self harm & eating disorders.
- Top Tips**– how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online with rules, parental controls and restriction passcodes.
- The session will conclude with time for questions.**



Susan McLean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people. She was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. Susan took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training & tertiary studies in both the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's, and both State and Federal Governments.

She has authored resources for the Victorian DET, writes and reviews school Policy, provides crisis management/advice to schools & national & international companies. A sought after media commentator for television, print and radio, she recently co-authored the NSW Govt. review into mobile phones in schools.

She is the most highly qualified & experienced presenter in Australia & is internationally renowned. Susan is a proud ambassador for Collective Shout. A published author, her book 'Sext's Texts & Selfies', is the definitive guide for parents, teachers and carers to help children stay safe online.

What Susan doesn't know about Cybersafety is not worth knowing! She is absolutely brilliant and her presentations are dynamic and entertaining. She has the unique ability to connect with each audience from young people to adults.

(Dr Michael Carr-Gregg Adolescent Psychologist)

The best cybersafety talk I have ever seen! This is why I only choose to have Susan present. Our community deserves the best.

(Principal)



Fun Summer Music Lessons!



At the Beachport Cinema with Tashi Freer

For those who don't know me, I'm a past student of BPS / KIAS, and I have been studying music at Adelaide Uni for four years. I'm going to be running some casual music lessons from December to March.

- Piano lessons
- Vocal lessons
- Songwriting workshops

\$20 per half-hour session. Any skill/age level welcome.

Come and learn to play a song you like!

Send me a text - 0473 936 943

Furner Christmas Tree

Sunday, 17th Dec, '23

Club open from 3pm

Santa arriving at 4:30

BBQ to follow (at a cost)

*Please bring a salad or
sweet to share

*(No gifts required)



KIAS Emergency Action Plan - BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY
Information for Families

Levels of fire alert

- **Temporary School Closure** due to catastrophic bushfire weather conditions
- **Total Fire Ban** declared in the district
- **Fire in Local District**
- **Fire in immediate vicinity or impacting on Site**
- **Recovery Phase** immediately after a fire has impacted on the site

The following procedures ensure that students are kept safe, calm and supervised in the event of a fire threatening the school, in the vicinity of the school bus routes or our local district.

Some major points for Bushfire Emergencies

Catastrophic Bushfire Weather (code red)

- **KIAS will be closed and buses will NOT run**
- **Staff will attempt to contact families as soon as a catastrophic day is declared**

Fire threatening KIAS while school is open

- If Kangaroo Inn is threatened by a fire and evacuation is necessary the students will be moved to the **Bushfire Refuge - KIAS HALL – TEXT TO FAMILIES**
- **A child can only be removed from the school by :-**
 - **a parent or previously nominated emergency contact**
 - **another person who parents have given signed, WRITTEN permission to take students from the site (dated the day of the fire/emergency)**
 - **Parent making personal phone contact with nominated staff member**
 - **Students cannot leave the site without these conditions being met.**
 - **Any adult removing a child must report to the Front Office Staff / Principal to enable accurate central records to be kept for the whereabouts of every child.**
- The buses will not be released from the school unless the 'All Clear' for the route has been gained from the **CFS Supervisor, Police or DfE - Bushfire and Emergency Management**
- Teachers will remain with the students until it is safe for them to go home
- Phone contact with the school may not be reliable. Details and updates will be provided by the CFS on the radio via the ABC 1161 AM or the CFS hotline / website
- On days of a total fire ban in the Lower South East fire ban district, a risk assessment will be considered by staff before any excursions, camps, meetings etc out of town are undertaken.
- The Principal or designated authority makes decisions. The delegated authority may be the Acting Principal or Fire Warden or Emergency Response Team.

Phone Numbers

Kangaroo Inn Area School	87343046	/	KIAS Sat Phone	0147155260
Police	131444			
CFS Hotline	1300 362 361			
CFS website - Current Incidents	www.cfs.sa.gov.au			
DfE Parent Hotline Line	1800 000 279			



Appendix 2

KIAS Emergency Action Plan - **BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY** Bus Procedures

PRE BUSHFIRE SEASON PLANNING

Meet with bus contractors and bus drivers at start of term 1 and 4 each year to ensure bushfire procedures are understood and meet current circumstances.

Ensure buses have following

- Fire Blankets
- First Aid Kit
- Mobile phone

Procedure in case of fire, ash, embers or thick smoke on route

- **Turn around or pull off** to safe area. Driver to identify **Emergency pull off** areas on each bus run. Arrangements and locations may change during fire season.
- **Call 000**. Drivers are required to carry a mobile phone.
 - Police 131444
 - School 87343046
 - Principal 0457357214
 - DFE Emergency Information Hotline - 1800 000 279
- **Ensure fire blankets accessible**

If the bus is overtaken by a fire the driver should:

- Stop in **Emergency Pull-Off** area or in a **safe location in the middle of the road** in an open area with no overhanging trees and as little road side vegetation as possible
- Ensure **lights and hazard lights** are on, close all windows and air vents, and leave the engine running
- Instruct students to **get down as low as possible** on the floor away from the windows
- **Cover students** in fire blankets
- When safe to do so, contact the school and advise the Principal of the situation.

Once the fire front has passed, the driver:

- Keep the students as calm as possible by reassuring them
- Check the bus for any damage (can use the extinguisher to put out smouldering embers etc)
- Decide whether to get the students out of the bus and move to a safe spot away from burning trees etc, **OR** to drive away from the fire
- Contact the school advising the Principal of the current situation.

DURING BUSHFIRE SEASON

Scheduled school buses will not run on days of a forecast 'Catastrophic' Fire Danger Rating in the Lower South East fire ban district. If the Fire Ban rating changes to 'Catastrophic' during the day, school buses will operate as normal.

If a bushfire is reported in the area during the day the Principal will contact

- Emergency Services (SAPOL and/or CFS)
- DECD – Bushfire and Emergency Management

to determine if any roads normally travelled by school buses are closed or affected.

Any bus runs affected will not leave the school until the roads are declared safe by the emergency authorities. Parents will be notified and students will be supervised at school until buses can run or students are collected.

Under no circumstances is the bus driver expected to put themselves at further risk to save or protect property. ***The safety of students, passengers & the bus driver is paramount.***



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

OUR MOST WANTED THIS CHRISTMAS

1. TEA
2. RICE
3. TUNA
4. PASTA
5. COFFEE
6. CEREAL
7. PASTA SAUCE
8. TINNED MEAT
9. LONG LIFE MILK (UHT)
10. SPREADS (JAM/VEGEMITE)
11. BAKED BEANS/
TINNED SPAGHETTI
12. CANNED VEGETABLES/
CANNED FRUIT



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WHAT TYPES OF ITEMS TO COLLECT



We accept all nonperishable items not past expiry date. All seals must be intact.



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Name Pavers.



Kangaroo Inn Area School 60th Celebrations

YOUR NAME WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY

INDIVIDUAL PAVER

Your donation of **\$40** entitles YOU to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed in the Gazebo area.



A unique and lasting record of your involvement with Kangaroo Inn Area School.

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Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (34 max)

Simply fill out this form and return with full payment to either:

**60TH Celebrations
Kangaroo Inn Area School
PMB 24 Millicent SA 5280**

**Kangaroo Inn Area School
BSB: 633-000
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 150122653
(Please reference family name)**

Contact Name:

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Phone:

Individual paver

Offer closes on the Monday 4th December 2023

Please photocopy and pass on to family and friends.
Kangaroo Inn Area School needs your support!



TERM 4

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
WK1	16/10 PUPIL FREE DAY	17/10	18/10 Playgroup 9-11.30am	19/10	20/10	21-22/10
WK2	23/10	24/10 Life Ed Visit	25/10 Life Ed Visit Playgroup 9-11.30am	26/10 Yr. 4/5/6 Choir Concert Rehearsal	27/10 Festival of Music Concert	28-29/10
WK3	30/10	31/10	01/11 Playgroup 9-11.30am	02/11	03/11 Noora Yo Long Transition Yr. 7 2024 NEWSLETTER	04-05/11
WK4	06/11 Yr. 7/8 Aquatics Camp Yr. 12 General Math's Exam	07/11	08/11 Yr. 12 Essential Math's Exam Playgroup 9-11.30am	09/11	10/11	11-12/11
WK5	13/11	14/11 Yr. 12 Psychology Exam	15/11 Yr. 12 Nutrition Exam Playgroup 9-11.30am	16/11	17/11	18-19/11
WK6	20/11	21/11	22/11 Playgroup 9-11.30am	23/11 Presentation Night	24/11 PUPIL FREE DAY	25-26/11
WK7	27/11	28/11 NEWSLETTER	29/11 Transition Days Playgroup 9-11.30am	30/11 Yr. 9 Holy Carp Camp	01/12	02-03/12
WK8	04/12 Reception to Yr. 6 swimming	05/12	06/12 Playgroup 9-11.30am	07/12	08/12	09-10/12
WK9	11/12 Activities Week Yr. 7-9	12/12 Preschool Graduation 2.30pm & Reception Info Session	13/12 Playgroup 9-11.30am	14/12	15/12 LAST DAY OF TERM 2.30pm FINISH	16-17/12