



KANGAROO INN AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 6 - 30/08/2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I have felt very welcome starting back at KIAS this semester. It has been great reconnecting with staff, students and families, meeting those new to KIAS and seeing the diverse range of learning taking place this term.

Try a Trade

Last week a number of Year 10 students have been attending a week of 'Try a Trade' at Mount Gambier Tafe. This involved hands on experiences in tiling, plumbing, building and achieving their white card. This, together with their upcoming work experience are great opportunities for the students to explore pathway opportunities before selecting their SACE subjects. Thanks to the families who attended the SACE Parent Information evening. If you require more information regarding subjects being offered for 2025 and beyond, please contact Ange Leopold at the school.

Wattle Range Council Consultation

The Wattle Range Council visited KIAS last week to consult with our SRC to talk about their Community Vision. The council spoke about the previous Community Town Plan, showed students their new Engage Page and got feedback from the students about what their vision for the future is. Questions included, what do you notice in your school and community which council could support? Ideas from students included things such as after-school care, Youth Week events onsite at KIAS for the community, a local bus service for the weekends and holidays, clubs within school i.e. Art, Lego and collaborations with other small schools in the area for events i.e. formals, camps and sporting events. SRC took their ideas to multi-age groups, where the whole school voted on ideas which had been brainstormed with the Wattle Range Council. Families are also able to go onto the 'Engage with Wattle Range' website to have their say on their town's community vision.

Get Home safe Foundation supported by Bendigo Bank

Thanks to the Robe and Districts Bendigo Bank, we were able to participate in a presentation by Darren Davis from the **Get Home Safe Foundation**. He worked with the Year 10 students to promote safe driving with the car simulator and then conducted a workshop at night for families. Darren quizzed parents on the road rules, discussed what to look for in driving instructors and vehicle purchase and shared some frightening statistics with us. Did you know that P Plate drivers are 30 times more likely to have an accident and 3 times more likely to be injured or worse, than experienced drivers. It really is important to ensure that we do as much as possible to keep our young people safe on the road!

Thanks to Darren, to the families who attended and to Bendigo Bank for supporting our school.

Bookweek

This week was Bookweek at KIAS, with the theme 'Reading is Magic'. Wednesday was an exciting dress up day with many fabulous costumes worn by students and staff. It was great to see families attend our Bookweek parade and cutting of the cake. Many thanks to Sally Ellis for setting up the wonderful display in the library and the book fair.

A friendly reminder to check the calendar for upcoming events, particularly the school closure in Week 7 on Friday 6th September, the pupil free day in Week 8 on Monday the 9th of September and **NEW ASSEMBLY DATE TUESDAY 24TH OF SEPTEMBER 12.30pm**.

Kind regards,
Amy Oswald



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COMMUNICATION

Community Portal



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri. 30th August - Primary Patch Theatre

Fri. 30th August - KIAS Show Day

Fri. 30th August - Yr. 7 Transition Students Visit

Mon. 2nd September - Spring Book fair

Tues. 3rd September - Thurs. 5th September - Royal Adelaide Show Camp

Tues. 3rd September - Pre - Yr. 6 Gymnastics

Fri. 6th September - **SCHOOL CLOSURE**

Mon. 9th September - **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Tues. 10th September - Pre - Yr. 6 Gymnastics

Tues. 10th September - Governing Council

Mon. 23rd September - Yr. 7/8 Invasive Weeds Excursion

Tues. 24th September - **Assembly & Walk Through 12.30pm**

Wed. 25th September - 9-a-side Football

Thurs. 26th September - Song Room Day of learning

Fri. 27th September - **LAST DAY OF TERM 2.30PM FINISH**

Mon. 14th October - Start of Term 4

STRIVE FOR LIFE

Preschool

Our new Preschool students for Semester 2 - Preschool and Supported Play.



Mark making in action...this year we have a strong focus on mark making. Mark making is about creating different patterns, lines, shapes and textures with a variety of materials. The importance of mark making for our young children includes developing fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, spatial awareness, confidence, creativity, self-expression, problem solving and pre-writing skills.



Bookweek





Empathy

Understanding how people feel.

Did you know...

All humans are inclined to empathise? Observing another human being experiencing emotions lights up the same neurons in our brain as if it is us experiencing that feeling.

When we use empathy and do something kind for somebody else, our brain releases the love hormone, oxytocin. This makes us feel good too. A great video from TRP's own Martin Heppell talks about the benefits of kindness and practising empathy.

[Empathy & Connection - Martin Heppell](#)

“Kindness is the greatest wealth of all. Small acts of kindness last longer than a lifetime” – Eddie Jaku (Author of ‘The Happiest Man on Earth’)

Family activity:

As a family, have a discussion about three acts of kindness you will each perform in the next week for three different people. Write them down and stick them somewhere you will see them for a reminder! Remember, doing something kind for someone doesn't require reward or praise, and doesn't benefit you other than just feeling the warm and fuzzies inside. Once the week is up, talk together about how you think the recipient of your kind act felt and how it made you feel after doing the kind act.



THE PRESCHOOL PARENT SURVEY



The Preschool Parent Survey is an annual, voluntary survey that gathers feedback from parents and carers of preschool-aged children. It aims to measure the level of parent engagement with your preschool.

Your feedback is essential to help us understand the things we are doing well, where we can improve and what's really important to you. Please take a few moments....

To access the survey for Kangaroo Inn Preschool, you have three convenient options:

1. Scan the QR Code below with your smartphone camera:



2. Click on the following link:

https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/sc/xQ_02_or016N5PCX_M1zxw2

3. Families without internet access can ask their preschool for a paper version of the survey. Please return the paper form to your preschool well before the survey closing date.

The survey is anonymous and completely confidential. The questionnaire contains no names or any other identifying information.

Thank you for your participation.

Kind regards

Assessments and Collections (Preschool Parent Survey team)

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I acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Owners of this country throughout Australia and their connection to land and community. I pay my respects to their culture and to the Elders both past and present.

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Beachport Primary and Preschool

Community Hub

Want to learn how to keep kids safe online?

Join us for the Beachport Primary and Preschool Community Hub session:

LIVE, LEARN, CONNECT AND PLAY SAFELY ONLINE

This live online session by Sam MacCaulay of The Cybersafety Project will cover the following topics:

- Plan, Prevent and Protect (unwanted contact)
- Gaming and social media trends
- Parental controls and app privacy settings
- How to report cyber abuse / screen time
- Cyberbullying and help seeking strategies

REGISTER HERE!



Live 6.30pm Wed 11 Sept with replay 9.15am Fri 13 Sept
Live online sessions at Beachport Bowling Club,
Rendelsham Primary and Kangaroo Inn Primary

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