



KANGAROO INN AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 2 WEEK 3 - 16/05/2025

Staff Professional Learning: Innovation and Collaboration

On the first day of Term 2, our staff engaged in a valuable professional development session focused on Learning Expeditions. These expeditions connect classroom learning to the real world through original field research, engagement with experts, and the creation of meaningful products for authentic audiences. We were fortunate to be supported by two team members from the Department for Education's Curriculum and Learning team. It was an inspiring day that gave teachers the opportunity to collaborate and develop innovative ideas to enhance student learning.

Looking ahead, on Friday of Week 3, Annie and I will be presenting at the Big Day Out of Learning in Mount Gambier—a professional development event involving staff from all schools in our local Partnership. A highlight of the day will be a keynote address by the Department for Education's Chief Executive, Professor Martin Westwell, on The Future of Public Education in South Australia.

Annie and I are excited to share Kangaroo Inn Area School's journey, highlighting our work towards our site's Learning Improvement Plan and how we are aligning our practices with the Department's new Areas of Impact: Learner Agency, Wellbeing, and Effective Learners.

Millicent District Gala Day

On Sunday, 4th May, 18 of our Primary students proudly represented our school at the Millicent District Gala Day. Competing in Junior and Senior Girls Netball and Year 4-6 Football, our students faced teams from across the region.

As a small school, we teamed up with Mount Burr, Beachport, and Rendelsham schools to form full teams and ensure everyone could participate. Throughout the day, our students demonstrated great sportsmanship, improved their skills, and built positive relationships with their teammates from other schools.

A standout moment for our footballers was an exciting late-game comeback that secured a win—an experience that had everyone cheering!

We extend our sincere thanks to Jess Bowman, Sam Holland, Melissa McGrath, and Jack Francis for their coaching and support throughout the day. Special thanks also go to Year 11 KIAS student Coaden for his valuable contribution as an umpire.

Cross Country

On Friday last week, 15 students from Year 2-6 participated in the SAPSASA Cross Country which was held in Naracoorte. The students demonstrated amazing perseverance and determination during the races and also did a wonderful job supporting their peers at the start and finish lines.

Eve Explores Spain Through Language and Culture

Last term, Year 11 student Eve was selected to travel to Spain for three weeks as part of her Spanish studies through the Open Access College Language Program. She joined a group of 19 students from other schools for this incredible opportunity.

A highlight for Eve was taking part in a traditional cooking class in Salamanca, where she learned to make paella while fully immersed in the Spanish language and culture.

Reflecting on her experience, Eve shared:

"I was a little nervous because I didn't know anyone, but I'm so grateful I took the opportunity to go on the trip. It was amazing—I made heaps of friends and got to experience the Spanish culture first-hand."

Congratulations, Eve, on embracing this enriching learning experience!

Here is a photo of Eve in front of La Plaza Mayor (the old plaza) in Salamanca.



Kind regards,
Annie Matthew & Amy Oswald
Co -Principals

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues. 20th May - The Resilience Project Parent Info. Online Session 6.30pm

Tues. 20th May - Student Forum @ Naracoorte

Tues. 20th May - Primary Basketball Clinics

Wed. 21st May - Yr. 7 & 10 Immunisations

Wed. 21st May - Preschool Excursion to Kirkland's Farm

Wed. 21st May - Governing Council @ 6.30pm

Thurs. 22nd May - Yr. 10 to Millicent Shares a Plate

Mon. 26th May - Fri. 30th May - Yr. 10 Work Experience

Tues. 27th May - Twilight Tour & Meeting for Yr. 7 2026 Students 5.30pm

Thurs. 29th May - Fri. 30th May - Yr. 6 YELP Camp

Mon. 2nd June - Yr. 8/9 Richard Harris Talk

Tues. 3rd June - R-6 Performance in Mount Gambier

Mon. 9th June - **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

STRIVE FOR LIFE

Cross Country



Gala Day



Earthwatch



FROM CLASSROOM TO CONSERVATION: AN EARTHWATCH AUSTRALIA ADVENTURE!

We are proud to share that Olivia Beggs, one of our Year 10 students, was selected from over 200 applicants across Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia to participate in the prestigious Earthwatch Australia Student Challenge. This fully funded expedition took place from April 7th to 12th at Calperum Station in remote South Australia.

During the expedition, Olivia had the unique opportunity to work alongside scientists and environmental specialists, collecting valuable data on mammal, bird, and plant species. This hands-on experience allowed her to engage in real research and contribute to important environmental studies.

The Earthwatch Australia Student Challenge aims to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards by providing secondary school students with the chance to live and work in the field with leading researchers. This eye-opening adventure not only deepens students' understanding of science and the environment but also ignites their passion for solving some of Australia's most pressing environmental issues.

At Kangaroo Inn Area School, we encourage our students to be lifelong learners by participating in hands-on, real-life experiences like this one. We look forward to Olivia sharing her expertise with the Kangaroo Inn Area School, and wider community.

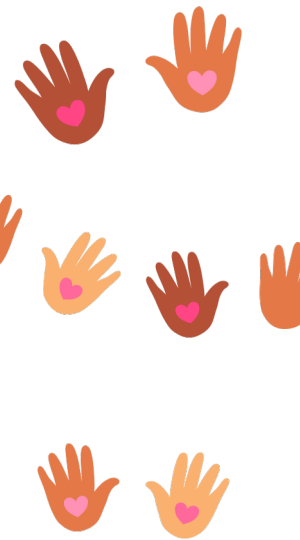
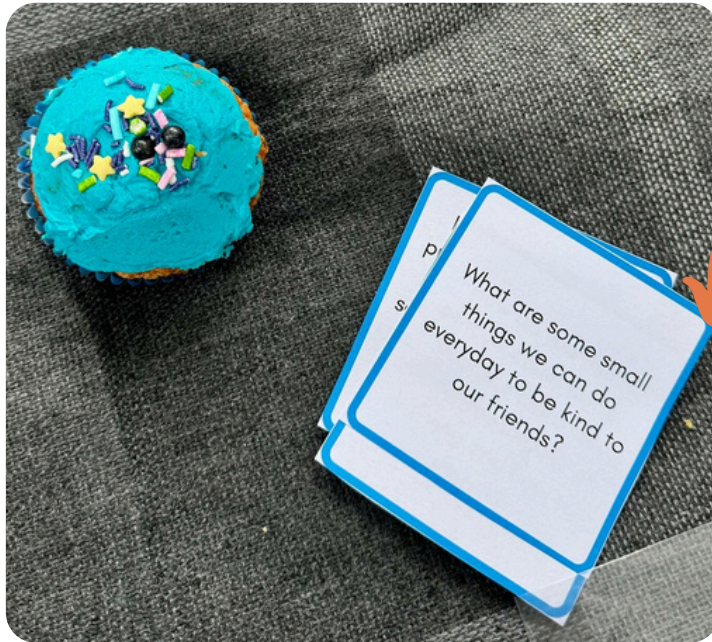
We are incredibly proud of her achievements and look forward to seeing how she continues to make a positive impact on our world.

"I had an a awesome time on the camp, having lots of different experiences. Being able to be in nature and to take the time and looking into ecosystems with scientists." - Olivia Beggs



On Wednesday Week 3, we participated in **Do it for Dolly Day**. It is a special day where we take time to remember Dolly Everett, a kind and caring young girl who was bullied at school and also experienced cyberbullying. She felt as though she would never be able to escape the endless bullying. We came together as a whole school on the day to spread kindness amongst our peers. We spoke about how to stand up to bullying and what it takes to make sure everyone feels safe and happy during their time at school.

We had a lovely picnic lunch, sitting in our multiage groups, and heard from all different perspectives about the impacts of bullying, what we can do when we see bullying happening at school, how we can support a friend who is having a hard time, and about how kind acts can make somebody's day that little bit brighter. The day tied in nicely to our **empathy** focus from GEM too!



**We raised \$130
for Dolly's Dream!**

Thank you to everyone who wore their blue outfits and donated to the Dolly's Dream foundation! The donations from today will help fund their 24/7 support line with qualified counsellors, provide bullying prevention education sessions in schools, and keeps specialist school facilitators on the road so they are able to reach isolated schools with their bullying prevention programs.





Authentic Connection Webinar

for Parents & Carers

Tuesday 20th May 2025

WHO CAN SIGN UP?
KIAS Families

TIME
6pm - 1 Hour

WHERE?
Online Webinar

ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

Join Martin Heppell from The Resilience Project for their inspiring online presentation, 'Authentic Connection'.

Designed for parents and carers, this session features engaging stories and practical strategies to help you:



Embrace **vulnerability**, **imperfection**, and **passion** to build stronger, more meaningful connections.



Experience the positive benefits **connection** has in your personal and professional life.

Unable to log in to the live screening on Tuesday 20th May?

Register below to access a recording for the next 30 days

OR

We will be holding a '*Lunch and Learn*' after our Assembly in Week 10 - details to come.



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER FOR THIS WONDERFUL EVENT

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GEM Chats Gratitude

CREATING WELLBEING HABITS & CONNECTION

GEM Chats help families practice The Resilience Project's principles, offering a simple wellbeing check-in while **building stronger connections through daily conversations.**

HOW TO USE GEM CHATS

Make GEM Chats a part of your dinner routine to reflect, check in, and practice gratitude.

Try these prompts:



What are you **grateful** for today?



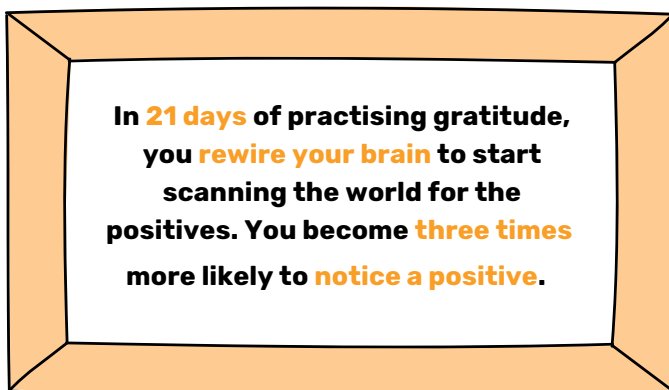
Share a moment that **made you smile.**



How can you **support** someone tomorrow?



What was the **best part** of your day?



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey

Our students have been invited to take part in the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey. The survey will be open in weeks 2 to 5 of term 2 (Monday 5 May to Friday 30 May 2025).

Purpose of the survey

Young people's wellbeing is an important part of how they learn at school. The survey seeks students' views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. Students in years 4 to 12 across the state will be invited to participate and the information collected will help the education system and broader community to support young people's health and wellbeing.

What is the survey about?

The survey asks students about their social and emotional wellbeing, school relationships, engagement and learning in school, physical health and wellbeing and after school activities.

How will students complete the survey?

Teachers will arrange for students to do the survey during class time. They will be asked if they would like to participate and are free to withdraw at any time. **If you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school as soon as possible after receiving this letter.**

Will students' information be kept confidential?

Students' personal information and identity will remain anonymous. Survey responses are confidential and no one (including school staff) can use the results to identify individual students. Participating schools with fewer than 5 students undertaking the survey will not receive a report of results, to protect the confidentiality of students.

What will happen if a student is distressed during or after the survey?

The survey includes some questions on topics such as student happiness and bullying.

Teachers will inform students that:

- if they find the survey uncomfortable or distressing, they should leave the survey immediately
- it is not compulsory to take part in the survey as a whole
- students can skip individual survey questions if they wish.

Students who would like to speak to an adult about any concerns they may have will be supported to do so.

Where can I get more information?

More information on the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection can be found at www.education.sa.gov.au (search: wec) or can be collected from the school. For questions or concerns, or to view the questions, please email Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au

Sincerely



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TERM 2

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
WK1	28/04 PUPIL FREE	29/04 Yr. 4/5/6 Beachport Excursion	30/04 Playgroup	01/05 SRC Student Leaders Forum	02/05	03-04/05
WK2	05/05	06/05 Yr. 4/5/6 Beachport Museum & Bowls Excursion	07/05 Yr. 2/3 Beachport Museum & Bowls Excursion Playgroup	08/05 Social Club Meeting 2pm	09/05	10-11/05
WK3	12/05 Yr. 4/5/6 March in May	13/05 Adelaide University Visit	14/05 Adelaide University Visit Playgroup	15/05	16/05 PUPIL FREE Newsletter	17-18/05
WK4	19/05	20/05 The Resilience Project Parent Info. Session Online Student Forum @ Naracoorte	21/05 Yr. 7 & 10 Immunisations Preschool Excursion Governing Council 6.30pm Playgroup	22/05 Yr. 10 to Millicent Shares a Plate	23/05	24-25/05
WK5	26/05 Yr. 10 Work Experience	27/05 Twilight Tour & Meeting Yr. 7 2026 5.30pm	28/05 Playgroup	29/05 Yr. 6 YELP Camp →	30/05 →	31/05-01-06
WK6	02/06 Yr. 8/9 Richard Harris Talk	03/06 R-6 Performance Excursion Mount Gambier	04/06 Playgroup	05/06	06/06 Newsletter	07-08/06
WK7	09/06 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10/06	11/06 Playgroup	12/06 Yr. 4/5/6 Mad Minute	13/06	14-15/06
WK8	16/06 Yr. 10 Try a Trade	17/06 Governing Council 6.30pm	18/06 Playgroup	19/06	20/06 →	21-22/06
WK9	23/06	24/06	25/06 Playgroup	26/06 Yr. 10 Volunteer at Millicent Shares a Plate	27/06 Newsletter	28-29/06
WK10	30/06 Yr. 10 & 11 Flinders Uni Roadshow	01/07 Assembly 10.30am The Resilience Project Session & BBQ	02/07 Playgroup	03/07	04/07 LAST DAY OF TERM 2.30PM FINISH	05-06/07