



KAURNA PLAINS SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - TERM 1, WEEK 1 2019

STRENGTH THROUGH LEARNING · WILTA TIRRKANDIARRA

WOW!

Picture: The Kaurna Plains School Little Library (see article next page)



DIARY DATES

Week 2

Monday 4th February
Splash Day R-9

Wednesday 6th February
Acquaintance/SACE Night
2.30-3.30pm

Come and meet teachers and support staff regarding what is going to happen this year including expectations, communication, routines etc. Sausage sizzle provided.

Week 3

Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th
February
Pupil Free Days

All staff will be undertaking Berry Street (Trauma) Professional Learning

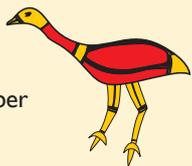
TERM DATES

Term 1
29 January - 12 April

Term 2
29 April - 5 July

Term 3
22 July - 27 September

Term 4
14 October - 13 December



WELCOME - NA MARNI

Welcome back to the 2019 school year! It is great to see new families and continuing families.

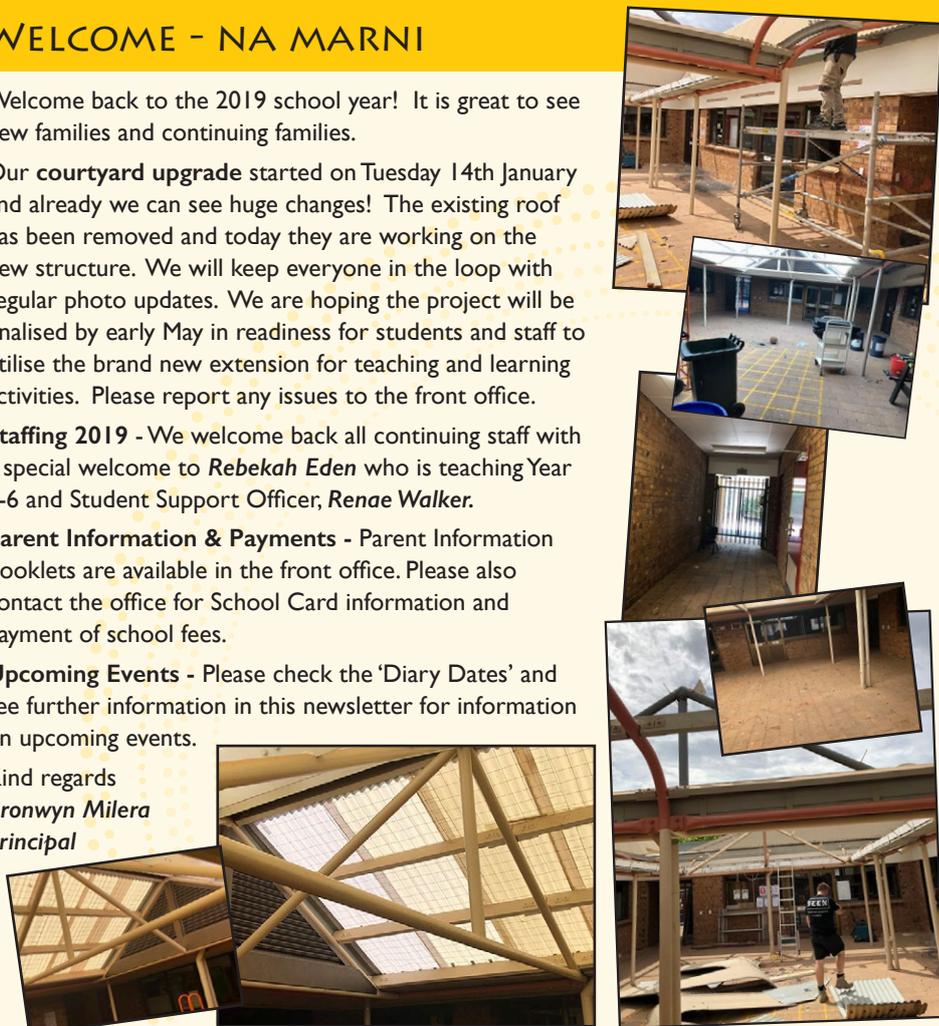
Our courtyard upgrade started on Tuesday 14th January and already we can see huge changes! The existing roof has been removed and today they are working on the new structure. We will keep everyone in the loop with regular photo updates. We are hoping the project will be finalised by early May in readiness for students and staff to utilise the brand new extension for teaching and learning activities. Please report any issues to the front office.

Staffing 2019 - We welcome back all continuing staff with a special welcome to **Rebekah Eden** who is teaching Year 4-6 and Student Support Officer, **Rena Walker**.

Parent Information & Payments - Parent Information Booklets are available in the front office. Please also contact the office for School Card information and payment of school fees.

Upcoming Events - Please check the 'Diary Dates' and see further information in this newsletter for information on upcoming events.

Kind regards
Bronwyn Milera
Principal



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BELL TIMES:

Wetlands	8:40am
School starts	8:50am
Lesson 1	8:50-9:50am
Lesson 2	9:50-10:50am
Recess	10:50-11:10am
Lesson 3	11:10am-12:00pm
Lesson 4	12:00-1:00pm (includes 10min eating time)
Lunch	1:00-1:30pm
Lesson 5	1:30 - 2:20pm
Lesson 6	2:20-3:10pm

Early dismissal Wednesday 2.20pm



LITTLE LIBRARY

You may have noticed as you walk into school in the morning there is a small house, wonderfully painted in bright colours. This small house is our Little Library! The "Kaurna Plains School Little Library" is full of interesting books for all school ages and the best part, they are FREE!

The Little Library is there to encourage your children to read at home, as well as at school. Students can take to a book or two that interest them, take them home and have a read. These books can be returned when finished with or can stay at your home.

Reading with family at home can be a fun experience for both children and parents. We ask you to please encourage your children to help themselves to an interesting book and read at home!

If you have any books at home that you would like to donate to the Little Library, that are still in good condition please add them to the ever growing collection.

Candace Haylock (see pictures on front page)

WELCOME BACK FROM AUNTY ANGE



Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful break and are all ready for 2019 adventures and learning.

Keep a look out for Splash Day notes – all R-9 students on **Monday the 4th of February** will be having a fun filled day at the Modbury Pool with all sorts of fun activities.

Wednesday the 6th of February there will be an Acquaintance Night for R-9 classes and a SACE/VET night for the senior secondary. If you have a child in years 10 -12 this night will help you understand SACE and how we will be supporting the students and how you would like us to communicate your child learning. This is also an excellent opportunity to ask questions, Ruby will also be there talking about how the Workabout Centre and Kaurna Plains work in partnership during and after your child leaves school.

On **Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th of February** all staff will be at Berry Street Training – therefore all students will have an extended weekend as both days will be a **school closure**. Many schools in the Northern Adelaide area have completed the Berry Street Training in 2018, the remainder of our Elizabeth partnership schools will complete the training this year. Berry Street Training will support all staff in building positive relationships and educational outcomes for all students. I encourage you to look at their website <http://www.berrystreet.org.au>.

And finally just a reminder that the **wetlands are open each morning** where teachers and families meet to have positive and supportive way to start the day.

I look forward to chatting to you in the mornings.

Yours Sincerely

Aunty Ange, Deputy Principal

HELLO FROM LOUISE!

Hi, my name is Louise. As the NIT teacher at Kaurna Plains this year I will continue to teach Technology that will include from Reception to year 9. I will also be teaching these students Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS).

The HASS topic is the study of people and their dealings with others. This subject is a combination of what we used to call History and Geography as well as Civics and Citizenship and Economics and Business with the older students.

The Technologies topic has two subjects, Design and Technology and Digital Technology. In Design Technology, students use design thinking and technologies to create and make design solutions. In Digital Technologies, students use computational thinking and information systems to describe, make and put into place digital solutions.

This is my 4th year at Kaurna Plains and I am looking forward to having a great year working with all the students.

Louise McAdam



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE R-1 CLASS?

Welcome to 2019! We have 6 brand new Receptions starting this year and they have made a fabulous start!!

We have a new room for now and some exciting things happening around our classroom library. We have some story tables that connect to our learning set up for students to interact with.

We are also encouraging students in our class to read at home with someone or by themselves. Students will take home books they have read with someone in the classroom which means they can have a go at reading by themselves. They can then record their reading by themselves in their reading diary. We hope you can support your child's reading!

Natasha Trestrail, Reception/Year 1 Class Teacher



LITERACY INITIATIVE AT KAURNA PLAINS SCHOOL



In 2019, there is an exciting focus on creating great readers and writers at our school.

In the first instance, all classrooms R-12 have started setting up Classroom Libraries to provide students with ready access to a wide range of engaging books for their daily Independent Reading.

Students are learning to choose books that are 'just right' for them, meaning that they practise reading books they can understand and enjoy. Books are an important way for students to learn more about the world, themselves and others. The more they read 'just right' books and the more they talk about their reading, the stronger they will become as readers. We will aim to have students at our school reading 20 minutes or more a day during Independent Reading.

Home reading that is 'just right' is also very important for the student's growth as readers, so we encourage this to be happening as often as possible. Sometimes students will be reading the same book at home and school. Please feel free to chat to your child about their reading or read with them whenever possible. It's a great way to connect as a family as well.

Teachers are also incorporating daily read alouds (reading a story or non-fiction text to the whole class at the same time). This allows all children, whatever their reading ability, to be involved in comprehending books that they would not normally be able to read, hear how the English language system works, or simply get excited about some of the books that are in their Classroom Library so that they might want to read them for themselves. Often teachers leave these books (once they are read) in a special basket in the classroom that students can borrow from.

Teachers also share big books (or enlarged text), so that all students can see close up at the same time how reading works, e.g. looking at particular words or groups of letters that make a sound. Students work with the teacher in interacting with the enlarged text, so that the learning can be done together as a class or in a small group before they go and practise the same skills in their own books.

Talking about reading is also vital for students to learn about books others are enjoying and also to deepen their comprehension or clarify their understanding of what they have heard or read.

Next up we will take a closer look at how students become stronger writers, and why connecting their writing to their reading is important.

Phil and Sharon Callen

Literacy Consultants at Kaurna Plains School

INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

Lisa is our new librarian who works from 8.30am-12pm every day



Auntie Sharon working with Auntie Wendy (Year 2,3, 4) and Auntie Renee



Uncle Phil working with Auntie Rebecca (Year 4,5,6) and Shyana



STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN FOUNDATION (SAKGF)

Hi everyone and welcome back! I am really excited to be part of the SAKGF program again this year. We look forward to loads of fun and great learning in the kitchen garden. Uncle Pete, Uncle Colin and myself have been at Kaurna Plains School over the Christmas/New Year break ensuring that our chickens, ducks and quail have been looked after and kept cool during this hot part of the summer. We have been able to look after the gardens and also harvest some great looking cherry tomatoes and chillies. Our Aboriginal fruit trees and herbs are growing well. We are working with teachers and students to plan around the Australian Curriculum with lots of Aboriginal Cultural Inclusion in our kitchen garden.

Donna Clifton



TEAM BUILDING FOR THE YEAR 10 - 12s

The year started with a blast and a bounce for the Year 10 to 12s with team building activities in which everyone had a great time. The Year 10 to 12s have got a heavy schedule this year with the addition of two new Stage 1 SACE subjects. Creative Arts during Semester 1 and Business Innovation kicking off in Semester 2.

Creative Arts will officially start on the 5th of February with an excursion to the Australian Art Gallery and the Museum of South Australia as part of the subject's "Visual Art Exhibition of Digital Aboriginal Art". As part of the program, students will present an exhibition, featuring digital art work that they will have created during the semester, so stay tuned for the more detail on the event as the semester progresses.



NEW KPS MARQUEE



KOREAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

My name is Karenna Nelson, I'm the Head of Languages and International Education at Playford International College. This year we have Korean Language classes running on our site, by Ben Anderson from the School of Languages. These classes will run weekly on Mondays, 3:30-6:30pm, starting week 2. (This time can be adjusted slightly to cater for students needing time to travel to our school).

We would like to extend the invitation for any students at your school that may be interested in attending these classes at our school. This offer is for Year 10-12 students. Undertaking this course can contribute towards SACE.

For more information about the cost, enrollment forms, eligibility forms etc. please get in contact.

Kind regards,

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