



KAURNA PLAINS SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - TERM 1, WEEK 4 2020

STRENGTH THROUGH LEARNING · TAINGIWILTA TIRKANTHI-ARRA



R-6 Swimming (see article on page 6)

DIARY DATES

February

21/2 Community Breakfast 

March

2/3 Assembly

3/3 Nutrition Day

6/3 Community Breakfast 

9/3 **ADELAIDE CUP
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

20/3 Community Breakfast 

20/3 **HARMONY DAY**

23/3 Assembly

24/3 **PUPIL FREE DAY**

25/3 Governing Council AGM

April

3/4 Community Breakfast 

6/4 Evonne Goolagong Tennis Program

6-9/4 Parent Teacher Interviews

7/4 Nutrition Day

9/4 Assembly & Early Dismissal
Last day of Term 1

10/4 **GOOD FRIDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**



NIINA MARNI

What a busy few weeks! The term is certainly starting to fly by. Well done to all the students that went to swimming lessons last week - for some, it was the first time. Thank you to all the parents who helped support their children.

Scott Rathman has completed a beautiful mural in our learning space. Next term he will be completing more work within that space and will incorporate one of Uncle Colin Weetra's paintings throughout all the blank walls in the learning area/courtyard.

Other good news is that enrolments have risen and we are now at 104 students! So, welcome to all the new families. As the school grows we also need to be reminding students about the seriousness of bullying, as this is evident in the news lately. Bullying is not only violent but can manifest in different ways from isolation, teasing, threatening and non-verbal cues. If your child experiences any form of bullying please communicate this with their teacher so that we can act in a prompt manner.

Angela Walkuski, Principal Kaurna Plains R-12 School



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Notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for parent members of the Kaurna Plains School Governing Council.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged with the Returning Officer (Ange Walkuski, Principal) by **4.00pm on Wednesday 18th March 2020**.

The ballot will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting to be held on:
Wednesday 25th March 2020 at 3pm.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. There are currently 5 vacancies for elected parent members of the Council. The term of office is for up to a two year period.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Any nominee wishing to appoint a scrutineer to be present at the counting of the ballot must advise the returning officer of their nominated scrutineer by no later than Wednesday 18th March at 4:00pm in writing.

Please note:

Any additional information or questions in relation to this process should be directed to the Principal as returning officer to address.

No campaign literature supporting candidates or groups of candidates may be distributed or posted in the school and no school resources whether human or material may be used to support particular candidates or groups of candidates.

HELLO FROM AUNTY NATASHA



Congratulations to the following students who will be representing their classes as SRC representatives. We met Monday afternoon and I was very impressed with their input and their motivation to be part of SRC. Hopefully we see lots of big things come out of SRC this year!

- R-2: Sophia, Ruby-Lee and Billy 2-4: Ethan and Treasure
- 5-6: Shayana 7-9: Harley and Crystal
- 10-12: Tia

Natasha Trestail, Positive Education Leader & 7-9 Health/PE and SAKG Teacher

CORKA KIDS AND DEADLY LEARNERS

Congratulations to the following CORKA Kids and Deadly Learners:

- R-2 CORKA - Nevaeh M and Latisha ★
Deadly Learners - Sapphy and Kayden
- 2-4 CORKA - Nathias and Shannoa
Deadly Learners - Shae and Sheniqua
- 5-6 CORKA - Sasha and Nat
Deadly Learners - Malee and Lily
- 7-9 CORKA - Shantayia and Makayla ★
Deadly Learners - Jamaika and Crystal



TERM DATES 2020

- Term 1 28 January - 9 April
- Term 2 27 April - 3 July
- Term 3 20 July - 25 September
- Term 4 12 October - 11 December

BELL TIMES Monday to Friday

Gates open to the wetlands..... 8:40am

Start Time.....8:50am

Literacy Block Times

Lesson 1 8:50 - 9:40am

Lesson 2 9:40 - 10:30am

BREAK 1 10:30 - 11:00am

Eating time in Class.... 11:00 - 11:10am

Lesson 3 11:10 - 12:00pm

Lesson 4 12:00 - 12:50pm

BREAK 2 12:50 - 1:10pm

Eating time in Class..... 1:10 - 1:20pm

Wellbeing/Cultural Programs/Friday

CORKA Times Lesson 6

Lesson 5 1:20 - 2:10pm

Lesson 6 2:10 - 3:00pm

End of each day 3:00pm

HATS ON!

Kaurna Plains is a Sun Smart school and we care about the safety of our children when they are playing outside. Students are required to be wearing a hat at all times when they are outside at break times. If the current temperature at the start of break times is 36°C or more, students will stay inside for activities for the break.



Unfortunately, it hasn't been a great start to the year, with many students going outside without a hat, resulting in behaviour slips. Playing out in the sun without a hat can result in sunburn, headaches, dehydration and make it hard to concentrate in class.

Students that are excellent at wearing their hats during break times are rewarded every Thursday, with ice blocks from Aunty Bronwyn!



Please make sure that your students have hats in their bags every day and help reinforce the importance of wearing it.

Our broad brimmed hats are available to buy at the front office for only \$5!

HATS:



RED

All Hats \$5



YELLOW BRIM



RED BRIM



FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

What if you could build a better world? Where would you begin?

More than ever, we must come together to innovate and solve problems. In First Lego League you are part of a thriving community brimming with inspiration, creativity, and hope for a stronger, more sustainable future – one that's built better together.

First Lego League (FLL) is a STEM enrichment opportunity available to students aged 9 to 16 years. FLL is a world renowned robotics competition where students form teams to complete a robot challenge using Lego EV3 robots, research a problem related to the annual theme, show core values of cooperation and gracious professionalism and participate at a Regional Tournament with the opportunity to qualify to progress onto State and National Championships.

Kaurna Plains has participated regularly in FLL for over 10 years and over the past few years we have won both a Mechanical Design Award and Judges Award Trophies for our efforts in the competition. If you are interested in your child being involved and they are eligible, please come and talk to Aunty Louise.

Louise McAdam

Specialist STEM Teacher (Technologies and Science) & First Lego League Team Coach



RECEPTION TO YEAR 2

Reception - Year 2: Our Class Room Name is Wurtu (Wombat)

Niina Marni

Firstly, thank you to all those who came and supported our class assembly, it was wonderful to see so many of you there.

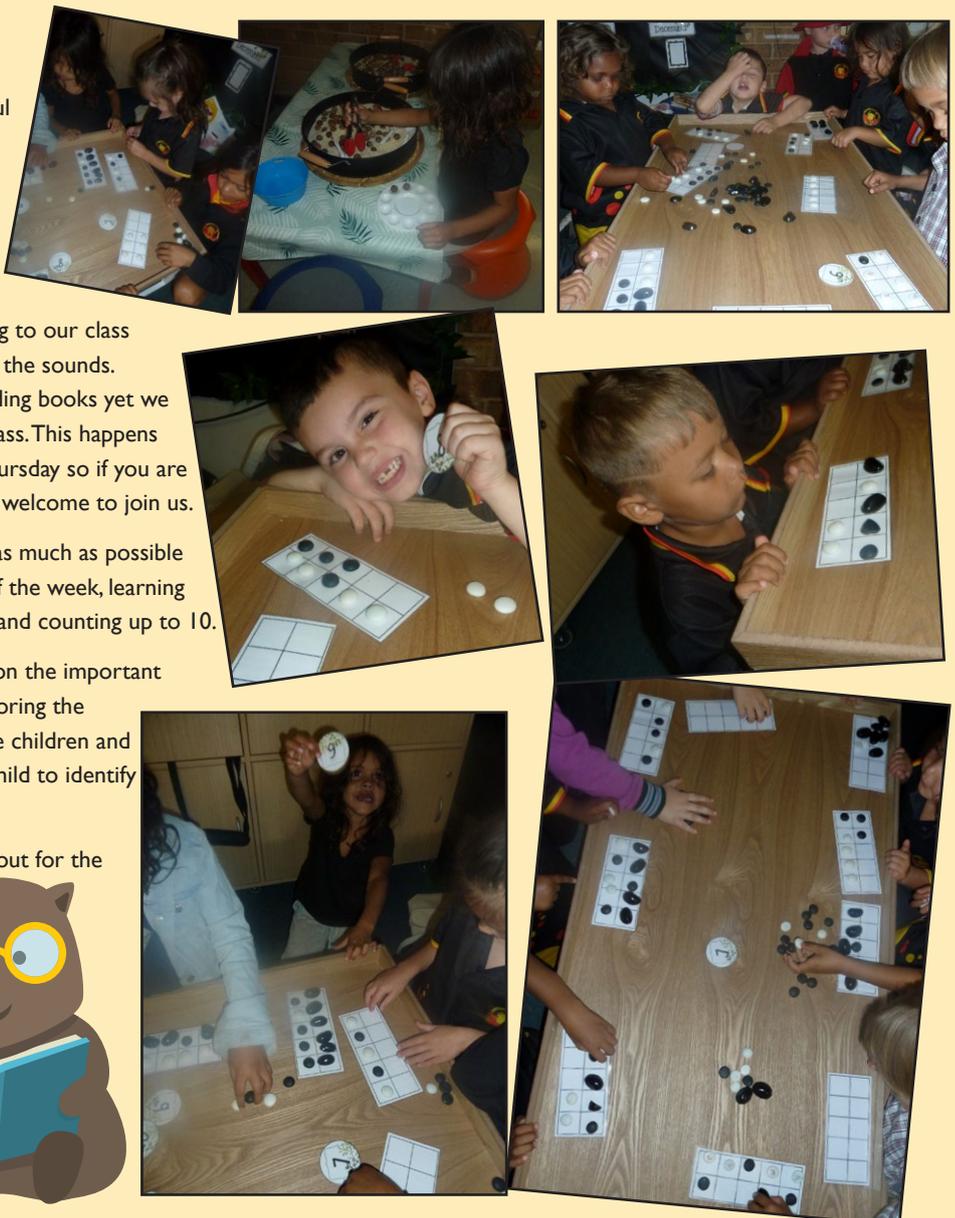
We've had a busy two weeks in the class starting our Jolly Phonics program and swimming last week. The children are amazing at remembering to bring their sound books to school each day. We link the sound learning to our class daily read aloud as another way of reinforcing the sounds. Although the children aren't taking home reading books yet we spend time daily sharing reading as a whole class. This happens first thing in the morning on a Tuesday and Thursday so if you are ever able to stay with your child you are very welcome to join us.

The class focus in Kaurna Language is linking as much as possible with our daily calendar work using the days of the week, learning each other's name song, group time 5I's goals and counting up to 10.

In our Social Studies lessons we are focusing on the important role of families and belonging. We will be exploring the importance of Connection to Country for the children and would be grateful if you could support your child to identify their Country on a classroom map.

Finally, I want to give the children a big shout out for the kindness and positivity they are demonstrating in the classroom towards each other and their learning. Keep up the great start to the year.

Aunty Debbie



YEAR 2-4

We've been very busy with lots of learning and fun activities.

Last week we had swimming all week, which was enjoyed by everyone.

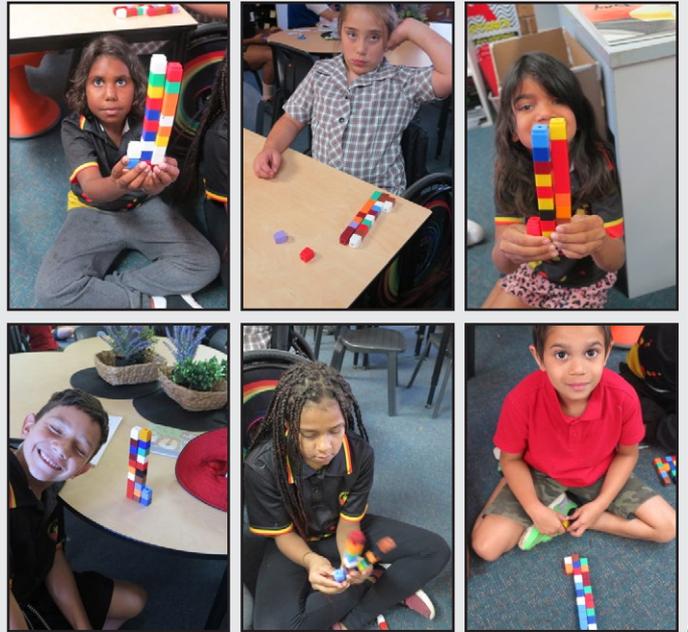
Swimming also made lots of students really tired, especially in the mornings. So, this week we have been talking about the *importance of sleep* and how going to bed early and having a good night's sleep helps us to be ready for a *successful* day of learning at school.

This week we have been continuing with learning letter sounds, writing and reading books. We even looked at the spelling of *tricky words*, like - *circus* and *cents*: which both starts with the letter **C** but actually start with a **S** sound.

In Maths we have been building **number towers** using connector blocks.

On Tuesday we took our learning outside and toured our school grounds to find and record the Kurna animal names along with the English names. If you would like to check out the names, you can find the names all around our school! Our class name is **PINGKU**. If you want to know the English name then you have to have a look on the door of our classroom!

Aunty Wendy



YEAR 5 & 6

Niina marni,

Last week we were lucky enough to visit the Aquadome in Elizabeth on a daily basis for swimming lessons. We were put into groups and throughout the week completed activities, tasks and lessons that developed our swimming ability.

Back in the classroom we had a focus on water safety. We spoke about the importance of being safe and responsible, whether at a pool or at the beach. We discussed and completed tasks on how we can help ourselves and others. We also spoke about the importance of sun safety.

"Although I was only at swimming lessons for a day or two, I improved my freestyle stroke and learnt how to control my body when floating on my back." - Lily

"The swimming lessons were pretty easy for me, as I do them all the time, but it was good to continue to practice." - Shayana

"When we spoke about water safety around pools we discussed walking around the pool, not going in too deep in the pool, making sure there is adult supervision and being sun smart." - Jordan

Uncle Tom and the 5-6 class

Kurna miyurna, Kurna yarta, ngadlu tampinhi.



YEAR 7 TO 9

On Friday, thanks to our cooks in Year 7-9, the cookies that had been baked earlier in the day were decorated and eaten with great delight. This was a whole class activity with much attention to detail.



Patrick Sorrentino



R-6 SWIMMING

Week 3 of school saw the R-6 students do their yearly swimming program at the Aquadome to promote water confidence and safety in, on and around water.

Students practiced water skills such as entering and exiting the water safely, fully submerging their body, blowing bubbles under the water, floating on their backs and rolling to their front, then floating on their front. They show they are able to move through the water using their arms and legs.

Other important skills they learnt are rescue skills like signalling, calling for help and being pulled to safety.

They were also able to practice skills with a personal floatation device (PFD) like correctly fitting a PFD in deep water and swimming using survival strokes.

A great week was had by all.

Louise McAdam

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WELL DONE!

