



Koolunga Primary School



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Attendance:

If students are absent from School ...please text or ring the school with an explanation.

This action supports our Attendance Policy.
Thankyou.

KPS Reminders:

REMINDERS

PLEASE RETURN/SUPPLY ASAP:

- 2025 Stationery (labelled)
- Raffle books
- Donations for raffle
- Concert Costumes

Xmas Concert

Tuesday Dec 3rd

Road Trip

29th November

Blyth Cinema

Notes out next week

Dear Parents,

[Welcome to the end of Week 6.](#)

Koolunga PS was fortunate to host Chief Executive, Martin Westwell for a site visit on Wednesday from 2.30 – 4.30pm.

Via Leader networks and previous site visits this term:

- The Music Strategy Team and spotlight video on effective practice
- Susan Copeland – Educational Director
- Michelle Barnes – Education Leader for schools
- Danielle Chadwick – Director of School Improvement for all schools

All have toured Koolunga and provided extremely positive feedback within leader circles which has travelled up the chain to Martin.

Hence, he came to see for himself.

While on site, Martin engaged with students, met Ali as our GC Chair and spent time with educators discussing the:

- Public Education Strategy
- Listening to our improvement stories and examples of our strong school engagement
- Pending challenges for Koolunga
- Department processes and invited feedback for what is working and what is not.

Martin was a busy note taker and acknowledged our staff team, students, school culture, Public Strategy actions and the complexities of leading a small school.

Thanks Chief.



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Learning Dispositions

What Are Learning Dispositions?

Learning dispositions can be understood as enduring habits of mind and actions that affect how students approach learning.

How are Learning Dispositions Important?

Learning dispositions play a critical role in a child's overall ability to learn and progress. Dispositions develop alongside and in conjunction with children's acquisition of knowledge, skills, attitudes and understanding. For example, a group of children constructing with wooden blocks are developing the physical skills of grasping, placing and stacking as well as learning foundational numeracy about shape and size. However, these children are also developing a positive disposition of creativity, imagination, cooperation and enthusiasm as they plan, discuss and solve problems during their block play.

How Dispositions May Change Over Time

When considering how learning dispositions change over time, experts have pointed out the key role that educators' actions play in strengthening or weakening them. Thus, dispositions can be considered to progress when the following three dimensions grow stronger.

- Robustness – Children continue to learn even when conditions are not supportive, such as a toddler no longer needing to reassure themselves their mother is in sight to continue to be involved in an activity.
- Breadth – children realise that the habits that proved useful in one domain can be applied in another such as skills needed to complete a jigsaw puzzle being applied to creating a story.
- Richness – children become more flexible and sophisticated in persistence, questioning and collaboration. For example, persistence might move from not giving up, to later involving emotional maintenance or getting assistance.



Examples of Learning Dispositions

- Curiosity – this is the child’s natural state of inquisitiveness and desire to find out more. Curiosity helps children develop observation skills, think about things and figure them out.
- Cooperation – the ability to work with peers towards common goals and using common resources
- Confidence – the belief in one’s own abilities to learn and know.
- **Creativity** – the ability to be able to express themselves and make meaning
- Commitment – the ability to keep doing what needs to be done regardless of one’s talents or moods
- Enthusiasm – the feeling of joyful motivation from within directed towards an experience, activity or task
- Persistence – continuing to do or to try to do something that is difficult.
- Imagination – the ability to mentally visualise or conjure up new and different possibilities, situations and scenarios
- Reflexivity - growing awareness of the ways that their experiences, interests and beliefs shape their understanding

And in the Classroom....

Last Friday the Upper Primary Students were introduced to a writing task to explore the disposition of Creativity.

The Task:

Each learner was asked to write for 5 mins and then stop. The writing was collected and re-distributed randomly among the class. Each learner read that passage and continued the story for 5 mins and then stopped.

Repeat until the third writer finishes the written text.

The results are below after reading them out.



I think that’s what creativity and success look like!

Co-ordination Fun and Fitness

Skipping, Skipping, Skipping



Why Skipping?

Skipping can:

- ✓ Be fun
- ✓ It's a whole body work out
- ✓ Improves gross and fine motor skills, balance and co-ordination
- ✓ Improves spatial skills
- ✓ Excellent cardio for fitness
- ✓ It's cheap, convenient and easy to do
- ✓ Be challenging
- ✓ Can improve bone health
- ✓ Achieved individually or in pairs/groups
- ✓ Increases speed and power if regularly completed
- ✓ Can be done with the whole family 😊😊



VectorStock

Students/families are welcome to borrow skipping ropes from school.

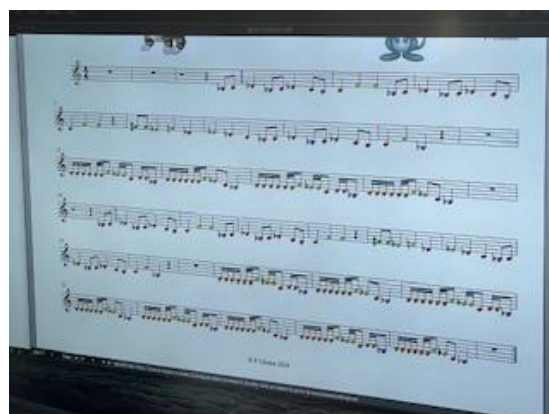
Week 5 KPS Book Sharing

Student and Parent Engagement

Thanks to all parents that were able to spend a few minutes to discuss your child's learning. Feedback and attendance remain strong.... which is an ongoing and encouraging strength of KPS.



Music Snaps with Paul.



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Koolunga Kitchen Weeks 5 + 6



Thanks Emma

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Meet Wesley the King!

Throughout the day students are asked and encouraged to use the game table to activate their thinking skills and importantly their working memory through various apps and game-based strategies.

Working memory is an essential skill to build strong foundations.

The winner of the game wears the crown until defeated by the next challenger.

Behind the crown is the dispositions of acceptance, resilience and persistence.

Students after the win / loss are to shake hands , congratulate each other and accept the decision.

Resilience is not blaming others, changing body language or making excuses.

We look forward to see the current and next King or Queen defend the crown and activate their working memory.



AND Parents are welcome to come in prior to the bell and play a game with your child to test your working memory.

KPS PUPIL FREE DAY

December 4th Wednesday [the day after Xmas Concert]

Staff will be onsite engaging in professional Learning for ICT

Thanks to our Gov Council for your approval and support.

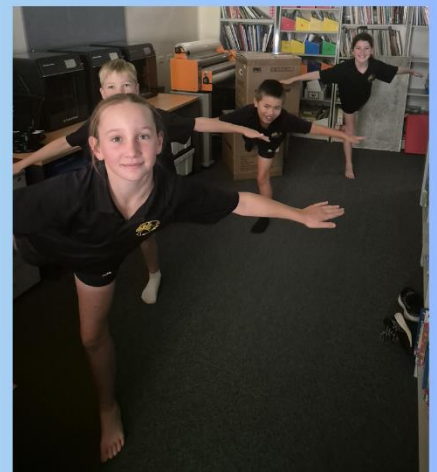


WOODWORK



COSMIC YOGA

This week, Miss Lloyd introduced the students to a fun version of yoga, "Cosmic Yoga" (on YouTube). It has various yoga activities and mindfulness delivered with a theme - so far we have looked at Minions and Harry Potter. Be sure to check it out!



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K.P.S.
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT

KOOLUNGA TOWN HALL

3 DEC 2024

7 PM START

ALL WELCOME



ENTRY

ADULTS: \$5 (EACH)

UNDER 18S (EACH): GOLD COIN DONATION

SRC Values winners:

SRC would like to congratulate the following students for their excellent display of school values:

Respect: Wesley - for always treating everyone equally

Honesty: Fletcher - for always returning 'found' items to their correct owners

Teamwork: Tristan - for using supportive language at the table tennis table

Responsibility: Roman - for looking after school property

Care: Hanna - for helping others and working with younger students



Congrats to our latest group of amazing students.

Thankyou

By SRC Harry, Harrison, Hanna and Elsie

COMIC BOOKS

Yearbook... by order only!
Please send order and
payment by Mon Dec 2nd

\$20

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<u>Week</u>	Monday Date	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Fri</u>
1	Oct 14 th			SCHOOL PHOTOS		Every odd wk Mobile Library Sat 19 th Oct KPS Fundraiser @ Mundoora Club
2	Oct 21 st					Every even wk Newsletter
3	Oct 28 th	Governing Council			St John's First Aid - Students	
4	Nov 4 th					
5	Nov 11 th					
6	Nov 18 th					
7	Nov 25 th					Blyth Cinema Road trip
8	Dec 2 nd	Governing Council	KPS CHRISTMAS CONCERT @ 7PM		Year 6 Transition to HS	Year 6 Transition to HS
9	Dec 9 th					Last Day T4 2.20pm Dismissal