



# 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:

**2025**

**Term 1 Week 1**

**Swimming at Brinkworth**

**Parents to transport students directly to Brinky Primary**

**Reminder texts etc will be sent prior to school starting in January**

**All library /mobile library books to be returned please**

**Last day of the term:  
Assembly @ 2pm  
Dismissal 2.20pm**

## Dear Parents,

**Welcome to the end of Week 8... we are nearly there and it's only a few more days before Max and Harry ring the school bell for the very last time.**

Thank you to students, staff, parents, and community for supporting our KPS Christmas Concert.

The concert was student centred and showcased the student's music improvement with a splash of dance.

All students demonstrated their school values, amazing confidence and enthusiasm.

### A special mention to:

- Our Year 6 students, Max Weckert and Harry Smart, for delivering terrific graduation speeches
- Hanna Burford for winning the KPS School Value Medal
- Emma Smart for the Minister's Volunteer award
- Andrew Lange for holding the Band together! 😊
- Staff for your time and commitment to support our student success
- Father Christmas and his special elf

**As this is the last Newsletter for 2024 ... on behalf of all staff, I wish you a Merry Christmas + Happy and Safe New Year.**



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## KPS Xmas Concert and Celebration snapshots

### Student Reviews I Liked .....but I loved ..... !

**Tyler:** I liked seeing teachers doing the ukulele but I loved doing the singing.

**Blaike:** I liked seeing the teachers doing the ukulele and I loved doing the ukulele.

**Fletcher:** I liked both of the ukuleles but I loved the Rasputin dance.

**Joe:** I liked the slide show but I loved the Walk The Dinosaur dance that I was in.

**Tristan:** I liked getting 2 giant twins but I loved playing a big game of chasey in my Dino costume.

**Alicia:** I liked the audience in the concert, but I loved how the concert went.

**Ella:** I liked being on stage in the concert, but I loved having a speech.

**Hanna:** I liked doing my speeches in the concert, but I loved that my dad absolutely jumped out of his chair when a cat came and scraped or run under his leg. 😊😊

**Elsie:** I liked seeing the staff doing the ukulele but I loved singing and dancing.

**Harrison:** I liked how the audience cheered after a song or dance but I loved doing everything with my friends.







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## KPS Coordination Xmas Decorations



**Thanks to Deb Heinjus for delivering the KPS Co-ordination program.**

Juno and Blaike will continue in the program next year and will lead the new reception intake in 2025.

## SAPSASA Tennis

On Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> Mum and I went to Adelaide for the first day of SAPSASA tennis. The first team we played we lost - I played third. All the Mid North girls and boys were in a big team and all the games we played added up to 18 sets 6 doubles and 12 singles.

The second game we lost again which disappointed my team, but we kept going to the end. And we went to an apartment and rested for the next day.

Today was Thursday and the team had two games as well as yesterday and we won both of them by a bit and I was playing 5<sup>th</sup> with Thomas Scammel and we won are doubles game and a couple of are singles games and then after we had the excursion to the beach house with the team and after we went out for tea at Happy Harry and for dessert we went to cold rock and we then went home after that big afternoon and got some rest.

Today was Mid North last game we only had 1 game today because there were only six teams in division 2 including the Mid North the last game was important. If we won, we would be the top country team in South Australia we got to Millwood and we were playing Barossa and light in the end it was 9 sets each and we added up the games and Mid North won by 3 games in the end.

**By Max**

## It's a KPS Kitchen Wrap

Thanks to Max and Harry as our Yr 6 caterers and seniors that plated our last 2024 lunch plate.

On behalf of all students and parents – Thanks Emma Smart for all that you do.



## Swimming in 2025

The dates have been set.

KPS will be swimming at the Brinkworth Pool in **Week 1 from 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January.**

The timetable is yet to be set. This will happen the week before school starts and a text reminder will be sent to all parents.

Also, for new and existing families – parents will need to provide the transport, appropriate car seats etc or car-pool with each other to and from the Brinkworth Pool.

KPS staff will meet and dismiss students from Brinkworth PS.



### KPS Playgroup

Thanks to Sarah for all her efforts this year and to the parents for bringing their children along each Friday.



## Thanks Paul Gibson

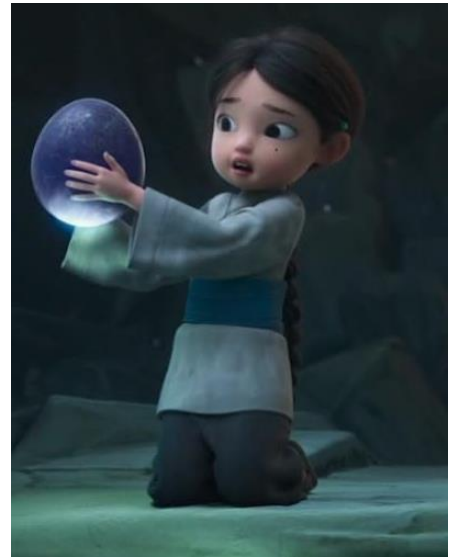
Thanks to our music provider and extended staff Paul Gibson for his musical support and leadership.

We are fortunate to retain Paul for his music direction for all of 2025.

This will provide students with the opportunity for students to explore multiple instruments and lessons per week.



## Road Trip - KPS at the Movies



## Student Review - What surprised you about the Movie?

Tristan: The old man turned into a devil thing.

Wesley: When you put the egg in the water the shell came off.

Alicia: They got the egg.

Ella: In the dragon world the air flew the dragon away.

Aylah: That the baby dragon survived.

Fletcher: When the baby dragon hatched.

Joe: That the dragon egg needed water to hatch.

Tyler: The blue egg.

Juno: The dragons.

Blaike: That they tried to kill the big dragon.

Harrison: That the egg could heal wounds.

Hanna: When the mouse charged at the massive dragon with a bone.

Elsie: When the egg could heal people.

Anniece: When Ping lifted the dragon with her magic.

Roman: That oversize emperor got arrested

Violet: When dude shot dragon, he actually hit it in the wing

Harry: How big the emperor at the start was.

Max: That the spiders didn't kill her. She was unconscious for a while.



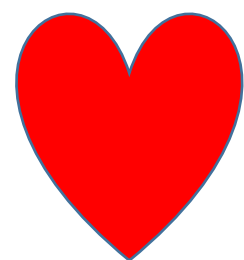
# KPS Fishing Trip

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December in term 4 the year 3 – 6's went to Bundaleer Reservoir on a fishing trip we left at 10:30. In the morning, we all got on the bus we were very excited. When we arrived Josh and Jackie introduced themselves and guided us to our rods and taught us how to use them. The bait we used was living worms and frozen prawns.

Once we were all set up, we started to fish. We all started at the spot near the van where we set up but then we moved closer into the rocky area because we couldn't get any fish. Then I cast out and I felt a big pull Jackie had to come help she said to reel it in slowly when we got it out the water, we realized it was a silver perch Mr. A took a photo and made me kiss the fish. When I picked the fish up, he felt slimy and scaley then Jackie released him back into the water.

Then we went back to school and watched a movie with the JP's. Thankyou Jackie, Josh and Mr. A.

By Violet Lange





# CHEMICAL SCIENCES

MATTERS MATTERS EVERYWHERE.....GASES!

## EXPERIMENT USING PLASTIC CUPS



## EXPLAIN GAS DISTRIBUTION USING PLASTIC CUPS

Students were given paper towel, plastic cups and bowls of water. They were also provided with an experiment procedure to follow. Students learnt the very valuable lesson of ensuring instructions are followed to achieve accurate results. All were able to see how air takes up space and escapes in water.

## MAKING SHOES USING MATERIALS

### CHALLENGE: TO CREATE A SHOE IN 15 MINUTES

In room 2 Science students were given materials to choose from and they had to create, design and make a shoe in 15 minutes. They discovered the importance of using the correct materials for certain purposes.



## MAKING GAS USING BICARB SODA AND VINEGAR

Using a sandwich bag, vinegar and a teaspoon of bicarb soda students were able to explore that a gas has capacity, can be compressed, fills a container and some were even able to explore what happens when the container reaches it's capacity. Students were eager to recreate this experiment at home. I hear it has had some interesting results!!!



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# WRITE A LETTER TO *Santa*

Fill out our Dear Santa letter and post it in our letterbox to receive a reply before Christmas.

Send your letters  
by Friday Dec 13th  
at the Port Pirie or  
Crystal Brook  
Libraries



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# PORT PIRIE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

DECEMBER

SATURDAY | 7 | 6.00PM

## Childrens Author Event

# *Susea Spray* A BIG BLUE BOAT

Port Pirie Regional Library  
Wednesday 4th December  
10:30am  
Suitable for 4 - 10 year olds

Bookings essential:  
Contact the Port Pirie Library on  
Ph: 8632 1649

PORT PIRIE REGIONAL  
LIBRARY

## PORT PIRIE FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY  
7TH DECEMBER 2024

COMPRISING OF:

- CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKETS  
4PM - MEMORIAL PARK
- PORT PIRIE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT  
6PM - CBD
- CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT  
7:30PM - MEMORIAL PARK

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