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Term 1: Week 3 13 February 2025

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:

Mondays: School library
Heat-up lunch

Wednesdays: Heat Up Lunch

Fridays: Playgroup
Mobile Library
(Term 1 - even wks)

M&S Fees are now due
Please pay via EFT, cash,
instalments (paperwork req'd) or
apply for school card via internet

Upcoming Events

FEB

14

**SWIMMING
CARNIVAL @
11.45AM**

25

**NAPLAN PRACTICE
TEST**

Dear Parents

Welcome to the end of Week 3.

[Governing Council Summary](#)

Last week the GC met for the first time this year and discussed the following:

- Finance and budget lines
- End of year processes
- Swimming feedback - bus invoice
- Heat up Wednesdays
- Choir and Music directions
- Aboriginal studies / funding reserves
- Fundraising – Mundoora catering dates
- Grounds, SRC and Playgroup

The key decisions were to increase pricing for:

- School Uniforms - set at breakeven costs
- KPS School Camp - is set for \$ 200 pp – still a bargain
- Yr 6 Mid Nth Camp – Optional, no subsidies available

Invoices for the KPS Camp were issued last week.

The date of the camp is set for **October 20-23rd**.

Our accommodation is self-contained cabins at the West Beach Retreat.

Camp information will be distributed throughout the year.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL REMINDER

KPS students are asked to arrive at Brinkworth at 11:45 am for a 12pm start. Please ensure that students have eaten before swimming. Year 3 and under students **MUST** wear a life jacket during free swim – **NO EXCEPTIONS**



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NAPLAN 2025

NAPLAN 2025 dates:

CPT: Co-ordinated Practice Test – Tuesday 25th February
(Week 5)

Testing Window – Wednesday 12 March – Monday 24th
March (Weeks 7-9)

NAPLAN – privacy collection notice

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN helps parents, carers and educators to see if children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards.

Collection of personal information

Schools are required by law to collect personal information about you and your child, irrespective of whether your child participates in NAPLAN testing.

The purpose of this notice is to advise parents and carers of how personal information about you and your child will be used for NAPLAN testing (both online and paper tests) and NAPLAN readiness activities scheduled at various times leading up to the test in March 2025.

NAPLAN testing

Since 2022 NAPLAN tests are completed nationally online, except for Year 3 writing which remains paper-based and a small number of students who will continue to use alternative format (paper or electronic pdf tests).

Online testing brings many benefits and opportunities including providing better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

More information on NAPLAN is available at: www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/.

Readiness testing activities

A critical step in preparing for NAPLAN is schools' participation in readiness testing activities.

The purpose of readiness testing activities is to ensure your child is familiar with their device and the online test environment, as well as to confirm school infrastructure systems and processes are in place for NAPLAN testing.

Disclosure of personal information

For every student participating in NAPLAN testing and readiness activities, personal information will be uploaded by the Department for Education, as the Test Administration Authority (TAA), to the NAPLAN Online Assessment Platform ('assessment platform'). For information on how ACARA collects and uses personal information about you and your child for NAPLAN please refer to [ACARA's privacy notices](#).

The information overleaf marked with an asterisk (*) is also provided by the department, as the TAA, to FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd for the purposes of printing paper test materials and the printing of student reports. FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd ("FUJIFILM") is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the Department for Education and is only permitted access to personal information from a relevant school for the purposes of providing the contracted services.

FUJIFILM's privacy policy can be found at: <https://www.fujifilm.com/au/en/privacy>

- Student name*
- School name, class and year level*
- Date of birth*
- Country of birth
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status
- Jurisdictional and local school student identifiers*
- Gender*
- Disability adjustments (where applicable) *
- Language background other than English
- Parents' occupation, education and language background
- Student's braille format*

The personal information for students who are exempted, absent or withdrawn from NAPLAN testing is collected and used for reporting purposes.

Data security

Security and privacy are key requirements for the delivery of national testing.

NAPLAN Assessment Platform

The online assessment platform has been designed to comply with relevant national data security policies and guidelines.

The assessment platform is managed by Education Services Australia (ESA). ESA is a not-for-profit company jointly owned by the Australian education ministers. ESA is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the Department for Education.

ESA only has access to personal information from a relevant school or TAA for the primary purpose of fulfilling ESA's role in supporting the operation of the assessment platform.

ESA's privacy policy can be found at: www.esa.edu.au/contact-us/privacy.

Access and correction

To request access or correction to personal information collected for NAPLAN and held by schools, please contact your school principal in the first instance. Any concerns about a breach of privacy by a school should be directed in writing to the school principal.

More information

Speak with your school principal in the first instance if you have any questions about this information.

How to Draw – A wellbeing initiative

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, every Thursday morning instead of a fitness session, students are asked to draw.

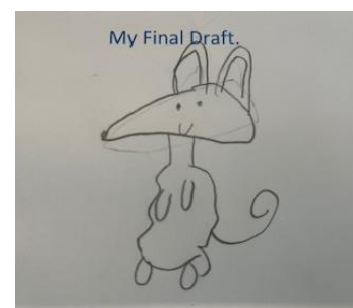
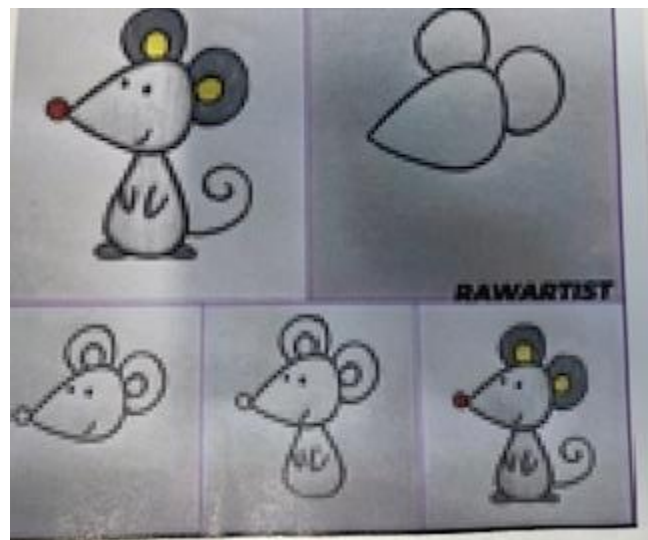
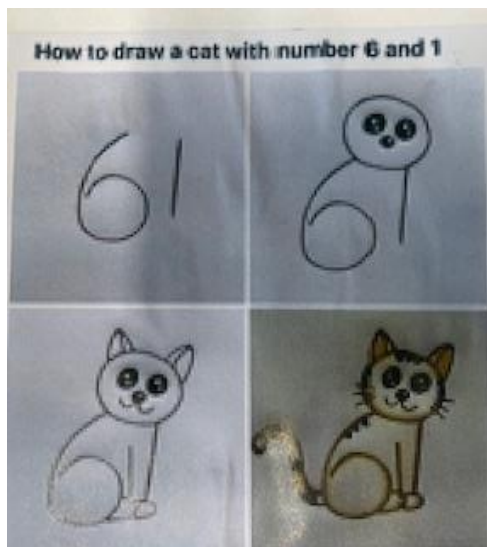
There's growing support/evidence to suggest that Mindfulness activities throughout the day are beneficial to all children allowing quiet/instructed time.

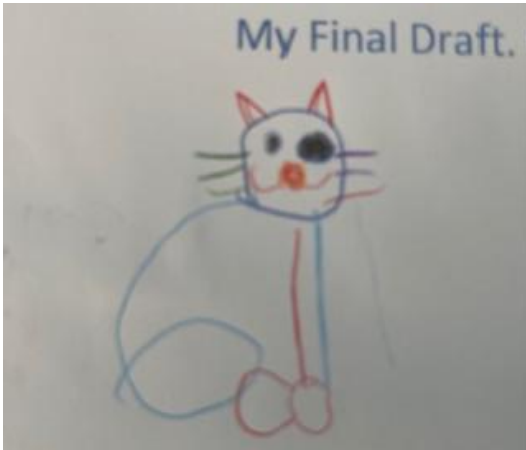
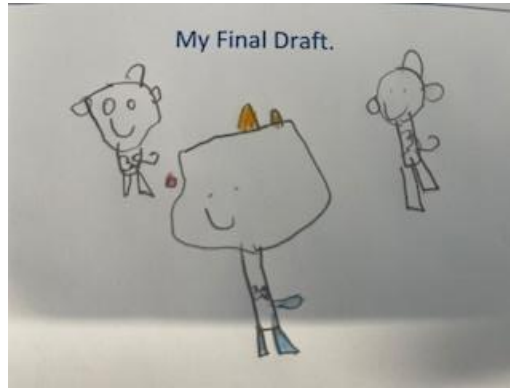
The students are asked to follow procedural steps to re-create a drawing. A first draft and final draft are included. Next, all students self-assess their creation using a PMI scaffold.

What is a PMI ? Students record an area that was **P**ositive, **M**inus and **I**nteresting.

Personally, I've always enjoyed students' drawings and I look forward to sharing our creations.

In weeks 1 and 2, students were asked to draw a cat and a mouse.





K.P.S. Mundoora Fundraiser

Saturday 22nd Of February 6:30-8pm
@ Mundoora Community Club

MENU:

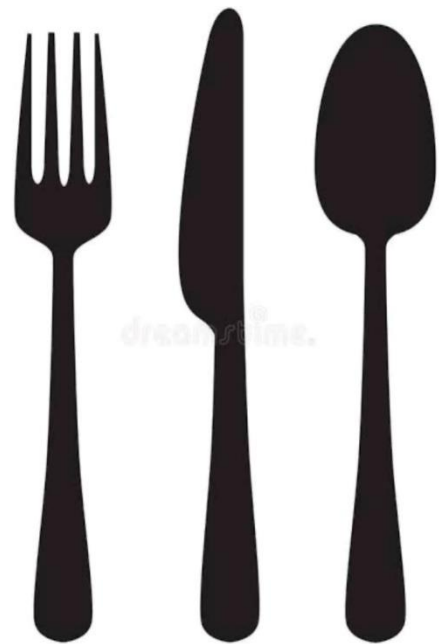
- SCHNITZELS
- PORK STEAKS (APPLE SAUCE)
- ASSORTED HOMEMADE SALADS
- NUT SUNDAE

**KIDS MEALS
AVAILABLE**



Please Bring Cash

Please join us for a delicious meal and help fundraise for our School!





KPS Music with Paul



Learning tips for Parents

Did you know?

MULTIPLICATION CHART

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
3	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
4	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36
5	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
6	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
7	0	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63
8	0	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72
9	0	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81

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In the SA curriculum, this is the only mention for teaching the times tables which are the foundation of maths success:

In Year 2 – it's addition by skip counting

In Year 3 – the word **Recall** suggests the concept is learned, embedded and understood.

However, this is a massive leap for children and often missed.

If there is one thing you can do to support Maths success for your child, teach them their times tables.

Year 2: Recognise and represent multiplication as repeated addition, groups and arrays

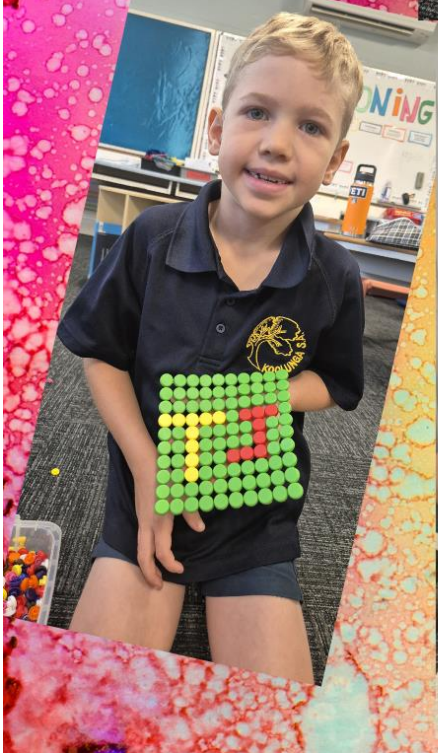
Year 3: Recall multiplication facts of two, three, five and ten and related division facts

Year 4: Recall multiplication facts of two, three, five and ten and related division facts

Year 5: Recall multiplication facts up to 10×10 and related division facts

Co-ordination

Fun





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2025 UNIFORM PRICE LIST

POLO TOPS – short sleeve with logo

\$36.00 (GST INCL)

POLO TOPS – long sleeve with logo

\$20.00 (GST INCL)

FLEECEY JUMPERS – with logo

\$30.00 (GST INCL)

SCHOOL DRESSES

\$17.00 (GST INCL)

BUCKET HATS

\$20.00 (GST INCL)

BACK PACKS

\$30.00 (GST INCL)

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to 2025 ☺

Term 1... What's the plan?? Well, 'stay cool' seems to be at the top of everyone's to-do list so far this term but I have also planned some learning to do as well of course! My subject overviews are below and my personal teaching goals this year are to engage with the South Australian curriculum and increase my feedback/communication to both parents and students.

The student's books contain curriculum links and task tags showing the learning/skill we are working on and my feedback. I'm using a "+, o, -" system for ongoing (formative) tasks with a + indicating the task was completed at a high level with deep thinking, o is used to show a student completed the task successfully with understanding, - will indicate that more practice of this understanding/skill is still needed.

As always, for further information or questions you are most welcome to catch me at the gate, send through an email or fire off a text!

Term 1, 2025

R-3

English	Text structures	Using mentor texts: reviewing, summarising, sequencing, adapting, comprehending Fiction v's Non-fiction
Tech	Digital Tech	Computer use: logins, touch typing, ICT Coding: Bee Bots
Science	Biological Science	Living things: classification, needs, features, lifecycles

4-6

English	Novel Study: Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Figurative language: alliteration, simile, metaphor, personification, idiom Vocabulary: author choices, specific use Comprehension: literal and implied, summarising Writing: narrative, persuasive, poetry, quotation marks
Tech	Digital & Design Tech	Creative computing and coding using the Scratch program – game design Fairy Garden design using 3d printing (continued...)

Other info:

- **School library** day will be **Monday**.
- **Homework (reading)** continues!! **Star words and letters**, where required, have been added to homework books for home practice.
- Year 4-6 students are encouraged to take books home at any time if they have unfinished work pieces to complete.

Cheers, *Sarah-Jane* sarahjane.Frances653@schools.sa.edu.au 0417832332



WE ARE PROUD TO BE A PSMF SCHOOL

**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THESE ITEMS DISPLAYED
AROUND THE SCHOOL**



At the Primary Schools Music Festival (PSMF) training on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th February all new schools were given a pack of items to proudly display in their offices and grounds. The choir students were very pleased to receive these and we can't wait to decide where to best display them. Next week we are expecting the choir students' books to arrive via the courier. We have begun learning more about what a choir is and how to use the books and symbols within the books. This week we had our first choir lesson and the students learnt how to sing in a cannon style, which is where we sing the same warm up song, but begin it at different times.

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Koolunga PS Term 1 2025

Weeks	Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	27 th Jan	Australia Day P/Holiday	Start T1 Swimming			
2	3 rd Feb	GC Mtg				
3	10 th Feb					SWIMMING CARNIVAL
4	17 th Feb					
5	24 th Feb		NAPLAN practice test			
6	3 rd March					
7	10 th March	Adelaide Cup P/Holiday		NAPLAN Starts		
8	17 th March	GC AGM				
9	24 th March	NAPLAN Ends				
10	31 st March					
11	7 th April					Assembly @ 2pm Dismissal @ 2.20pm