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Kadina Memorial School Newsletter

From the Principal

Alistair Williams

HAPPY
Holidays



Congratulations to all students on completing Semester 1.

It has been a busy, challenging and rewarding first half of the school year, with many opportunities for students to extend and showcase their learning. R-12 School Reports went home last night, and I encourage families to discuss these with their children. Student effort and high attendance are strong indicators of achieving solid learning. Please contact your child's subject teacher if you wish to discuss their learning progress, as studies consistently demonstrate students improve when there is a good partnership between the child, their family, and school. I wish all students and families a safe two-week holiday to reset ready for Semester 2.



Term 3 Resumes

Monday 20th July

School Closure

Monday 7th September

Student Free Day

Tuesday 8th September

School Mobile Phone Policy

A reminder to make yourself familiar with our school Mobile Phone & Like Device Guidelines. Students can bring phones to school but devices need to be given to the teacher or locked in lockers between 8:30am-3:10pm. If contact with students/parents must be made please do so through the Front Office, 88210100. The policy can be found on the school website:

<https://kms.sa.edu.au/policies/>

2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

SYMPHONY OF
STORIES



22-28 August 2026



Book Fair

Mon 24th - Thurs 27th August
@ KMS Library

Dress Up Day & Parade

Friday 28th August



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Narungga Country



Primary School Press

Year 6 Charter Ambassador Program

Nine of our Year 6 students have proudly represented our school in Adelaide as part of the Charter Ambassador Program (CAP). During their visits, students were honoured to receive an Ambassador Pin from Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, at Government House and enjoy afternoon tea. They also toured Parliament House, met the Hon. Lucy Hood MP, Minister for Education, Training and Skills, and participated in a parliamentary debate while learning about South Australia's system of government.

Students are now working on their Positive Impact Projects before returning to Adelaide next term for their final CAP experience. We are incredibly proud of the way they have represented KMS and embraced these unique leadership opportunities.



Crossing Training



On Monday 15th June our Year 6 students attended Crossing training presented by Marilyn from SAPOL. Students became familiar with the rules and tested their knowledge in crossing scenarios, ready to become crossing monitors in year 7.



JAM Band

On Friday 12 June, the Just Add Music (JAM) Band returned to our school for another fun-filled performance. The interactive concert showcased a variety of musical styles and encouraged student participation, creating an engaging experience for all who attended. It was wonderful to see students enjoying live music and getting involved throughout the performance. We thank the JAM Band for another memorable visit and look forward to seeing them return in the future.



Key to the Library

Once a student has obtained the highest level with their Literacy Pro (lexiles) they are rewarded with the 'Key to the Library'. This will, we hope, encourage them to read more for pleasure.

7 students have received their Keys for 2026. Congratulations to the following students:

6KW

Macy Venning
Lexie Gardner
Indy Hicks

5NM

Elias Degrono

4HC

Patrick Blott
Ryker Williams

5HS

Quinn Sluggett



5HS Estia Visits

Students in 5HS are continuing to strengthen their community connections through their visits to Estia. The children and residents alike look forward to spending time together each week, sharing stories, playing games, cooking, and enjoying musical performances by the students.

These visits provide valuable opportunities for students to build relationships, develop empathy, and contribute positively to their community. Lenny shared, "It's my favourite part of the week!"

We are proud of the kindness and enthusiasm our students show during each visit and look forward to continuing this wonderful partnership throughout the year.



Middle School Moments



During Term 1, Year 7 students participated in the national Launchbox project run by Fleet Space Technologies. In teams, students created their very own space company. They built a RAS-Cube LB from a kit and completed a range of online learning activities about the satellites themselves, orbits and planning a satellite mission.

This was a national competition with 287 teams participating across Australia.

Our teams placed in 25th, 27th, 32nd, 34th, 35th, 38th, 41st, 42nd, 68th and 74th which is a tremendous effort from our students.

As a collective, our Year 7s won the **Deep Space Award** which goes to the school that demonstrated the greatest enthusiasm and energy throughout the Deep Space activities, achieving the highest score.



Kapyong Corner

Learning, Connecting and Growing Together

It has been another busy and rewarding few weeks in Kapyong, with students participating in a range of engaging learning experiences that promote communication, independence, and practical life skills.

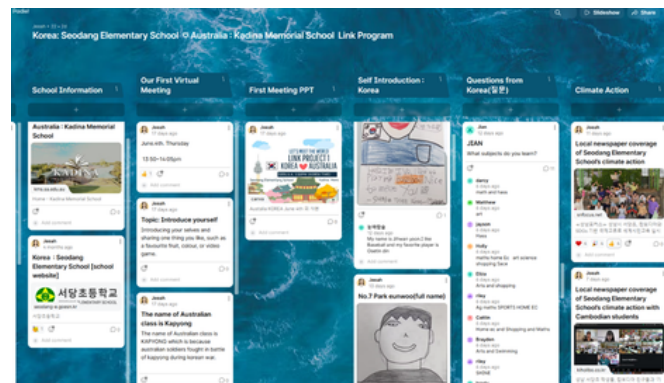
One of the highlights was our participation in an online Cultural Exchange Program with Seodang Public School in South Korea. Students had the opportunity to introduce themselves, share information about their school and daily lives, and learn about the experiences of students from another country. This valuable exchange helped build confidence, communication skills, and an appreciation of different cultures and perspectives.

Students also explored the basics of car maintenance, learning about vehicle safety checks, identifying key vehicle components, and understanding the importance of regular maintenance. Through hands-on learning experiences, students gained practical knowledge and developed skills that support greater independence and everyday problem-solving.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, effort, and positive attitudes our students continue to demonstrate. We look forward to sharing more of their achievements and learning experiences in the next edition of the newsletter.



Online cultural exchange program



Padlet platform used by students of both schools for exchanging information.



Sandra and James



From Left: Brodie, Chad & Talisha



Riley

Senior School Spotlight

Yr 11 Life & Living Week

This week, our Year 11 students participated in a Flexible Learning Week, choosing between work experience or staying at school to complete the Life and Living program. Where they developed practical skills and prepared key documents for their future careers after school.



PBL Semster 1 Wrap Up

Earlier this year, an enthusiastic group of students participated in an interview with volunteers from the Copper Coast Show Society and Mrs Wehr to determine their suitability for the SACE Integrated Learning – Project Based Learning (PBL) subject in 2026.

Students were asked a range of interview questions and selected based on their punctuality, preparation, communication skills, willingness to learn, and positive attitude.

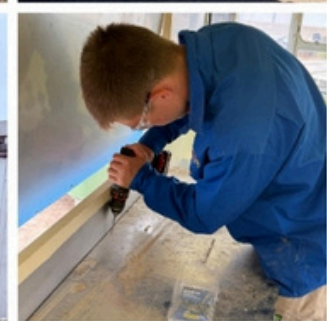
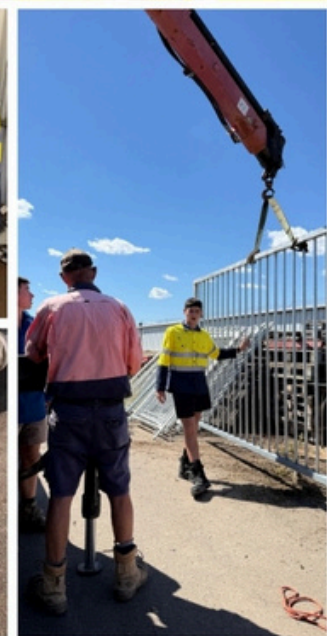
Ten students were successful and given the opportunity to attend the showgrounds every Monday, where they learn and practise a wide range of basic trade skills under the direct supervision of experienced and highly qualified volunteers from diverse professional backgrounds.

By the end of the year, students who achieve 100% attendance will each have contributed 135 hours towards maintaining this important community asset, including assisting with the setup and pack-up of the Copper Coast Show.

This year's group has demonstrated outstanding attendance, a positive attitude towards learning, and an appreciation for working in a real-world environment outside the classroom. Through the program, students are developing leadership skills, a strong work ethic, and the ability to use initiative.

Most recently, the group, accompanied by several volunteers, visited T-Ports and Bunge, two of our region's largest employers. The visit provided students with valuable insight into the operations of each site and the employment opportunities available. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with several students expressing a strong interest in pursuing future employment at one or both organisations. A particular highlight was the opportunity to climb to the top of one of the storage cells, which offered spectacular views across the Spencer Gulf.

The group will continue the program next semester, with a focus on show preparation and further developing the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to support a successful transition into the world of work.





R-12 ARTS

Winter Music Concert

The Kadina Memorial School Winter Music Concert was a fantastic evening celebrating the musical talents of our students from Years 7 to 12. Students performed with confidence and enthusiasm, showcasing the hard work and dedication they have shown throughout the semester.

Thank you to Mr. Hahn, Mr. Branson (IM teacher), Ms. Williams, families, and community for their ongoing support. Congratulations to all of our performers on a wonderful and successful concert. We look forward to seeing everyone again at the Spring Music Concert later this year.



First Nations Education Team



On Wednesday, 20 May, four Kadina Memorial School students—Blake Kapany, Taya Linke, Abbey-Rose Hirst, and Blake Wallace—represented the Central Yorke Academy at the Santos Aboriginal Power Cup.

The Power Cup, run in partnership with the Attorney-General's Department and SAASTA, is an education-based AFL carnival that engages First Nations secondary school students in their education and career pathways. The program embraces Aboriginal culture and addresses Closing the Gap targets in health, wellbeing, education, and employment.

Held during Reconciliation Week, the carnival aligns with the AFL's Sir Doug Nicholls Round, celebrating the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to Australian football.

Participation requires students to achieve at least 80% school attendance and demonstrate strong academic and behavioural performance. The Power Cup is Australia's longest-running joint education and AFL community program for Aboriginal students.

Jack Muirhead, SAASTA Teacher/Coordinator: "Our students had a very successful Power Cup. Our academy had both teams play in the Grand Final on Adelaide Oval before the Port vs Carlton game. The boys were the eventual winners, whilst the girls just lost their match, showing amazing resilience after some injuries occurred in the previous days. This is an amazing result for our academy and would not be possible without their unwavering support and commitment each week to the program. SAASTA has allowed these students an opportunity they will never forget. The students handled themselves with great distinction and represented their schools and communities with pride. Their behaviour was exemplary, and we received many comments from fellow academies about the way they conducted themselves, which was great feedback."

Abbey-Rose Hirst: "I really enjoyed the 2026 SAASTA Power Cup because of the fun cultural activities and the exciting footy games. It was an amazing experience to play on Adelaide Oval at the end of the competition. I also enjoyed meeting new friends, spending time with my team, and making great memories throughout the event."

Blake Wallace: "I thought that the Power Cup was really enjoyable, meeting new people and playing footy against others from all around SA. I also think it was great coming together with everyone and doing the cultural dance in front of hundreds of people, and playing the grand final in front of everyone was amazing as well."



Staffing News

During Semester 1, we have wished several teaching staff well as they commenced parental leave, including Mrs Williams, Mrs Rogers, Mrs Altmann and Mrs Bradshaw. We also farewelled Mr Flavel and Mr G, who will both be taking leave for the remainder of 2026.

We are pleased to welcome Mr Foster Mesecke, who will be joining us in place of Mr Flavel, and Ms Star Derrington, who will be taking over Mr G's classes. We know they will be wonderful additions to our team and we look forward to the experience and enthusiasm they will bring to our school community.

Looking ahead, Mrs Chenoweth will commence parental leave during term 3 with Mrs Chrissy Sawley stepping into her role. We also farewell Miss Whittlesea, who is embarking on an exciting adventure overseas, teaching in the UK.



Mrs Williams



Mrs Rogers



Mrs Altmann



Mrs Bradshaw



Mr Flavel



Mr G



Mrs Chenoweth



Miss Whittlesea

There have also been a number of changes across our SSO team.

We congratulate Michelle Hams on her appointment as Business Manager until the end of 2026, Michelle will move from her current role of Finance Manager to Business Manager at the beginning of term 3.

With Michelle stepping into this position, Renata Nicholas will take on the role of Finance Manager, while we also welcome Pamela Liakos to Kadina Memorial School as the Principal's Personal Assistant during Tyra Taylor's parental leave.

Classroom SSO Mackenzie Kay will also commence parental leave during term 3.

A special thank you goes to Carol Saunders for stepping into the Business Manager role for five weeks of Term 2 while Gail Ranaldo enjoyed a period of long service leave. It has been wonderful to welcome Carol back to Kadina Memorial School during her retirement, and we are incredibly grateful for the experience, support and continuity she has provided.



Michelle Hams



Mackenzie Kay



Tyra Taylor

PJ DAY

Make-A-Wish AUSTRALIA

On June 19th, our school came together for a PJ Day to raise awareness for Make-A-Wish Australia.

Throughout the week, students from Primary, Middle and Senior School Care Groups reflected on their own hopes and aspirations by writing their wishes and dreams on stars, which are displayed in the library. Primary students also watched a couple of Make-A-Wish videos to learn more about the important work of the organisation and the impact a single wish can have on a child's life.

Make-A-Wish grants life-changing wishes for children living with critical illnesses. These wishes bring hope, strength, and joy during incredibly challenging times, creating lasting memories for children and their families to focus on the possibility rather than the illness.

Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we raised \$626 to support Make-A-Wish Australia.

Thank you to everyone who embraced the day by wearing their PJ's and helping raise awareness for such a meaningful cause. Every star represents a dream, and every wish begins with hope.



Statewide Knockout Netball



Sophie Richardson, Eloise Johns, Amani Summerton, Na'delle Matz, Mia Marlow, Scarlett Magnay, Lexi March, Delilah Tutthill, Asta Secker

Yr 7/8 Team

Following successful internal trials, nine girls represented Kadina Memorial School in the Year 7/8 Knockout competition at the CCSLC on 12 June. Competing against Yorke Peninsula Zone and St Mark's College Secondary, the team showed great determination and sportsmanship. Although they were unable to progress to the next round, they should be commended for their effort and teamwork.



Back: Cassie Mills, Monica Metcalf, Emma Jones, Gabby Bussenschutt, Ruby Gardner, Eva Harris, Chloe Formosa, Taylor Rundle **Front:** Courtney Valenti, Sadie Tutthill, Imogen Cowie, Ruby Rose Michalanney

Yr 9/10 Team

After 3 trials a group of 9 year 9/10 students were selected to represent KMS in the 9/10 statewide netball competition. The girls worked well together with Gabby Bussenschutt, Chloe Formosa and Eva Harris shooting exceptionally well in goals, Imogen Cowie, Ruby Rose Michalanney and Sadie Tutthill through the midcourt and Courtney Valenti, Ruby Gardner and Emma Jones in defence. Game one saw a win against Yorke Peninsula Zone 38:19 however unfortunately Maitland Lutheran proved too strong defeating Kadina 50:24. Special thanks to our officials Taylor Rundle (umpire) and Monica Metcalf (scoring).



Back: Bree Taylor, Natalia Bagnato, Bree Williams, Mackenzie Wood, Scarlett Miers, Sienna Rawlinson, Matilda Cox **Front:** Macey Charlton, Charlotte Keleher, Lucy Bettess, Bella Hann, Tilly Correll

Open Team

Our Open Knockout Netball Team recently competed at the Golden Grove Recreation Centre. After a challenging first game against Kapunda, the team bounced back to win against Gleeson and Golden Grove. Unfortunately, the results were not enough to progress to the next round of the competition. Thank you to Matilda Cox (Class of 2023 School Captain) for volunteering her time to umpire our games throughout the day and Miss Taylor for coaching whilst on Maternity Leave. Well done to all players for their efforts and the way they represented the school.

Open Knockout Hockey

On Thursday 11th June, 13 students represented Kadina Memorial School at the Open Knockout Hockey competition. The games were played in sunny, warm conditions and thankfully no rain or wind!

We had teams travel to the Kadina Hockey Club, from Gladstone, St Marks, John Pirie and YP combined. Our KMS students had some challenging games, against tough opponents but we played a team game, showing great teamwork, sportsmanship and had some laughs too. We played 4 games in total, going down to YP 1-0, winning 7-0 against John Pirie, drawing 0-0 with Gladstone and drawing 0-0 with St Marks drawing with in the final game of the day. We finished 3rd overall.

Thanks to the Kadina Hockey Club for allowing us to use the venue, setting up and opening the canteen. Mr Smith for timing and event organisation, Laura Trumper for umpiring, Gen Elsworthy for helping with tech bench and Mrs Mengersen for Coaching.

It was a great experience to play against some very talented hockey players. We wish YP all the best as they progress onto finals in Adelaide.



Back: Caleb Smith, Ethan Morris, Oliver Thirlway, Tyler Shean, Max Newbold, Connor Shean and Carlos Cabrera. **Front:** Lily Ornsby, Annabel Ornsby, Monica Metcalf and Lily Hicks. Tayla Mengersen and Limari Steyn.

SAPSASA Netball

On the 23rd to the 25th we represented the Northern Yorke Peninsula by playing in a SAPSASA netball carnival for 3 days. Over those three days we played nine games and made new friends along the way – we won a few, lost a few and even drew. We also learnt new skills and played new positions. We had a div one and div three team, the schools involved included KMS, Port Broughton, Harvest and St Mary Mackillop. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and coaches Belinda Wood, Sarah Tutthill, and Aaron Smith for helping us through out the three days! We all had a great time!

Written by Madison Stevens, Sky Rich & Skyla Marner



Tyson Wapper, Bill March, Jay Green



Back: Sarah Tutthill, Ella Daniel, Rosie Bussenschutt, Madison Stevens, Sky Rich, Belinda Wood

Front: Ruby Thomson, Skyla Marner, Halle Faulkner, Shayla Pridham



Canteen Catch Up



Another busy term down. Just a reminder: if you have placed an order and your child goes home sick, please call us to let us know so you do not waste your money. We can hold the order for another day or refund it to you.

We are looking for volunteers to help in our busy canteen on Wednesdays or Fridays. You can assist from 12:00pm to 1:30pm with bagging up lunch orders, handing them out to students, and helping with cleanup. If you have more time, you're welcome to help from 8:30am-9:00am to 1:30pm. If you volunteer all day, we offer you a free lunch, and your child/ren a free small slushy.

Some of the tasks you may help with include preparing burgers and sandwiches, cleaning, grabbing food for students at recess and lunchtime, filling student orders, and serving them at lunch. You are not expected to handle cash, work on the cash register, or answer the phone.

If you are interested, please contact Jeanette on 8821 1254 or 0488 222 699, or Michelle Hams on 8821 0100 to get the ball rolling. We have a lovely bunch of ladies who will happily help and answer any questions you have. We look forward to hearing from you.

MASA QUIZ NIGHT

Mixture of maths and general knowledge questions as well as problem-solving puzzles

Teams of 4



Wednesday
5th August



04:00pm -
6:30pm



Kadina Memorial
School

PRIMARY - YEARS 5 & 6

JUNIOR - YEARS 7 & 8

INTERMEDIATE - YEARS 9 & 10

SENIOR - YEARS 11 & 12

**LET YOUR MATHS TEACHER KNOW
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED**

'Grease is the Word' Kadina Memorial School Presents...



Humanitix.com

Kadina Memorial School Theatre
September 15th, 16th & 17th
6:00pm start

Adult- \$18.00

Children under 18yrs- \$8.00

Family (2 Adults and 2 Children)- \$40.00

Book, Music and Lyrics By JIM JACOBS and WARREN CASEY
BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGIN™ THEATRICAL www.origintheatrical.com.au
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School Calendar

*In Progress - Please note that the calendar is updated following decision-making committee (DMC) meetings

School Holidays

Monday 6th July - Elevate Exam Session

TERM 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	20 July	21 July	22 July Mid-Year Photos R-6 Bus Safety Presentations, Theatre Japanese Homestay Meeting, Library, 6pm	23 July R-6 Bus Safety Presentations, Theatre	24 July
Week 2	27 July	28 July PATC Excursion (Health & Cookery)	29 July Road to Rural Medicine Ambassador conversation, Yr 11-12 DMC meeting, 4pm	30 July PATC Excursion (Multitrades & Civil)	31 July Balaklava Eisteddfod - School Band NYP SAPSASA Basketball Carnival, CCSLC 5HS Estia Visit, L5-6
	Stage 2 Outdoor Pursuits Bushwalk				
	Japanese Homestay				
	R-6 Connection Meetings				
Week 3	3 August	4 August Wakakirri Filming Day & Performance, 9am-3:30pm, Theatre Japanese Homestay Adelaide Excursion YPSA Cookery Immersion (KMS)	5 August Year 10 Immunisations MASA Quiz Night, BER, 4-6:30pm	6 August Mid-Year Assembly, 9:15am, CCSLC ECEC & Electrotech Immersions, KMS 10am-2pm	7 August Newsletter
	Japanese Homestay				
Week 4	10 August Japanese Homestay Wallaroo Excursion ICT Immersion, MAS, time TBC	11 August ICAS English Competition ICT Immersion, MAS, 10am-2pm Principal Tours for 2027 Enrolments, 5pm Japanese Homestay Farewell Party, 6pm, Home Ec	12 August DMC meeting, 4pm Governing Council, 7pm	13 August Mid North Inclusion Basketball Tournament, Pt Pirie	14 August East of the Ranges Choir Soloist Rehearsal, Jamestown Flinders Uni Open Day Excursion Copper Coast Show – Ag Team (cattle, sheep & goats)
	SAPSASA State Soccer Carnival				
	Japanese Homestay			Yr 5 AFL Max Camp	
Week 5	17 August R-6 Kids Helpline Anti-Bullying Lesson	18 August Festival of Music Choir Rehearsal, Adelaide	19 August	20 August ASO Composer Visit, Theatre, L3-4 & L5-6	21 August
	National Science Week				

Production Rehearsals, 10am-2pm, Theatre

Sundays - 26th July, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th August

Copper Coast Show - - Recorder, Choir & Senior Music Performances

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th August

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TIMETABLE

All sessions \$10 per child

MONDAY 06/07	TUESDAY 07/07	WEDNESDAY 08/07	THURSDAY 09/07	FRIDAY 10/07
POOL CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE THIS WEEK				
KINDERFUN 10.30-11.30 AGES 0-5 YEARS	COURTS OPEN FOR CASUAL SHOTS- BASKETBALL, NETBALL OR SOCCER \$5 per person	COURTS OPEN FOR CASUAL SHOTS- BASKETBALL, NETBALL OR SOCCER \$5 per person	KIDS BOOTCAMP 10.30-11.30AM AGES 5-12 YEARS	KIDS RAVE 1.30-3.00pm AGES 5-10 YEARS PARENTS MUST STAY ON THE PREMISES FOR THE DURATION
MONDAY 13/07	TUESDAY 14/07	WEDNESDAY 15/07	THURSDAY 16/07	FRIDAY 17/07
KINDERFUN 10.30-11.30 AGES 0-5 YEARS	SWIM AND PLAY 10.30-11.30 UNDER 5'S SWIM AND PLAY 11.30-12.30 ALL AGES	SWIM AND PLAY 12.00-1.00PM ALL AGES	KIDS BOOTCAMP 10.30-11.30AM AGES 5-12 YEARS	SWIM AND PLAY 2.15-3.00PM ALL AGES



*Swim and Play- ALL children under 5, or weak swimmers, must have an adult within arm's reach at ALL times. Bookings are essential for swim and play sessions, and recommended for other sessions. Call 88213106 to book.



NAIDOC Community Event 2026

06 July, 2026
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Victoria Square, Kadina SA

- Welcome to Country
- Song and dance performances
- Flag raising ceremony
- Key note speaker Michael Wanganeen

- BBQ
- Market stalls
- Panel Discussions

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MONDAY 6TH JULY

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