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Kadina Memorial School Newsletter

From the Principal Alistair Williams



The past few weeks have provided many opportunities for our students to represent Kadina Memorial School in the wider community. Our Agriculture students and school choir once again participated in the Copper Coast Show, with our Agriculture students now busy preparing their animals for the Royal Adelaide Show. These events require a significant commitment from students, families and staff, and I thank everyone involved for the time and effort that goes into ensuring KMS is so well represented.

Our choir has also been busy, travelling to the Adelaide Entertainment Centre for a Festival of Music rehearsal day. It was wonderful to receive feedback about how respectfully our students conducted themselves throughout the day. This positive feedback is always appreciated and reflects the efforts of our students and the staff who support them.

We were also honoured to welcome Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, and her husband, Mr Rod Bunten, to Kadina Memorial School. Our school leaders had the opportunity to meet our distinguished guests and proudly represent KMS during their visit.

There have also been many opportunities for students to represent the school through sport this term, with a number of sporting carnivals taking place, although unfortunately a couple were cancelled due to the weather. Across Agriculture, the Arts, sport and other school activities, it is always fantastic to see our students embracing these opportunities and representing Kadina Memorial School so positively.

Keeping our School Healthy

It's that time of year when coughs, colds and other illnesses tend to spread more easily. Let's work together to keep our school community healthy.



Stay home if
unwell



Cover coughs
& sneezes



Wash & sanitise
hands

For more health tips, visit:
www.sahealth.sa.gov.au

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Monday - 7th September

STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday - 8th September



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Narungga Country



Primary School Press



Yr 5 AFL Max Camp

On August 13th and 14th, Year 5 students travelled to AFL Max to participate in a two-day Mental Health Camp. Over the two days, students worked through four quarters, developing their awareness of positive mindsets, teamwork, resilience and supporting others. In the evening, students enjoyed watching a movie together before camping overnight on the AFL Max pitch, creating a memorable experience filled with teamwork, connection and new challenges.



Choir Rehearsals



The Year 5/6 Choir had a bright and early start on Tuesday, 18th August, travelling to the Adelaide Entertainment Centre for a rehearsal ahead of their Festival of Music performance. Our students represented KMS wonderfully, receiving many positive comments about how well-behaved and professional they were.

A big thank you to Mr G for continuing to lead the choir while on leave, and to Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Winter for travelling to Adelaide with the students.

We can't wait for their performance on Tuesday, 15 September, where our students will be front row! We're also very proud to have Hannah Mitchell performing as a soloist and Sophie Ayles performing in the orchestra on flute.



Senior School Spotlight

Yr 12 Trial Exams – Week 7

In Week 7, Term 3, Kadina Memorial School will be holding Stage 2 Trial Exams. These trial exams provide students with the opportunity to sit an examination, under timed, supervised conditions, which reflect the conditions under which they will complete their final exams in November. Students who do not have exams scheduled for a specific day are expected to attend their normal timetabled lessons. Exams will be held at the [Kadina Football and Netball Club Club \(Tues-Wed\)](#) and [Trade Computer Room \(Wed-Thurs\)](#). Please check the timetable carefully. Students are expected to be at the location of their exam 15 minutes prior to the start time. If you have questions, please see Miss Tucker.

	TUESDAY – 1/09/2026	WEDNESDAY – 2/09/2026	THURSDAY – 3/09/2026
EXAM SESSION 1 9:00am – 11:10am	General Maths Specialist Maths	Physics	Psychology
EXAM SESSION 2 12:40pm – 2:50pm	Math Methods Essential Maths	Chemistry Modern History	Biology



Flinders Uni Open Day



On Friday the 14th August, senior students from years 10 to 12 went to the Bedford Park Flinders University Open Day. Students were able to learn and explore potential degrees and diplomas as well as have the experience to feel like a uni student for the day. From sitting in lecture room sessions and having one-on-one conversations with uni students and topic experts, we were able to have guidance on future degree and career outcomes in our chosen interests. The day was a success with students leaving with a greater understanding than when they arrived.



Here are some takeaways from the day:

'The day was eventful and educational.' *'A lot was happening on the day though it was informative.'* *'I was able to gain a better understanding of what it takes to get an education degree.'* *'From a year 11s perspective the day gave me a broader understanding of any prerequisites for my future degrees.'* *'Sitting through sessions gave me the opportunity to experience the feel of a lecture room atmosphere, and talking one-on-one with degree experts solidified my SATAC choices.'*

Junior Class, Disability Unit

The students from the Junior Class in the Disability Unit have been enjoying activities that require critical thinking skills. They are beginning to understand causal relationships and are demonstrating this by following previously successful sequences of actions to achieve an expected or preferred outcome. Students may ask for help after attempting multiple ways to complete a new task or activity. They are also able to modify their actions in simple activities, such as puzzle building, to improve their chances of success.

In addition, students are learning to transfer and adapt familiar strategies to unfamiliar situations. They are demonstrating their creativity and problem-solving skills in building and construction activities. For example, Grayson has constructed a track for the trains, and Claire has created her own castle using a variety of differently shaped blocks. Maverick enjoys using a toy that requires him to fit rings onto a base by matching the holes to the pegs.

All these activities encourage students to use their trial-and-error skills, demonstrate perseverance, and improve their fine motor skills.

Simone Anderson
Primary Teacher
Disability Unit



Are you leaving us in 2027?

If you know that your child or children will not be attending Kadina Memorial School in 2027, please advise the Front Office via phone 8821 0100 or email dl.0778.info@schools.sa.edu.au with the name of the school they will be attending.

There is a leavers process that needs to be completed at school which can be explained once we are made aware your child is leaving. Also, towards the end of this term, leaders will start looking forward to class placements for next year. This will assist if they are aware your child will not be returning next year.

Mid North Basketball Carnival

On 13th August, 19 students from Kapyong and Hub travelled to Port Pirie to take part in the Mid North Basketball Carnival. With two teams representing our school, students enjoyed a fantastic day of basketball, teamwork, friendly competition, and plenty of fun.

But the excitement didn't stop when the games finished! After basketball, students enjoyed dinner and a disco, giving everyone the chance to relax, celebrate the day and show off some moves on the dance floor!



Growing Something New



Back in Kapyong, students have also been getting their hands dirty—well, not too dirty—as we begin our mushroom-growing project with the support of Trena Carney.

This exciting hands-on project gives students the opportunity to learn about growing food, develop practical skills and build connections with our local community. We are eagerly watching and waiting to see our mushrooms grow!



Jayson, Holly, Caitlin and Brayden



Jayson, Caitlin

Copper Coast Show

The school show team attended the Kadina Show on Friday 14th August. The Kadina Show includes three animal species and two competitions for each; cattle, sheep and goats. I was on the sheep team. On the day we competed in the handling and conformation competition, and the junior judging. Everyone competed well and in a tough competition, Elke made the finals for the sheep handlers, Sarah also did well to place in the top 5 of her heat. Everyone competed in the junior judging competition, unfortunately no one made the finals but we used this as an opportunity to practice for Adelaide.

Written by Emily Hank

The Kadina Show was an exciting but intense competition, with more goats entered than previous years. Since the start of term 2 we have trained our goats every Wednesday lunchtime. The team enjoyed watching each other compete with lots of success across the heats. All students competed in the handlers competition with many of us making the final round, unfortunately we didn't win any ribbons in this competition. Sarah and her goat Brioche won 'Best Presented Goat' for the entire competition. We head to Adelaide in week 8 to compete against other schools from across the state.

Written by Maverick Crosby

After spending Wednesday afternoons preparing the cattle for competition, the team of five students and three steers, attended the Copper Coast Show. Students competed against other schools in the handlers competition with Zanel and Eliza making the final round, where eventually Zanel was awarded a third place ribbon. Students also competed in the junior judging competition where they assessed four animals on display. The team continues to prepare animals for the Adelaide Show next week.

If you are at the Adelaide Show next Saturday or Sunday, pop into the cattle top shed to see the team in action, or attend on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th to see the sheep and goat teams presenting their animals.



Copper Coast Show

Kadina Memorial School was proudly represented at this year's Kadina Show, with students showcasing the incredible depth of musical and technical talent across our school.

The Kadina Memorial School Choir and Recorder Group, led by Mr Ben Graefe, took to the stage and delivered wonderful performances for the community. Students demonstrated enthusiasm, confidence, and a love of music, making it fantastic to see our younger musicians sharing their talents in a public performance setting.

The Kadina Memorial School Band, led by Mr Sandy Hahn, and Deklan Cunningham also performed at the Show, giving students another valuable opportunity to perform live for a community audience. The band represented the school exceptionally well and highlighted the strong instrumental music culture that continues to grow at KMS.

A special thank you to Kerrin Bament and student teacher Francis Richardson for supporting and joining the Kadina Band for this performance.

Behind the scenes, Shanae Dunn, a Year 12 Production student, played an important role by assisting with running sound for performances over the two days. Shanae has been developing her technical skills through Production at KMS, working alongside Mr Hahn to learn about live sound and theatre production. The Kadina Show provided her with an excellent opportunity to take that knowledge beyond the classroom and gain real-world experience in the sound industry, working in a live performance environment.

Opportunities such as the Kadina Show demonstrate that music education is about much more than what happens in the classroom. Students develop confidence, teamwork, musicianship, technical knowledge, and valuable industry skills through authentic performance experiences.

There is certainly no shortage of musical talent at Kadina Memorial School, from our singers and recorder players to our instrumental musicians and emerging sound technicians. We are incredibly proud of all the students who represented KMS and contributed to another fantastic community event.

Congratulations to everyone involved!



SYMPHONY OF STORIES

Thank you so much to those who supported the Book Fair.

This week has been an amazing experience for Primary students enjoying a 'special reader' a staff member sharing their love of reading, and an activity in their Library time.

The Library has supported Book Week by introducing the shortlisted books to the students over the last 6 weeks of school, culminating in the excitement of the announcement of the winners.

Photos from the Book Week Parade & Dress up day will be posted on Facebook & Class Dojo



10 Amazing Benefits of Reading Books:

- Strengthens writing skills
- Improves memory and focus
- Enhances imagination
- Increases vocabulary
- Expands knowledge
- Stimulates the Brain
- Boosts mood
- Deepens empathy
- Helps relaxation
- Lowers Stress

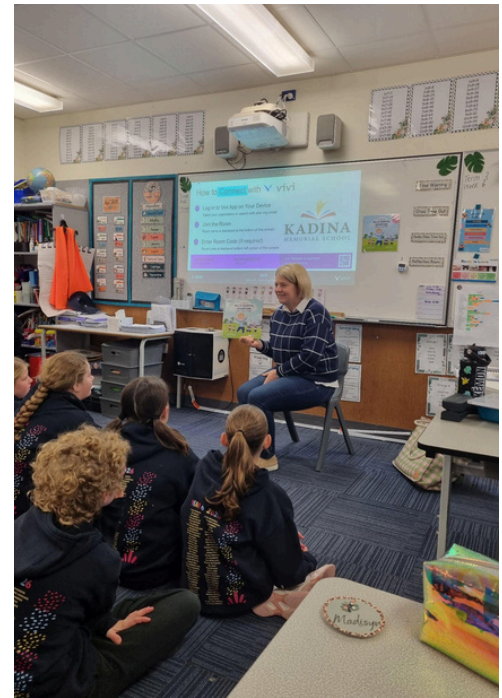


Author Visit – Steph March

Mrs Ellis' Year 6 Class were excited to have an author visit during Book Week. Stephanie March read her book 'Bill's Hospital Adventure: Every Feeling Matters'.

"Bill's Hospital Adventure is a warm, reassuring picture book that helps children explore feelings associated with hospitals and healthcare. Rather than focusing on diagnosis or medical procedures, the story centres on everyday experiences – arriving at hospital, meeting helpers, eating meals, resting at night, asking questions, and going to hospital school"

The book was officially launched in Kadina this week and will be a comfort to children and their families facing a health journey.



On to the State Finals!

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Year 5/6 Basketball teams who have now advanced to the Basketball State Finals which will be held in Adelaide next term. At the Regional Finals, the Girls team went undefeated and the boys team finished 3rd overall. Congratulations and good luck!



STEM Aboriginal Learners Congress

On the 11th and 12th of August myself and Bailey went to the STEM Aboriginal Learners Congress at the Adelaide oval. Two days of hands-on learning, sharing thought processes and connecting with 780 other young Aboriginal learners from around the state. Some from as far as Koonibb west of Ceduna on the Eyre Peninsula. Young Aboriginal STEM Thinkers of South Australia (YASTSA) hosted the event, they spoke well and introduced keynote speakers, break times, and breakout sessions.

Day 1 started with a Welcome to Country by Uncle Micky a Kaurna /Narrunga man. The congress was then officially opened by Lucy Hood the minister of education. Our first session we attended was the "Deadly DNA: Genomics and Aboriginal Health Research". This was held at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) on North Terrace. Here we got to extract DNA from quandongs and learn the effects diabetes has on the body. First Nations people are 3-4 times more likely to experience diabetes than non-First Nation's people. One of the side effects is poor eyesight. We took part in a few activities where we had to wear vision impairing glasses. One of the activities was sorting out green buttons into 4 different shades. We were then lucky enough to meet the Governor of South Australia Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson, who kindly provided us with morning tea.

Day 2 we heard from the Minister of Aboriginal affairs Kyam Maher, this was followed by some inspirational keynote speakers. Hayley Woodley, who is undertaking a Bachelor of Health Science with a keen interest in neuroscience and paediatric rehabilitation. Another speaker was Latisha Marie Francis who has been selected as part of the University of Adelaide women in STEM program. We had two short breakout sessions in the afternoon. The first one "uncovering evidence of ancient animals" ran by Koomibba Aboriginal school. This was based on the mega fauna that roamed freely 1000s of years ago, they used a 3D printer to replicate bones, each bone was placed in a container and then covered in sand. We had to use a small fork or pick and brush to uncover the bones, documenting our finds along the way. The second session was "Architects of the Future." This was about how we can incorporate culture into architecture. We had to brainstorm ideas and work on what this may look like. The last session was a dance performance by DEM MOB. They are the most remote hip-hop group in the world, from remote APY land in South Australia.

It was a busy but fun two days of learning. We look forward to the next Congress in 2027.

Written By Ahna Toogood.





MASA Quiz Night



Our recent Quiz Night was a fantastic evening, with approximately 160 students taking part, including students from Kadina Memorial School, Harvest Christian College, Moonta Area School and our Japanese exchange students.

Students from Years 5 to 12 worked in teams of four, putting their mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills to the test. Throughout the evening, students enjoyed some snacks while challenging themselves with a range of tricky questions.

Congratulations to our winning teams, who took home cash prizes for their impressive efforts! It was wonderful to see so many students getting involved, working together and enjoying the challenge. Congratulations to everyone who participated and thanks to staff that helped run the event.

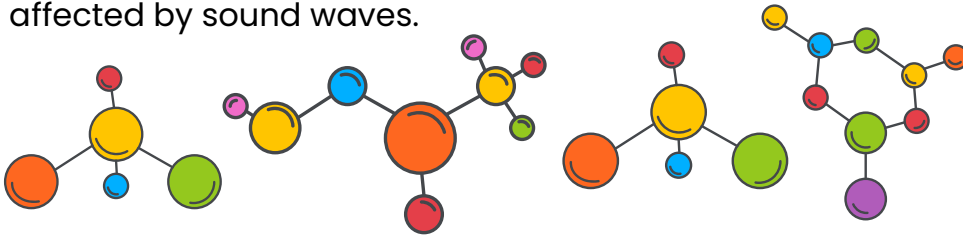


Science Week



Kadina Memorial School celebrated Science Week by hosting students from the primary school in the secondary science laboratory. Students from year 10 science classes and year 11 Physics and Chemistry classes were involved in running different STEM activities for the primary students to investigate.

The secondary science teachers demonstrated the use of the Van de Graaff generator which was a hair raising spectacle and the students observed how lasers and flames are affected by sound waves.



Vietnam Veterans Day

18/8/2026



On the 18th of August, the KMSC captains attended the Vietnam Veterans' Day service in Moonta to honour the brave Australian men and women who served in the war. Originally known as Long Tan Day, this important event marks the anniversary of Australia's most famous battle of the entire war. There were many people there to support the day, including the Royal Australian Air Force, local Vietnam veterans, and other significant community members. Near the end of the service, a poem was read out titled 'We Were Only Nineteen'. It was written by a member of the Vietnam Veterans Club, and it talks about how young the soldiers were when they were sent away to fight a war they didn't really understand, but they still fought through it anyway. The speech focused on the many lives that were lost, and it also included a special mention for a member of the Vietnam Veterans Club who sadly passed away in January and was remembered for his great sense of humour. To finish the day, several community groups and local schools, including Moonta Area School, laid wreaths at the Moonta Memorial.

We enjoyed being part of the event and paid our respects by laying a wreath on behalf of our school.



Patrick Papps

School Calendar

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

TERM 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 7	31 August	1 September SAAETCC Morning Tea IM recruitment, Year 4, 2:00-3:00pm, Theatre	2 September East of the Ranges Choir Rehearsal & Performance, Pt Pirie Kapyong SACA Cricket Clinic TAFE Try-A-Trade Day 1 (White Card) Year 10-12 Adelaide Symphony Orchestra Workshop (L3-6) Year 9 Parent/Student Course Counselling Day (no classes for Year 9 students)	3 September	4 September SAPSASA Track & Field Country Champs Year 12 Day, CCSLC Encounter Youth Presentations, Theatre Yr 10 – 9am, Yr 11 – 1:20pm, Yr 12 – 11am
		Stage 2 Trial Exams			
	Year 10 Outdoor Pursuits Bushwalking Camp (Ben Pater)			Royal Adelaide Show - Led Steer Competition (3/9-6/9)	
	Primary Science Week				
Week 8	7 September SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY	8 September STUDENT FREE DAY Karen Young Workshop Parent Information Session, 6pm, Theatre	9 September Yr 7-12 Karen Young Student Workshop, Theatre Kapyong SACA Cricket Clinic TAFE Try-A-Trade Day 2 (Tiling) Year 10 Parent/Student Course Counselling Day (no classes for Year 10 students) R-6 Disco, BER R-2, 5pm & Yr 3-6, 6:30pm DMC meeting, 4pm	10 September	11 September R U OK Day (touch of yellow)
			SAASTA Shield Camp, Adelaide		
			Royal Adelaide Show - Sheep & Goat Competitions		
	Year 10 Outdoor Pursuits Bushwalking Camp (Luke Wood)				
Week 9	14 September	15 September Festival of Music Rehearsal & Performance, Adelaide	16 September Charter Ambassador Excursion, Adelaide Zoo Year 11 Parent/Student Course Counselling Day (no classes for Year 11 students)	17 September Flight One Immersion, 11am-12:40pm	18 September Japan Trip #1 (18/9-1/10) Yr 5 Market Day R-6 Religious Education Sessions, 9am-12:30pm
		Grease the Musical, all day rehearsals & performance 6pm, Theatre			5HS Estia Visit, L5-6
			SAPSASA State Hockey Carnival		
	21 September	22 September	23 September DMC meeting, 4pm Governing Council, 7pm	24 September	25 September Newsletter Yr 5 Presentations to Parents, Theatre, 11 – 12:30 EARLY DISMISSAL - 2:10PM
	Japan Trip #1 (18/9-1/10)				

Sunday 13th September - Production Rehearsals, 10am-3pm, Theatre

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

We are now taking orders for the next Scholastic Book Club, a valued fundraiser for our school.

Brochures will be sent home individually for Primary students. Brochures are available in the Middle school common area for Year 7 to 9 students and in the Library for Senior students.

This is an offer only and there is no expectation that any purchase is made. If you wish to make a purchase, please ensure that order forms and payment are returned to the school finance window or online by **Thursday 10th September (Week 8)** to allow us to get your orders back to you before the end of term.

Unfortunately, orders handed in after the due date cannot be accepted, thank you.



R-6 Disco

TICKETS \$5

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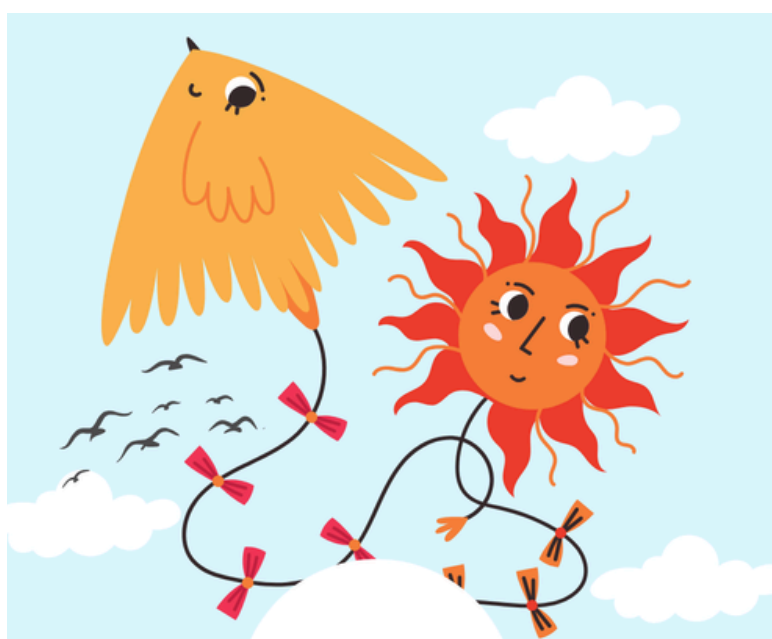
\$10 ticket - includes a bag of chips, a fruitbox, lolly bag and small chocolate

Wednesday 9th September

R-2 5 pm - 6:15pm
3-6 6:30pm - 8pm

PAYMENT VIA QKR

DRESS UP- BRIGHT & COLOURFUL or GLITTER & SPARKLES



Wallaroo Kite Festival

SAT, 17 OCTOBER 2026

NORTH BEACH WALLAROO

1:00PM - 4:00PM




WALLAROO BASKETBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION SIGN UP ONLINE!

ALL NEW & PREVIOUS PLAYERS WELCOME

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