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Kadina Memorial School Newsletter

From the Principal

Alistair Williams



Farewell to our Year 12s

Congratulations to the Class of 2026 as you finish your time at Kadina Memorial School. We're proud of what you have achieved and wish you all the best for what comes next.

Thank you to our Senior School staff for guiding and encouraging our Year 12s throughout their final year, and to the families who have supported them along the way.

Looking ahead to the end of term

Our Year 11 students finish their final classes this week, with our Year 10 students wrapping up next week. Well done to both year levels on their efforts throughout 2026. We wish them all the best as they progress into Years 12 and 11 respectively in 2027.

Our R–6 and Year 7–12 Prize Presentation Assemblies will be held on Friday 4th December at the Copper Coast Sports and Leisure Centre. We look forward to welcoming families and celebrating our students' achievements.

With the R–6 End-Of-Year dance concert also coming up, there's still plenty to look forward to. Thank you to the staff bringing these events together and to our families for their support as we head into the final weeks of the school year.

Eden Prize

Congratulations to Layla, Holly, Elke, Marley, Airlie Blue and Ruby for their efforts in this year's Eden School Prize competition. This year, students responded to the question, *"How can practicing kindness and empathy make the world a better and happier place?"* Special congratulations to Airlie, Holly and Layla, who received Merit Awards for their essays.



L-R: Layla Young, Holly Gardner, Elke Bowden-Roelvink, Marley Halls, Airlie Blue Michalanney, Ruby Petherick

School Reports

Printed reports will be sent home on Thursday 10th December with digital copies available on Daymap for Yr 6-11 only, two days prior. If you need assistance with accessing Daymap, please contact the ICT team on 8821 0100.

Remembrance Day 2026

On Wednesday 11th November, Kadina Memorial School held its annual Remembrance Day service, bringing together students, staff, veterans and community members to remember those who have served in times of war and conflict.

Once again, our service was organised and presented by Stage 1 Modern History students, with Bailey and Candice presenting the Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country, and Middle School students Zoe and Sophie performing the National Anthem. Following the service, veterans and invited guests enjoyed morning tea prepared by our Year 11 Hospitality class.

Students also represented KMS at the Kadina and Wallaroo RSL Remembrance Day services, joining local veterans and community members to pay their respects.

A special thank you to all our guests, particularly the veterans and former scholars who return each year. We appreciate your continued support of our school and the opportunity you provide for our students to be involved in this important tradition.










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A.R. SIMS
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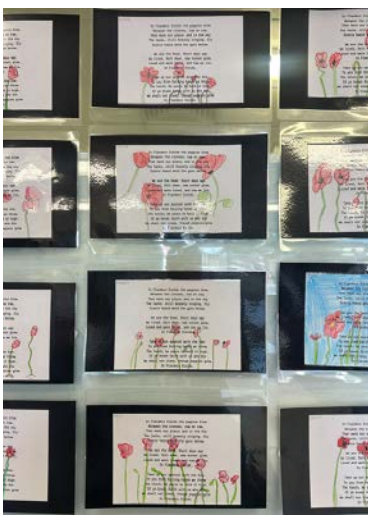

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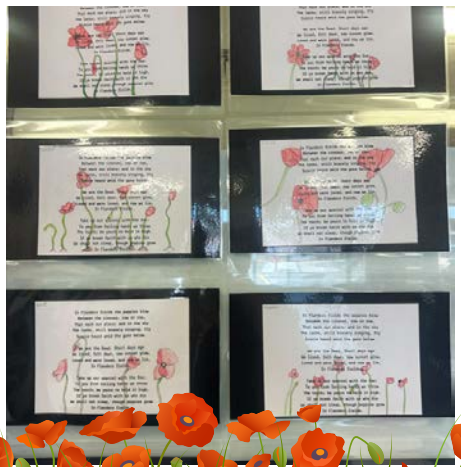
















Primary School Press

A Wild Adventure at Monarto Safari Park!

What an AMAZING day our Year 2 classes and HUB students had on our excursion to Monarto Safari Park!

Our adventure began bright and early at 6:30am, with lots of excited faces ready for a BIG day ahead! We enjoyed an incredible safari tour through the park, spotting some amazing animals along the way! There was plenty of excitement as we kept our eyes peeled to see what animals we could find.

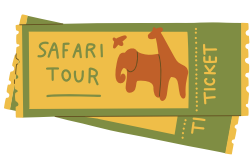
We also took part in a fantastic educational experience called 'A Hollow is a Home', where we headed off on a bush walk to learn about Australian animals and their habitats. The students then had the opportunity to get creative and build their own little habitats for some Australian animals, using materials from the natural environment. It was a wonderful hands-on experience that tied in perfectly with our learning about living things and what they need to survive.

After a huge day of exploring, learning and having lots of fun, we stopped for a well-earned McDonald's tea, which was definitely a highlight for many of our hungry adventurers!

We finally rolled back in at 7pm, with some very tired but happy little travellers! It was certainly a BIG day, but one filled with laughter, learning and wonderful memories.

A massive THANK YOU to all our fabulous volunteers who gave up their time to join us on this adventure. Your help and support made the day run smoothly, and we truly couldn't have done it without you!

What an unforgettable adventure for our Year 2 and HUB students!











Yr 3/4 Bounce Excursion

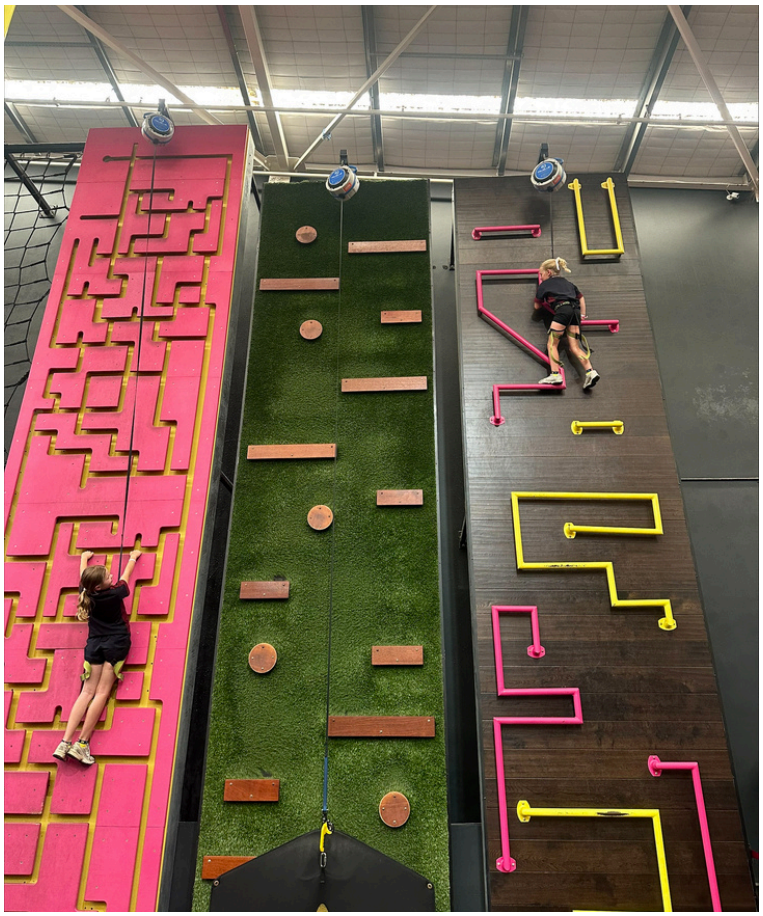
On Thursday of Week 4, the Year 3/4 students enjoyed an exciting excursion to Bounce. We met at the Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre at 7:30am and then made a quick stop at Dublin before arriving at Bounce at around 10:00am. The students were full of excitement when we arrived. After collecting their socks and listening to a safety briefing, they were ready to begin the fun!

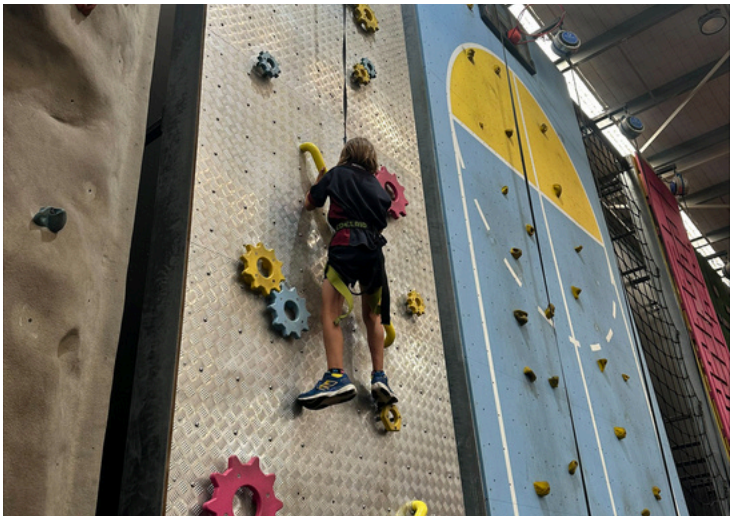
There was a wide range of activities for students to enjoy, including the Free-Jump Arena, X-Park, Climbing Walls, Sky Walk, High Ropes Course, Cliff Jump, Dodgeball, Slam Dunk, Big Bag and Foam Pit. It was wonderful to see so many students stepping outside their comfort zones, trying new skills and embracing new challenges. After two busy hours at Bounce, everyone was feeling tired. We then travelled to the Two Wells Nature Playground, where students ate their lunch and enjoyed a quick play before heading back to school. A big thank you to our wonderful helpers who joined us and helped make the day such a success. Overall, it was a fantastic day for all our Year 3/4 classes.











Middle School Moments

Year 6 to 7 Transition is currently underway. Over the past weeks we have welcomed students from feeder schools to visit and get to know our school better. Their first visit was a comprehensive tour of the school. The second visit we looked at the school map and understanding spaces that were out-of-bounds, classroom locations and how we get around the school. Mrs Germein is currently working collaboratively with all primary schools to support student wellbeing and coordinate stationery requirements for families to purchase in preparation for 2027 school year. Two full days of transition are still to occur on the 1st and 2nd of December and involve the whole cohort. Staff will plan with our current KMS Year 6 teachers to fill gaps for our Year 6s and support the students through transition as well.

Senior School Spotlight

Yr 11/12 Dairy & Fieldworks Excursion

On Thursday of Week 2 the combined Year 11 and 12 Agriculture class travelled to Donava Dairy at Blyth and Fieldworks at Bute to see live agricultural practises in action.



We started at Donava with a tour of the calf rearing shed, where we learned about herd genetics and how eID tags can be used in the calf feeding system. Gary then talked us through the feed ration for the cattle, who enjoy potatoes as part of their diet. We saw the milk vats and computer system that monitors and tracks each animal in the milking herd.

Ros and Gary walked us through the main shed where cows are fed and milked. We learned about their waste management and recycling systems before watching a cow being milked by the robotic milker.



After some lunch in Blyth we travelled to Bute to meet with Aaron from Fieldworks to hear about the latest precision ag technologies. Aaron showed us a spot spraying system that uses AI cameras to detect weeds and automatically adjusts spray application when needed.

Aaron also spoke with us about career pathways into Precision Agriculture, and where he thinks the industry is heading in the future – including the use of autonomous tractors locally.



Thank you to Ros and Gary for talking to us about milk production and farm management and to Aaron for speaking with us about all things Precision Ag. We truly appreciate the opportunity to see and engage with different agricultural industries and make connections to our classroom learning.

Cooking Up New Skills

Mrs Daniel's Year 11 Child Studies students taught Mrs McNicholl's Year 1 class how to be safe in the kitchen by making home made pizzas. There was lots of great interaction with new skills and knowledge learnt by our little chefs. Everyone enjoyed eating their yummy pizzas!





Grazing Boxes for Melbourne Cup

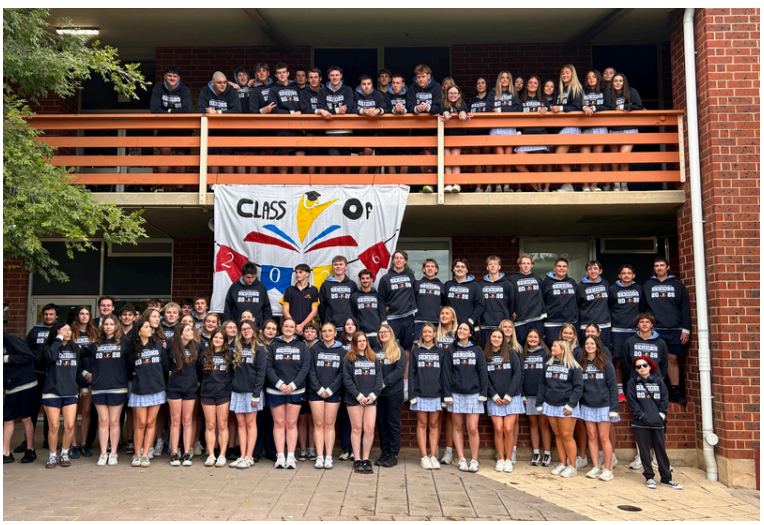
Mrs Daniel's Year 11 Food & Hospitality class created some grazing boxes for Melbourne Cup. This was part of their group task and included trials and lots of collaborative decision making. They worked effectively as a group and the boxes were presented with outstanding results. Thanks to the lucky staff who supported and enjoyed the outcomes of this task.





Farewell Year 12's

Our Year 12's have officially completed their secondary education with the final SACE exams last week and the Year 12 Formal on Monday night.

First Nations Education Team

Bailey Hawke – Making Her Mark on the National Drag Racing Scene







Bailey Hawke, a Kadina Memorial School student, has continued to impress in 2026, competing against some of Australia's best young drivers in Junior Dragster racing.

Representing South Australia in the NDRC Aeroflow Sportsman Series, Bailey has travelled interstate throughout the season, competing at national events and consistently earning valuable championship points.

Her hard work and commitment have seen her climb to 3rd place in the National Junior Dragster Championship standings, gaining 220 points as of 13th October 2026.

Bailey has also continued to build on her impressive racing performances, with a personal best time of 7.921 seconds at 81 mph and a recorded top speed of 83 mph.

Congratulations, Bailey, on another fantastic year of racing. We look forward to following your progress and seeing what you achieve next!

Sporting Success for Na'Delle Matz



2026 has been an outstanding year for Kadina Memorial School student Na'Delle Matz, who has enjoyed success across netball, basketball and athletics.

Representing KMS in Knockout Netball, Basketball and Football, Na'Delle has also achieved some fantastic results outside of school.

In netball, she represented Narrunga at the carnival, receiving Most Valuable Player (MVP) recognition. She was also part of the premiership-winning Moonta Netball Club team, earning Runner-up Best and Fairest honours. Adding to her success, Na'Delle played for Ignite, who finished the season as undefeated premiers.

Basketball has also taken Na'Delle interstate. Playing for the West Adelaide Bearcats, she celebrated a premiership and a State Championship victory before travelling to Melbourne and Perth to compete in the Classics competition, where her team finished an impressive 6th out of 24 teams. She currently plays for Yorkers and Moonta and will head to Melbourne in January 2027 to compete in the Southern Cross Carnival.

Na'Delle also represented KMS at the School Sport SA B Grade Athletics Championships, finishing 4th in the Girls 13 & Under Long Jump with a distance of 3.55 metres and competing in the 4 × 100m relay.

Congratulations to Na'Delle on a fantastic year of sporting achievements. Her commitment, versatility and willingness to compete at every level are something to be proud of!

Reception Weaving Workshops

Last Thursday, Nharangga woman Takari Owen came in and ran weaving Workshops with Mrs. Bussenschutt for her reception classes. This related to their learning this term about Nharangga Beach Fishing. Takari showed students different materials used by different mobs around Australia for weaving. She shared how parts of a mobs culture like weaving gave them the chance to trade woven items such as fishing nets, baskets and mats with other mobs for other things needed. Students were shown weaving techniques and had a go at some stitches for small baskets.












KMS Food Drive 2026



After many weeks of organising and advertising the 2026 KMS Food Drive, the Yr 9 student cohort and Middle School KMSC have had another successful campaign.

We thank all students, staff, families and community members who contributed to the donations in which we received over 1500 items of food.

The food has now been delivered to Anglicare SA's Mary's Pantry in Wallaroo where it will be used to support locals in need.

Special thanks to Chris Rennie & Grace Inman who coordinated this on behalf of the Yr 9 student cohort and Middle School KMSC.





Kapyong Corner

What's Happening in the World of Kapyong?
It has been another exciting and eventful time in Kapyong. Our students have been busy exploring new experiences, connecting with other schools and developing practical skills through a variety of hands-on learning opportunities.



Sharing a Little Bit of Australia with Korea
Our cultural exchange with our partner school in South Korea has continued, and this time it was our turn to send something special. Kapyong students with Yuvraj Singh put together a cultural box filled with Australian goodies, treats and souvenirs to share with our Korean friends. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase a little bit of Australian culture and strengthen the friendships we have been building across countries.



Exploring Native Plants in Port Augusta
Kapyong students enjoyed a special excursion to Port Augusta with Trena Carney, where they had the opportunity to learn about Australian native plants. The experience provided a great opportunity to explore local plant life, discover more about our natural environment and extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Cooking Up Something New in Home Economics
Home Economics lessons with Sandra Hawes have continued to be a hive of activity, with students trying out and preparing new recipes. These practical cooking sessions help students build confidence in the kitchen while developing important everyday skills such as following instructions, food preparation, kitchen safety and teamwork. Of course, tasting the finished creations is always a highlight!



Making Connections at the Variety Games
Kapyong students also took part in the Variety Games, an interschool disability sports day that brought together students from different schools for a day of sport, participation and fun.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to meet new people, make connections and play alongside students from other schools. The day celebrated inclusion, teamwork and having a go, with plenty of smiles and encouragement along the way.



That's a Wrap!
From international cultural connections and exploring our local environment to cooking new recipes and participating in inclusive sporting events, our students continue to learn, grow and build confidence in so many different ways. See you next year with new adventures and experiences.

School Calendar

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

TERM 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 7	**23 November** Yr 1 & 2 Water Play 1.30 - 2.45pm, LB5 and LB6 PBL Class End of Year Celebration, Kadina	**24 November** Yr 9/10 Girls KO Tennis Finals, Henley Beach – 9am - 3pm	**25 November** R-2 Water Safety Lessons, Wallaroo, 9.15am - 2.45pm Governing Council, 7pm	**26 November** Yr 1 & 2 Water Play 1.30 - 2.45pm, LB5 and LB6 R-2 Water Safety Lessons, Wallaroo, 9.15am - 2.45pm Final check for Japan Trip, 6pm school library	**27 November** Last day of Yr 10 lessons R-6 Religious Education Sessions, 9am-12:30pm
	SAPSASA State Cricket Carnival				
	Yr 11 Semester 2 Exams				
Week 8	**30 November**	**1 December** 2027 Yr 6 & 7 Transition	**2 December** 2027 Yr 6 & 7 Transition	**3 December** R-6 End of Year Concert	**4 December** R-6 Prize Presentation, 9:15am & Yr 7-12 Prize Presentation, 11am, CCSLC
	2027 Yr 12 Intro Lessons				
	Japan Trip #2 (28/11-11/12)				
Week 9	**7 December** Yr 3/4 Christmas Plays, Theatre	**8 December** Yr 5 End of Year Celebration, Kadina Train Park & CCSLC, 9:30am-1pm Yr 3/4 Christmas Plays, Theatre	**9 December** Yr 3/4 Christmas Plays, Theatre	**10 December** Yr 6 Day – Kadina Cinema	**11 December** Newsletter **Early Dismissal - 2:10pm**
	Year 10 Surf Camp, Corny Point				
	Year 8 El Shaddai Camp, Wellington				
	Year 7 Aquatics Camp, Pt Vincent				
	Year 9 Canberra Camp				
	Japan Trip #2 (28/11-11/12)				

Bushfire Season and Catastrophic Fire Danger Days



On catastrophic fire danger days, Kadina Memorial School will remain open, but bus and taxi services may be cancelled. Please ensure the school has your current mobile number and email address, and follow the Kadina Memorial School Facebook page for updates.

If transport is cancelled, families will need to make their own arrangements and let the school know if their child cannot attend.

If a bushfire occurs during the school day, the school will follow advice from the Department for Education, CFS and police.

For more information, contact the Parent Hotline on 1800 000 279 or read the Department for Education brochure: https://www.education.sa.gov.au/docs/infrastructure/security-and-emergency-management/bushfire-and-your-childs-school-or-preschool-brochure.pdf

Year 12 Industrial Connections
Building and Construction Children's Cubbies

Our Year 12 Building and Construction students have constructed three children's cubby houses this semester. Working in groups of four, students used their newly developed skills in plan reading, carpentry and roofing to build the cubbies from the ground up, each with a floor plan measuring 2400 mm x 1500 mm.



The cubbies have been built to withstand children's play and Australian weather conditions for years to come.

Each cubby has been designed to be easily dismantled into six sections for convenient transport and reassembly. Alternatively, they can be transported fully assembled with a suitable trailer and appropriate equipment or assistance for unloading. Reassembly is straightforward and can be completed using an impact driver or cordless drill.



The cubbies are available for purchase for $830 each, offering excellent value for a quality, student-built product.

If you are interested in purchasing a cubby, please leave your name and contact number with the school Front Office. The cubbies are completed and ready for collection.

Gerrard Kleinig
Industrial Connections Teacher

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

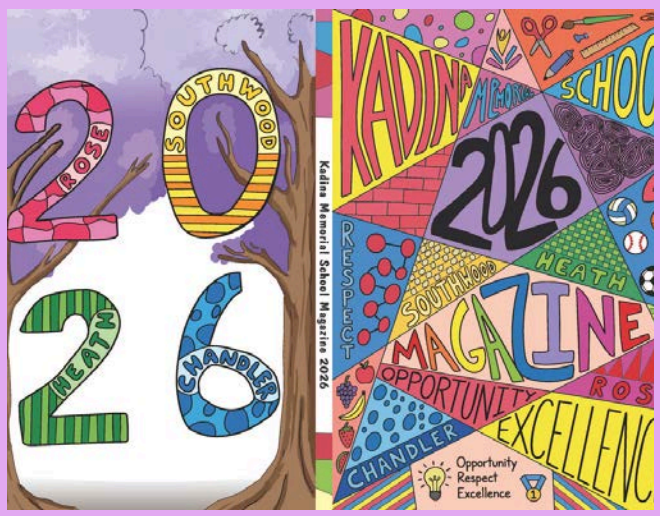
We are now taking orders for the next Scholastic Book Club, a valued fundraiser for our school.

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
Wednesday 25th November (Week 7)
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.

2026 Magazine Order Forms



Order forms were sent home via EdSmart ealier in the term. Please fill-in the slip if you would like to order a copy. All orders must be placed and paid for by
Friday Week 7 - 27th November.