

Kilparrin Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is great to see most students attending daily however we have some part-time attendees due to family or medical reasons. Everything is running smoothly including playgroup and Statewide Support Service (SSS) teacher's visits. The SSS teachers ran a very successful Professional Learning day at Kilparrin in week 8 with a focus on Deaf/Hard of Hearing. This was attended by staff from other sites.

Martine and I attended the Inaugural Autism Lead teacher day at the Convention Centre. The facilitator was Dr Barry Carpenter who also led the SA SEPLA Conference that we all attended on our Pupil Free Day. The focus was on student mental health. Barry spoke of the mental health impact of the Covid epidemic especially in the UK where there were multiple long term lockdowns.

Kristen Douglas from Headspace also spoke about Leadership and staff wellbeing.

I attended the Department for Education Leaders day at the Convention Centre. Currently the departments (DfE) focus is Equity and Excellence.

The Leadership team inclusive of the Deputy and three Coordinators are participating in the Partnership Agile leadership course which is a mix of on line and face to face. This course is helping develop our leadership styles and skills in developing whole school improvement.

After a slow start we have had some work done on the foundations for the redevelopment. The job won't be finished by Easter however hopefully it will be done by the start of Term 2.

Staff have been attending training in PODD and Berry Street to maintain their skills.

Ashley Robinson our Senior Special Educator visited. Ashley is our contact at Noarlunga Education Centre if we need any support re student attendance, behavior, speech etc.

Congratulations to Melissa Styles for being reappointed as the Chair of the Governing Council and to continuing members Tiffany Blackford, Jacqui Griffin and Vikki Spencer.

I will be on LSL Week 1- 5 Term 2. Rachel will be in charge, Christina will be Deputy.

Please do not hesitate to contact Rachel if needed.

Have a great holiday and I will see you in week 6.

Kind regards, Cathy



Kilparrin Values

Respect

Learning

Collaboration



DIARY DATES

**GOOD FRIDAY 7th
APRIL**

**EASTER MONDAY
10th APRIL**

**ASSEMBLY
WEDNESDAY 12TH
APRIL**

**LAST DAY OF
TERM 1**

**APRIL 14th EARLY
DISMISSAL 2PM**



**Do you have any news
to share with us?**

Please contact Emma!

ROOM 1

Ariya, Keira,
Nathaniel & Tomas

The start of the school year has been a blast in Room One! We have been loving our theme “Wild About Learning” this term and have explored the wild in literacy, numeracy, and even STEM! We have started growing plants in the community garden to support our learning of living things in STEM and our story books have been featuring lions, tigers, and bears, “oh my!”. The students in Room One have also welcomed a butterfly chrysalis into Room One that metamorphosed into a beautiful monarch butterfly. It was so much fun watching the butterfly open it’s wings and fly through our jungle of learning in Room One. The Room One “wild animals” have also seemed to enjoy our Kinder Gym excursions this term where we have been practicing rolling, bouncing, jumping, hanging, and climbing. Attending Kinder Gym has been a wonderful and inclusive activity that supports and expands our physical health and education.



Lindsey, Desi, Lauren and Georgia

ROOM 2

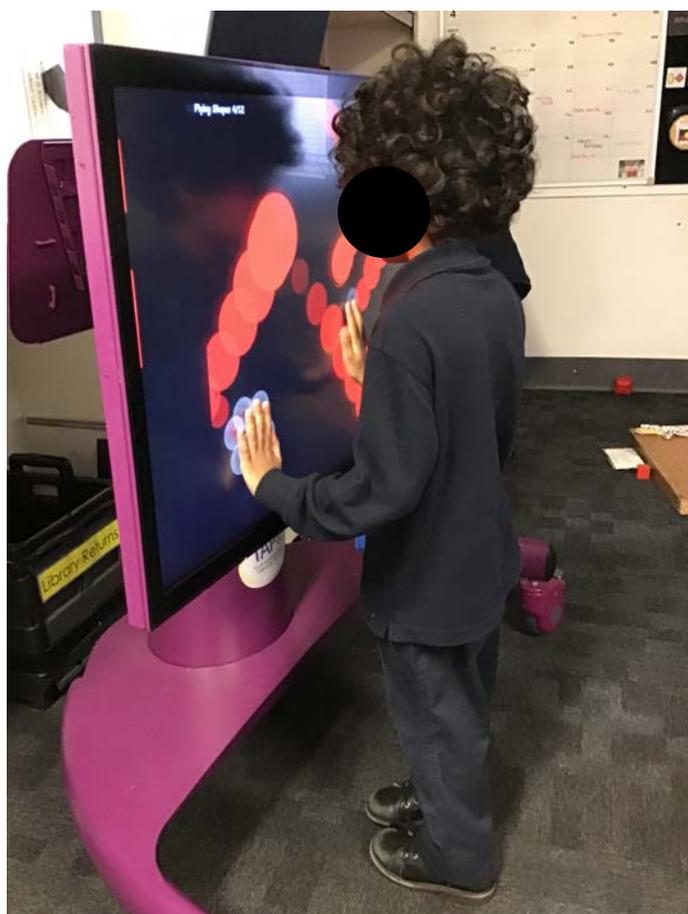
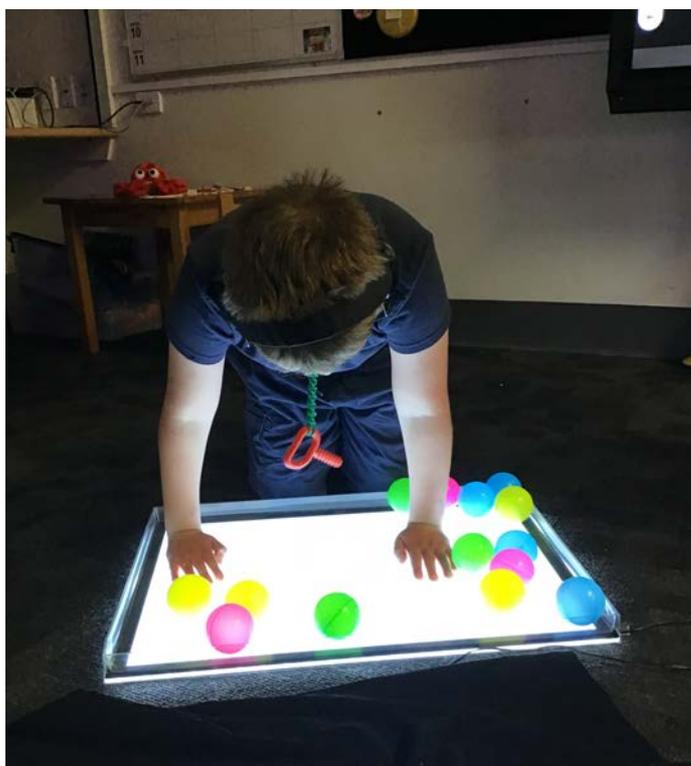
Lucas, Madeeha,
Oliver, Samuel
& Senul

Hello! Ninna Marni! Namaste! Buongiorno!
Yassou!

Room 2 has had a busy start to the year and all students have settled into their new class. Wellbeing, communication, movement, and independence have been priorities for students in Room 2 and each student has gained confidence in their skills and abilities throughout the term.

This term we have focused on the text "Commotion in the Ocean", and we look forward to our excursion to the Marine Discovery Centre on our first day back next term. Students have participated in a variety of literacy and numeracy-based play experiences including playing with red, blue and yellow toys, building using blocks and sensory experiences such as making playdough and gloop.

Also, this term, Room 2 students have enjoyed weekly swimming lessons, choir, Kinder Gym, cooking and gym classes. In week 8, students in Room 2 listened to stories for Harmony Day and learnt about kindness, acceptance and how they are special.





ROOM 3

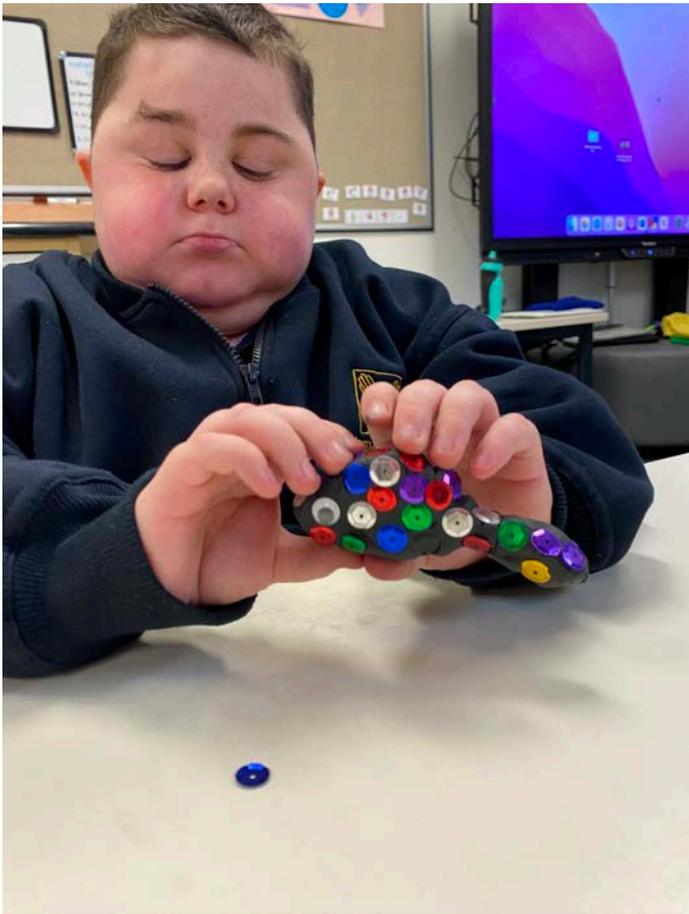
Hudson S,
Imeth, Leo,
Leon, & Tyler

This year we welcomed Hudson into Room 3. We started our year with sharing the fun activities we did during the holidays. Together we set up our class routines and expectations, and we settled very quickly into our morning routines. This term we have explored the theme of Oceans – We have read Non - Fiction and Fiction books about Dolphins, Sharks and other wonderful sea creatures. We have shared interesting facts and created wonderful Artwork. We have also started exploring real world news by watching Behind the News and writing our opinions about some of the reports. For Math we have been exploring the features of shapes both 2D and 3D, students have enjoyed feeling the edges and corners and counting them to answer questions. We have borrowed a new Braille book of shape and have been using our tactile senses to identify what shape we can feel. Desi has joined us on Wednesdays teaching Child Protection Curriculum, Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) and the community garden.



Jess, Lucy, Donna, Sue & Judy





Robyn, Zoe, Nikki, Amy & Eileen

ROOM 4

Bjay, Isaac, Lola,
Sam & Tahliyah

Morning News has been a great start to our days in Room 4. Each student takes it in turns to collect The Advertiser from the staffroom. This is a very important job and each child feels special when it is their turn. We share in news articles as well as the date and weather by searching through the newspaper. We ask questions and students share comments about the articles we read. It has been a great way for students to share their comments/opinions and use their AAC with support.

This term in **HASS**, we have been exploring places and their features, and using tactile maps to find places around the world. We have spent time looking at features in the school playground. For **English** we are reading a class novel and collecting words from across the curriculum each week, then voting on our favourite word, before using the word in a sentence, clapping the number of syllables, finding a rhyming word and doing some spelling.

In **Visual Arts** we are exploring the concept of self and identity through self portraits. We have started off the term with selfies, silhouettes and a focus on Artist Andy Warhol. In **STEAM** we are focusing on Coding. We have prepared a coded Easter Egg Hunt that the whole school will share in. Our **cooking** program has incorporated lots of sensory experiences, especially with spices and different textures. Students touch, smell, look and where possible, have a taste. Switch adapted blenders, pourers and mixers are used in these sessions as well.

Students have enjoyed our weekly excursions to Hendrie Street Playground and Coles, we alternate between these 2 locations. It has been lovely getting out in the community and we use this opportunity to communicate with others especially with switches at Coles to ask "Can we pay for our groceries please?".

From the Room 4 team.





ROOM 5

Allira, Georgia,
Hudson G, Tessa
& Trinity

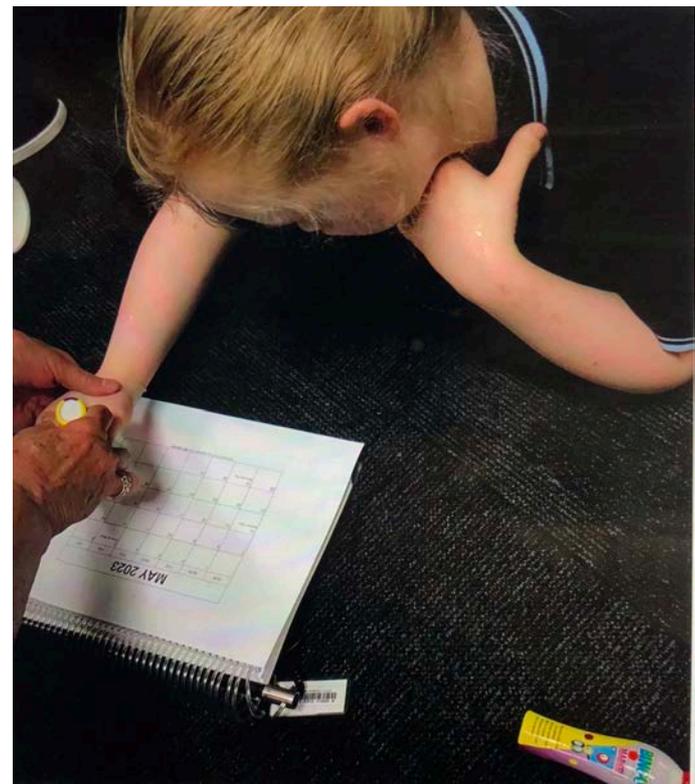
We are a great team in Room 5 who pursue a common outcome and have common goals we want to reach. The students are Hudson, Trinity, Allira, Tessa and Georgia. The staff are Ronel, Beccy Leanne, Gill, Elisha, Kelly and Sheri.

This term we focused on Literacy, Numeracy, Art, HASS, Child Protection, Science, Health and PE. During our HASS lessons we discussed important dates including our birthdays. The students used their communication devices to find their birthdays and “dot” it onto a calendar. In science we talked about the life cycle of a plant and all the students enjoyed making posters. On Wednesdays some of our students go swimming and enjoy the time they have with the swimming instructors at Minda Pool.

It’s been wonderful to get to know all our peers and staff this term while building on a healthy team where we all have mutual respect for each other. One of our class values is to have fun and we are very successful in Room 5 to make sure all enjoy the pathway to learning.



Martine, Tanja, Jade, Maya, Elisha & Kelly





structure when creating and now we are busy learning how to sing it! Finding ways to engage everyone in the song making and singing has been our task and if you come to assembly you will be able to see and hear our creation!

Festival of Music choir has begun. We have 4 students involved from Years 5 and 6. Ascot Park Primary and SASSVI have been joining us for our choir practice every Tuesday. In week 3 we had guest conductor Robyn Filmer join us to tell us all about the year ahead and teach us some of the songs. This year's songs are about technology and so far we are all enjoying the songs.

We are so lucky to have supportive staff here to assist the students in music lessons by singing, playing instruments and supporting our students to play instruments. We are looking forward to a fun and engaging year ahead in music.



Ronel, Beccy, Leanne, Gill, Sheri, Elisha & Kelly



Kilparrin students all have classroom music lessons every week. We focus on the elements of music eg. Playing loud, soft, fast, slow, stopping and starting. Lessons involve familiar songs, a creative section and a fun song to finish with. We have started the year by creating a new Hello Song. All classes have played their part in creating the new song. We have used AAC and the artificial intelligence website Chatgtp.com to help us create the lyrics based on our choices in our AAC. We looked at song





Lucy Standish (Music Teacher)



PLAYGROUP

This term Kilparrin playgroup has been very successful, with many families and siblings attending.

The children have learnt some Auslan to go with the songs we sing each week. 'The wheels on the bus' and 'I'm a little tea pot' have been a high light. The song cards made by Eileen (Kilparrin SSO) have provided the children with a visual picture cue of the song and the movements and actions to the songs provides body awareness, movement, and fun.

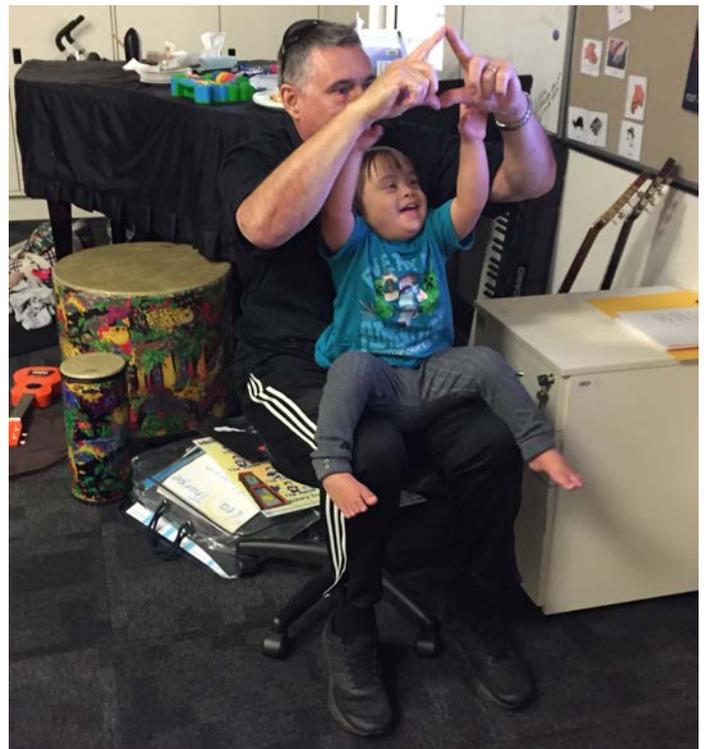
The song 'Twinkle, twinkle little star' using the interactive white board, has been a favourite. We use this song to calm down before our goodbye song. The 'Little Baby Bum' app has also been a highlight with the children learning the signs for 'star and friend'.

The Orientation and Mobility courtyard provides a kinder gym experience without the noise and busyness of kinder gyms in the community. Parents have stated that their child can explore the pieces of equipment in a safe, quiet space and build on their gross motor skills, their

interest or ability in climbing and building friendships with the other children. We are reminded during this activity that time and opportunity are key factors in learning and development.

The music room provides a lovely space to come together for our group activities, where the children can be with their siblings, their parents and each other.

We look forward to lots of fun next term!



Lea Thorpe & Amy Penley

SSS STATEWIDE SUPPORT SERVICE

Advisory teachers recently hosted a full day of Professional Learning onsite with a focus on supporting children/students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing, with additional disabilities. Feedback from participants was very positive, sharing they feel more confident in supporting learning. Well done to all SSS teachers!

Rachel Elliott

GOVERNING COUNCIL

On behalf of the Governing Council I would like to welcome the new and returning staff, students and parents to the 2023 school year. It has been great to see the children excited to be back and learning.

The AGM was held and we had the pleasure of Minda attending as guest speakers, to discuss Day Options. The council members remain the same as last year and I look forward to the valuable contributions they will all bring to the school through the Governing Council. There is also the continuation of the fundraising sub-committee, they continue to look at giving back to the Kilparrin community through fundraising and parent connection events. They have low commitment with one or two meetings a term and would love some new members, if you are interested please reach out to a current member or the front office and we will be in touch.

The upgrades are well and truly underway for the junior primary students in rooms 1, 2 & 3 and I'm looking forward to seeing the completion of an improved learning environment for them to enjoy and continue to grow.

I'm excited about the upcoming Mother's Day activities next term, giving our children a chance to truly celebrate those special people in their lives.

Thanks for the support of the Easter Raffle, I'm sure the lucky winners will enjoy their Prizes. This term has flown by and I hope you all have a safe and happy Easter and enjoy your holiday break.

Melissa Styles
Governing Council Chairperson

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1

Good Friday 7th April

Easter Monday 10th April

Assembly Wednesday 12th of April at 9.30am

Last Day of Term 1 Friday 14th April. Early dismissal at 2pm

Term 2

Term 2 starts Monday 1st May 2023

Whole School excursion to the Variety day at the Zoo Tuesday 9th May

Mother's Day Stall to be held on Thursday 11th May

Mother's Day Craft and Morning Tea Friday 12th May (more details to come soon)

Pupil Free Day Friday 26th May

HARMONY DAY



