

13 December Term 4 2023

# Kilparrin Newsletter

They say time fly's when you are having fun. Well we have had lots of fun this year and yes it has flown. You can see by the numerous Facebook posts that students have participated in many fun events both in their classes and whole school events. We look for every opportunity to ensure our students have access to an inclusive curriculum. It is wonderful to see so many comments and likes on our posts from people far and wide. This certainly raises the profile of our school and informs the wider community of our school and services.

Next year we will welcome new students and staff however I take this opportunity to farewell Martine Clarke and Danielle Connelly. Congratulations to Danielle who has won a position at The Briars Pre-school at Felixstow and Martine who will be an Inclusive Educator based at Noarlunga House.

Both are highly regarded teachers and have been at Kilparrin for many years. We wish them well in their new positions.

Bindy Weir, our Finance Officer, will be taking leave in 2024 and we wish her well in her endeavors. I hope that she has time for some rest and relaxation.

Thank you to those who completed the online parent survey. I have attached the overview of the results. I will address the survey at the first Governing Council meeting next year and discuss the areas of Improvement with staff on our return.

At our Site Improvement Planning Day we discussed our priorities and actions for improvement in 2024. We were pleased to look at our data and see improvement in student learning particularly in the areas of literacy and communication. The 2024 Site Improvement Plan will be on our website early next year.

Thank you for your support in 2023. Wishing you all the very best at Christmas and over the New Year. Happy holidays. I look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Kind regards  
Cathy Roche-Wells



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Learning  
Collaboration



## Diary Dates:

Last Day of Term 4  
Friday December 15  
(early dismissal 2pm)

First Day of  
Term 1 2024  
Monday 29th January



Do you have any  
news to share with  
us?

Please contact Emma

# ROOM 1

*Ariya, Keira, Maryam, Nathaniel & Tomas*



It has been an eventful term in Room One! We're excited to introduce our newest student, Maryam. In recent weeks, our focus has been on crafting our stunning reindeer, Cupid, which is currently showcased at Westfield Marion. During a visit to the mall, we had the opportunity to admire not only our creation but also the other beautifully crafted reindeers on display.

As we approach the end of the year, our efforts have shifted towards creating Kilparrin Show bags for all our students. These show bags promise to be a delightful conclusion to the term, offering a token of appreciation to each member of our school community. We hope you enjoy the Magic Reindeer Food that Room One made.



Lindsey, Desi, Lauren & Georgia



# ROOM 2

*Lucas, Madeeha, Oliver, Samuel & Senul*

Wow! What a year it has been!

Room 2 has had a busy term 4 during the lead up to Christmas.

Students in Room 2 continue to enjoy weekly gym sessions with peers from Room 1, focusing on improving fine and gross motor skills and improving body awareness and confidence in their abilities. Students have also enjoyed weekly swimming lessons at Marion Pool and Kindergym. Room 2 have enjoyed cooking lessons, making banana bread, and are enjoying more time exploring and participating in play-based learning outside with the warmer weather. Room 2 students also participated in special events including Dog Day and Sports Day and enjoyed an excursion to the Ice Arena.

Thank you





**Jess, Lucy, Donna, Tamika, Sue & Judy**

## ROOM 3

*Hudson S, Imeth, Jude, Leo, Leon & Tyler*



Term 4 and the end of the year, where has the time gone?

This term we have had so much fun. We celebrated Halloween with some funny and suspense filled stories, we decorated the classroom and engaged in some multisensory activities. In the courtyard all students could explore Zombie guts (spaghetti), Ghost Poop (Marshmallows), Student's eyeballs (grapes) and Witches' fingers (sausages). Room 3 made a spider filled jelly to explore and everyone participated by wobbling, poking, and plunging their hands in. It was great to have everyone dressed up for the morning school parade.

We had a great excursion to Thebarton Ice Arena with Rooms 1 and 2. We enjoyed a train ride and a short walk. We were so glad to be rugged up as the fresh cool air hit our faces as we entered. There was a lot of fun sliding and using toboggans and penguin stabilizers to move around. They had set up bowling at one end and a nice big snowy ice pile to shovel and build snowballs from at the other. Students loved the cool white bubbles that floated down. Lots of giggles could be heard as they popped on their faces, hands, arms, and legs.

Finally, it was time for our Christmas activities. We read a collection of Christmas stories and completed lots of craft, cards, and special gifts.

We have had a very busy fun filled year together. Room 3 would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.





Robyn, Zoe, Nikki & Eileen



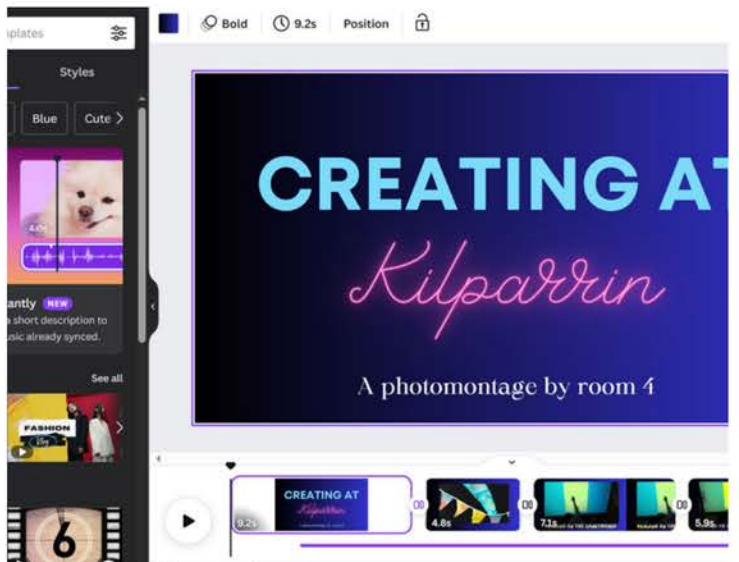
# ROOM 4

*Isaac, Lola, Sam & Tahliyah*

It's been a busy term in Room 4, with excursions, Christmas activities, end of year preparations and various other projects. Students enjoyed an excursion to the Minda Dunes at Brighton, in week 5. This was part of their HASS learning about local water environments and supported their understanding about the importance of these environments to the Kaurna people of Adelaide.

In week 7, students visited The Advertiser, to consolidate the year's morning news learning. This was a wonderful experience for students and staff alike. They participated in the morning round table meeting, had a Q & A session with the editor & a journalist, and students asked the questions they had prepared earlier. These were recorded and shared with switches. There was also a wonderful morning tea and photos with the photographer, for the newspaper article that was on page 12 of the Advertiser on November 28th.

Other exciting activities in Room 4, included Christmas art and craft, in preparation for the school holiday party, and working on Cupid the reindeer, which is now on display at Westfield Marion. For art this term, students have been working on a photomontage film, of all things creative at Kilparrin, which they will share with the school in week 9.





# Our teen newshounds

**Postcard plea for fair funds**  
Courtney Gould

**Avid student readers bring Santa scoop**

Tim Williams

They're the best-informed students in the state. Why? Because they read *The Advertiser* every day.

Three students from Kilparnir Teaching and Assessment School and Services at Park Holme – Lola and Isaac, both 14, and Tahiyah, 13 – visited *The Advertiser's* office on Monday with school staff and health support officers.

One even brought a scoop with her. Part of the teens' daily classroom routine is to go through the paper, with a particular eye for stories about the Adelaide Crosses and community events.

They had some great questions for our staff, with Isaac keen to know what the favourite parts of our jobs were – we said meeting amazing people (like them) and breaking big stories. Tahiyah wanted to know all about where we print the paper at our Mile End plant, while Lola quizzed us on delivery vehicles.

They wanted to know the biggest name our investigations editor Andrew Hough had met – he regaled them with tales of meeting ex-US president Donald Trump at the White



Kilparnir students Lola, Isaac and Tahiyah with school staff and health support officers and, inset, reporter Andrew Hough with Tahiyah. Picture: Brett Horwag

House. Tahiyah brought us a story lead, courtesy of her mum, about Father Christmas making a special early visit to Adelaide on Wednesday. Her teacher Martine slipped in a note saying: "He flies in in the morning, then spending the day at Women and

Children's Hospital For Christmas with (The Heart Project). All run by volunteers from Australia and overseas."

We voted to put our best newshounds on the case to chime down the story.



A group of teachers, parent unions and community leaders are still waiting to hear what the Prime Minister will do with them, as tensions over a promise to deliver a pathway to fu funding for public schools heats up.

Tens and thousands of postcards from campaigners across Australia were set to be delivered to Anthony Albanese on Monday, but the Australian Education Union, confined was unable to secure a meeting. "Unfortunately, he wasn't available today, but I can guarantee... we will make sure this every single postcard, a 20,000, are delivered to the Prime Minister in person," said AEU president Correna Hartshorne.

The postcard coincide with an open letter from the AEU, signed by more than 5 organisations in closing price, pay, parent, disability and community groups and unions. It said that under current arrangements only 1.3 per cent of public schools are funded; the minimum level government agreed was more than a decade ago.

Ms Hartshorne said the current gap in the government share of the School Resour Standard was around \$60.

**Martine, Tanja, Jade, Maya, Sheri, Elisha & Kelly**

## ROOM 5



**Allira, Georgia, Hudson G, Tessa & Trinity**

Room 5 has had an exciting, festive Term 4!

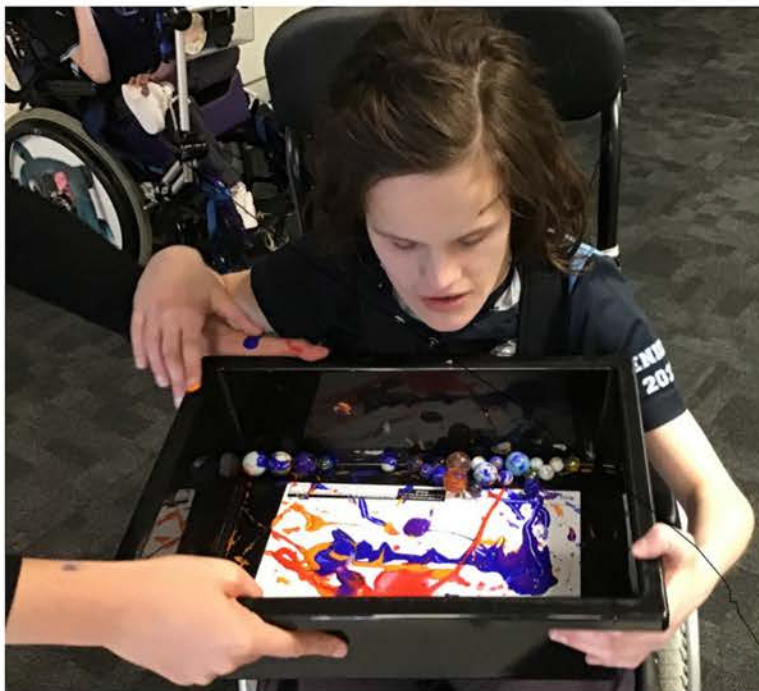
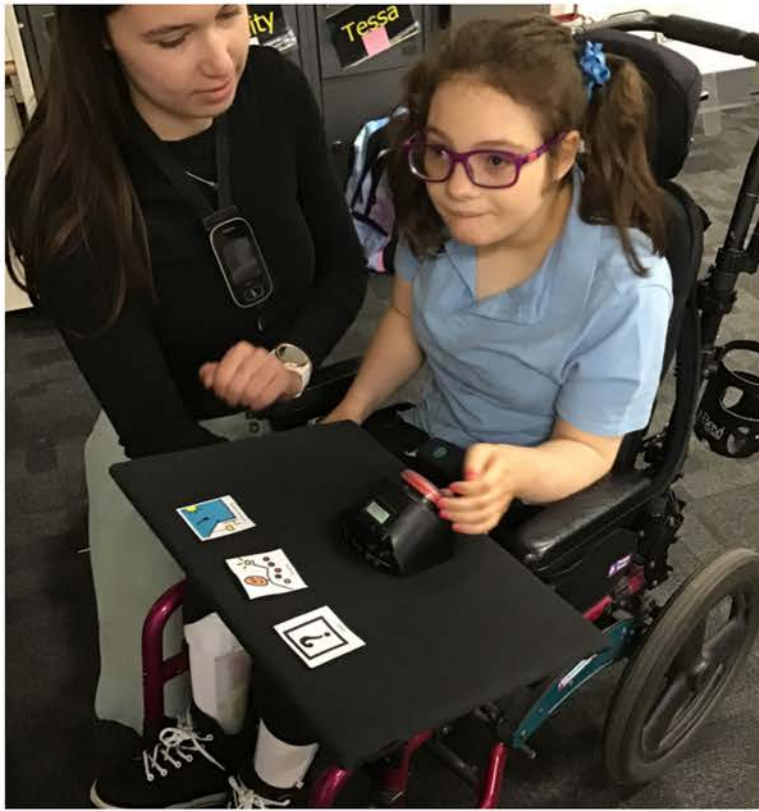
At the beginning of the term, students explored fables and poems. They enjoyed sharing their opinions and feelings about the texts they read, as well as creating their own poem to be used as the Room 5 Sports Day chant. Each student conducted a personal data investigation by formulating their own questions, querying other students and staff, and creating a chart to display their data.

Term 4 has seen the students embracing the festive season by celebrating Halloween and Christmas. Students have been immersing themselves in Halloween and Christmas craft, books, and movies. We are counting down the days to the Christmas party in week 9!

In week 7, students from Room 4 and 5 celebrated their Senior School Formal! This was an exciting and memorable event for everyone and has proven to be a highlight of the year! Students prepared for the formal by cooking some nibbles such as jelly, mousse, cupcakes, and hot chips, as well as picking their favorite songs to be added to the formal playlist. The rooms were beautifully decorated with balloons and lights. It was great to have families join in with the fun, to celebrate the end of the year in style. Students danced, took photos, and enjoyed the nibbles they made!

Room 5 students have been reflecting on the busy year that we have had by sharing photos and discussing our favorite memories from the year. We also farewell Georgia and Trinity who will be graduating at the end of the year.

**Emily, Celia, Leanne, Gill, Sheri, Elisha & Kelly**







# KELC

## Kilparrin Early Learning Centre

*Dottie & Miles*

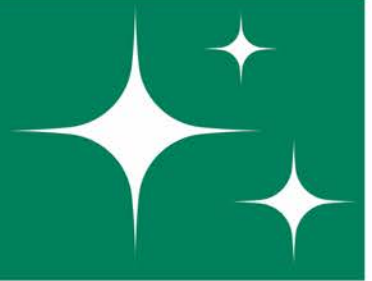
What a big and wonderful term we have had at the Kilparrin Early Learning Centre. It has been such a joy to watch the children grow in confidence as learners at kindergarten. During the past few weeks, we have participated in special events such as 'Dog Day', practiced our morning routines, found our names and visited places like the library and the music room. Lately we have been writing Christmas cards and making gifts for the people in our family. We are all so excited for the Kilparrin parties and have been practicing our switching for disco lights and bubbles.

Elisha and I would like to take this opportunity to wish the children and families of KELC a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful rest in the holidays. We would also like to say a big thank you to the KELC families for their support, encouragement, and partnership this year.

**Merry Christmas from Elisha, and Danielle**



# MUSIC



We had a busy start to the term in Music lessons with a concert from Musicaviva in Week 2. All the classes had been busy preparing for this, learning about music in nature. The performance was brilliant. We got to listen to different sized flutes and lots of percussion. Some of the instruments were made by the performers including bowls from the kitchen and pots from the garden. They took us on a journey of "Walking in the Wilderness". Their instruments sounded like birds and nature. The students even got to perform along using body percussion and playing their own pots. After the concert, music lessons focused on what we learnt from the concert and preparing for our end of year assembly. The staff and students have been learning Keep on Movin' by Five in Auslan and have created a video for our assembly. Thank you to all the wonderful SSOs for supporting me in music this year and of course to all our amazing student musicians! It has been a great year in music!

**Lucy Standish**





# GOVERNING COUNCIL

The end of Term 4 and the school year always approaches so fast and it's happened again this year. It's going to be sad to see the seniors finish their schooling at Kilparrin and move into their chosen pathways. I wish them well and encourage them to stay in touch.

It's been a busy and fun term again. It was enjoyable to finish off the year with some fabulous in house events. Sports day was great to see the students participate and enjoying themselves. A very big Thank-you to everyone that made this happen and contributed to the success of the day. Dog day is always welcomed within the school community and the photos proved that. The pets were loved, patted and cuddled with lots of excitement I'm sure.

A big thank you from the Fundraising Committee. It's been a busy year and they truly appreciate your on-going community support. They continue to commit to the development for the school through fundraising and it's great to see the Communication Chat Boards installed in the playground and being used on a daily basis.

Nominations will be sought for available positions on the governing council next year and I encourage you to apply and attend the AGM. It is a very rewarding and appreciated role being able to represent the school community. I wish you a great Christmas and hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable break. I would like to extend my thanks to the school community for their continued support and it has been a pleasure to be the Governing Council Chairperson again this year.

**Melissa Styles**

**Governing Council Chairperson**

## COMMUNITY GARDEN



In the recent term, rooms 1, 2, and 3 dedicated their efforts to the community garden, prepping beds for the impending summer heat. The planting roster included diverse herbs like spearmint, pineapple sage, beetroot, and strawberries. To shield our soil and plants, a substantial layer of mulch was applied.

Harvesting success marked our recent weeks, with beans and cabbage yielding, and broad beans distributed to families. Consistent with our commitment, we've been making weekly trips to the gardens to water our orange tree, strawberries and new plants.

Our students put their input into what seeds they would like to plant next year. We have ordered a variety of flower, vegetable and herb seeds to prepare for 2024. I can't wait to see what next year brings us and thank you to all our students who have contributed this year in our community garden.



Desi Giotas



# PLAYGROUP

Playgroup this term has been exciting for the families and the children.

We have celebrated birthdays, had fun participating in a range of activities, and the children have developed many new skills. We also shared the energy in sports day as part of belonging to the Kilparrin school community.

We have welcomed new families and grandparents to the fun times we have each Friday.

Families have shared how much they appreciate the opportunity for their child to explore our wonderful environments and learn and develop new skills.

Our 'Hello song' before the playgroup session has supported recognition of each child's name and the children appear to recognise theirs and the name of their friends. At the end of the playgroup session the children are now signing 'friend'. Some families have formed connections and organised play dates.

I would like to thank Amy Penley for her wonderful support over the year and we hope to see her baby at playgroup next year. There are many people behind the scene each week at playgroup, setting up play areas, making resources and connecting to the families on the day. So many thanks to you also!

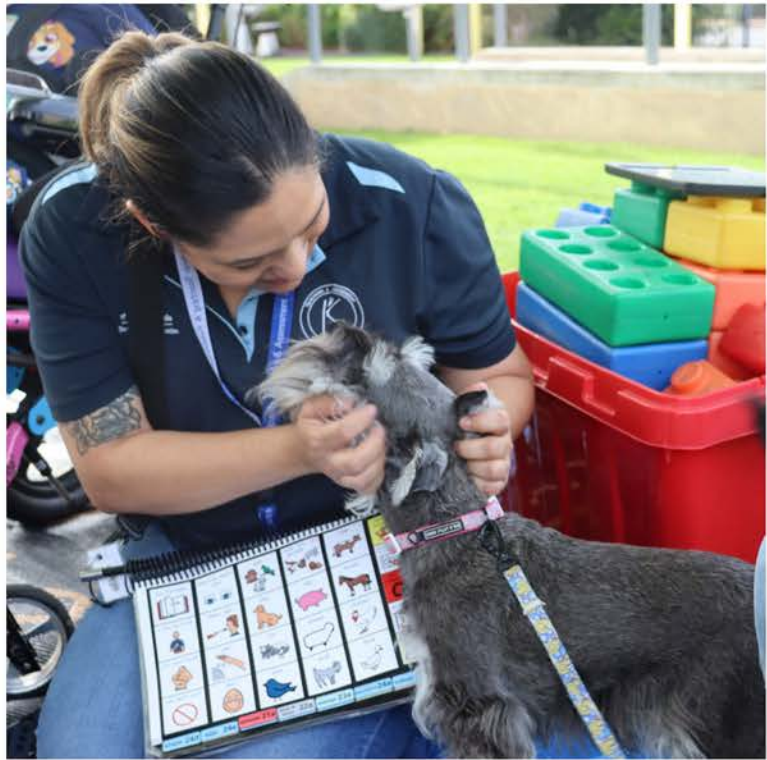
I look forward to Playgroup in 2024.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

**Lea Thorpe**







# Senior Formal







## ***2023 Christmas Assembly & Graduation***





Merry Christmas