

Kilparrin Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we come to the end of 2025 I reflect on all the amazing achievements of our students and the support we have had from the Kilparrin community that we are privileged to be part of. Like everyone I wonder where the year went, they seem to roll by so quickly.

We continue to strive for excellence which is a continual continuum seeking current research and resources to ensure our students have the opportunity to achieve.

The relationships we have with our students and families continues to grow and we appreciate every opportunity to engage with you.

Our learning from other stakeholders is paramount and we ensure that the visits from therapists etc are not an "event" but something we can use to support our students to develop and grow.

We have had many opportunities to continue to participate in Professional Learning which always has our students needs front and foremost. These include Auslan, Lau Lau music, Site Learning Plan developing site priorities, First aid and medication, days specifically focussed on Vision and Hearing/Hard of Hearing impairment, Trauma informed practise and PODD training to name a few.

The opportunities to participate in Incursions and Excursions have been endless and it is fantastic to see staff ensuring our students have every opportunity to engage with the wider community.

Due to our endeavour to raise the profile of the school over the past ten years we have established amazing connections through our Playgroup, Early Learning Centre, School and Statewide Support Service. The relationships that we have formed will lead us into the future ensuring sustainability and longevity. Next year we will have 35 students (30 being our "cap") and we have a waiting list (the first time ever I'm told). We are all so pleased to be able to ensure that our students and families are well supported now and in the future.

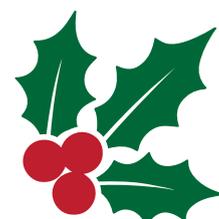
I am so proud to be Principal of Kilparrin. We have an amazing reputation for our Teaching and Learning programmes, our resources and our fantastic facilities which we always receive positive feedback from anyone that visits. It is not uncommon for visitors to say the school has a welcoming feel to it as soon as they enter the front office.

I would like to thank each and every one of you, staff, colleagues and the wider community for embracing all things Kilparrin.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and holiday break with your family and friends. Relax and rest up and I look forward to continuing the journey with you in 2026.

Kind regards

Cathy Roche-Wells
Principal



Respect
Learning
Collaboration



Diary Dates:

Term 4

Assembly

Tues 9 Dec
2025

9.15am

Last day of

Term 4

Fri 12 Dec 2025
(Early dismissal
2.00pm)

First day of

Term 1 2026

Tues 27 Jan
2026



Do you have
any news to
share with us?
Please
contact Gill



KELC

KILPARRIN EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Chloe, Eva, Murphy & Taraf

We have had a very busy time so far this term with Halloween, sports day, and a number of excursions.

We have welcomed Laura to KELC, who has been visiting on a Thursday in preparation for starting next year. We will also have some more new friends joining us in KELC next year.

We have said farewell to Taraf for this year as she has headed home. We are looking forward to seeing her again next year.

Food play has been fun we have tried a wide selection of food items. Some were liked by all, some were disliked by all and some were liked by only 1 student.

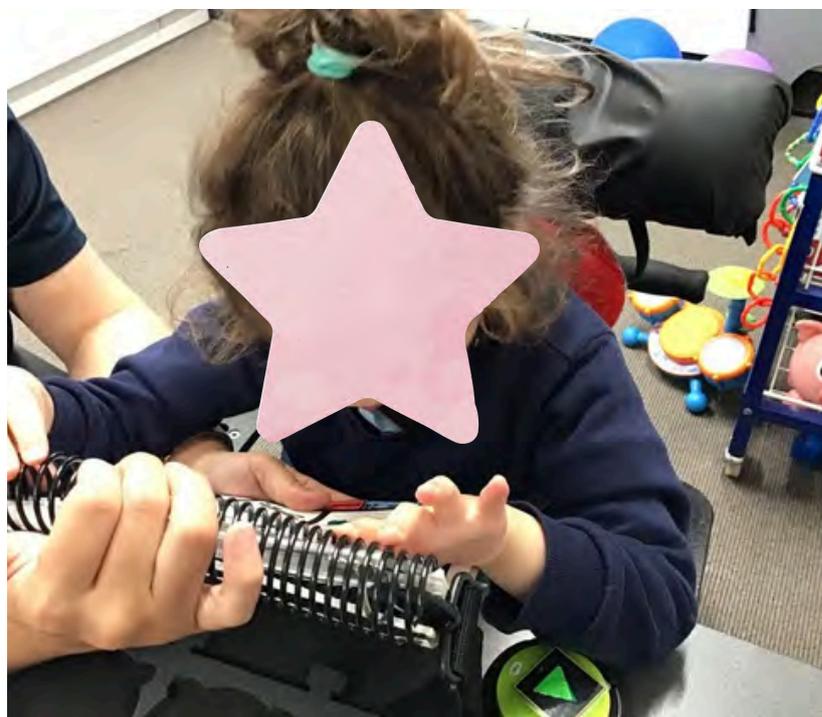
Art has also been lots of fun making a big mess on a Thursday.

Communication has been another big focus for us this semester. With all of the students increasing their communication, both through vocalisation and Auslan. They have all started showing greater interest in the PODD.

Friendships between the students have started to blossom this term.

Reading books in the library has also been enjoyed by all of the students.

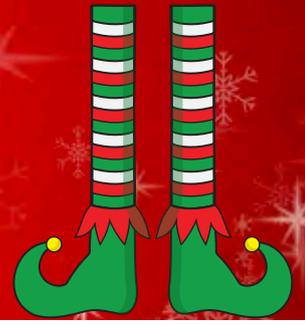
We are currently working on our decoration for our classroom door. Watch this space!



Karen, Amy, Sheri

ROOM 1

D, Jackson, Loretta, Miles & Naomika



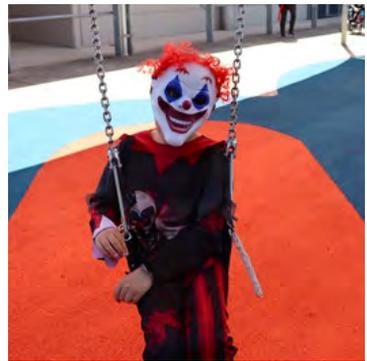
Wow Term 4 sure has flown! In week 7, we gathered on the train and took a trip to Wayville for the Variety Christmas party! We saw Santa, rode liberty swings, watched balloons turn into animals and swords, and even got tattoos (temporary, of course) on our skin. It was so much fun knowing the activities available beforehand that would be at the Variety Party, because we were able to talk about what we wanted to do and solidify a game plan to tackle the long lines and desire to do it all. This way, we had a plan of action and had a fabulous time at the Christmas Party. Now, the countdown for the real Christmas Day begins!

Have a great holiday break and we will see you in 2026!



Lindsey, Lauren & Di

HALLOWEEN





VISUAL ARTS

This semester, students turned their fabric and printmaking projects into creative media artworks. Using wooden mannequins, green-screen technology, and digital tools, they explored animation and simple storytelling.

Inspired by Aardman Animations, *Wunungu Awara: Animating Indigenous Knowledges*, and Hayao Miyazaki, students designed characters, experimented with printmaking tools, and created storyboards about the magical powers of their blankets. With assistive technologies like switch-adapted iPad cameras, they produced short stop-motion scenes combining images, movement, and sound effects. The movie will be shared with the school community during the senior formal and posted on Seesaw



Tanja Hasan-Warner

ROOM 2

Annie, Ariya, Maryam, Nathaniel, Senul & Tomas



Term 4 has been an exciting and busy time filled with a variety of engaging incursions and excursions. What a fantastic day sports day was! We loved getting involved in all of the activities and cheering on our team mates. Trick or treating was definitely another highlight for Room 2 students who loved getting dressed up and visiting other areas of the school. The festivities of Christmas have kept us busy as well! Songs, arts and crafts, stories, and learning about each others celebrations has been very fun.

Reflecting on the year in Room 2, we have seen incredible growth and development in every student. It has been a wonderful journey, and we can hardly believe the year has come to an end. We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming our students back to school next year.

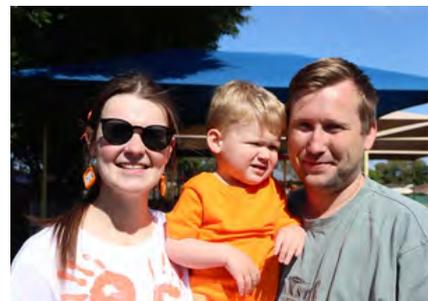


Abbey, Maya, Nikki, Sonja

SPORTS DAY



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ROOM 3

Jude, Leo, Lucas, Madeeha, & Samuel

This term as always has disappeared so quickly and we have enjoyed a few special events. Starting off with Halloween, we learnt about 'The day of the dead', we decorated our doors with our Mummy selves, dressed up and walked to Hendrie St Playground with Room 2. Here, we did some "feely box" activities predicting the spooky creature inside. When we returned to school we participated in a school parade and then moved around the school and SASSVI to Trick or Treat. It was so much fun!

We had an excursion to Netball S.A where we were invited to take part in the Premiers Be Active Challenge ceremony. We all caught the train to the stadium where we participated in a variety of fun activities. Students explored hoops, rings and how we can move them with different parts of our bodies. We danced, moved balls around the parachute and wore ourselves out!

We attended the Variety Christmas Party in week 7. It was amazing! We met the Grinch, explored the fire truck, had a special photo with a friend, danced to music and so much more. We met lots of lovely volunteers who helped make the day special. We were exhausted by the time we returned to school.

Room 3 wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday!



Robyn, Lucy, Hannah, Liz, Tamika



SENIOR UNIT

Annie, Hudson G, Hadiya, Hudson S, Imeth, Isaac, Leon, Lola, Macey-Lee, Mali, Ruthie, Tahliyah, Tessa & Tyler

The Senior Unit has had a busy Term Four so far! We have enjoyed a range of events and excursions throughout the term, such as Halloween, Sports Day, and Dream Cricket. Students are looking forward to the Variety Kids Christmas Disco, the senior formal, and the end-of-year Christmas assembly (which we have been busy preparing for).

Students have also been working on their business, Kilparrin Creative Cards, where they have created a beautiful card pack featuring 14 original cards, each designed by a different student in the Senior Unit. Money raised will be donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

We have continued to enjoy weekly swimming, PE sessions, Science, Art, and Cooking as highlights of the term. Students have also been getting into the Christmas spirit by making a range of Christmas gifts to share the holiday cheer and celebrate a busy year!



Emily, Jess, Jade, Donna, Cathy G, Leanne, Zoe, Elisha & Kelly

VARIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY





During Music lessons this term the Junior classes have been learning the Snail song from Songdrawing and finding ways to create the swirl of the snail shell as well as focussing on playing the song slow and fast. The Senior class has been working on their class band, creating songs using three chords and having all the students and staff joining in. We have also had some students rehearsing with the SASSVI Rock Band, preparing a song for our Assembly and the SASSVI presentation night. All classes have been working on the song Smile by Dami Im. It's an upbeat song that we have had interpreted into Auslan for all the staff and students to learn for a video. I would just like to thank all the wonderful Kilparrin staff for supporting the students throughout the year in Music lessons. We have had a great year in Music and I couldn't have done it without the support of the staff and the energy from all the Kilparrin students in Music lessons. Thank you!



PLAYGROUP



This term we explored everything purple! We made and shared muffins. The children mixed and scooped the mixture into muffin tins, and we all enjoyed them for morning tea.

The children enjoyed music and dancing to the song 'Do the Propeller' by the Wiggles.

All the children are now recognising their name plate and sign the hello song. How clever!

The playground is always fun, and the children are more adventurous finding activities they enjoy.

We have welcomed new families, which has been wonderful! We all enjoyed sports day it was so much fun.

This year has been full of joy and learning.

Thank you to the Kilparrin team and the families for helping make playgroup such a success.

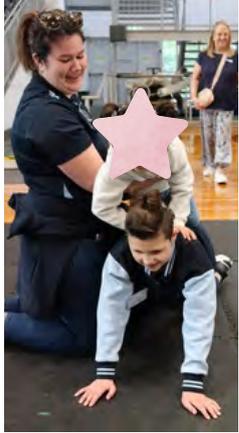
We wish everyone a peaceful and a happy time over Christmas with family and friends.



Lea, Carla Jess and Karly

PREMIERS BE ACTIVE CHALLENGE

On Wednesday November 19th, Kilparrin Junior School students attended the Premier's Be Active Reception for being a top 50 performing school in this year's challenge. Students participated in a range of activities on the day with staff from CircKidz, ACHPER and volunteers, alongside students from other schools. It was a valuable experience for our students and we hope to have more opportunities like this in the future. Jude and Annie were chosen to accept our award for the Premier's Be Active Challenge which included a \$1000 grant from the State Government presented by Peter Malinauskas and Blair Boyer.





GOVERNING COUNCIL

As the end of the school year approaches, it's a great time to reflect on how busy and rewarding this year has been for the staff, students and our school community. Classes are finishing up learning and preparing for end of year celebrations to finish the year strong.

Sports Day was a wonderful celebration of movement, teamwork and inclusion as there was a range of fun and engaging activities for everyone to participate in. The different stations were thoughtfully planned to meet sensory, physical and social needs of our children. The day had a lovely picnic atmosphere filled with colour, smiles and families coming together to enjoy the experience for our children. We were fortunate to have beautiful weather and a fantastic turnout of family attendance.

Thank you to everyone who participated in and donated to the Loud Shirt Day, it was a very successful colourful day and through your generosity we raised \$130 for Deaf Connect Adelaide. Our new family meet and greet events this term over dinner or a coffee were a success and something we look to grow and be bigger and better next year. I hope you all have the chance to come along and connect with other families.

Thank you to the members of the Governing Council for their continued commitment and invaluable contributions throughout the year. If you would like to be involved parents will be invited to the AGM early next year and I encourage anyone interested in sharing ideas and working collaboratively with like minded families to join or be involved in the Fundraising Sub-Committee. Our families play an important role in the vibrancy of our school community and It is a privilege to work alongside a dedicated group of parents supporting our students, families and the Kilparrin community.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing enjoyable summer break. I would like to extend my thanks to the entire 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



Kilparrin State Support Service has continued to provide strong support across the state, with five new recent early-intervention referrals, including one from Port Lincoln. The team has been assisting students with transitions into new sites and classrooms and has already received professional development requests for next year. Staff are also completing end-of-year reports and finalising case notes for all students. Ongoing collaboration with therapists has ensured a deeper understanding of vision and hearing needs, and Lea recently delivered professional development for Novita, further strengthening interagency support.



Melissa Campbell

SENIOR FORMAL

