

School Newsletter No 07
26th May 2022



From the Principal

Sports Day

What a fantastic day it was! With the sun shining and families able to be part of the day, it was clear that students, staff and parents enjoyed a day of sportsmanship, team work and most importantly, fun. I congratulate all students on their efforts throughout the day, from the House Captains leading the passionate war chants, through to the individual achievements. A special shout out to Miss Cummins for her work leading up to and on Sports Day. Thank you also to our adult visitors who ensured social distancing and allowed teachers to support their classes on the day.

Congratulations to this year's winning team, Neale!

Neale	956
Dutton	938
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NAPLAN

Well done to our Year 3 and 5 students over the past two weeks as they participated in the 2022 NAPLAN assessment. They displayed persistence and confidence to have a go. We have had close to 100% participation across the two year levels. I'd like to thank Kerry Giles for the time she spent preparing for the tests and coordination of the

test period, which ensured the process went smoothly for students. Thank you to Mary Conlon for supporting with technical issues. We should receive the results of the tests later in the year, which we will analyse and look to where the next steps are in the improvement journey.

National Volunteer Week

Last week we celebrated National Volunteer Week. Whilst the pandemic has unfortunately stopped volunteers from coming on site, we have been lucky over a number of years to have dedicated parent/carers volunteers that have helped out with a range of school activities. These include but are not limited to working bees, fundraising, attending excursions and camps and supporting in class. At a community level, we are fortunate to have a strong volunteer presence. Flooding, fires and the ongoing impacts of the pandemic have been tough for our country. Holding us up in these times of crisis has been more than over 1 million volunteers supporting Australia's crisis resilience, of which more than 400,000 work directly in emergency response and relief. Our local community has a number of volunteers that support us. These include the Kapunda CFS, Kapunda SES and a range of other organisations.

To all of our school and community volunteers, we say thank you.

Principal Comments continued

COVID-19 update

There has been some minor lifting of restrictions for school. These include:

- Indoor assemblies allowed.
- **More information to be sent home shortly**
- Camps and excursions to occur

We are awaiting further information regarding movement of parents on school grounds at the start and end of the school day. Until further notice, parents/carers are reminded to drop off and pick up children from outside the school gates. All visitors are to report to the Front Office if required to come onto the school grounds.

The school is required to report daily on active COVID-19 cases. We remind parents/carers to inform the school immediately if their child has tested positive and is required to isolate in line with SA Health directions. We thank parents/carers for keeping their children home when they are unwell.

Kind regards,
David Pitt
Principal



We would like to Thank the following business/people who have made donations to our school for the 24Hr Motorbike Trial:-

- Kapunda Community Thrift Shop
- Kapunda Community Craft Shop
- Ellbourn Engineering
- Kapunda Diesel
- NTS Rural
- Brant & Melissa Lowe



Upcoming events

TERM 2

Starting Monday 30th May

SAPSASA State Football Carnival (Boys & Girls)

Thursday 9th June

SAPSASA State Cross Country – Oakbank

Monday 13th June

Public Holiday

Tuesday 14th June

Pupil Free Day

Monday 20th June

School Photo Day

Starting Monday 27th June

SAPSASA State Netball Carnival

Friday 8th July

End of Term – Early dismissal 2.10pm

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July

24Hr Motorbike Trial Fundraiser

Please note that these dates are subject to change



We want to make mention of a couple of students who are making some real positive choices this week out on the oval.

Talon Mind

For assisting a younger student who was being harassed by other students. He found the teacher on yard duty for help.

Mason Muir

Mason saw another student who was playing and kicking a football on his own. Mason then went on kicking the football with him instead of joining in with the game his mates were playing.

A word from MR RYAN...



Student Wellbeing News – Term 2 Week 4

This week we will welcome back our whole school wellbeing assemblies. Unfortunately, we will be unable to welcome in parents and friends to join but it will be great for us to come together as a whole school again and build some skills to make our school a better place.

This week at the wellbeing assembly we will be talking to the students about the language that they use when they are talking with each other. With the message of:

Build each other up, don't tear each other down.

This will be based on the idea that it is easy to make a negative comment to others but it doesn't help anyone. Whether it is to make ourselves feel more superior, to be funny or we just aren't thinking it ultimately makes no one more successful. If we make the time and effort to make positive comments to those around us though we can easily make them more resilient, which will make them more successful. By helping others around us be more successful we can get better too, as we are all in the same groups, the same teams, the same class and the same school.

Language matters: positive breeds positive

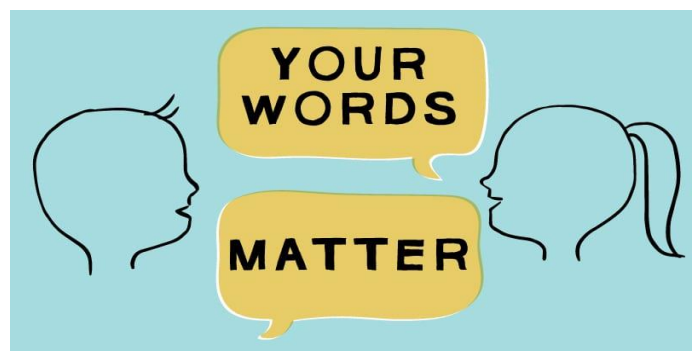
Some of the examples of ways to change a negative comment to a positive that we will go through at the assembly are:

Negative comment	Positive comment
It's not that hard	Keep trying and you'll get it
This question is easy	I've got it, I can help you with it if you'd like
I wasn't even trying	I had fun doing that
That's not how you do it	I can see you're trying would you like some help?
You won't be able to do that	Good work giving it a try
That was stupid	Maybe you could try a different way

It isn't always easy to change this habit and make these positive comments though. To encourage students to change this habit we will be running a competition at school. If a student hears another student **build someone up** with a positive comment in the class or yard they will be able to nominate them on a form in the front office. One form per week will then be picked out of the box and the student who made the comment will win a prize for themselves and 10 points for their house team. Teachers will also be nominating any students that they hear building up those around them with positive comments.

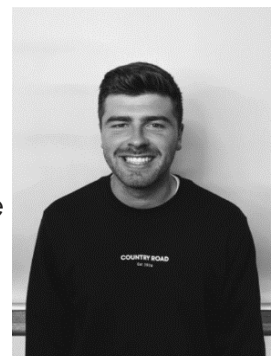
We will also encourage students to catch each other out when they hear a negative comment by sibling telling students to **'build them up'** rather than telling on them or making another negative comment towards them.

Hopefully this will help make our classrooms, yard and school a happier, more inviting and successful place for all. As always we would love parents to help students build these new habits by modelling them at home and using the consistent language of 'build them up' at home.



Student Teacher – Harrison Varley

My name is Harrison Varley, and I am 24. I live in Gawler and am currently in my final semester of study through Charles Darwin University. The next 6 weeks I will be teaching Nutrition across all Junior, Middle and Upper Primary in our Health lessons as well as teaching Tennis in our PE lessons. This week we have already made a great start and I look forward to what is to come.



Awesome Art in Room 18



Check out our Awesome Autumn Art! This art was created using water colour paints. We designed the page in lead pencil and then painted over the sunsets, blending colours to create the sky and land. Next we added the black to create the trees and other features like fences and rocks.

24 Hr Trial Fundraiser

9th and 10th JULY 2022

Hi Everyone,

On **9 and 10 July 2022**, Kapunda Primary School will be responsible for the **BBQ and some catering** at the **24hr Motorbike Trial, Kapunda Trotting Track**.

This is always an **EXCELLENT FUNDRAISER** for our school.

The BBQ will be open for lunch and dinner on Saturday 9 July and breakfast and lunch on Sunday 10 July.

It is a very busy event but great fun!

If you or someone you know can help (friends, grandparents, high school age students or older) **by working a shift (about 4 hours) or donating money towards purchases**, please fill in the slip below and return it to the front office OR put your name down on the roster at the front office.

Please contact Alison Hughes on 0439 316 122 if you have any questions.

Your generous assistance is always appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Alison Hughes (Governing Council)

24 Hr Trial Fundraiser 9th and 10th JULY 2022

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

I can help with: (Please tick)

- ☐ **Working a shift (approx 4 hrs)**
(Please circle all the times you may be available and we will contact you to organise a suitable shift.)

Sat: 9am - 1.15pm	Sat: 1pm - 4.15pm	Sat: 4pm - 8.15pm
Sun: 5am - 9.15am	Sun: 9am - 1.15pm	Sun: 11am - 4pm

I am flexible-ring me
- ☐ **Monetary Donation included** Amount: _____



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SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Kapunda Primary School

Day of Photography

20/06/2022

1. Please wear your full school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography
- Go to **www.advancedlife.com.au** and enter this code:
C5G 9VD ZYZ
3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or Latitude Pay
4. If you are unable to order online, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography

If you have any queries concerning school photographs and ordering, please contact **advancedlife** directly:
www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists



ICAS Assessments 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Kapunda Primary School will once again be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNSW Sydney, with over 35 years' experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. Our school will be participating in English, Mathematics and Science online assessments.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online result report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

Whilst ICAS is organised through the school, the results that the students receive are not used towards any of their learning and reporting. Department for Education staff are not required to use the results as ICAS is an extra learning activity which students can participate in that their parents pay for.

Last year at KPS, we had 3% of our students participate in ICAS. Whilst we understand that it is valued by a small group of families, an enormous work load goes into ICAS each year from the staff at our school. ICAS do not provide any support to schools in the administration of the tests. Moving forward, we will assess if ICAS is sustainable at our school.

Learn more about ICAS here: unsw.global/ICAS

2022 Participation – Online Parent Payment

In 2022 students have the opportunity to participate in the following subjects:

Subject	Sitting Windows – Actual Dates to be confirmed after entries close
ICAS English	Monday 15 th August to Friday 19 th August (Term 3, Week 4)
ICAS Science	Monday 22 nd August to Friday 26 th August (Term 3, Week 5)
ICAS Mathematics	Monday 29 th August to Friday 2 nd September (Term 3, Week 6)

Cost per test: \$19.25 including GST.

These assessments will take place during the school day for students who take up this opportunity.

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the **online Parent Payment System** to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

The web link is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Our school's unique access code is: **JFV307**

Online payment closes on Monday 25th July 2022.

IMPORTANT: *Please enter your child's name accurately into the System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate.*

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