

School Newsletter No 11
4th August 2022



Thank you to our School Community for helping us raise awareness to Fight MND

From the Principal

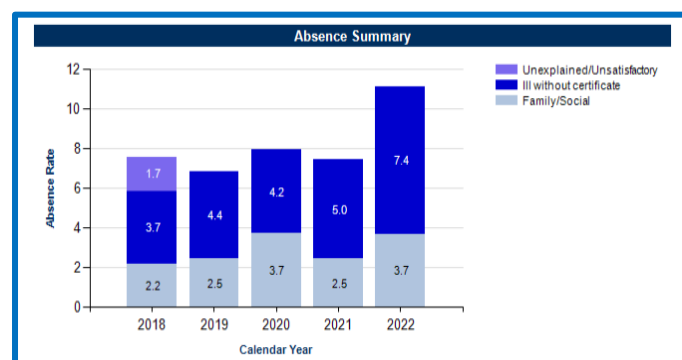
Welcome back!

A warm welcome back to all existing and new families. We commence Term 3 with 279 students which includes 4 new students. It has been great catching up with students and talking about their goals for Term 3. I wish all students and staff a successful and rewarding term filled with new learning.

Student attendance at Kapunda Primary School

Over a period of time, student attendance at Kapunda Primary School has remained consistent and close to the Department for Education targets. From 2018 – 2021 overall student attendance averaged 91.2%. This has been achieved despite the impact of COVID-19.

2022 has seen a drop in overall student attendance (88.2%). This can be attributed to the increase in cases of COVID-19 and the flu during winter. Whilst we expected to see a drop this year due to the impact of COVID-19, the increase in non-attendance can't be attributed entirely to COVID-19.

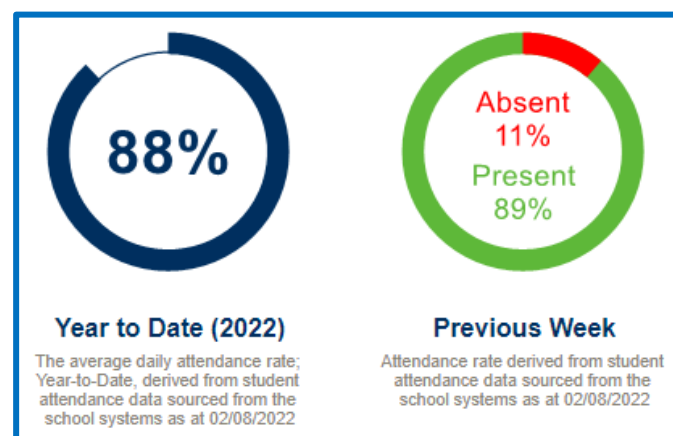


Unless they are too sick to leave the house or have an infectious illness, students should be coming to school every day the school is open. Compulsory attendance is covered in the [Education and Children's Services Act 2019](#). It states:

"...a child of compulsory school age must attend at the school at which he or she is enrolled on every day [...] that instruction is provided..."

The department uses categories to identify students who are at risk because of non-attendance. It helps staff assess the degree of risk caused by a student's non-attendance. **Habitual non-attendance** is when a student has 5 to 9 absences for any reason in a term (average of 1 day per fortnight). **Chronic non-attendance** is when a student is absent for 10 days or more in a term for any reason (average of 1 day per week).

This term we are commencing a whole school focus on improving student attendance.



Principal Comments continued

There will be a number of different strategies being used, including:

- Regular newsletter articles around student attendance
- Communication to parents/carers requesting meetings to discuss attendance concerns
- Ongoing whole school student attendance rate in the newsletter
- Acknowledgement of improvement in attendance from individual students
- Review of the schools attendance policy and procedures

Learning is a progressive activity. Each lesson builds on the previous lesson. What a child learns today will help them with what they learn tomorrow. Missing days or parts of days creates gaps. A day away can mean missing out on important learning information or social activities and experiences.

I look forward to seeing an increase in student attendance as the year progresses.

National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

Each year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The process requires schools to identify information already available about supports provided to students with disability. Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability
- level of adjustment provided

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability

upcoming events

TERM 3

Tuesday 16th August

ICAS English

Starting Monday 22nd August

Book Week

Tuesday 23rd August

ICAS Science

Thursday 25th August

Choir Magic Millions Rehearsal

Tuesday 30th August

ICAS Maths

Monday 5th September

School Closure

Tuesday 6th September

Pupil Free Day

Thursday 8th September

Year 6 High School Transition

Friday 9th September

Book Week Parade

Thursday 15th September

Year 6 High School Transition

Thursday 22nd September

Choir Festival Performance

Friday 30th September

End of Term – Early dismissal 2.10pm

Please note that these dates are subject to change

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability. The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured.

Principal Comments continued

The collection of the data is a big job, and I thank the teachers for their work in ensuring the information is collected and given to Dan Ryan, who oversees the collection, in a timely manner. If you would like further information about the NCCD, please head to the NCCD Portal (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

2023 class structures

We are well underway in our planning for what our 2023 class structure will look like. It is important if you haven't done so already, to please inform the school if you child/ren **will not be returning in 2023**.

If you have a child who will be commencing school in 2022, please let us know at your earliest convenience. Student enrolments determine how many classes, curriculum maintenance and other key areas.

Staff Update

We welcome back Mrs Lauren Boyle, who is working in Room 9 on Thursday and Friday. Lauren has an extensive knowledge of our whole school programs and processes and is excited to be re-joining us. This term we also welcome Mrs Megan Maywald and Miss Ailee Craig who have taken on SSO Curriculum roles.

Stay warm!

Kind regards,

David Pitt – Principal



Dear Families,

Congratulations to all of the students who have now completed the 2022 Premier's Reading Challenge. Just a quick reminder that all completed PRC record forms need to be returned to me by **Friday, 9th September, 2022**. If your child needs another student record form, please ask them to see me in the library.

Thank you,

Davina Holthouse



STUDENT SHOUT-OUTS



We want to make mention of a couple of students who are making some real positive choices in the yard this week. These shout-outs are written by students for their peers.

Max Davidson

For teaching students how to kick a torp at play times

Charli McDonald

For cheering up her friends and other students in the yard

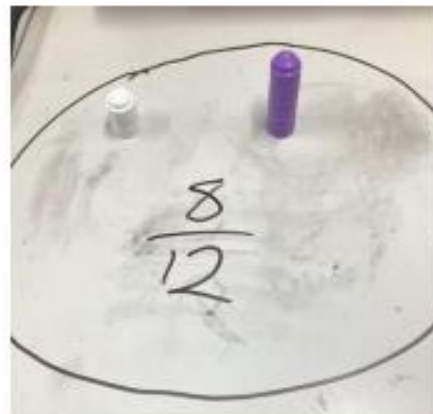
Ella Ellbourn & Erica Crook

For tidying up the skipping ropes on the courts at the end of play times

Skylar Argent & Tahlia Humble

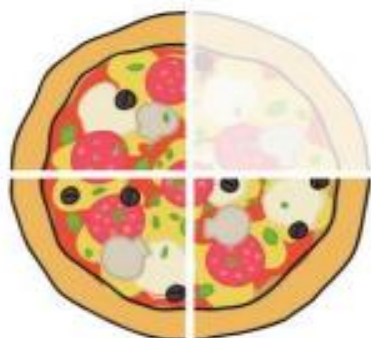
For playing with students at play time when they had no one else to play with

Look what's happening in Mr Horne's Class



Fractions with Lucky 13

In Mathematics, we have been exploring what fractions are, and what they mean.



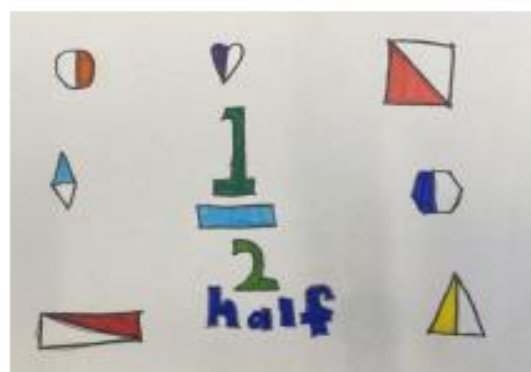
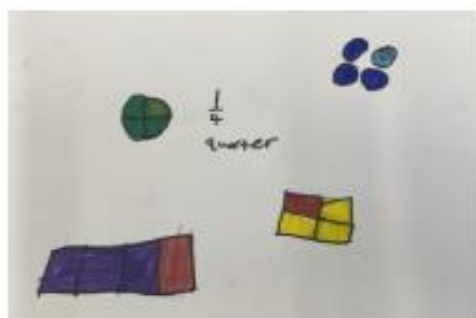
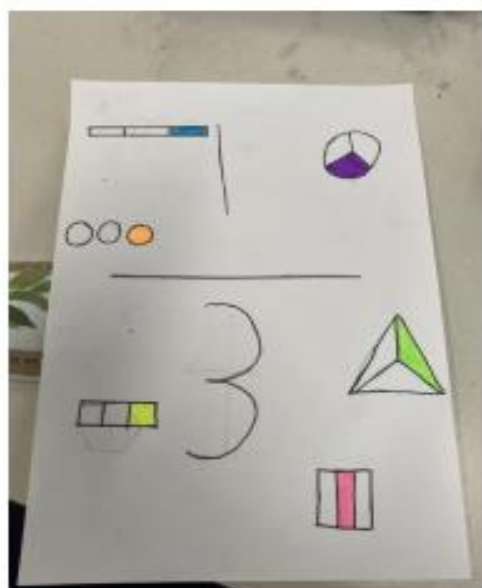
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Numerator

How many equal parts do you have?

Denominator

How many equal parts is the whole divided into?





What an AMAZING Day!! Thank you once again to our School Community for their support in helping us raise awareness for MND.

We raised \$4293.25 to help fight MND

Thank you to Rupert Farley for his amazing idea, Judy Hughes for speaking to our school, Tab Mackenzie for her awesome action shots and to all staff and students for a SUPER day!



The Kapunda Primary School BBQ at the 24-hour Motorbike Trial took place on 9 and 10 July.

It is always a great fundraiser for our school and a fantastic event to be involved in. This year was no exception. **We raised over \$6000!**



Thank you to the following people and businesses who made very generous donations to the event:

- NTS Rural
- Community Thrift Shop
- Barossa Coop
- Kapunda Diesel Repair
- Ellbourn Engineering
- Kapunda Craft Shop
- Kapunda CWA
- Adama
- Mel and Brant Lowe
- Penny Chappell
- Kapunda Football Club
- Joel McWaters



A special thank you to Andy and Mark at the Greenock Creek Tavern who were so generous with sharing their time and their cooking expertise!

Thanks so much to all of the KPS parent, grandparent, community and staff volunteers who dedicated a few hours of their weekend to help. The BBQ was really busy over the breakfast, lunch and dinner periods but everyone happily pitched in and worked hard to make sure everything ran smoothly.



Special mention should be made about the KPS student volunteers – Lia Babic, Matilda Pratt, Isaac Chappell, Mostyn Vogt, Margot, Eve and Alastair Ross and Fiona and Hannah Ryan. What a brilliant effort from these students! They served customers, cooked the BBQ, dished out hot chips and helped clean up at the end of the weekend.

Past KPS students, Natalie and Henry Mickan and Josh and Chloe McWaters also rolled up their sleeves to help out and all did an absolutely amazing job.

Every one of these students should be so proud of their contribution to the success of the weekend.

Thanks to Tristan Kerr who organised the lucky square raffle and generously donated a tonne of wood as first prize. Congratulations to Jane Menzel who was the lucky winner.

All in all, a fantastic effort by everyone involved!



20 YEARS OF KOSHC Celebration



2022 marks 20 years since Kapunda Outside School Hours Care was established. We would like to celebrate this milestone by hosting a family fun day in September/ October. We are planning to invite past families, staff and volunteers to help us celebrate. We invite any interested parents, caregivers or community members who have links to KOSHC to join a committee to organise this event.

If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Louise 0401997763.

Winter Sleep Out 2022

The 13th Annual Older Children's Group Winter Sleep Out Friday 26th August 2022

We would like to hear from any KOSHC children in the 9 plus age group who wish to take part in our annual Winter Sleep Out to raise funds to help transform the lives of homeless people in Australia:

*"There are over 116,000 people experiencing homelessness on any given night
Only seven percent of people who are homeless sleep on the streets
Domestic and family violence is one of the main reasons why people experience homelessness
In Australia, one in six people experiencing homelessness are over 55 years
Over 15,800 children younger than 12 years are homeless"*

Children who participate will be looking for sponsors or donations. There will also be donation tins in the front office and at KOSHC. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE return the permission form below BY Wednesday 10TH AUGUST 2022**

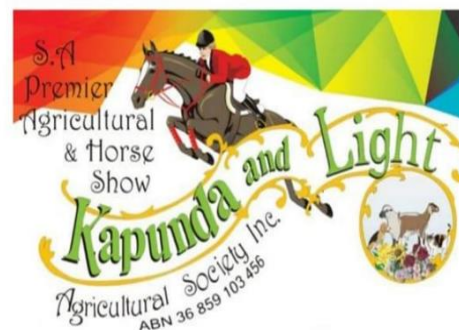
KOSHC Permission Form for the Winter Sleep Out 2022

Friday 26th August 2022

I give permission for my child/children _____ to attend the KOSHC Winter Sleep Out on Friday 26th August 2022.

I understand that the Sleep Out will be held in the courtyard between the JP classrooms and the children will be sleeping in shelters that they construct from cardboard cartons. The gates will be locked during the activity for safety.

Parent/caregiver signature _____ Date _____



165th Annual Show

Saturday

29 October 2022

