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## Koonibba Aboriginal School NEWSLETTER

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## School Calendar

Week 4 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – CAS Sports Day Week 5 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Student Free Day Week 6 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Brighton Highschool visit Week 7 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Adelaide cup Week 9 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday Week 10 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Monday Week 11 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Last Day of term 2pm dismissal

## Dear Parents/ Guardians

Last Friday we farewelled Mrs. Jasmine Garrard who has taken maternity leave. Mrs. Garrard has indicated that she will not be returning to Koonibba Aboriginal School. We thank Ms. Garrard for her commitment and service to the students at Koonibba Aboriginal School. We wish her and Harry all the best for the arrival of the latest edition of their family.

Mr. Adam Delaney will finish up his contract this Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. Mr. Delaney has taught in the Upper Primary class along side Mrs. Garrard, the students have enjoyed his knowledge and enthusiasm. We wish him well for the remainder of the year.

Mrs. Sam Tonkin, Ceduna based PRT will take over the upper primary class from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of February until the end of the term.

The search for an upper primary class teacher continues, I will be meeting with fourth year university teaching students later this week promoting our school and the quality living environment that the Far West Coast of South Australia offers. The school will need to call an AGM of the Governing Council in the coming weeks. I will be communicating with families our meeting times and encouraging parents to attend so that our parent voice can be heard. This Friday we will be joining Ceduna and Penong schools for a sports day. The bus will leave Koonibba Aboriginal School at 8.20am. Students will compete in a range of events in the pre-lunch sessions and then some team events and relays in the afternoon. The reception/ year 1 students will join a Ceduna JP class for classroom-based activities in the afternoon. *Students will need their uniform shirt and shoes.* Their hats, water bottles, recess and lunch will be supplied. Parents are welcome to attend.

We recently had a sausage sizzle and hat presentation for students and families. It was great to see mums and nannas come along for the presentation. Thank you to Poppa Darryl for cooking the snags and the Connected Beginnings Team who donated the hats and shirts.

A reminder for parents that next Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February will be a student free day as teachers continue their training on supporting student self regulation. Regards Mark



## **Community Notices**



Please contact Tiana Mullan on 0401012949 for more information



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Monday 2:30pm-4:30pm Koonibba Remote School Attendance Building

Quality Time with Family Tuesday 10:00am-12:00pm Learning Hub 45 McKenzie Street

<u>Minya Gidya-Muga</u> Thursday 10:00am-12:00pm Ngura Yadurirn Children & Family Centre

> For Aboriginal families with children aged 0-5, Koonibba playgroup ages 0-9

> > 86253210 0428883179

> > > HEALTH

For more information

Transport available Tea, coffee and snacks provided



**Ceduna Sailing Club** 10:30am to 4:00pm

26th March & 2nd April 2024

Guest Speakers Lunch & Afternoon Tea Transport if required Activities

Registrations to tmullanecccsa.org.au or 8628 7600





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This retreat is for women who need time for themselves, time to heal, time to just be.

Creating space for conversations of support for each other and to be heard around your own daily struggles, and life experiences.

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A beautiful & holistic start to the term at Koonibba Aboriginal School!

We've welcomed new teachers & students, and it's been wonderful to see all the beautiful new learning spaces created to provide a safe & nurturing environment for all students.

The Tjungu Class has been buzzing with stories & creativity as we delve into our expectations, values and classroom/school culture.

Some of the words you'll read in these pictures are those chosen by the students at Koonibba, they are the words they value most in their school environment. We think this is pretty special!

So many new & exciting learning experiences to come!

All the best Koonibba Aboriginal School Students! We look forward to watching your continued journey to thrive!

Fun fact: 'Tjungu' is a Pitjantjatjara word, its most common English translation is 'together'. It's a word that came up often in our classroom in 2023, and after discussion with JP & UP students, we decided to turn it into our class name. So when you visit the HASS & Arts class, you'll know it's the 'Tjungu (together) Class'. 🗢

Happy learning!

