



# KALGOORLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 4 Week 9 Newsletter

11th December 2025

## Principal's Message

It is hard to believe this is our final newsletter for the year. 2025 has been a huge year for Kalgoorlie Primary School, and we look forward with great excitement to 2026. Over the past few weeks, we have enjoyed some wonderful events that have showcased the learning and creativity of our students. Our recent Mental Maths Competition was fiercely contested, with some amazingly quick minds on display across all year levels. After several knockout rounds, Mrs Landers narrowly kept her undefeated streak intact, although some of our Year 6 students gave her a real challenge. A big thank you goes to Mrs Dickhart and Miss Westrup for organising this event. We also held our STEMtacular event, where students were tasked with creating a functional wind turbine. Each class selected a winner, and it was fantastic to see the creativity and engineering skills on display. Thank you to Mrs Reghennzani for delivering this event.

Our Kindy Orientation was another highlight, and this Friday we will hold our Kindy Celebration of Learning. Orientation was a fantastic opportunity for our 2026 Kindy students to explore their new classrooms, and their enthusiasm was infectious. We are very excited for what next year will bring and look forward to seeing how far our littlest learners have come during the Celebration of Learning. Thank you to Mrs Fry for her coordination of this event.

Within this newsletter, you will find our 2026 calendar. Please pay particular attention to the School Development Days, which are pupil-free days. The dates marked 'assembly' indicate potential assembly days, and we will provide an updated calendar as more information becomes available.

We also have some staffing changes to announce. Miss Megan Garratt will be leaving us in 2026 to pursue opportunities at St Mary's Primary School. Mrs Rupinder Rangila has accepted a position as a Science teacher at Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School. Miss Mariah Dodds will be moving to Perth to be closer to family, as will Miss Belle Lyle. All have provided outstanding service to Kalgoorlie Primary School, and I know you will join me in wishing them well as they begin new adventures.

At the same time, we are excited to welcome new staff to the KPS family. Miss Sarah Cosh will deliver Physical Education and comes to us from Eastern Goldfields College, where she is known for delivering a high-quality program. Miss Nicolle Figliomeni joins us from Caversham Valley Primary School and will help deliver specialist programs to our Pre-primary students. Miss Paige Bennett comes from South Newman Primary School and will take a Year 2 classroom, while Ms Amanda Avila joins us from the Northern Territory and will teach Pre-primary. All of our new staff come with experience and a reputation for care, integrity, and excellent teaching, and we are confident they will be welcome additions to the team in 2026.

Next year, we will offer a range of specialist programs, including Music for Years 1 to 6 delivered by Ms Jacinta Henderson, Digital Technologies for Years 3 to 6, and Nature and Sustainability for Pre-primary to Year 2, alongside Physical Education, Wangkatja, Art, and Science for Years 1 to 6. Our Executive Team of Mrs Balderson, Mrs Reghennzani, Mrs Fry and I will remain stable in 2026, and we look forward to continuing to work together as we strive to improve the school for our students.

To begin the new year, we will hold our Welcome Back BBQ at 1:15 pm on Friday, 30 January. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and come together as a community before the school year begins. Speaking of classes, you will find out which teacher your child has this week. A huge amount of effort has gone into meeting requests and creating the best possible spread of students to maximise learning opportunities for 2026.

As we end the year, we will be sending another group of students off to the big wide world of Year 7. I would like to acknowledge and commend the current group of Year 6 students. In my time in education, this cohort has been a standout, and staff with more experience than me say the same. They have been excellent examples of our school values, and we will miss them greatly. A commendation goes to their parents as well for raising such high-quality young people. They will always be one of us at Kalgoorlie Primary School.

If I don't see you, have a happy and safe break. We look forward to seeing you in 2026 for another great year at KPS.

## Certificates

Mrs Creedican - T1 (Pre-Primary)	Riley	William	Miss Westrup - Room 11 (Year 4)	Sanalya & Harper	Sarah & Alfred
Miss Lyle - T2 (Pre-Primary)	Harvey & Jack	Alisha & Bobby	Ms Nel - Room 12 (Year 5)	Ephraim	Emily T
Miss Garratt - Room 1 (Year 1)	Evan	Ace	Miss Mandiri - Room 13 (Year 5)	Marlena & Kaiyden	Tyler
Mr Seale - Room 2 (Year 1)	Maddison	Jordan	Ms Watson - Room 14 (Year 5/6)	Axle	Dominic & Aaliyah
Mrs Gray - Room 3 (Year 1)	Joelle	Darius	Mr Harring - Harris - Room 15 (Year 6)	Grace & Jemima	Samuel & Ethan
Miss Dodds - Room 4 (Year 2)	Alexia	Aria	Miss Dunlop - Room 16 (Year 6)	Dazilayah	Hank & Jaxon
Miss Blake - Room 5 (Year 2)	Prabhs	Sebastian			
Mrs Rangila - Room 8 (Year 3)	Anna-Lyne	Ella-Rose			
Miss Beard - Room 9 (Year 3)	Lyla	Indy			
Mrs James - Room 10 (Year 3)	Ace	Olivia			
Mrs Holdaway - Room 6 (Year 4)	Jacob	Willow			
Miss Johnson - Room 7 (Year 4)	Frankie	Neve	Cleaners Award	Room 5, Room 9 & Room 12	

**Congratulations to Week 6  
certificate recipients!**



## Attendance News



**Congratulations Room 8 for  
winning the Attendance Award  
with the most improved  
attendance during week 5 and 6!**



## School Holiday Dates

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - STUDENT FREE DAY**



**School Holidays**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

**Office Open**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Students Return**

**Monday 2nd February 2026**

**We wish all our students and families a safe and enjoyable holiday break.**

## P&amp;C News

**SCHOOL FUN RUN**

**THANK YOU!**

The P&C would like to thank our school community for a successful Colour Fun Run.

To all the volunteers that helped on the day and to the families that donated equipment, your support is greatly appreciated.

Lastly, a huge thank you to everyone who helped fundraise – we are well on our way to getting that new playground – well done!



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## Important Dates in 2026

**KALGOORIE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**2026 STUDENT-FREE DAYS**

In the interest of vacation planning, please see below student-free and public holidays for 2026:

**Term 1**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Labour Day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Good Friday

**Term 2**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April - ANZAC Day in Lieu

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - WA Day

**Term 4**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December



## End of Year Concert

**KALGOORLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRESENTS....****COLOURS**

Join us for a vibrant end of year celebration bursting with bright, joyful hues as students showcase their creativity through music, dance and art.



**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**



**5:30pm - students in class  
6pm sharp - concert begins**



**Kalgoorlie Primary School Oval**

Bring along a picnic and the whole family to enjoy a colourful evening as we wrap up the school year together.

**We can't wait to see you there!**

## Mental Maths Competition

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, students (and staff) went head-to-head in our annual Mental Maths Competition. The contest challenged top students from Pre-Primary-Year 6 to buzz in first to answer as many questions as possible correctly to be the winner of their year group.

We're so proud of every competitor that took to the stage, what an achievement to think on your feet under pressure.



## Nature & Sustainability

In Week 8, our Year 1 and 2 classes visited Karlkurla Bushland Park and the KBULG Community Nursery as part of our Nature and Sustainability program. Students enjoyed a guided tour and took part in a hands-on session where they learned how to propagate new plants, while also finding out which species grow best in our local conditions. A highlight for many was seeing a real silky pear (karlkurla) up close and discovering that Kalgoorlie's name comes from this local Aboriginal word.

Students also enjoyed time at the Karlkurla nature playground, where they completed "nature explorer" activities, looked for signs of native plants and animals, and discussed ways we can look after our local environment.

Many thanks to Kim Eckert from KBULG and staff that attended.

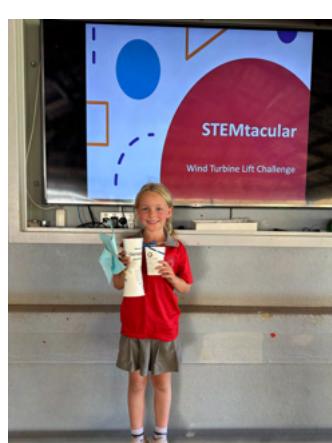


## STEMtacular

Students from year 1-6 have spent the last semester investigating, designing and constructing wind turbines for our annual STEMtacular event. The challenge: lift a cup of coins using wind energy.

On Tuesday, finalists from each class presented their designs for judging, and what a showcase it was! It was impressive to see so many creative designs- a great display of engineering, problem solving and design skills.

Well done KPS!



## Welcome Back BBQ

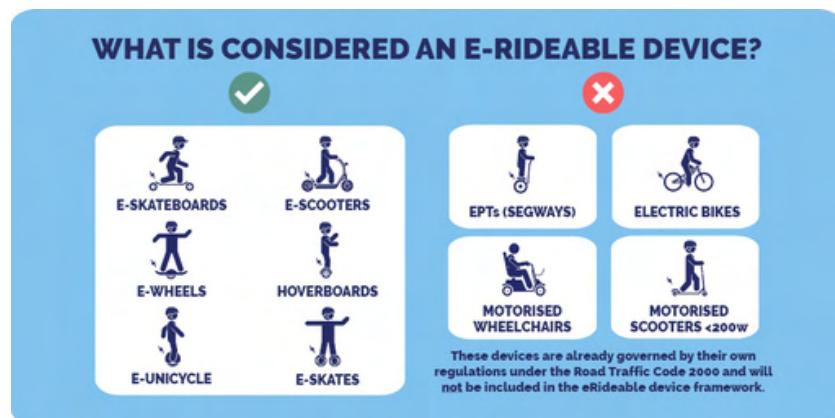


## eRideable Laws

The safety of students is our priority and under WA laws, only individuals aged 16 and over are permitted to use eRideables or eBikes with the motor engaged.

From 2 February 2026 (first day of Term 1), the Department of Education is introducing a ban on the use and storage of eRideables and eBikes on public schools grounds by students under the age of 16. This ban supports student safety and aligns with road safety laws.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students and school community safe.



## Community Notices

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

## CREATE THE SPACE

## THE WORLD OF A STORY CAN BE AS IMPORTANT AS THE CHARACTERS IN IT.

Black Swan Theatre Company invites young creatives to explore world-building through drama – discover how setting shapes story and brings characters to life!

Together, Healthway and Black Swan are committed to promoting wellness and personal growth through dynamic and inspiring experiences.

No experience is needed – just a sense of curiosity and a love for creativity!

## DATES

Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 January 2026

## TIMES

AGES 8-12 9.00am – 12.00pm

AGES 13-17 1.00pm – 4.00pm

## VENUE

Goldfields Arts Centre  
35 Cheetham St, Kalgoorlie

## COST

\$75 for the week (per age group)

This highly subsidised rate is possible thanks to the support of Healthway.

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THROUGH CREATIVE WELLBEING

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PRINCIPAL PARTNER



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 Kids on Dugan  
CHILD CARE CENTRE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12 Fairy Tale Day Wand Making Fairy Garden Construction Dress ups & Stories 	13 Around the World Aboriginal Artwork Mexican Paper Craft 	14 International Kite Day Kite Construction 	15 Community Kindness Care packs and cards for elderly Amana Living retirement village 	16 Water Olympics Sponge Buckets Water obstacle course Water Stations 
19 Out of this World Rocket construction Moon Sand Sensory Play Astronaut Obstacle Course 	20 Clay Sculpting Pottery Painting Nature Impression Tiles 	21 Emergency Services! Exploring equipment Bandage Practice How to dial 000 	22 Recycled Art Project Using recyclable materials and loose parts, boats and rafts to test in water! 	23 Nature Potions Lab Petal Collecting Herb Jars Scent Making 
26 	27 Chocolate Cake Day Let's make a cake together and decorate it for afternoon tea! 	28 National Lego Day All things lego! 	29 Build a Buddy Sock Puppets Personalised Birth Certificates 	30 End of Holidays Party Photo Booth BBQ Lunch Sundae Bar 

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
22 Santa's Workshop Ornament construction Reindeer Food Sensory Play 	23 Gingerbread Fun Day Decorating Cookies Building Cardboard Houses Gingerbread Sensory Play 	24 Christmas Science Making snow Christmas Slime Fizzy Santa Potions 	25 Christmas Day 	26 Boxing Day 
29 Water Play Day Pack your bathers & bring a towel! 	30 Pyjama & Movie Day Movie Viewing on Projector Chill Corner Treats! 	31 Little Chef's Day Smoothie Bar Cupcake Decorating 	1 New Year's Day 	2 Mini Disco Instruments Dancing Games & Prizes! 
5 Art Studio Day Miss Telina invites us to explore the art studio! 	6 Camp Out Tent & Pretend fire Trail Mix making Rock Pets 	7 Animal Day Animal Mask Construction Mini Habitats Sensory Trays Animal Yoga 	8 Carnival Day Face Painting Games & Prizes Balloon Animals 	9 Science Lab Day Volcanoes Fizzing Potions Glow in the Dark Sensory Bottles 

Email [Dugan@kidsondc.com.au](mailto:Dugan@kidsondc.com.au) to secure a place today!



## Community Notices

### Product safety recall

**Educational Colours - Rainbow Sand (1.3kg), Creatistics - Coloured Sand (1kg) and Kadink - Sand (1.3kg)**

**Educational Colours Pty Ltd**

Decorative coloured sand, supplied in various colours, to be used for open-ended art and craft activities or sensory play.

**Reason the product is recalled**

The products are being recalled because they may include asbestos, which is a prohibited substance in Australia.

**The hazards to consumers**

The products may cause a risk to health as tremolite asbestos (a naturally occurring asbestos) has been detected in some samples after laboratory testing.

Importantly, respiratory asbestos has not been detected in any of the tested samples. The release of respiratory asbestos fibres from the sand is unlikely to occur in its current state, unless the sand is processed by mechanical means such as crushing or pulverising.

While the risk that any asbestos found is likely to be airborne or fine enough for inhalation is low, this may still pose a risk.

**What consumers should do**

1. Stop using the products immediately.
2. For safe disposal advice from the Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Agency, visit the ACCC Product Safety website.
3. Contact [recalls@educationaladvantage.com](mailto:recalls@educationaladvantage.com) for guidance around disposal and seeking a full refund.

**Important message from the ACCC to consumers:**

The ACCC continues to work with health and safety, and other relevant agencies at the state, territory and Commonwealth levels as this issue evolves.

For safe disposal advice from the Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Agency and health information from the Environmental Health Standing Committee (enHealth), visit the ACCC Product Safety website.

See [productsafety.gov.au](http://productsafety.gov.au) for Australian product recall information



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**enHEALTH**  
Environmental Health Standing Committee (enHealth) of the Australian Health Protection Committee

### Interim Advice- Asbestos contamination identified in imported coloured/kinetic sand products

#### Summary

- Testing in an Australian accredited laboratory has identified asbestos contamination in some imported coloured and decorative sand products used in children's play and craft activities.
- National regulators and agencies are collaborating with multiple health authorities to ensure precaution, consistency and public safety across the country as the situation unfolds.
- While further analysis is underway, regulatory authorities are taking a precautionary approach to minimise any potential risk.
- Education providers, retailers and families are advised to stop using any identified products, follow recall and disposal instructions, and follow any additional advice from agencies in their State or Territory.
- Preliminary assessment indicates that there is a low risk to human health from these products.
- Based on the currently available information, we do not recommend any clinical assessment for those who may have been in contact with these products.

#### Recalled products

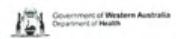
- Refer to ACCC website for further updates [ACCC Product Recall](#)

#### Immediate actions

- Stop using any identified sand products immediately.
- If the sand is still in its packaging, place in a heavy-duty plastic bag, double tape it securely and store in a secure location while waiting for further disposal advice.
- Clean up sites where the product was used using wet cloths to avoid generating dust. Wear gloves, mask, disposable coveralls. Double bag the sand, gloves, mask, coveralls and cloths. Store in a secure location and wait for further disposal advice.
- If possible, keep children and other people away from areas where the sand has been used until the area has been cleaned.

#### Health information

- Health effects from asbestos generally occur after long-term inhalation of very small fibres.
- Based on the currently available information from scientific testing, there is a low risk to human health from these products.
- The recall is a precautionary action based on preliminary results and more comprehensive scientific testing is underway.
- Testing results will inform and potentially update the assessment of risk, and health advice will be updated to reflect developing knowledge.
- Based on the currently available information we do not recommend any clinical assessment for those who may have been in contact with this product.



14 November 2025

### Public health advice after recall of children's sand products

WA Health is urging Western Australians to take precautions following a product recall published by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) recall notice issued on 13 November (external site) for children's coloured sand products that may contain asbestos.

Chief Health Officer Dr Andrew Robertson confirmed that testing by an Australian-accredited laboratory has detected tremolite asbestos in some imported coloured and decorative sand products commonly used in children's play and craft activities.

The ACCC(external site) recall was initiated as a precautionary measure after these findings.

Based on current information, the risk to the community from these products is low, but the public should take a cautious approach.

#### What should you do?

Stop using coloured sand products immediately and follow these steps:

- Do not play with or handle these products.
- Store them in sealed containers in a secure location.
- Do not dispose of them yet – further instructions will be provided.
- If cleanup is needed:
  - Use wet cloths to avoid creating dust.
  - Wear gloves, a mask, and disposable coveralls if available or other protective clothing which will be disposed.
  - Double bag the sand and all protective items.
  - Store securely until disposal advice is issued.

#### Health information

- Health effects from asbestos typically occur after long-term inhalation of very small fibres, not from casual or limited contact.
- The recall is **precautionary**, and more comprehensive testing is underway.
- Based on current advice, people who have handled these products **do not** need to seek medical attention.

The Department of Health is working closely with the Departments of Education, Communities, Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (WorkSafe and Consumer Protection) to respond to this issue.

A full list of impacted products and retailers who sold the products can be found here (external site).

**THE CITY OF KALGOORIE-BOULDER PRESENTS**



**KIDS FEST**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
18 & 19 APRIL 2026  
OASIS PLAYING FIELDS



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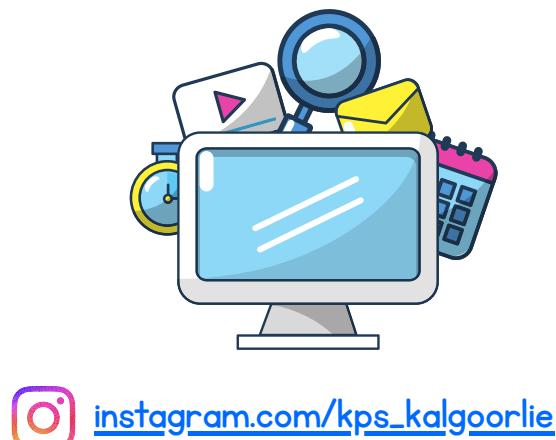
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## Kalgoorlie Primary School

### Term 4 Planner 2025

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	October 13 Students Return				
2		20	21	22	23
3		27 P&C Meeting	28	29	30
4	November 3 School Board Meeting	4		5	6
5		10	11	12	13
6		17 Student Free Day	18	19	20
7		24 P&C Meeting	25	26	27
8	December 1 School Board Meeting Mental Maths Competition	2		3	4
9		8 STEMtacular		10	11
10	15 Year 6 Graduation KBCHS Orientation	16	17 Book Awards EOY Concert	18 Reports Home	19 Student Free Day

## 2026 Term Planners

Kalgoorlie Primary School Term 1 Planner 2026					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	February 2 Students Return	3	4	5	6
2	9	10	11	12	13 Assembly
3	16	17	18	19	20 Swimming Carnival
4	23	24	25	26	27 Assembly Clean up Australia Day
5	March 2 Labour Day	3	4	5	6 Movie Night
6	9	10	11 Parent Meetings 3:30-5pm	12 Parent Meetings 3:30-5pm	13 Assembly
7	16	17	18	19	20 Harmony Day
8	23 NAPLAN ends	24	25	26	27 Assembly P&C Disco
9	30	31 April	1 Interschool Swimming Carnival	2 Easter Hat Parade	3 Good Friday

Kalgoorlie Primary School Term 2 Planner 2026					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	20 Student Free Day	21 Student Free Day	22 Students Return	23	24
2	27 ANZAC Day in Lieu	28 ANZAC Ceremony	29	30 May 1 Assembly	
3	4	5	6	7	8 ECE Mother's Day Celebration
4	11	12	13	14 Kal Cent Day	15 Families Day Breakfast
5	18	19	20	21	22 Assembly
6	25	26	27	28	29 Eagles/Fever Cup
7	June 1 WA Day	2	3	4	5 Assembly
8	8	9	10	11	12 Eagles/Fever Cup
9	15	16	17	18	19 Assembly
10	22	23	24	25	26 Pyjama Day
11	29	30 July 1	2	3	4 NAIDOC Day

Kalgoorlie Primary School Term 3 Planner 2026					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	20 Students Return	21	22	23	24
2	27 Swimming	28	29	30	31 Assembly Interschool Cross Country
3	August 3 Swimming	4	5	6	7 100 Days Mental Maths Competition
4	10	11	12	13	14 Assembly
5	17	18	19	20	21 Bullying No Way!
6	24	25	26	27	28 Assembly
7	31 September 1	2	3	4 ECE Father's Day Celebration	
8	7	8	9	10	11 Sports Colours Day
9	14	15	16 ECE Athletics Carnival	17 Open Night Interschool Athletics Carnival	18 Assembly
10	21	22	23	24	25

Kalgoorlie Primary School Term 4 Planner 2026					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	October 12 Students Return	13	14	15	16
2	19 Swimming	20	21 Year 6 Camp	22	23 Assembly
3	26	27	28	29	30 Summer Lightning Carnival
4	November 2 Swimming	3	4	5	6 World Teachers Day
5	9	10	11	12	13 Assembly
6	16 Student Free Day	17	18	19	20 P&C Colour Fun Run
7	23	24	25	26	27 Kindy Orientation
8	30 December 1	2	3	4 Kindy Celebration of Learning	
9	7	8 STEMtacular	9	10	11
10	14 Year 6 Graduation	15	16 Book Awards End of Year Concert	17	18 Student Free Day