



Term 3

Week 5

19th August 2026

KPS NEWS

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Families,

As the term really gears up, I'd like to pause for a moment to outline some positive news about the school in recent weeks.

Firstly, we recently had our Open School Board meeting. Thank you to those parents who came. They were treated to a fantastic run down about our Curriculum from a wide variety of staff who presented. It is clear that we not only have many passionate staff, but also a set of staff who are true experts in their area. One parent summed it up best afterwards when saying 'I am glad my kids go to KPS'. A big thank you to Mrs Holdaway and Mrs Reghenzani for curating the presentations, and for all staff involved (ten different staff presented).



Secondly, NAPLAN results have recently been released. I am sure you have seen the sensationalist media decrying our kids ability to do basic reading, writing and arithmetic (the old three R's; even funnier that only one actually starts with R).

Anyway, that is simply not true at Kalgoorlie Primary School. Our Year 3's have shown significantly high achievement in all areas tested by NAPLAN – reading, writing, numeracy, spelling and punctuation and grammar. For a school in our context to have results in the top half of all Australian schools (including Public and Private) for writing is outstanding. Our students achieved higher than many of the 'leafy green' schools in Perth. It seems we are proving that location is no barrier to a quality education.

For our Year 5's, the progress they have demonstrated is probably the most pleasing story for us. You will note overleaf that they are in the top right quadrant, high progress and high achievement, for four of the five areas. This is extremely difficult to do, and a great reflection of the quality education that we are providing. In fact, for those four of five areas, the progress of our students who have been with us since Year 3, our stable cohort, was greater than the average progress made by all Australian schools, public or private.

Yes, Year 5 writing is not where we would like. However, we always like to 'call out' things that are good, as well as things that need to be improved. I have been very impressed by the measured response from staff. It can be tempting to 'throw the baby out with the bath water', but our staff are confident in the tweaks made to the writing program since Term 4 last year, and are keen to stay the course with it.

NAPLAN is not a reflection of individual students, individual teachers or even a whole year level. It is a reflection of the educational program that students receive from their first day in Kindy. I'd like to acknowledge all staff for their role in these fantastic results. I'd also like to acknowledge the students, who show up and try their best every day. And I'd also like to acknowledge our families, for your continued support. It seems that we are all 'on the same page', and this is reflected in not only these results, but also the 'vibe' of the school as you walk around day to day.

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NAPLAN- Key Points

- Higher than like schools for all Year 3 domains
- Higher than all WA Public Schools in all Year 3 domains
- Rated highest amongst 25 like schools for Year 3 writing
- Rated 2nd highest amongst 25 like schools for Year 3 spelling
- Rated 3rd highest amongst 25 like schools for Year 3 Punctuation and Grammar
- Ranked in the top 8% of all WA Public Schools for Year 3 writing
- Higher than all Australian schools mean in writing (including public and private schools)

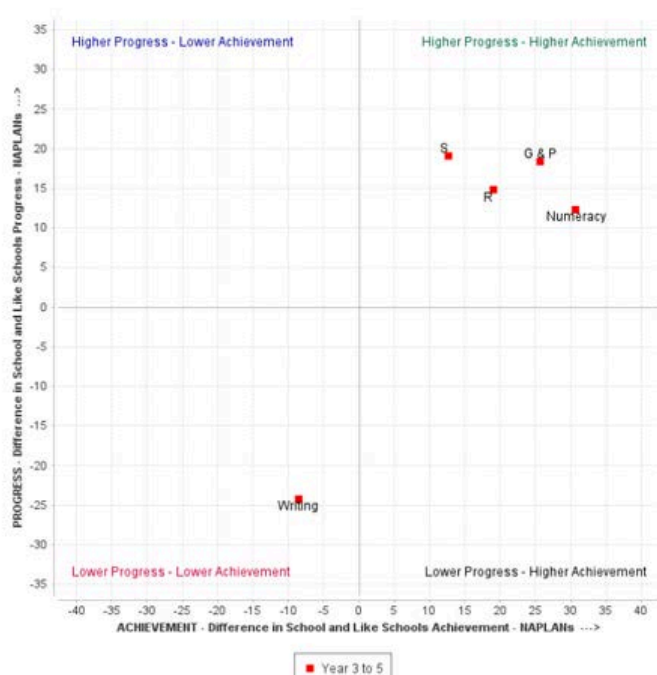
Year 3 Mean	Reading	Writing	Numeracy	Spelling	P+G
KPS	389	428	393	401	395
Like Schools	375	389	383	381	375
WA Public Schools	385	395	390	390	391
National Mean	402	412	403	405	408

- Close to like schools in 4/5 domains for Year 5
- Above like schools in Numeracy for Year 5

Year 5	Reading	Writing	Numeracy	Spelling	P+G
KPS	468	439	479	473	473
Like Schools	469	463	469	476	474
WA Public Schools	474	468	484	483	486

Student Progress and Achievement Compared with Like Schools

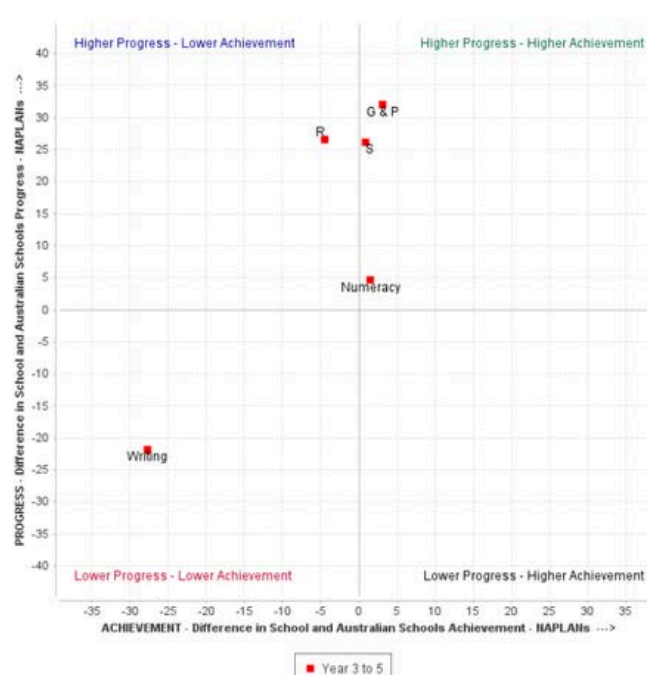
NAPLAN Year 3 2024 to Year 5 2026



Rated as 'high progress AND high achievement' when compared with like schools for 4 of 5 domains

Student Progress and Achievement Compared with Australian Schools

NAPLAN Year 3 2024 to Year 5 2026



Rated as 'high progress AND high achievement' when compared with ALL Australian Schools (public + private) for 3 of 5 domains

NAPLAN- Key Points

Stable cohort has made more progress than ALL Australian schools (public + private) in 4 of 5 domains

What's on....

21st August

Bullying
No Way!

24th August

Variety Bash
Breakfast

26th August

Book Week
Parade

28th August

Room 1 & 2
Assembly

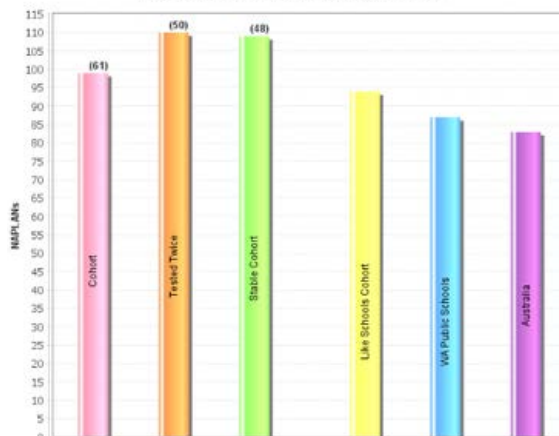
4th September

ECE Father's
Day Celebrations

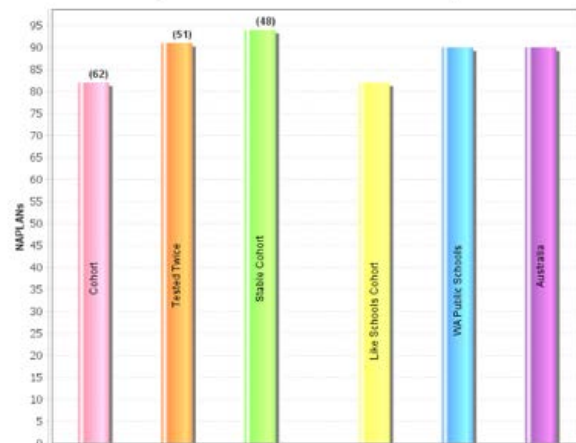
Sports Colours
Day



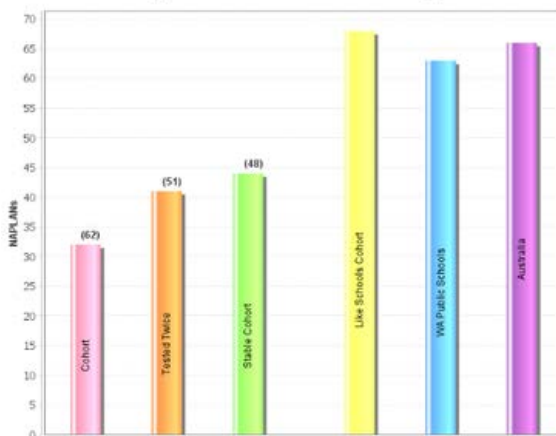
Progress from Year 3 2024 to Year 5 2026 - Reading



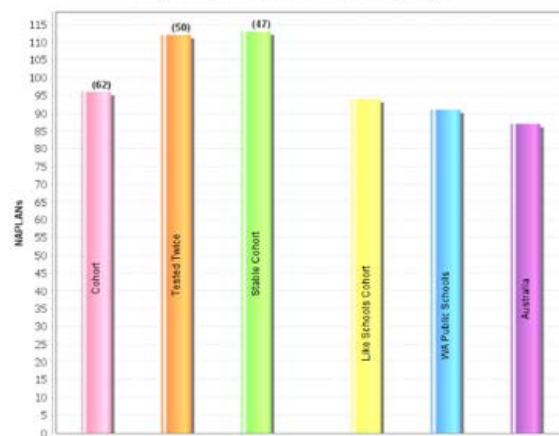
Progress from Year 3 2024 to Year 5 2026 - Numeracy



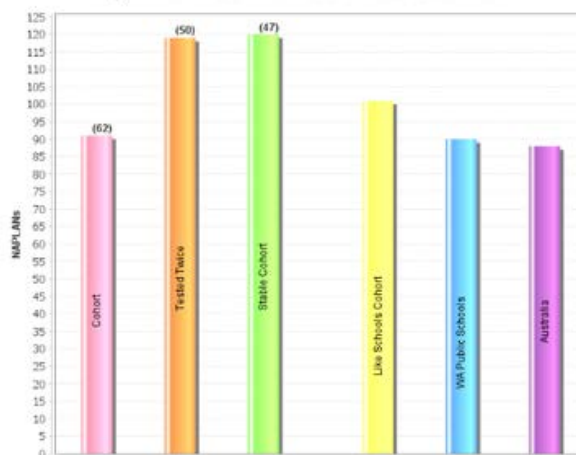
Progress from Year 3 2024 to Year 5 2026 - Writing



Progress from Year 3 2024 to Year 5 2026 - Spelling



Progress from Year 3 2024 to Year 5 2026 - Grammar & Punctuation



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100 Ways for 100 Days

The day began with our 100 Days of School celebrations, with students proudly parading their creative 100 day outfits before taking part in a range of fun, hands-on maths activities and challenges centred around the number 100.

Each year group was also challenged to collect 100 items to donate to our local community, and thanks to the incredible generosity of our families, we well and truly surpassed our goal!

Throughout the day, students from Pre-primary to Year 6 also put their number knowledge to the test in our annual Mental Maths Competition. After qualifying through classroom heats, our top mathematicians competed in a fast-paced battle of speed, accuracy and quick thinking. The day culminated in an exciting grand finale, where our champion Year 6 team took on the winning staff team, claiming the bragging rights!

It was wonderful to see students challenging themselves, working together and celebrating mathematics, learning and the milestone of 100 days at school. What a fantastic day of learning, celebration and school spirit!



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Certificates

T1 - Ms Creedican	Stormie Biya	Declan
T2 - Mrs Avila	Miles	Olena Gabie
T3 - Miss Money	Alaya	Yashvika Jonah
Room 1 - Miss Naiker	Riley	Theo
Room 2 - Mr Seale	Saige	Mustafa
Room 3- Mrs Gray	Gracie	Jack
Room 4 - Miss Beard	Kruize	Paityn
Room 5 - Mrs James	Jordan	Angus
Room 6 - Mrs Holdaway	Mia	William
Room 7- Miss Johnson	Chase	Indiana
Room 8 - Mrs Ausburn	Ace	Percy
Room 9- Miss Bennett	Charlie	Eddie
Room 10 - Miss Long	Cyzelle	Thoshini
Room 11 - Miss Westrup	Harlow	Oceania
Room 12 - Ms Nel	Olivia	Penny
Room 13 - Miss Mandiri	Evie	Jacob
Room 15 - Mr Haring-Harris	Lewis	Peyton
Room 16 - Miss Dunlop	Axle	Emily
Digital Technologies- Miss Gooneratne	Taiga	Hazel

Congratulations week 4 certificate recipients!



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Clubs

New Clubs began last week, with Student Councillors running various lunchtime activities in different areas of the school.

These clubs give students an opportunity to join in, have fun and spend time with others in a positive and welcoming environment.

Clubs run from 1:30 pm to 1:50 pm on the following days:

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Art in the Art Room	Chess in the quiet grassed area	Lego League in the Science Room	Chess in the quiet grassed area

Kindy Ready

The Kindy Ready program at KPS provides our youngest learners and their families with a welcoming introduction to school life. Through play-based experiences, children are encouraged to explore, create and connect with their peers, families and educators while developing early literacy, numeracy and social skills.

Each session includes a welcoming mat time with songs, stories, nursery rhymes and movement, followed by creative activities and play-based learning. Children then visit the Early Childhood playground, enjoy a healthy snack, play with their peers and finish with a goodbye song.

By becoming familiar with school routines, learning spaces and educators, children can build confidence, independence and a sense of belonging before beginning Kindy. The program also gives families an opportunity to connect with the school community and support their child's transition to school.



KPS Superstars

On the 8th & 9th of August Storm and Florence from T3 competed in the Aussie Gold Cheer & Dance State Championships in Perth.

The girls secured division state champions for BOTH Pom and Cheerleading.

The girls were very excited to come home with 2 medals each, a special winners jersey and life long memories.

Well done, superstars!

If you know a KPS Superstar achieving amazing things outside of school please send all the details to elarna.papandrea@education.wa.edu.au

Reminder: Kiss & Drive Zones

A friendly reminder to all families that the Cassidy Street and Forrest Street Kiss & Drive areas are designated for quick drop-off and pick-up only.

To help keep traffic moving safely and efficiently during our busiest times, please do not park your vehicle or leave it unattended while coming into the school to collect students.

If you need to enter the school grounds, please use the designated parking bays located along Dugan Street or in the marked bays on Forrest Street rather than the Kiss & Drive zones.

Keeping these areas clear helps reduce congestion, improves safety for all students and families, and ensures traffic continues to flow smoothly during drop-off and pick-up times.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe and efficient environment for everyone.





VARIETY BASH BREAKFAST

The 2026 Variety WA Bash is a charity motoring event where a convoy of 25+ year-old decked-out cars, hit the road through outback tracks and rugged bush to raise money for kids doing it tough.

The official trek is scheduled to take place from 11th - 19th September, from Kalgoorlie to Fremantle but prior to its commencement, the Variety cars will visit KPS for a before school event.

Come along, enjoy a coffee from the Queen Bee Van and admire the fantastic lineup of entrants.



BASH



Monday 24th August, 2026



7am-8:15am



Kalgoorlie Primary School Oval



BOOK WEEK

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Book week is nearly here, and we are looking forward to celebrating the joy of reading and storytelling with our students.

As always, we encourage students to dress up as their favourite book character for our annual dress-up parade.



Wednesday 26th August, 2026



8:45am -Parade



KPS Basketball Courts



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Supporting Your Child



Shaping the future

Free online workshops for parents Term 3, 2026

Who is running the workshops?

School Psychologist Consultants from the Department of Education WA.

What are the workshops about?

We are offering free, live online workshops to help parents and carers support their children. Most workshops are part of the **Triple P – Positive Parenting Program**, which gives simple ideas to help children learn skills, behave well, and feel confident. Some workshops may focus on other topics to support families.

Who can join?

All parents and carers are welcome. The workshops are free and online.

How do I join a workshop?

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register. You will receive a confirmation email with a Webex link and reminder before the session.

Note: Webinars are live and not recorded. For the best experience, we recommend downloading the [Webex app](#) before the session.



Want to learn more?

You can register for a range of free face-to-face, live online, or self-paced parenting programs via the [Department of Education WA](https://www.education.wa.edu.au/triple-p) website: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/triple-p>.

Child and Parent Centres also support families across WA with early learning programs, health services, and family support. Visit the [Child and Parent Centres WA](#) website to find a centre near you: <https://childandparentcentres.wa.edu.au>.

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FREE PARENT SEMINAR

-TEENS READY TO THRIVE-

Empowering Today's Teenagers



FIND OUT ANSWERS FOR:

- 1 How do I support my teen to be responsible?
- 2 How do I support my teen to be competent?
- 3 How do I support my teen to connect with others?



WHEN & WHERE

Monday, 14th Sep 2026 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Monday, 21st Sep 2026 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Monday, 19th Oct 2026 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Goldfields Education Regional Office
Or online via Teams



HOW TO REGISTER

Scan the QR Code
or email
alisha.davis@education.wa.edu.au

*No child-minding will be available, and it is recommended that children not be brought to seminars.



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Free parenting support

Goldfields Women's Health Care Centre is partnering with Kiind to provide free support for parents, carers and kin raising children with disability, autism, and developmental delay.

We help families support their child by:

- Understanding and using the NDIS
- Getting a diagnosis and early support
- Accessing supports at school
- Finding financial and carer support
- And more

Get in touch with us

15 Dugan Street, Kalgoorlie WA 6430
Monday to Thursday, 8:30am - 3:30pm
Phone: (08) 9021 8266
Email: cso@gwhcc.org.au



FREE TERM 3 PARENT WORKSHOPS

We are offering **free, live online workshops** to help parents and carers support their children.



Healthy habits in a digital world



Practical strategies to help children and teenagers develop healthy screen habits, balance online and offline activities, and use technology safely and responsibly. **2 workshops**



Building confident, resilient kids

Learn evidence-based parenting strategies that build emotional resilience, confidence and coping skills, while supporting children through worries, anxiety and challenges such as bullying. **3 workshops**



Supporting school success

Gain practical tips to help children confidently transition into school, develop independence, build friendships and establish the skills they need to succeed in their first years of learning. **2 workshops**

Evidence-based, practical sessions designed to give parents and carers simple strategies they can use every day to support their child's wellbeing, learning and development.

Delivered by School Psychologist Consultants from the Department of Education

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YEAR 6 CAMP QUIZ NIGHT

Families of the Year 6 students are holding a Quiz Night event to raise money for camp. Whether you're a trivia champ or just in it for the fun, this night is for you. Bring your friends and test your knowledge and enjoy a relaxed friendly vibe.

Tickets available at eventbrite.com.au

Get ready for a funfilled night with lots of laughs, brain teasers and great company!



Saturday 12th September, 2026



6:30-9:30pm



The Overland Motel



WAM MUSEUM OF THE GOLDFIELDS

Science After Dark

Be inspired with a family friendly evening of discovery, creativity and hands-on fun as we celebrate National Science Week.

FREE ENTRY | MUSEUM OF THE GOLDFIELDS
THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2026 | 5PM - 7.30PM

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SPACES ARE LIMITED | REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

FREE GOLF FOR KIDS!

All equipment provided! Just show up and have fun!

KALGOORLIE GOLF COURSE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

	AGES 6-10	3.30pm - 4.20pm
	AGES 11+	4.30pm - 5.30pm

SCAN TO REGISTER

Community Notices

Playing sport helps kids stay happy, healthy and connected. KidSport helps eligible families access community sport.



Apply online www.cits.wa.gov.au/kidsport



KIDSPORT



The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get the things you need for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary school student

Claims close
25 September 2026

Claim on the
ServiceWA app



SACRAMENTAL CLASSES FOR CATHOLIC STUDENTS

The MC Sisters' (Sisters of Mother Teresa) Sacramental Classes for Reconciliation will commence on Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 3.45pm -4.45pm in St Mary's Parish Hall, Brookman St, Kalgoorlie for those children attending State Government primary schools currently in years 3. The classes are run by the Sisters and are at no charge.

If you require any further information, please phone our office, or you can just turn up with your child/children on Wednesday 2nd September for enrolment.



Fr. Thai Vu
Parish Priest



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 facebook.com/Kalgoorlie-Primary-School

Uniforms

<https://kalgoorlieps.wa.edu.au/shop/>

All orders are placed online and will be sent to your child's classroom, 24 hours after ordering.



instagram.com/kps_kalgoorlie

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Term Planner

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