

Kandos Public School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3
12th February, 2026



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Kandos Public School Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we continue a positive and engaging start to the year. We are excited to share some important updates about school routines, wellbeing initiatives, and upcoming events. We look forward to working closely with you this year to improve students' Writing and Number Patterns and Algebraic Thinking in all classes K-6. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to promote a welcoming, and engaging learning environment for all students.

Welcome Lucy Waddell and Drew Clarke

We warmly welcome Miss Lucy Waddell, our temporary classroom teacher, who is relieving for Mrs Hannah Cole while she is on leave. We also welcome Mrs Drew Clarke, our new school counsellor. We are excited to have them both as part of our caring school community.

Parent Meet and Greet – Today, Thursday 12 February

Today from 3:30pm to 4:30pm we will be holding our 'Parent-Teacher Meet and Greet' session. We warmly invite all parents and carers to come into the school to meet your child's teacher, visit classrooms, and enjoy some delicious afternoon tea. Children are very welcome to attend with you.

This is a special opportunity to connect with teachers, ask questions, and become familiar with the learning spaces. We look forward to seeing you at school this afternoon!

School Assemblies

Term 1 assemblies will be held on Fridays at 12:45 pm on the following dates:
13 February (this week - Week 3), 6 March (Week 6) and 20 March (Week 8).

Assemblies provide an opportunity for the whole school community to come together and celebrate student achievements and share important information.

Upcoming Events

- **P&C Meeting:** In the library on Friday 13 February, 7:30am – 8:30am
- **PBL Assemblies:** Every Monday under the COLA, 3:00pm – 3:15pm
- **Questacon Incursion – Fabulous Scientific Learning:** Wednesday 18 February, 12:30pm – 1:30pm
- **NRL Visit:** Thursday 19 February, 12:45 pm – 1:30pm
- **Swimming Carnival:** Friday 20 February (Week 4)
- **School Photos:** Tuesday 10 March
- **NAPLAN Assessment:** Begins Wednesday 11 March 2026

Swimming Carnival – Friday 20 February (Week 4)

Our annual Swimming Carnival will be on Friday 20 February. This event is a highlight of the school calendar and promises a great day of fun, competition, and community spirit for all students. Further details will follow soon.

Introducing Berry Street Positive Circles

This term, we have introduced the Berry Street Positive Circles program to our morning routine in all classes K-6. This research-based initiative is grounded in trauma-informed learning and the science of wellbeing.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 12th February -
Parent/Teacher "Meet & Greet"
3:30-4:30pm

Friday 13th February - assembly -
Multi-purpose hall 12:45pm

Monday 16th February- PBL
assembly under the COLA 3:00-
3:15pm

Wednesday 18th February -
Questacon Incursion 12:30pm -
1:30pm

Thursday 19th February - NRL visit
12:45pm - 1:30pm

Friday 20th February - School
Swimming Carnival - Kandos Pool
Years 2-6

Monday 23rd February - PBL
assembly under the COLA 3:00-
3:15pm

What are Berry Street Positive Circles?

- A calm, consistent time at the start of the day for students to prepare for learning and enjoy their Crunch and Sip (fruit or vegetables)
- Uses strategies that enhance student engagement and support self-regulation
- Focuses on relationship-building and restorative practices to strengthen connections between students and teachers

Why Positive Circles?

- Creates a predictable routine that builds safety and readiness to learn
- Builds trust and connection within a supportive and safe environment
- Integrates academic, social, and emotional learning
- Helps students feel a sense of belonging and motivates them through enjoyable activities

Crunch and Sip

To support this short 5-minute routine, please send your child's fruit or vegetables in a separate container to their lunch box. This allows students to easily bring their healthy snack into the classroom for Positive Circles time. Thank you for your help!

All Students Are Now Wearing School Hats

We are very proud that all students are now consistently wearing their school hats before school, at Break 1 and Break 2, and when they are outside.

These hats were provided by the school and remain onsite. Every student wears their own assigned school hat in line with our sun safety policy.

Please remind your child to wear their school hat to and from school daily. Students who do not have their hats during break times will be asked to play under the COLA or in shaded areas to protect them from the sun. Thank you for supporting this important safety measure and for helping us uphold our uniform pride.

Newsletters and Communication

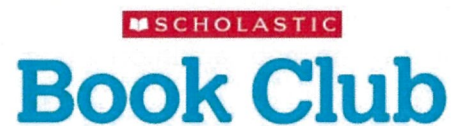
Newsletters will continue to be distributed on Thursdays during odd weeks to the youngest member of the family. Please keep an eye out for updates and reminders.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and commitment to making Kandos Public School a wonderful place for learning and growing.

Gillian Keough

Mrs Gillian Keough

Principal



Scholastic Book Club Issue 1- Due Thursday 19th February

Book Club Issue 1 has been sent home with students. Extra copies are available at the office. All orders are due back to school by Thursday 19th February.

Week 3 Assembly- Multi-purpose hall

Our first assembly for 2026 will be held tomorrow Friday 13th February in the Multi-Purpose Hall at 12:45pm.

Parents/Carers and community members are welcome to attend.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Over the next two weeks, we are reminding students of our SunSmart Six – the simple steps that keep everyone safe, healthy, and ready for learning during outdoor activities. To reinforce and enhance students' understanding of the 'Sun Smart Six' expectations when outdoors.

Slip on a shirt, **slop** on sunscreen, **slap** on a hat, **seek** the shade when possible, **slide** on your sunglasses and **slurp** water to stay sun smart when outdoors.

These six habits help protect students from the sun, encourage responsibility for personal belongings, and promote healthy routines throughout the school day. Teachers will be reinforcing the SunSmart Six during fitness groups and outdoor sessions, and we encourage families to support these habits by ensuring students come to school with a labelled hat and a filled water bottle each day.

SAFE	We: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• put on sunscreen before school• put on our hats on while outside• stay in the shade if we don't have a hat
RESPECTFUL	We: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• look after our hats, sunscreen and water bottles so they last• remind others kindly of SunSmart choices
ON TASK	We: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• follow the SunSmart Six before outdoor play or sport• bring our hat and water bottle every day



School Swimming Carnival- Friday 20th February

Our annual School Swimming Carnival will be held next Friday, 20th February. This carnival is for students in Years 2–6. Please ensure your child has returned their permission note to the office prior to this event.

We look forward to seeing students participate in our competitive swimming events throughout the day, including 50m races. There will also be a range of other events, including 33m races.

All students will have the opportunity to enter the pool during the 15m races, which will run at various times throughout the day.

Please ensure your child brings appropriate sun protection, including sunscreen, a hat, and plenty of water. A school canteen will be operating on the day.

Please note, the Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on a separate date and will now run as a full-day event during school hours (not in the afternoon as in previous years). Further information will be sent out closer to the date.

We look forward to a fantastic day of participation and sportsmanship.

Mr Best

Questacon Incursion - Wednesday 18th February

On Wednesday 18 February, primary students will enjoy an exciting Questacon Incursion at school. This engaging show aims to stimulate and challenge young minds to explore science and technology for themselves. Through interactive presentations and hands-on demonstrations, students will discover the science behind everyday life in fun and meaningful ways. We are pleased to let families know that there is no cost for this incursion.

NRL Visit - Thursday 19th February

Next Thursday at 1:25pm, our school will be welcoming representatives from the NRL (not players) as part of the League Stars Healthy Habits Inspire Program. This program promotes positive choices around health, wellbeing and active lifestyles for our students.

We are also excited to share that the Penrith Panthers NRL Premiership Trophy will be visiting our school on the day! Students will have the opportunity to see this special trophy up close as part of the session.

We thank the NRL for their ongoing support and for providing this exciting opportunity for our students.

Rylstone - Kandos Show

Students will soon be presented with their Rylstone Show tickets, along with a showbag and ride voucher to enjoy at this year's show. These will be sent home with students along with the next newsletter. Parents are also welcome to collect the tickets and vouchers from the front office if they prefer.

Our sincere thanks to Ben and James from the Show Committee for visiting our school to present these to our students. We also gratefully acknowledge the generous sponsors who made this possible.

Library Report

The library is looking fresh and being enjoyed by many students during Break 1 and Break 2. Students can come down and read, draw or play games. It is so wonderful to see so many students enjoying the space. Borrowing has started so I want to remind parents and students of their library day so they can exchange their books.

Library Days

Tuesday: MC1, 3/4B, 6T, MC2, 1/2C

Thursday: KB, 5V

Happy Reading!

Mrs Connellan

Welcome Kindergarten

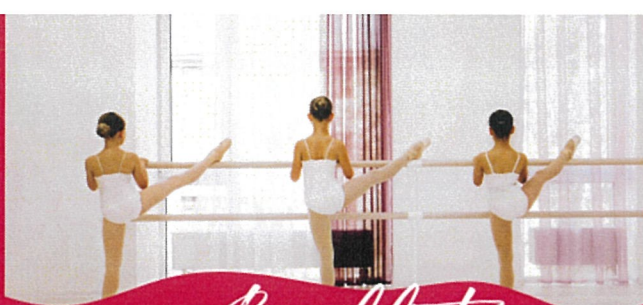


Captains Report

Term 1 is already off to a great start with the swimming carnival next week, remember to wear your hats and apply sunscreen on the day as it will be hot. Thank you, James and Ben, for coming to our school and giving us the wonderful news that the Rylstone Show community will be providing us with free entry among other things. Remember one of our PBL focuses for this week is 'Pack it, Bag it, Zip it'. We look forward to the rest of the term!

Ashley, Dom & Leon





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MUDGEE BASKETBALL

2026 LOCAL JUNIOR COMPETITION



Registrations now open

For girls and boys in the following age groups

- U12s - turning 10 or 11**
- U14s - turning 12 & 13**
- U16s turning 14 & 15**
- U18s - turning 16 & 17 in 2026**

Info days to be held at Mudgee PCYC from 3:30 to 5:30pm on Monday 2/2/26, Monday 9/2/26, Wednesday 11/2/26.

REGO CLOSE FRIDAY 6/3/26

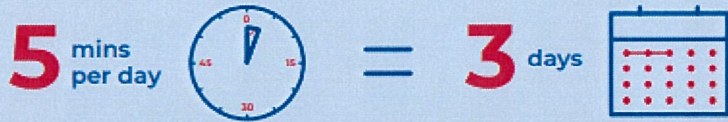
PRE - SEASON TO START MONDAY 23/3/26 & WEDNESDAY 25/3/26

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.



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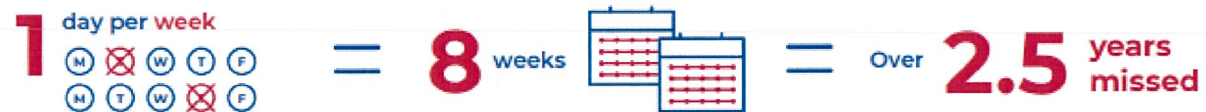
Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life



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Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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