



Kandos Public School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 11
2nd July, 2026



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear students, staff, families and local community members,
We are excited to share important updates and celebrate the ongoing improvement and achievements made within our vibrant and caring school community.

School Improvement in Writing and Number Patterns and Algebraic Thinking

Our dedicated teaching staff continue to enhance student outcomes in Writing (or Creating Texts: CrT) and Number Patterns and Algebraic Thinking (NPA). By explicitly teaching sentence structure, vocabulary, punctuation, spelling and text types, students are gaining confidence and growth in Writing. Over the past week, all students K-6 have completed their end of term writing assessments (called 'Hot Writes') and the progress in writing across all classes is very exciting! Simultaneously, explicit lessons on Number Patterns and Algebraic Thinking are developing numeracy skills across all grades. Please see the whole school growth from Kindergarten to Year 6 illustrated in the PLAN2 data graphs below. The graph on the left shows school improvement in Writing (Creating Texts: CrT) and the graph on the right shows school improvement in Number Patterns and Algebraic Thinking (NPA). We are very proud of our students!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 3rd July - Mufti day & Cake Stall - Gold Coin Donation, Cake stall \$1:00-\$5:00

Friday 3rd July - Last Day of Term 2

Tuesday 21st July - First Day Term 3

Friday 24th July - Stage 2 Excursion to Old Dubbo Gaol & Wellington Caves

Monday 27th July - KPS Playgroup - Library 9:30am - 10:30am

Friday 31st July - Assembly - Multi-purpose hall 12:45pm

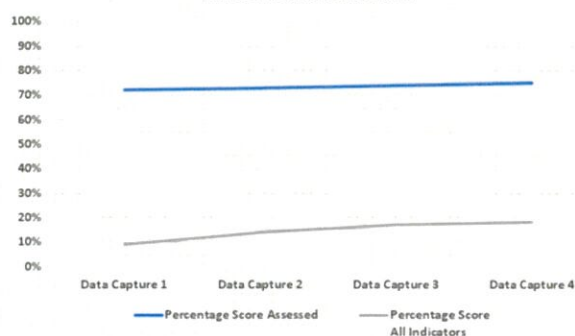
Monday 3rd August - KPS Playgroup - Library 9:30am-10:30am

Tuesday 4th August - Incursion - Circus Challenge - Up And Active

School Name *Kandos PS*
Focus Area *Creating Texts (CrT)*
Total Number of Indicators 245

	Total Score	Number of Indicators Assessed across students	Percentage Score Assessed	Percentage Score All Indicators
Data Capture 1	7925	2618	72%	9%
Data Capture 2	13685	4679	73%	14%
Data Capture 3	16042	5400	74%	17%
Data Capture 4	17097	5663	75%	18%

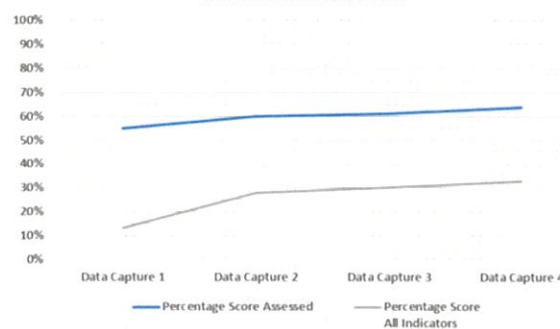
Whole School Student Growth



School Name *Kandos PS*
Focus Area *NPA*
Total Number of Indicators 35

	Total Score	Number of Indicators Assessed across students	Percentage Score Assessed	Percentage Score All Indicators
Data Capture 1	1701	779	55%	13%
Data Capture 2	3805	1588	60%	28%
Data Capture 3	4114	1681	61%	30%
Data Capture 4	4332	1700	64%	33%

Whole School Student Growth



Castle Vidler and Ebran Mullaly are Getting Married!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that, Castle Vidler, our Year 5 classroom teacher, and Ebran Mullaly, a School Learning and Support Officer (SLSO) who implements the Centre for Effective Reading Program, are getting married! Their wedding will be held this Saturday 4 July, on the beautiful north coast, surrounded by family and friends. We wish Castle and Ebran all the very best and every happiness together. Congratulations!



Farewell and Best Wishes to Kathryn Walton and Greg Jamieson

Kath will be leaving Kandos Public School at the end of this term to move to Maitland.

As a School Learning and Support Officer (SLSO), Kath has demonstrated exceptional care, passion and dedication in our mainstream and support classrooms.

Her coordination of the KPS Playgroup and unwavering support for all staff and students have made a significant difference to our school. She has also been very generous in preparing many delicious meals for our school and local communities.



Greg, a valued member of the Kandos Public School community since 2011, will be retiring at the end of this year. After 15 years of dedicated service as our General Assistant (GA), he will be moving on to enjoy a well-earned retirement. We sincerely thank Greg for everything he has done for the school. His commitment to maintaining the school has been appreciated by all.

We will miss their presence and incredible contributions. We wish them both all the very best in this next chapter of their lives.

Semester 1 Student Reports

The Semester 1 Student Reports were sent home on Tuesday to parents and carers. We thank our dedicated teachers for their hard work in preparing these well-written reports. If any parents would like to meet with their child's teacher to discuss the report or any concerns, please contact the school office on (02) 6379 4201 to arrange a meeting.

Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs) & Gather and Yarn Sessions

We were delighted by the success of the recent 'Gather and Yarn' session held last Monday in the library for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. Thank you to parents and carers who joined us to connect and discuss the students' learning journeys. Thank you to Miss Mac and Miss Renee for leading the PLP process at our school. A special highlight included our students proudly presenting the new School Acknowledgement of Country that will now be featured at the start of assemblies and events.



Playground Beautification Project – Beautiful Artworks Coming to KPS!

We are excited to announce the launch of our Playground Beautification Project featuring murals by local artists Jess Leffley and Mirandah Funnell and playground art organised by the P&C. Jess is currently working on murals of three birds that will be placed on the the infants' block external brick wall, showcasing native birds significant to our town and local Aboriginal community. Jess has completed two murals depicting a Wedge-tailed Eagle and a Black Cockatoo. Last week students and staff voted to select the third bird mural and it will be a **Kookaburra!**

In Term 3, Weeks 1 and 2, we will run a drawing competition to select 30 students who will create artworks with Jess in workshops that she will lead in Week 4. Winners will be announced in Week 3 at the Education Week Assembly. Interested students will draw either a Wedge-tailed Eagle or a Black Cockatoo. This is a fantastic opportunity to create and learn from a professional artist.

Hosting Bathurst Primary Principals' Conference

Last week, Kandos Public School proudly hosted the Term 2 Bathurst Primary Principals' Conference (PPC), bringing together 12 Principals from the Lithgow, Mudgee and Bathurst Networks. These termly gatherings promote collaboration, leadership development and the sharing of innovative ideas which strengths education across our region.

STEM Lessons for Year 5 Students

Our Year 5 students recently participated in engaging STEM lessons using the school's 3D printer to create personalised name tags. Sessions were facilitated by Miss Vidler and Emma Francis from the Central West Academy of STEM Excellence. The STEM program will continue next term for five weeks (on Thursday in Weeks 5–10), offering further hands-on learning opportunities.

Wollemi COP Inter-School Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to all students who presented their speeches at the Wollemi COP Inter-school Public Speaking Competition last week. Our finalists demonstrated excellent preparation and confidence. Special congratulations to Early Stage 1 winner Maisie McDonald!

The finalists to presented were:

- Early Stage 1: Adalynn Lilley, Maisie McDonald
- Stage 1: Lewis McDonald, Hunter Meechan
- Stage 2: Asher Jackson
- Stage 3: Sophie Ashford, Riley McDonald

Well done to our wonderful public speakers!



PSSA Soccer Team Achievements

Our soccer teams competed strongly at the recent PSSA Soccer Competition in Mudgee. On Wednesday, matches against Mudgee Public School saw our girls narrowly miss out 6-0, and our boys drew 2-2 before a penalty shootout. We are proud of all the boys and girls for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship!

A special congratulations to Wyatt, who represented our zone at the Western Soccer tryouts. This was a fantastic achievement!



Road Safety Day

Last Friday, students participated in fun and educational road safety activities including an obstacle course, bike and scooter safety checks, and games. Thank you, Ms Comer, for organising this important event. Let's continue to work together by always wearing helmets and riding safely in our community.



Principal's Afternoon Tea

On Tuesday we celebrated students who have recently received a Principal's Award. We thank them for their positive behaviour and hard work and hope they enjoyed celebrating over a lovely afternoon tea in the library. Thank you to Mrs Connellan, Miss Tamara, and Miss Ash for organising the delicious food. Congratulations to all Principal Award recipients!

Kandos Public School (KPS) Playgroup

The KPS Playgroup runs every Monday morning in our library from 9:30 to 10:30am during term time. Everyone is welcome! The students enjoy playing with toys and socialising with friends. Thank you to Kath Walton and Elizabeth McKenzie for managing the playgroup this term. Next term, we will have a new coordinator, Bec Mackander, who will be taking over from Kath. Thank you to Amanda and David Roach and the Rylstone Kandos Rotary Club for providing toys and resources.



We look forward to seeing everyone again next term on Monday, 27 July (Term 3, Week 2) for more fun and learning at KPS Playgroup!

Wollemi Community of Practice Newsletter – Edition 2

The latest edition of the Wollemi COP Newsletter is now available on our Facebook page and in the foyer at the front office. This issue highlights Physical Domain talents such as sport, dance and gardening across our local network of schools.

P&C Hot Dog Meal Deal Fundraiser

A big thank you to our P&C for organising the Hot Dog Meal Deal last week and for their continuing fundraising efforts this term to improve our school facilities and learning opportunities.

NAIDOC Day Fundraiser – Mufti Day and Cake Stall Tomorrow

Tomorrow (3 July), the Junior AECG will host a Mufti Day and cake stall fundraiser for NAIDOC Day. This will be a wonderful way to celebrate culture and community. Please bring a gold coin donation for Mufti Day. Cakes will be priced between \$1:00 and \$5:00.

End of Term 2 and Holidays

Tomorrow (3 July) is the last day of a very successful term. We wish all students, families, and staff a safe and relaxing holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 21 July (Term 3 Week 1)!

Thank you parents, carers, and families for your ongoing support and commitment to Kandos Public School. Together, we build a proud, inclusive and vibrant school dedicated to learning and wellbeing.

Gillian Keough

Mrs Gillian Keough
Principal

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Our PBL Focus: Door to Floor Routine

During week 1 and 2, we are spotlighting the 'Door to Floor Routine.' This routine is all about students moving quickly and purposefully from the classroom door to their learning space, getting organised, and settling straight into their activities or instruction. By being 'Quick and Snappy' and ready to learn, students make every learning minute count.

We are also encouraging these routines in other areas such as moving to assemblies, gathering under the COLA, and transitioning around the school. Practising these behaviours everywhere helps build a respectful and focused learning community.

SAFE	We: • Transition calmly and carefully into the classroom and all areas of learning and gathering.
RESPECTFUL	We: • move silently and show consideration for others
ON TASK	We: • Get organised and settled quickly (Quick and Snappy)

You can help by:

- Making sure your child arrives on time each morning.
- Encouraging them to pack and organise their belongings the night before.
- Discussing why starting learning promptly, whether in class, at assemblies or elsewhere, helps everyone be successful.

Together, we can build strong routines that set our students up for success every day!

Class	Student Achievement	PBL Encouragement
KB	Rylee Wilson	Evelyn Nielsen
1/2C	Quinnton Rogers	Skye Stimson
3/4B	Kiara Chandler	Ryder Meechan
5V	Lucas	Ariana Howard
6T	Amity Lilley	Eli-Broly Evans
MC		Klayton Stimson



Bronze Badges

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Bronze Badge for receiving 10 Keycards:

- Adalynn Lilley
- Azalea Lilley
- Lewis McDonald
- Asher Jackson



Principal's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received Principal's Award:

- Eli Norris
- Nathaniel
- Ryder Boyd
- Tohbyn Banner
- Zoey Rogers
- Saphira Boyd
- Kaidence Boyton
- Colton Thompson
- Huxley Thompson
- Noah Ellston
- William Sant
- Noah Oakley
- Kyren Lawton



Stage 2 Excursion

A reminder to all Stage 2 families that payment for the upcoming excursion is due. If you have not yet made your payment, please do so as soon as possible to ensure your child's place on the excursion.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school as soon as possible to discuss payment options on 02 6379 4201.





Kandos Public School

OPEN DAY

Friday, 7th August

12.30PM

ASSEMBLY - COLA

OPEN CLASSROOMS

P&C \$4.00 SAUSAGE SIZZLE &
\$2.00 CAKE STALL



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Public Education Week 2026

3-7 August

Inspiring Excellence





I N S P I R I N G E X C E L L E N C E

JOIN US

TERM 3

**BE PART OF OUR
END OF YEAR
Performance!**

IN MUDGEES

A fun, supportive and welcoming dance studio for kids, teens & adults of all experience levels. It's more than dance – it's where confidence grows and memories are made.

 KIDS, TEENS & ADULTS

 PROFESSIONAL TUITION

 SUPPORTIVE & FUN ENVIRONMENT

 END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE IN MUDGEES

SPACES AVAILABLE – ENROL NOW!

Start Term 3 and shine on stage at our end of year performance.



CLASSES IN:

- ☒ BALLET
- ☒ JAZZ
- ☒ CONTEMPORARY
- ☒ TAP & MORE!

**CONFIDENCE
FRIENDSHIPS
FUN!**

TERM 3 DATES 2026
20 JULY – 26 SEPTEMBER

No classes on public holidays:
Good Friday, Anzac Day, King's Birthday
or Labour Day.



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ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW – LET'S MAKE TERM 3 AMAZING!

JULY / AUGUST 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
20 Staff Development Day. NO PLAYGROUP this Monday. P&C Meeting, 3.45pm	21 Students return to school Artist, Jess Lefley Drawing Comp sheet to K-6 students	22	23	24 Years 3 & 4 (Stage 2) Excursion to Old Dubbo Goal & Wellington Caves 	25	26
27 KPS Playgroup in the library, 9.30am - 10.30am 	28 Dental Visits between 27th July - 14th August	29	30	31 Assembly, 12.45pm, M.P.Hall	Aug 1	2
3 KPS Playgroup in the library, EDUCATION WEEK 	4 Performance - Circus Challenge - Up and Active 	5	6 Newsletter	7 EDUCATION WEEK - Open Day 	8	9
10 KPS Playgroup in the library, 9.30am - 10.30am 	11 Australian Census night	12	13	14 Assembly, 12.45pm, M.P.Hall MC Tenpin Bowling, Bathurst 	15	16
17 KPS Playgroup in the library, 9.30am - 10.30am 	18 K.H.S Transition meeting with Year 6	19	20 Newsletter	21	22	23

AUGUST / SEPT 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
24 KPS Playgroup in the library, 9.30 - 10.30am 	25	26	27	28 Assembly, 12.45pm, M.P.Hall Zone Athletics, Mudgee	29	30
31 KPS Playgroup in the library, 9.30 - 10.30am 	Sept 1	2	3 Newsletter Transition Day 1 @ KHS for Year 6	4 P&C Father's Day Stall 	5	6 FATHER'S DAY 
7 KPS Playgroup in the library, 9.30 - 10.30am Tickets go on sale for 'The Kangaroo King.' 	8	9	10	11 NAIDOC Day 11.30am - 2.30pm 	12	13
14 KPS Playgroup in the library, 9.30 - 10.30am 	15	16 Whole School Performance - The Kangaroo King Matinee & Evening 	17 Newsletter CEMENTA 26	18 CEMENTA 26 	19 CEMENTA 26	20 CEMENTA 26 
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NAIDOC 2026

CELEBRATING
50 YEARS OF DEADLY

INVITING STUDENTS, STAFF, PARENTS
AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO OUR
**COMBINED SCHOOLS
NAIDOC EVENT**

**FREE
EVENT!**
EVERYONE
WELCOME



DATE

Friday
11th September
2026



TIME

11:30am – 2:30pm
(Opening Ceremony
at 12pm)



LOCATION

Kandos Public and
Kandos High School,
entry via Jacques
Street Gates



RSVP

RSVP: Friday 7th August 2026
Kandos Public School
Kandos-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
or
Kandos High School
Kandos-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

WHAT YOU WILL SEE AT THE EVENT



**SPECIAL
GUESTS**

Join us as we
welcome special
guests and
Elders from our
local community.

**WIRADJURI
LANGUAGE**

Learn and
celebrate our
beautiful
Wiradjuri
language.

**CULTURAL
DANCE**

Experience
powerful and
colourful
cultural dance
performances.

**CULTURAL
ACTIVITIES &
EXHIBITS**

Interactive
activities and
exhibits for
all ages.

**SHOWCASES
ARTS & CRAFTS**

Student and
community
showcases of
arts, crafts and
creativity.

**SAUSAGE
SIZZLE**

A sausage sizzle
is provided for
lunch.

CELEBRATE, RESPECT & CONNECT
Honouring culture, country and community

Proudly celebrating the history, culture and achievements
of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

JUNIOR AECG

FUNDRAISER

CAKE STALL AND MUFTI DAY



WHERE:

Kandos High School
COLA
near the canteen



WHEN:

Break 1
Friday 3rd July
(last day of term)



COST:

Cake Stall
\$1-\$5



Gold coin donation to wear a
NAIDOC shirt or
mufti clothes!

Thank you for your support!



P&C MEETING

The P&C is a fantastic way to connect with other parents
and carers, stay informed about what's happening at
school, and contribute ideas that help enrich our children's
learning environment. Whether you can volunteer or simply
want to stay involved, everyone is welcome.



**20
July**

At 3:45 pm

**KANDOS PUBLIC SCHOOL
LIBRARY**

We look forward to welcoming
new faces!



PCYC

6 - 20 July 2026
Winter

MON

9am-3pm
Obstacle Course
Disco Dance Party
Basketball
Air Dry Clay

TUE

9am-3pm
Multi-sport Madness
Rocket STEM
Pickleball
Mini Olympics

WED

9am-3pm
Tag Games
Netball
Nerf Wars
Winterfest Crafts

THU

9am-3pm
Kickball
Dodgeball
Futsal
Origami/Beads

FRI

9am-3pm
Disco Dance Party
Boxing/Fitness Fun
Naidoc Painting
Nerf Wars

MON

9am-3pm
Ultimate Frisbee
Basketball
Mini Olympics
Lego Masters/Trivia

TUE

9am-3pm
Kickball
Dodgeball
Nerf Wars
Escape Room/Amazing
Race

WED

9am-3pm
STEM Challenges
Pickleball
Multi-sport Madness
Futsal

THU

9am-3pm
Obstacle Course
Air Dry Clay
Disco Dance Party
3x3 Basketball

FRI

9am-3pm
Tag Games
Dodgeball
Athletics
Friendship Day Beads
Friendship Day

MON

9am-3pm
Amazing Race
Volley/Newcombe ball
Futsal
Back-to-school Crafts
School Colours Day

LEARN, PLAY & GROW

Join our School Holiday Program
at PCYC Mudgee- A fun
introduction to mixed activities in
safe and friendly environments!
Ages 5-12 years

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Drop off from 8am &
pick up until 4pm
\$50/Day

Please bring own
scooter/skateboard and helmet
for Skate Days.
Book 3 Days & Get the 4th Free!

WHAT TO BRING

Water bottle
Lunch
Morning tea
Afternoon tea

Enclosed shoes
Appropriate wear for
daily activities

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Minutes lost = days lost per year

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

When your child misses just...

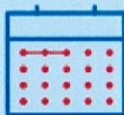
they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



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3 days

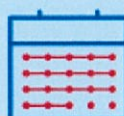


30 mins
per day



=

18 days



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

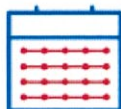
and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



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4 weeks



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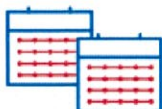
Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



=

8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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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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