



Kandos Public School
Newsletter
Term 4 Week 9
11th December, 2025



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 4 Week 9 and our final newsletter for 2025. Thank you for attending the Kandos Public School Presentation Day this week, as we reflected on the achievements and progress that our school has made this year. We appreciate the efforts of Mrs McKay, Mrs Connellan, Miss Bec, Miss Tamara, and Mrs Baskerville for organising this special and important event.

This year, our school community has worked beautifully together to improve student outcomes, particularly in literacy and numeracy. All classes have made significant progress in Phonic Knowledge and Word Recognition, as well as Number and Place Value. This success is due to our dedicated teachers providing high-quality, differentiated explicit teaching tailored to meet the needs of every student every day. Thank you to families for your ongoing support. It has been a pleasure to work in partnership with you on your child's learning this year. Throughout 2025, our students represented Kandos Public School in many sporting, cultural, and community events, such as swimming carnivals, PSSA sport events, Harmony Day, Education Week, Science Week, Book Week, and our Term 3 whole school performance, 'Are We There Yet?'. We continue to uphold our values of being Safe, Respectful, and On Task, strengthening our daily Positive Behaviour for Learning expectations. We thank local community members and businesses for their generous support.

In 2026 our amazing executive team will remain the same with myself, Mrs McKay, Mr Best, Mrs Meehan, and Mrs Large. We acknowledge the hard work of all teachers, SLSOs, office staff, general assistants, and cleaners. Special thanks to Mrs Hughes, Director Educational Leadership, for her guidance. We also thank our P&C for their ongoing contributions and support.

Next week we will farewell Miss Liz Hooper and Mr Manning Gay. We thank them for their commitment and wish them well.

Congratulations to our Year 5 students who were elected for leadership positions next year.

The 2026 School Captains are Ashley Furness and Dom Hoyer, and the Vice Captains are Yazmane Aylett-Murray and Leon Howard. We now say goodbye to our Year 6 students as they move on to high school. We wish them every success and encourage them to continue working hard and remembering to always try their best.

Thank you all for your support this year. We wish you a merry Christmas and a restful holiday. We look forward to a successful 2026!

Gillian Keough

Mrs Gillian Keough
Principal



Safe Respectful On Task



Merry Christmas

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 12th December - Final Kandos Kindy Connection 9:15am - 11:00am

Friday 12th December - Kandos Kindy connection assembly 10:00am - 10:45am

Friday 12th December - P&C Colour Run

Friday 12th December - P&C meeting 7:30am - 8:30am

Tuesday 16th December - Semester 2 Reports sent home

Tuesday 16th December - SRC Talent Quest

Wednesday 17th December - Year 6 Farewell

Thursday 18th December - PBL Rewards Day

Friday 19th December - Final day of Term 4 Mufti Day.

Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th January - Staff Development Day

Monday 2nd February - Students Return for 2026

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

As the weather warms up, 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 'SunSmart 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



Captain's Report

Next week on Wednesday we celebrate our Year 6 Farewell and we are all very excited! We also have the Colour Run tomorrow, so don't forget a change of clothes and to bring in your note.

This is your 2025 School Captains signing off!!!



Term 4 Rewards Day

The PBL Rewards day will be held on Thursday 18th December starting from 12:00pm, depending on the activity chosen. Students will have the choice of The Park, Squash or Lawn Bowls, Golf, Cooking, Robots/computer games, Oval for Sport- touch football and an excursion to the High School Agricultural Plot and the KPS garden.

Gold students have first preference then silver, then bronze. Students who have been suspended or on a level card this term will not participate and remain at school.

Ms Flett

E-Scooters

A reminder to all students that e-scooters are not permitted as a way of travelling to or from school. Under current regulations, e-scooters are illegal to ride on public roads and footpaths, and using them to get to school is not allowed.

For everyone's safety, please use an alternative mode of transport such as walking, bike or bus when travelling to and from school. Thank you for helping keep our school community safe and responsible!

P&C News

Colour Run: Friday 12th December

Monty's colour run will take place tomorrow afternoon, if you have not brought in your permission note and a full change of clothing you will not be able to participate. Please make sure these notes are completed and returned by tomorrow morning.

Thankyou for your continued support of our P&C and school!

Sarah Ashford
P&C President

Talent Quest

Our annual SRC Talent Quest will take place Tuesday 16th December in the multi-purpose hall. Students have been busy practising their performance and are excited to perform. We warmly invite all parents and carers to come along and watch their children shine on stage. We look forward to celebrating the wonderful talent in our school community.

Mrs Turner



Student Awards

Class	Student Achievement	PBL Encouragement
1-6M	Violet Evans	
3-6C/F		Jett Wilkinson
KB	Anna Evans	Colton Thompson
1/2H	Nate Murray	Cooper Desch
3/4C	Kiara Chandler	Ava-may Connors
4/5B	Bree Potts	Quade Papalii
5/6V	Abby Willis	Yazmane Aylett-Murray



Bronze Badges



Congratulations to the following students who have received a Bronze Badge after collecting 10 Key Cards:

- Violet Evans
- Noah Boyd
- Colby
- Nathaniel
- Digby Kilminster
- Jack McDougall
- Harrison Martin
- Carmela Young
- Anna Evans
- Colton Thompson
- John Brown
- Bailey Stewart

Silver Badges



Congratulations to the following students who has received a Silver Badge after collecting 15 Key Cards:

- Abbie Deveigne
- Skye Stimson
- Ariana Howard
- Caleb Bills
- Charlie Martin
- Jayden Young
- Kiara Chandler
- Olivia Aylett-Murray
- Lucas Hammond
- Kyle Carver
- Isaac Boyd
- Taylor Spry
- Nellie Smith
- Braxton Lommerse
- Dom Hoye
- Eli-Broly Evans
- Henry Norris
- Wyatt Banner

Gold Badges



Congratulations to the following students who has received a Gold Badge after collecting 20 Key Cards:

- Darcy Nielsen
- Hunter Meechan
- Azalea Lilley
- Lewis McDonald
- Arabella Lilley
- Penelope Evans
- Wyatt Rogers
- Riley McDonald
- Phillipa Kilminster
- Ryan Gallaher
- Elexis Potts
- Olivia Ashford
- Lucas Thorn
- Vivienne Griffin
- Yazmane Aylett-Murray

Last Day of Term 4 / First day Term 1, 2026

Friday 19th December will be the final day for Term 4. Students are invited to wear Mufti clothing to celebrate the last day.

Staff return on the 27th January with students returning to school on the 2nd February 2026. Have a safe and happy holiday!



Presentation Day - Major Awards

Swimming Age Champions:

- Junior Boy - Quade Papalii
- Junior Girl - Bree-anna Potts
- 11 Year Boy - Lucas Thorn
- 11 Year Girl - Vivienne Griffin
- Senior Boy - Ryan Gallaher
- Senior Girl - Elexis Potts



Athletics Age Champions:

- Junior Boy - Quade Papalii
- Junior Girl - Bree-anna Potts
- 11 Year Boy - Kyle Carver
- 11 Year Girl - Olivia Ashford
- Senior Boy - Max Thomas
- Senior Girl - Yazmane Aylett-Murray



Cross Country Age Champions:

- 8/9 Year Boy - Charlie Martin
- 8/9 Year Girl - Ava-may Connors
- 10 Year Boy - Quade Papalii
- 10 Year Girl - Taylor Spry
- 11 Year Boy - Lucas Thorn
- 11 Year Girl - Olivia Ashford
- 12 Year Boy - Max Thomas
- 12 Year Girl - Bella Carter-Adams



Winning House Group

Swimming - Coomber

Athletics - Coomber

Cross Country - Dabee

Overall Winning House - Coomber

Infants Sportsmanship Award - Azalea Lilley

Primary Sportsmanship Award - Dom Hoye

The Owen Pascoe Memorial Shield - Lucas Thorn

Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal - Quade Papalii

2026 House Captains

Coomber

- Vivienne Griffin
- Gus Henley

Dabee

- Amity Lilley
- Eli-Broly Evans

Lloyd

- Wyett Banner
- Kyle Carver



Participation Award - Phillipa Kilminster

Infant Citizenship Award - Gracie-Lee Deveigne

Primary Citizenship Award - Samantha McQuiggin

Infant Cultural Award - Lewis McDonald

Primary Cultural Award - Yazmane Aylett-Murray



The Margaret Butler Pursuit of Excellence Award - Abby Willis

Stage 1- Hunter Meechan

Stage 2- Sophie Ashford

Library Award

- **Stage 1** - William Sant
- **Stage 2**- Penelope Evans
- **Stage 3**- Amity Lilley



Jenny Ellis Library Award - Braxton Lommerse

Happy Helper Award - Aroha Winiata



Awesome Attitude Award - Wyatt Rogers

Junior Primary Scholarship - Chevera Banner

Senior Primary Scholarship - Henry Norris

Year 6 - Jaidyn Munday

Gold Level

- Darcy Nielsen
- Azalea Lilley
- Hunter Meechan
- Lewis McDonald
- Arabella Lilley
- Penelope Evans
- Michelle Li
- Sophie Ashford
- Samantha McQuiggin
- Wyatt Rogers
- Riley McDonald
- Olivia Ashford
- Ryan Gallaher
- Lucas Thorn
- Elexis Potts
- Amity Lilley
- Abby Willis
- Phillip Kilminster
- Yazmane Aylett-Murray
- Vivienne Griffin



Infant Attendance Award - Gracie-Lee Deveigne

Primary Attendance Award - Samantha McQuiggin

Diamond Level

- Olivia Ashford
- Ryan Gallaher
- Lucas Thorn
- Elexis Potts
- Sophie Ashford
- Amity Lilley
- Abby Willis
- Phillipa Kilminster



DUX - Abby Willis

2026 School Captains

- Dom Hoye
- Ashley Furness

Vice Captains

- Leon Howard
- Yazmane Aylett-Murray



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 

4 weeks 

Over **1** year missed

1 day per week 

8 weeks 

Over **2.5** years missed

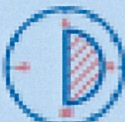
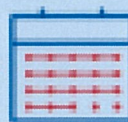
Minutes lost = days lost per year

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  = **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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Why attendance matters

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



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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