



Principal's Pen

Seek the Best

As we approach the end of another busy and rewarding term, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the many learning experiences, achievements and connections that have made this such a successful semester for our school community.

One of the highlights of the term was our in-school visit, where many students had the opportunity to learn alongside their classmates and teachers in Kalgoorlie. These face-to-face experiences strengthened friendships, built confidence and fostered an even greater sense of belonging.

Students also participated in engaging learning experiences, including the Premier's Reading Challenge and National Simultaneous Storytime. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm shown by both students and staff for our whole-school Reading Challenge, and I look forward to seeing this continue into next term.

Throughout the term, students also enjoyed Pyjama Day, the Teddy Bear Picnic, online assemblies and presentation lessons, proudly showcasing their learning and achievements while strengthening the connections that make our school community so special.

Another exciting milestone was the selection of our new school logo. Following extensive consultation with students, families, staff and our wider school community, students had the final say, voting for the design they believed best represented their school. We look forward to officially launching our new school logo next term.

Term 3 also marks the arrival of Dusty the Camel, our new school mascot. Every family will receive their very own Dusty to accompany them on adventures throughout the year. We look forward to sharing Dusty's travels through a special display at school, with selected photographs also featured in our 2027 Kalgoorlie School of the Air Calendar which each family will receive. Please look out for your first dispatch next term which will include your very own Dusty, a journal and new school shirt for each student.

Next term, we are delighted to welcome Ms Miller back from leave. We also extend our sincere thanks to Ms Carmody for the care, enthusiasm and dedication she has shown while teaching our Kindergarten students during Ms Miller's absence.

Term 3 promises to be another busy and rewarding term, with exciting opportunities for our school community, including our Public School Review, Book Week, Drama Camp and the much-anticipated Canberra Camp.

As we head into the holiday break, I wish all our students, families and staff a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday. I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another wonderful term.

Eloise Jansen van Vuuren - Principal



RESPECT



INTEGRITY



COLLABORATION



COMPASSION

Calendar of Events | Term 3 2026

Week 1	Monday 20 July	Staff Development Day
Week 1	Tuesday 21 July	Students start the term
Week 2	Thursday 30 July	Public School Review (no online lessons)
Week 5	Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August	Book week
Week 5	Friday 21 August	Assembly
Week 6 & Week 7	Thursday 20 August to Wednesday 26 August	Canberra Camp (Year 4 – Year 6)
Week 9	Friday 18 September	Assembly
Week 10	Monday 21 September to Friday 25 September	Drama Camp in Kalgoorlie
Week 10	Friday 25 September	Last day of Term 3
Term 4 Week 1	Tuesday 13 October	First day of term for students.

Kindergarten | Mrs Carmody

This term in Kindy we have been learning about water through our STEM program. Water scavenger hunts, boat building, learning why our bodies need water and drawing our favourite rainy day activities all developed imagination and curiosity for our youngest learners.

I have had some amazing counting demonstrations in numeracy, can you believe some Kindy students can count up to 100! We have put on binoculars to search for and identify 2D shapes and have used non standard measuring objects to measure and record.

This term we begun the Heggerty phonics program. I have heard some great rhyming and alliteration. We have been isolating initial and final sounds and are working well towards developing sounds phonetical knowledge.

Keep up the great work Kindy 😊



Pre-Primary | Miss Pettit

We have reached the end of Semester 1, and what an amazing semester it has been!

This term, we began learning to write, and you have all absolutely blown me away. Every day I have been so proud of the improvement in your sounding out, letter formation and sentence writing. It has been wonderful to watch your confidence and skills grow.

One of my favourite parts of the week is our Friday News sessions. I love hearing about your incredible travels and learning more about life on the station. It is always lovely to see how passionate you are about your unique learning environments and experiences.

We also enjoyed a fantastic in-school visit with Timmy and Samuel. Together we made gingerbread men and designed boats to help them travel safely across the river, all while completing our English and Mathematics learning.

Thank you for all your hard work this semester. I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing school holiday break. Stay safe, enjoy your adventures, and I cannot wait to see all the fantastic learning that Term 3 will bring!

Happy Holidays – Miss Pettit



Year 1 | Miss Pettit

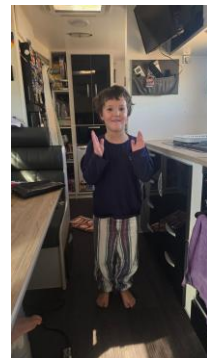
What a fantastic Semester 1 we have had in Year 1! It has been wonderful to welcome several new students to the Kalgoorlie School of the Air family this term. They have all settled in so well, and it has been lovely to see new friendships form and everyone working together during our air lessons.

I have been enjoyed looking over all of the amazing work that has been sent in, and I couldn't be prouder of everyone's efforts. I have loved reading your informative information reports and creative persuasive texts, and it has been fantastic to see the confidence and independence in your writing continue to grow. Along with your English work, I have also seen some excellent mathematical thinking and problem-solving, as well as some wonderful project work that has showcased your learning across a range of subjects.

One of the highlights of the term was our Teddy Bears' Picnic and learning in the comfort of our pyjamas! It was a fun way to celebrate all of your hard work and finish the semester together.

Thank you to all of our students, home tutors and families for your ongoing support throughout the semester. Your commitment to learning at home plays such an important role in your child's success, and it is wonderful to see the progress that has been made.

Have a safe, happy and relaxing holiday. I hope you enjoy spending time with your families, making wonderful memories and recharging for the term ahead. I can't wait to welcome you all back in Term 3 for another exciting semester filled with new learning, challenges and achievements!



It has been a wonderful and productive term in Year 2, filled with learning, growth and many memorable experiences. I have been so proud of the enthusiasm, resilience and effort students have shown throughout the term, both during our on-air lessons and in their learning at home.

This term, students have explored how technology has changed over time through our History unit and investigated materials and mixtures in Science. In English, they have been developing their writing skills through recounts, persuasive texts and information reports, while continuing to build confidence as readers and writers.

A highlight of the term was our Year 1 and Year 2 Assembly item, where students confidently shared their learning about technology from the past and present. It was wonderful to see them proudly presenting to our school community.

We also enjoyed a special Teddy Bears' Picnic and Pyjama Day, where students introduced their favourite teddies and shared stories with one another. Another highlight was participating in Simultaneous Story Time and listening to the fantastic story *Luna Roo*. Students enjoyed discussing the story and completing follow-up activities, and I was quite proud of my drawing of Luna Roo too!

Thank you to our amazing Home Tutors and families for your ongoing support and encouragement. Enjoy your well-deserved break, Year 2 students. I look forward to another exciting term of learning in Semester Two.

Mrs Hall



AUSLAN and STL | Mr Parsons

LOTE

This term students continued to learn more Auslan signs, new and one previously learned. In May, for Deaf Awareness Week, we also looked how deaf people overcome their disability, and some famous deaf people including Beethoven, deaf athletes and deaf activists.

This term:

- The Year 1 and 2 students continued to learn basic signs, including weather, seasons, clothing and body parts.
- The Year 3s learnt fingerspelling and counting and different forms of greetings.
- Year 4 students looked at mathematical concepts including age, sums, money, and time, and revised larger numbers and fingerspelling, and learnt to sign "Old MacDonald had a Farm".
- Year 5 students learnt signs for different minibeasts, signs for things in the schoolroom and learned the poem "Five Little Speckled Frogs". They also revised fingerspelling as well.
- The Year 6 class learned signs for occupations, tools and zoo animals.!



STL

Next term we have PEAC testing for the Year 4 students, in Week 3. Please remember to send in either your forms if you wish for your Year 4 student to take part, or your email withdrawing from the PEAC testing.

Year 3 | Ms Temme

Students have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of everything they have achieved. This term, they explored a wide range of texts and writing styles. A particular highlight was our reptile inquiry, where students researched their chosen reptile and created detailed information reports. I was extremely impressed by the effort students put into finding interesting facts, organising their information and presenting their work. Their finished reports demonstrated growing confidence as both researchers and writers. During our reading program, students were inspired by the story *Stellarphant*, which taught the importance of perseverance, resilience and never giving up when things become difficult. Students demonstrated these qualities beautifully during their Alka-Seltzer rocket investigations, showing determination, problem-solving skills and a willingness to learn from mistakes before achieving success. It was wonderful to see students applying the lessons from the story to their own learning experiences. Students also explored states of matter through hands-on science investigations, designed and tested floating structures in Design and Technology, created artwork inspired by famous artists and learned about the importance of the Super Pit to our local community. Throughout the term, Year 3 students demonstrated resilience, curiosity and a positive attitude towards learning. I am incredibly proud of their efforts and the progress they have made.



Year 4 | Ms Temme

Students have worked incredibly hard this term, embracing every challenge with enthusiasm, creativity and determination. In English, they explored *Aesop's Fables*, investigating the morals behind traditional stories, comparing characters and sharing their own interpretations. Students also researched guinea pigs, learning about their care as pets while considering different cultural perspectives. These learning experiences strengthened their reading comprehension, research and critical thinking skills.

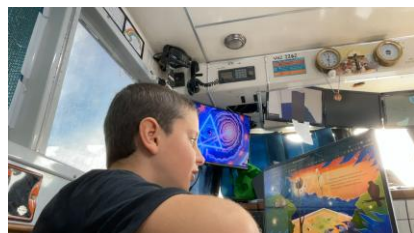
In writing, students created procedures, advertisements and discussion texts, developing an understanding of how different text types are used for different purposes and audiences. I was particularly impressed by the care they took to plan, edit and refine their work before publishing their final pieces.

In Mathematics, students built their understanding of fractions, multiplication and division, probability, perimeter, area, volume, capacity and three-dimensional shapes. Their persistence when tackling challenging tasks has resulted in growing confidence and strong progress.

Across all learning areas, students demonstrated resilience, independence and a positive attitude towards learning. It has been wonderful to see their confidence continue to grow and to celebrate their many achievements throughout the term.

One of the highlights was our Week 5 In-School Visit. It was a wonderful opportunity to work alongside students, complete assessments, celebrate their progress and enjoy learning together face-to-face. These visits are always a special part of School of the Air and strengthen the connections that make our school community so unique.

Thank you to our families and home tutors for your ongoing support throughout the term. I wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing holiday break filled with special moments with family and friends. I look forward to hearing about everyone's adventures when we return next term.



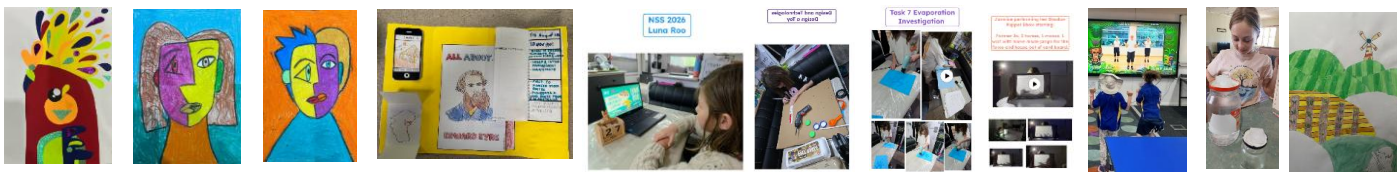
Year 5 | **Mr Sullivan**

Term 2 has been a busy, productive, and rewarding one for Year 5 students. Following a well-earned holiday break, students returned refreshed and ready for a term filled with learning opportunities and achievements. We began by commemorating ANZAC Day with an online Assembly on Friday of Week 1, setting a respectful and reflective tone for the term.

Throughout the term, students demonstrated dedication and perseverance in their studies across English, Mathematics, History, Chemical Science, Design and Technologies, Visual Arts, Health Conventions (grammar, spelling, handwriting), and Think Mentals. The Week 5 in-school visit provided a valuable opportunity for students and teachers to reconnect and collaborate face-to-face. There were no air lessons during this week. The students completed assigned tasks in the different learning areas. In Week 6, several Year 5 students were recognised during the online Year 1/2 Assembly with Merit Certificates, celebrating their consistent effort and positive approach to learning. Students also participated in the National Simultaneous Story time and the Premier's Reading Challenge Online Incursion in Week 7. Feedback reports were emailed home in Week 8 to acknowledge the hard work, and progress students have made across work completed in learning areas.

As the term ended, preparations were underway for Semester 1 reports and the Term 3 dispatch. I would like to congratulate all Year 5 students for their resilience, commitment, and enthusiasm throughout this long and successful term.

I take this opportunity to wish all Year 5 students and families a safe, restful, and enjoyable school break.



Year 6 | Ms Dotsyak

What a packed 11 weeks it's been! The Year 6s have worked hard across all learning areas and enjoyed sharing stories from their travels. We were excited to welcome Wyatt and Brook to our class this term.

In English, students enjoyed reading *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* and *Strangers on Country*. They explored a range of writing styles, creating everything from newspaper articles and procedures to literary and factual descriptions. Their creative newspaper articles were definitely a highlight, with headlines such as *Barry Lost His Sock!*, *Roof Rooster Ruckus Rocks Kununurra*, and *Monster Breaks Out of Secret Government Lab!* keeping me entertained.

Maths lessons challenged students to strengthen their problem-solving skills while building their understanding of fractions, measurement, and geometry. In Science, hands-on experiments explored reversible and irreversible changes, with students even making their own biscuits along the way. HASS focused on Civics and Citizenship, while Design and Technologies explored food and fibre production through product design challenges. In Health, students explored healthy communities and positive lifestyle choices while creating some impressive health campaign posters.

We also enjoyed taking part in National Simultaneous Storytime, meeting WA children's author Cristy Burne during the Premier's Reading Challenge session and finishing the term with a fun Pyjama Day. There were plenty of bumpy air lessons from the road, 🚗 and it was a fun surprise to see Paul and Caleb turn up to the same lesson together!

🍌 Thank you to the Year 6s for your hard work, enthusiasm, and willingness to join in, even from the road.

 Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable holiday break!

