



Welcome Snippet

1 February 2026

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Dear Kalgoorlie SOTA Community,

Welcome to the 2026 school year to all our Kalgoorlie School of the Air families. Whether you are joining us from home or on the road, we are delighted to welcome both new and returning families to our small and connected school community.

I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce our 2026 team at the school.

Leadership team (left to right)

Cass Bender - Program Co-ordinator
Eloise Jansen van Vuuren -Principal
Anje Kimm - Manager Corporate Services



Upper Primary Teachers (left to right)

Tony Sullivan - Year 5
Natalia Dotsyak - Year 6
Adrian Parsons - Auslan



Lower Primary Teachers (left to right)

Delia Hall - Year 2
Stacey Miller – Kindy
Adrian Parsons - Auslan
Leah Temme -Year 3 and Year 4
Amanda Pettit -Pre Primary and Year 1



Support Teacher Learning (left to right)

Adrian Parsons
Leah Temme



Allied Professionals (left to right)

Lea Lathan – School Officer
Mariah Baxter - Marketing and Administration
Rhianna McCallum - Education Assistant



We are excited to begin the year are very much looking forward to online lessons commencing on Tuesday 3 February, when students will reconnect with their teachers and classmates.



RESPECT



INTEGRITY



COLLABORATION



COMPASSION

We have a number of exciting events and activities planned this term to help build connections, enthusiasm and a strong sense of school community.

- **Online incursions**
 - Our first online inclusion will take place on **6 February**, and our guest will be Mr Kevin Wilson (who used to be a teacher at Kalgoorlie SOTA many years ago).
- **Reading Challenge**
 - Our Term 1 challenge begins in Week 3 and aims to promote a love of reading, build reading stamina and encourage students to explore a wide range of texts. We look forward to celebrating student participation and success across all year levels.
- **Online Assemblies** Our assemblies are a special time to come together as a school community to celebrate student achievements, recognise effort and share learning. Families are invited to join us online.
- **Home Tutor Seminar and student camp** in Kalgoorlie This important event provides opportunities for home tutors to engage in professional learning and for students to participate in learning, social and wellbeing activities while building friendships and strengthening connections with staff and peers.

We understand that many of our families juggle busy schedules, and our staff are committed to supporting you on this journey providing flexible, engaging and supportive learning experiences that meet students where they are, while ensuring they remain connected to their teachers, peers and school.

Term 1 Key dates

	Thursday 29 and Friday 30 January	Staff Development Days – Pupil Free Days
Week 1	Monday 2 February	Students return - Air lessons commence
Week 1	Ongoing as needed	Online assessments commence
Week 1	Thursday 5 February	School Council meeting (1:30 – 2:00pm)
Week 4	Monday – Friday, 23-27 February	Pre-Primary On Entry assessments.
Week 5	Friday 6 March	Assembly (8:00am)
Week 6	Monday to Thursday, 9 - 12 March	Home Tutor Seminar and Camp
Week 6	Tuesday 10 March	School Council AGM (9:00am) P&C AGM (10:30am)
Week 7	Monday – Friday, 16 – 20 March	NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5 online
Week 9	Thursday 2 April	Assembly (8:00am) Last day of term

We will continue to share information and updates through our regular communication channels and encourage families to stay in touch with teachers.

Warm regards,

Eloise Jansen van Vuuren
Principal