

8 April Term 1 2024

# Kilparrin Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break. Thank you for donating items for our Easter raffle and for purchasing tickets. Once again thank you to Jan McDougall for making the Easter cake. Congratulations to Oliver and family for winning the cake.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Family Fun Day. Everyone had a great time enjoying the Hahndorf farm barn animals, face painting, games, entertainment, Police car, SES truck, sausage sizzle and cake stall.

Many thanks to the Parent group in particular Mandy McDougall and Jacqui Griffin led by our Governing Council Chair Melissa Styles. Money raised will go to our Playground redevelopment fund. We are hoping to have further meetings in regard to the playground early next term.

Most families have met either face-to-face or via phone/seesaw re students One Child One Plans (OCOP). Teachers will continue to focus on student goals in line with their OCOPs. Student goals can be reviewed any time over the year so please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you believe the goals should change.

We have had a busy term with lots of extra activities occurring including excursions to Melbas Chocolate factory, the Botanic Gardens, Marion Cultural Centre, Harmony Day, Festival of Music practice, weekly sessions with Lance from TennisSA and weekly gymnastics for the juniors.

I hope you all have a great holiday and I look forward seeing you next term.

Kind regards

Cathy

Principal



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**Diary Dates:**  
Assembly Wed 10  
April

Last Day of  
Term 1 2024  
Friday 12 April (early  
dismissal 2pm)

First Day of  
Term 2 2024  
Monday 29 April



Do you have any  
news to share with  
us?  
Please contact Gill

# ROOM 1

*Ariya, Keira, Loretta, Maryam, Naomika & Tomas*



Room One has been having a stellar Term 1 for 2024! We have been busy playing, reading books, playing, acting out stories using the Book Bags, playing, counting everything around us, and even playing! Have we mentioned that we love to play in Room One? The students in Room One have an especially interesting time when we discover our senses during Sensory Exploration time. We have used our hands and feet to feel various soft, rough, and wet textures—which was fascinating! Ariya and Tomas seemed to really love feeling the mixture of water and sand on their feet. We have also enjoyed playing with foaming soap that smells like lavender. Etta, Maryam, and Naomika especially love when this foam comes out and they can enjoy the smells. We have also explored the sounds of various objects like the splashing of water or the crunching of leaves and crunchy chips. Keira really seems to enjoy the crunching of things next to her.

Each student in Room One has different sensory strengths that help to excite / heighten or calm. When we explore using our senses, we are developing the tools to use our senses effectively and efficiently in the world around us. Teaching this part of the Expanded Core Curriculum ensures we do everything we can to make sure every child has the tools to build and harness their strengths so they can access their core academics and lead the fullest lives possible. And not to mention—messy play is fun!



# ROOM 2

*Lucas, Madeeha, Nathaniel, Oliver & Senul*

Room 2 staff and students have enjoyed getting to know each other over the term. Students have settled in well and are becoming familiar with classroom routines including unpacking their bags and putting them in their lockers. Some highlights of the week are cooking, swimming, gym, games and reading. Catherine has had students make pizzas, enjoying tasting and touching the different toppings. Recently they have been exploring different fruit. Lucy has been playing games with the students including Simon Says and playing with dice. Students have enjoyed their time in the gym on Fridays and tennis with Lance.



Catherine, Lucy, Nikki, Elisha, Judy & Di

# ROOM 3

*Imeth, Jude, Leo, Leon & Samuel*



Welcome back to a busy exciting year for 2024. This year Samuel has moved up to join us in room 3. All students have been quick to adjust comfortably back into school and class routines.

This term we have a big focus on tactile and braille experiences spanning across many of our subject areas. We have been engaging in learning activities around 'The Olympics' – past and present. We have begun exploring a tactile map of the world, recording, and marking what countries/cities have hosted the Olympics from ancient Greece to this year's Paris. We have listened to some of the cultural songs played in the opening ceremonies. This was a favourite with everyone. In one of our lessons, we created our own Olympic torch with a variety of different textured materials in the flame colours. We will continue by learning about the games and sports that athletes compete in and compare modern sports to the ones in ancient times.

For Literacy we have been working hard focusing on sounds, letters and words including tactile and braille representations. With support, each student is creating their own personalised alphabet book. Students have chosen words from their worlds to represent the focus letter of the week and made a touch friendly picture to illustrate their word which has been labelled with braille. They have contributed some great words and the books are already looking amazing. Our focus book has been 'The Terrible Plop' and with this story we have been working on our comprehension and memory skills. Following the interest of students, we have also been learning about the animal characters in the story, and writing something we learnt about the animal.

Students have all worked hard and we hope they enjoy a well-earned holiday break.





Robyn, Zoe, Cathy G, Kelly



## MUSIC



Students have been learning about the instruments of the orchestra in preparation for our big project in Week 6 of next term. We have had hands on experiences with the flute, percussion instruments, piano, cello and violin. We have also been practicing being a conductor and getting the class to start, play fast, slow and the most important STOP! Our project will be creating music for the book "Stan and Mabel" and the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra will be coming to help make the music with us. We will give you more information as soon as possible.

All classes learnt two songs to help celebrate Harmony Day. We invited the Ascot Park Primary choir students to come along and join in the singing together. We sang a Swahili song called "Watoto" and a song about celebrating our differences called "Beautiful Creatures". It was a lovely time together in our playground.



Lucy Standish

# SENIOR UNIT ROOMS 4 & 5

*Hudson S, Lola, Mali, Sam, Tahliyah & Tyler  
Allira, Hadiya, Hudson G, Isaac & Tessa*

We have had a great start to the year in the Senior Unit.

Students have enjoyed listening to 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl and have been comparing the book to the movie. We had a great time on our excursion to the Melbas Chocolate Factory. Students had the opportunity to purchase chocolate, and we even saw some chocolate being made! Each student is currently working through a design process to create their own chocolate bar. Students have named their chocolate bars, brainstormed the ingredients, and are creating the wrapper. We have also been enjoying our weekly shopping lessons to Coles. Students have selected different items to be cooked in class. So far this term we have made banana pancakes, ANZAC biscuits, and brownies. Students enjoyed making our own solar ovens out of pizza boxes, which we successfully cooked s'mores in.

We've been diving into Harmony Day activities lately. Exploring the diverse cultures within our Senior Unit, we've been gathering data and learning about our classmates' backgrounds. We have also designed our own Harmony Day jumpers, each reflecting our individuality and uniqueness.

Students recently enjoyed their excursion to the Marion Multicultural Centre, where we visited the library, art gallery, and had lunch at the Pancake Kitchen!

Our fortnightly tennis sessions have been enjoyed by all students. We have experimented with different adaptations so that all students can participate! We have also been enjoying our weekly swimming lessons.

What a busy term we have had. We are looking forward to what Term 2 will bring!





Emily, Jess, Tanja, Leanne, Tamika, Jade, Donna & Sue

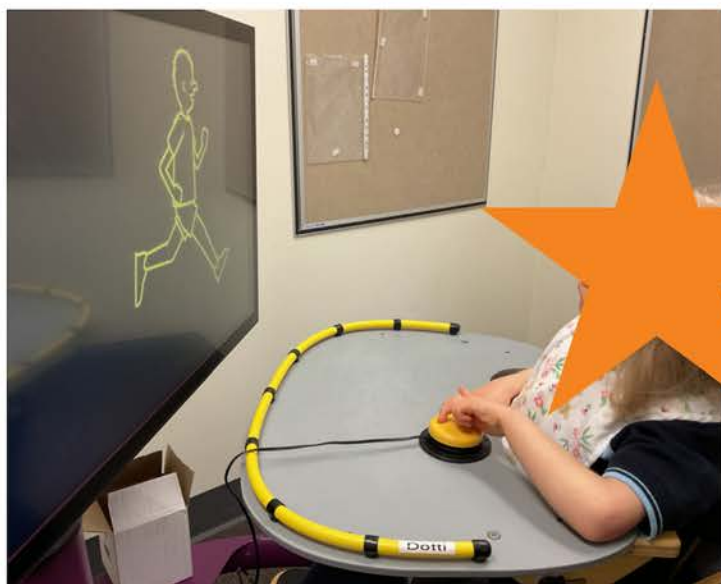


# KELC

# Kilparrin Early Learning Centre

*D & Miles*

We have had a busy start to the year. The children have settled in well to the KELC routine. We have been exploring the different areas around the school, and enjoying playing with a variety of switch toys, joining Room 1 for music, playing tennis on a Thursday, and relaxing on the swings outside. Both children have been building their switch skills and using these skills to explore a variety of different activities. MOVE has also been a focus with students spending time in their walkers and being supported to stand with as much independence as possible. We welcome Di (SSO) to the KELC team in Term 2. Thank you to Karly for her support this term.





# PLAYGROUP

This term we have welcomed new families to playgroup.

It has been lovely to have grandparents and siblings attend.

Playgroup offers a range of activities and the set up of the environments is important to support gross motor skills, independence, inquiry opportunities, enjoyment, and a sense of fun.

We are fortunate to have our outside area that allows the children to move freely and locate the activities they can manage, those they remember from the previous week and the new challenges that are organised.

This term the families enjoyed having the baby goats, our focus colour was yellow and the children always enjoy the music component.





# COMMUNITY GARDEN



This term, the students from Rooms 1, 2, and 3 have been busy getting their hands dirty in the community gardens. They've enjoyed harvesting delicious cherry tomatoes throughout the term and exploring the fragrant world of herbs growing in the garden beds.

To take their gardening adventure a step further, the students even voted on their favourite flowers and vegetables to plant! Seeds have been sown, and everyone's eagerly awaiting the results.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce a collaboration with Ascot Park to expand the community garden experience. Starting next term, we'll be inviting families and friends to join us for a volunteer hour every Friday morning, right after drop-off. Stay tuned for more information about how you can get involved!



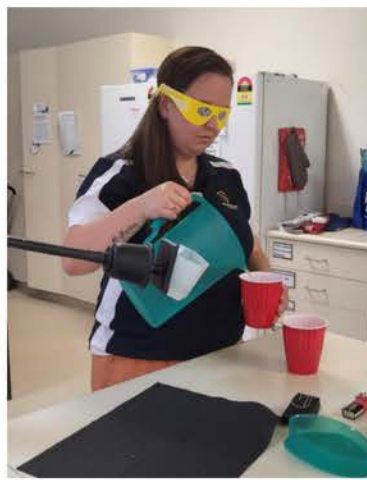


# SSS



This term Kilparrin's Statewide Support Service hosted a 3-day conference onsite, attracting educators, therapists and parents from metropolitan and regional South Australia. Day 1 covered 'Supporting children/students who are Deaf/Hard of hearing, with additional disabilities'. Day 2 covered 'Supporting children/students who are blind/low vision, with additional disabilities'. Day 3 covered 'Cortical/cerebral vision impairment (CVI)'. The conference included practical components of vision/hearing loss simulations, theory relating to vision/hearing loss, and a tour of our wonderful school and resource centre. Well done to SSS advisory teachers for your hard work in helping make the days successful.

**Rachel Elliott**



## GOVERNING COUNCIL

On behalf of the Governing Council I would like to welcome the new and returning staff, students and parents to the 2024 school year. It has been great to see everyone excited to be back and learning.

The AGM was held and we had the pleasure of electing a new council. I look forward to the valuable contributions some new members can bring to the school through the Governing Council. There is also the continuation of the fundraising sub-committee. They continue to look at giving back to the Kilparrin community through fundraising and parent connection events.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Family Fun Day, the weather was perfect and the entertainment added some enjoyment on the day. A lot of effort was put in by the school leadership and the fundraising committee to bring this day to our school community, and it certainly was a fun event that was enjoyed by those that attended.

I'm excited about the upcoming Mother's Day activities next term, giving our children a chance to truly celebrate those special people in their lives. Keep an eye out for more information early next term.

Thanks for the support of the Easter Raffle, I'm sure the lucky winners enjoyed their prizes over the Easter weekend. This term has flown by and I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday break.

**Melissa Styles, Governing Council Chairperson**



# Family Fun Day



