



Kangaroo Island
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

KICE Newsletter

From the Principal



Due to some personal reasons, but mainly due to our family home being in Whyalla and the current economic climate there due to Arrium going into

receivership (There are 400+ houses for sale and 300+ for rent), we have to move back there to live. To support this move I have decided to either retire or go on leave at the end of this year, 24/01/2017, concentrate on finishing my Masters and do some short term/long term stints in education (whatever that may be) or other opportunities that may arise. Fiona has won a leadership position with the School of the Air and is excited about this new phase in her career.

We leave with a heavy heart as this is probably not our preferred option in life. But as we have always done, looked at this as another opportunity that very often others don't get, and have remained positive by believing that things happen for a reason, so we always make the most of it.

For a start, we have a beautiful spacious home with a swimming pool in the backyard and I still have all my fishing spots!

Whyalla is a great city and we have many friends there and all over the Eyre Peninsula so given there is no "water gap" will be able to catch up with them on a more regular basis.

Having lived here for 8 years we have made many friends and feel that we are part of the big "KICE Family" especially when you reflect on the massive and exciting journey we have all taken together. KICE is one of the best schools in South Australia and our facilities/resources/programs/data supports that. Never, ever let anyone tell you different.

Be very proud of what you all do for our students, especially our most vulnerable, and continue to build on each others strengths to give every kid the opportunity to learn and grow into productive fun loving citizens.

There have been many achievements by staff and students since I started but I guess what I am really proud of is the fact we have met the goals outlined in the KICE model and that is to deliver high quality education/training from P-12.

Recent audits have shown that we are meeting or exceeding state and national benchmarks. Our pre-school is exceeding the standards set by the national regulator and all are to be congratulated as this is no mean feat. We are now a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) under the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) conditions and this demonstrates that we are delivering first class VET courses to

our students.

Our NAPLAN and overall student achievement data, especially in year 12, show we are performing really well. The recent Islander article on multiple pathways and the year 12s are testimony to this.

It is important as a community that we continue to build on all this great work and never, ever be satisfied with the status quo. The day you do that is the day you start going backwards.

I have had a very supportive Governing Council in my time here and know that many of the school's achievements could not have been accomplished without your hard work and support.

We have faced some challenging times but as we have demonstrated a number of times, if we all focus on what's best for our children, it doesn't matter what obstacle presents itself you can overcome it if we work together. I thank you for your commitment.

I personally thank each and everyone of you for teaching, supporting and welcoming our girls into the community. Their experience here at KICE and on KI has been second to none and has set them up to be whatever they want in life.

Thanks for the friendships and memories.

Ian Kent

The "Harmony" Tree

Year 7 students with the new "Harmony" tree house designed and constructed by Taka and his team of Japanese craftsmen at the Kingscote Campus.

A huge thank you to Daisy and Gordon for this wonderful donation to our school.

Official handover was conducted in a moving ceremony attended by the school and wider community earlier this term.

See more of Taka's amazing work via the following links...

<http://www.designboom.com/.../treehouses-by-takashi-kobayash.../>

<http://designmadeinjapan.com/.../takashi-kobayashi-tree-hous.../>

<https://vimeo.com/69138889>



Year 7/8 class with their "recycled" artwork in front of the treehouse.



Dennis with Taka and some of the support team

Kingscote Campus from Maxine McSherry



Ian and I started at KICE at the same time and I can vividly remember a very early conversation where we both declared a shared commitment that future decisions for KICE would always (and should always) be with made

with children at the centre. I am proud to say that Ian has "walked the talk" in relation to ensuring that in all aspects of KICE operations whether it is facilities, curriculum, student wellbeing or staffing, students have always been his first priority. Some decisions were popular others were not, but I assure you every one of them had children clearly at the centre. It is when times are tough that

reputations are truly made and Ian's reputation is based on not being afraid to challenge or ruffle feathers when he felt there was room for improvement for the children of KI. Never once has he faltered from that stance and because of that strong commitment we now have some of the best facilities, some wonderful/effective staff, some outstanding programmes and a diverse range of opportunities for young people living on KI. For this I, on behalf of all KI children, thank Ian.

Ian is not the only educator who leaves the Kingscote Campus of KICE this year as we too lose Sue Morris and Ria Byass, both long serving staff members who have contributed significantly to KICE. Sue has

led the Early Years team at Kingscote with enthusiasm, expertise and total commitment to ensuring the highest standards of both curriculum and wellbeing for our youngest children on campus. Ria has worked at the opposite end of the school fostering a passion for Art for the MY and SY students and achieving outstanding results with our SACE students. We welcome two outstanding educators to replace Sue and Ria. Ali Berden replaces Sue as our new Senior Leader for Kingscote early years and Kath Flynn our new Art teacher.

We wish Ian, Sue and Ria the very best and assure them that we as a team will continue their good work and ensure KICE continues to be a school of which we can all be proud.

Maxine McSherry

Swimming Week



During week 6 the Year 1's and 2's went to Parndana for swimming lessons. The weather was warm but the pool was a little cold. Bec and Mel were our instructors for the week. We had lots of fun learning new things in the pool. Here are some of the things we felt proud about.

I had to use a kickboard and life jacket to go to the deep end. Cody

We got to throw things in the water and dive down to get them. Aria

I put my face in the water for swimming. Zara

I went underwater and saw people. Levi

I swam backwards with the lifejacket. Esther

I jumped off the deep end without a noodle. Kelsey

I swam to the deep end by myself. Marley

The Dolphin Class



KI Field Day Photography

Photography students from Kingscote Campus entered the Field Day Photography competition as a way of showcasing their excellent technical skills and artistic abilities. Once again our students produced some outstanding images and the People's choice award as was won by Cat C. Cat's image was one of her Stage 1 Digital Image photographs. Well done to all students who entered the competition.

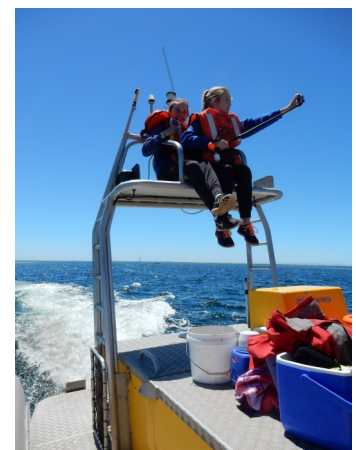
Paull Marlow



Years 7, 8 and 9 Enviro Tech students have been designing websites, apps, animations and documentaries to raise awareness about conserving Kangaroo Island's unique marine environment. Students visited various sites around the Island to photograph and film marine life and the impacts of marine pollution. Danny Male from the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, delivered engaging workshops about KI's endemic marine species, threats to our marine environment and actions we can take to conserve it.

Highlights included field trips to Seal Bay Conservation Park where we were fortunate to see many adventurous young sea lion pups, a marine pollution clean-up at Pennington Bay and amazing trips on the KI Marine Adventures boat to see dolphins, fiddler rays and much more, all in stunning weather!

We would like to thank Danny Male, Andrew Neighbour, Nina Maurovic, Dennis Dodgson and Daniel Rowley for making the program and particularly the field trips possible. *Miss Bell, Mrs McLaren, Mr Gordon and Enviro Tech students.*



Enviro Tech Excursion

Penneshaw Yr 8/9 Class

7 Day meal plan challenge to feed a family of four, for 7 days, with a budget of \$150.

The students planned their menu using recipe magazines and then went on excursion to Penneshaw IGA to price their items. The winning menu needed to be delicious, healthy and closest to budget.

Congratulations to team Charlotte, Lachlan and Ellorah ☺ and thanks to Penneshaw IGA.

Hannah Morgan



Around Kingscote Campus



Top Left: Students greet the Ronald McDonald charity riders as they enter the school.

Left: Students join Beck Frears in instructing aerobics. Beck runs aerobics every Friday Care Group in Kingscote, and the students love the start to their day.

Above: Year 7/8 "recycled" artwork to be displayed in the "Harmony" house.

Governing Council

On behalf of the Governing Council I would like to acknowledge Ian's outstanding contribution to KICE in his role as Principal over the last eight years. With his strong leadership skills and passion for our island school community, Ian has been a persistent advocate for KICE, keeping in mind the uniqueness of KI, which is very important and often overlooked by others.

In addition, his direction in the area of finance has ensured that we currently enjoy sound financial management. This has allowed KICE to be in a position to take advantage of other opportunities for upgrading and maintaining facilities across all 3 campuses, that would not have been previously possible.

We are also grateful for his ongoing

support of the governing council, whose composition has changed many times over the last 8 years. I am sure it has been a challenge at times, when further explanations and clarification have been required. I personally have appreciated the support Ian have given to me this year in the role of chairperson.

We are also excited too, about the direction in which Ian has already begun leading KICE for 2017, the introduction of Mandarin language and Chinese Culture being taught across KICE. This fits with the state government strategic direction and the DECD strategic plan. We look forward to seeing positive outcomes there as well, considering the great foundation which has already been put in place.

Ian, we wish you, Fiona, Isabella and Laura

all the best in your new chapter and Happy Fishing!!

I have enjoyed my role this year as the Governing Council Chairperson. I would like to thank Cathie Tydeman Vice Chairperson, for her support of me in this role, as well as the other council members for their time and support this past year. A special thank you to Cathie Tydeman and David Arnold, who will not be on the Governing Council next year as both of them will no longer have children at KICE. We thank them for their contribution and we wish them all the best in the future.

Kind Regards,

Lois Wilson

KICE Governing Council Chairperson

Parndana Campus from Peter Philp



I would like to focus my Head of Campus report on the physical improvement of Parndana Campus during the time of Ian Kent as Principal of

KICE. You will see this is quite extensive and equivalent lists can be established for Kingscote and Penneshaw campuses. These builds would be pointless if not backed up by good learning outcomes for our students and the results from P-12 that KICE has received during Ian's time show that along with the great physical outcomes of the school there have been excellent student outcomes from P-12.

Physical improvements at Parndana Campus under Ian Kent as KICE Principal include amongst other things:

- BER Hall: Jamie Larcombe Recreation Hall (*storage facility about to be joined to this*)
- Food Processing Centre
- Civil Construction facility
- Swimming Pool opened to all

- campuses, community and heated
- Building 1 (admin) refurbished inside and outside
- Building 2 Preschool Year R / 1 and Year 1 / 2 class refurbished inside and outside
- Building 3 computing, Year 3 / 4 class and Year 5/6 and Art room new windows installed
- Spine ceiling, change rooms ceilings replaced
- Student and staff toilets refurbished
- Preschool upgrade to National Quality Standards
- Front entrance upgrade (path and gardens)
- Heater Chiller system installed in Barramundi farm
- Agriculture farm re-fenced including sheep yards
- New 4 bay agriculture shed
- Plant propagation shed upgraded
- Establishment of accommodation block
- Community hub started (painted and carpeted)
- Dam fence replaced (plus other fencing and gates)
- Total upgrade of electrical lines in every building: replacing all out of date

- insulation and cabling
- Campus ute purchased
- Main school oval irrigated with in ground watering system
- Campus van purchased (one for each campus)
- New tractor purchased in the last month
- *Ian will not be here for the completion but the STEM Works builds across all 3 campuses which have started*

At the recent National Quality Standards Assessment the Preschool did "exceedingly" well achieving the highest rating (exceeding) in 5 of the 7 Quality Areas assessed. Every Preschool/ Kindergarten is subject to this national assessment program. The assessor commented on how the Preschool and School worked so well together and were one! Well done to everyone involved.

Looking forward to seeing you at the celebration events over the next few weeks and wishing you all a great end of year and New Year.

Peter Philp

Community Weaving

Our Community Weaving is on display at the entrance to the school. This Community Project has been a joint effort combining the whole Parndana Campus Community. A massive thank you must go to Kiri Rowsell for her endless hours and dedication towards making the weaving such a beautiful symbol of our diverse school community.



Early Years Sports Day

Parndana Campus hosted the 2016 KICE Early Years Sports Day. The day was a very successful one with the R_5 KICE Community coming together to watch the children take part in a wide variety of sporting activities and demonstrate their skills. Aroah Mauheni Edwards along with her family kindly shared their culture with us and began the day with Maori Aerobics. It was such a fun start to the day.



The day was followed by a moving Remembrance Day ceremony with the Whole R-5 group and their families taking part. Thanks must go to the children for their very respectful behaviour at this ceremony.

Community Hub

We have turned the old Canteen and Open Access Rooms into the new Community Hub. We have been working closely with Parenting KI to create a space where families can meet up, chat, borrow books, borrow toys from the toy library, swap uniforms and generally enjoy our Campus in a child safe and child friendly way. Please stay tuned as this new space takes shape over 2017.



Penneshaw Campus from Leanne Woods



How quickly we have come to the end of the year!

End of year Concert preparation is well underway, and everyone is getting prepared. Don't forget to add the date to the calendar - 15th

December from 6pm.

Great news... our playground will be updated soon. We are expecting (hoping and planning) this will be completed on 19th January. I will send out a newsletter with more information this week. The students have had fun coming up with wish lists, and ideas, and deciding on plans. We will be looking for some assistance - three or four people who can assist on the build, an auger and operator to dig post holes, and many helpers on the 20th to barrow soft fall.

We held a morning tea this week to thank volunteers and supporters of our campus. Thank you to all of you who have supported students and/or staff in any way.

Penneshaw Carols by candle light will be held at Lloyd Collins Reserve on the 9th December. Students from Penneshaw have been practicing with Desiree Jurgs leading them to perform on the night.

As we head to the end of the year we must farewell those of our Penneshaw Campus family who are moving on.

Our Year 9 students Abi, Toby, Jess, Lockie, Charlotte, Ellorah, Jakob, Mia, Jake and Hassan have been transitioning to Kingscote Campus, and two are heading off island. They have been great leaders in our campus this year, and we will miss them. Farewell Year 9s, we wish you all well, and hope that your next learning stage will be successful and enjoyable. May your dreams drive your decisions, and your values drive your actions.

We must farewell some staff too, Crystal Henderson; Bronte Nolan; Fiona Kent. Thank you for all the effort and care that you have put into our campus, students, staff and community. We will miss you all. Vacancies to replace staff are in process.

As you will have heard, we must also farewell our Principal Ian Kent. Ian moved here with a vision for including community in our KI education; ensuring all KI children and students have the same, if not better, opportunities here on KI; raising the standards; developing staff excellence; and bringing the three campuses truly together as one school. With his vision, and with his mantra "the child at the centre of every decision" our children have enjoyed the opportunities to find purposeful employment on KI, to connect with their local environment, to access ICT, to participate in international programs, and to be provided with a curriculum and assessment that is meaningful to them, and more. Ian is and always has been passionate about KICE being the best - a goal he has driven and achieved! We wish you well Ian, and thank you for your passion, dedication and vision for our school, our students and our community. Happy fishing!

Leanne Woods

Ronald McDonald Charity Ride

On Wednesday 23rd November people from the Ronald McDonald House Charity came to visit Penneshaw Campus. The charity provides a place to stay for children and families from country areas when they are sick.

The cyclists are riding 1000km across South Australia to raise awareness of the Ronald McDonald House Charity. They also came to teach us lessons about how to keep safe on a bike. We were lucky to get prizes including drink bottles and bike safety packs.

When they left we made a tunnel for all the cyclists to ride through.

By Max P, Year 5



SA Country Basketball Clinic

On Wednesday 16th November Ryan and Jamie from SA Country Basketball came to visit Penneshaw Campus. They taught us new ball-handling skills and did some shooting games as well.

We had a lot of fun doing the activities and we hope they can come back again.

Callum W



Over the past few weeks' children from the Kindergarten have been visiting the reception/one class on a Tuesday morning. This gives the children the opportunity to get to know their new teacher and class mates. The kindergartens have enjoyed their weekly visits and are excited to start 'big' school next year.

Liza Harrington



Staff v Students Netball

The annual staff vs students netball match at Penneshaw Campus was played on Friday, Week 6. Previously the staff have taken the title each year however this year the students are hoping to change that! The game can get quite competitive, and often the lead up is intense.

It is a great opportunity for all students to get involved and support their peers (and sometimes the teachers).

Note: By the time this newsletter comes out, you probably will have heard of the outcome.

*Mia H -
Assistant Coach
of the Students*



Kinder Transition

SAPSASA Tennis

In week six, Aston V, Zac S, Trae L, Travis M, Grace K, Amber L, Abby M, Elkin D travelled with us to Adelaide to represent KI at the SAPSASA Tennis state carnival with Mr Alex Laver as our coach. As we didn't have enough players, some reserves for East Adelaide in the first division played for us, they were Emily B, Analissa B and Jack W.

In our division we played at Peake Garden and Kesmond Tennis Courts. We played against Northern York Peninsula, Northern/Whyalla, Mid South East, Murray Mallee, Central Eyre

Peninsula, Gawler, Western Eyre Peninsula, Southern Yorke Peninsula and Salisbury East. Even though we

didn't win many sets, everyone improved heaps over the course of the week.

On Wednesday night, we went on an excursion to the Beach House, which was very crowded as there was many other tennis teams there however it was still lots of fun and brought the team closer.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped us get there, Emily, Analissa and Jack for playing for us, Sealink for their helpful sponsorship and getting us over there and back and especially to Mr Laver for coaching us.

By Kayla R and Laura K



SAPSASA Cricket

In week 6 thirteen young students from KICE participated in the 2016 SAPSASA Cricket Carnival. We had David Christensen as coach. Isaac T and Vaughn V were co-captain on the first two days and Thomas S and Wade B were the co-skippers on the last two days. The rest of the team was Toby W, Luke S, Zayne J, Jackson L and Rory F from Kingscote. From Parndana was Riley B, Callum B and Henry H and from Penneshaw Kane W.

On the 21st of November we played our first game at Park 21 against Western Eyre Peninsula. We lost the toss and got sent in to bowl. WEP had one good batsmen who made 48 but then got out to Henry. Kane got three wickets and Henry got two. Isaac and Riley got high scores and helped us chase down 130. We won with many wickets to spare.

The next game we played was at Woodcroft College against Onkaparinga South. We lost the toss again and were sent into bat. Riley made 32 and Callum made 13. We made 7/130 before 45 overs were done. They went out to bat and first

ball Riley ran in and bowled their opener. They fell short of our score by twenty runs. Next game we played on a hard wicket against Whyalla. Whyalla batted first after winning the toss. They batted very well for 213, Isaac and Kane finished with 2 wickets each. Riley made 51 and retired helped by Rory's 23. We lost by 21 runs as we were 7 for 192 at the end of 45 overs.

Our last game was at Flinders Uni Oval #2 against Para District in the game for third position. We lost the toss for the fourth time in a row and bowled first. We took two early wickets but found the middle overs hard as one of their players made 50. At the end of the overs they had made 196. We started shakily by losing Callum very first ball. Riley batted well but was unluckily runout for 28. Jackson made 44 and Luke made 30 right at the end. We were all out for 184, 12 runs short of our target.

We would like to thank all the parents and caregivers who got all the players to games around Adelaide early in the morning and trainings and finding accommodation. A special mention to the parents who also umpired and scored, without them we don't have a game. Thank you to Chriso for making the week fun while teaching us new things along the way. Thank you to Sealink for transporting us to and from the mainland.

By Wade B



Canteen Update

What a busy year it has been for the canteen this year, from competitions, to menu changes and new equipment installed. Next year you will continue to see a number of changes starting with a new name. As you may have heard the canteen ran a competition to rename it, the winner was **Madison B** with the name 'Food for Thought', we will be looking at creating a new sign and new menu with the

name on it. We have been fortunate enough to have our menu reviewed and as quoted from a well-respected canteen supplier of South Australian canteens, Food for Thought has been labelled as "one of the best" menus to follow the Rite Bite policy. Next year we will also be looking at using the QKR App, which enables parents to pre-order and pay for lunches using the app. More information will come out about the App early next year. Lastly on a sad note

our fabulous cook Sriyani Cockburn left us on the 25th of November, she has done an incredible job in the canteen and will be greatly missed. On behalf of the canteen we would like to say thank you for all your hard work and we wish you and your family all the best on your next adventure.

Courtney Wood

Schoolwear Shop

Performing Arts Hall
Kingscote Campus

DURING SCHOOL TERM OPENING HOURS

MONDAY 8.30 - 9.30am

THURSDAY 8.30 - 9.00am

THURSDAY 12.30 - 2.00pm

LAST WEEK OF HOLIDAYS OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY 10.00am - 4.00pm

WEDNESDAY 10.00am - 4.00pm

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Kingscote Campus Library News

All Students and Parents/Caregivers:

Please browse your book shelves, under bed, cupboards etc. for **Kingscote Campus Library books** and return them to our library.

Students can always extend them if they are still reading them but many books are overdue, or simply *missing in action*.

Be fair to others and return your books.

Thank You.



Upcoming Events

2 December Penneshaw Year 9 Graduation

5 December Parndana Awards Assembly

7 December Kingscote Yr 2-5 Christmas Concert

13 December Kingscote Awards Assembly

14 December Kingscote R-2 Christmas Concert

15 December Penneshaw Christmas Concert & Awards Assembly

16 December Early dismissal @ 2:20pm for end of year

30 January School year starts for 2017

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KICE STAFF FAREWELLS



Please join us in celebrating the wonderful careers at KICE of Sue Morris & Ria Byass with community farewells. For catering please RSVP your attendance to 8553 2074.

Sue Morris
Tuesday 6th of December @
4:30pm in the Kingscote
Campus Staff Room

Ria Byass
Friday 9th of December @
10:45am in the Kingscote
Campus Staff Room

New Bushfires and Your Child's School or Preschool

A Guide for Families

Parents are encouraged to access a new brochure which provides important information about what our schools/preschools will do on a catastrophic fire day or in the event of a fire.

Bushfires can occur at any time during summer. It's important that our families understand our Site Emergency Plan, are prepared and have a plan in place for their family when these situations arise.

If there is a bushfire emergency while children are onsite we will keep them safe until the danger has cleared even if this is outside of normal school hours.

For a copy of the brochure visit www.decd.sa.gov.au and search 'bushfire brochure'.



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In week 4 we were lucky to have three people from the Robo Roo's group visit our campuses to introduce interested kids to Lego Robotics. Students had various programming challenges followed by a 'robot dance competition'. Older students were offered the opportunity to build a large robot similar to the one used for Robot Battles.



PE Week

Week 5 saw staff, students and parents at Kingscote be active in a variety of ways. The Middle and Senior year's students challenged staff in Fast 5 netball, badminton and soccer and they came away with wins in both netball and badminton. The Early Years students participated in a sandpit treasure hunt, trick shot competitions, Pokémon hunt, skateboard and scooter play and giant board games. In addition to this, parents and younger siblings came and participated in PE lessons throughout the week. The Year 6s led Care Groups in a morning aerobics session on the Friday which was energetic and fun. Well done to the Junior Sports Committee who ran the activities for the Early Years throughout the week.

Below Left: Aidan, Dennis & Jordan with their Pokémon.



Middle: Thomas getting wet in the giant Kerplunk.



Below: Yr 6 & Reception students and their parents doing the "Titanic Challenge".



Curriculum Corner

STEM (Science, Technology, Education and Mathematics)

You might have heard the term 'STEM' being talked about in education lately. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) will be a major focus across South Australian schools from next year. The new DECD STEM Strategy 2017-2020 has recently been released. It suggests that as new technologies are designed and developed, we will increasingly rely on science, technology, engineering and mathematics to solve emerging problems.

In Australia, a 'STEM occupation' is not formally defined, but is considered to include a qualification in the fields of natural and physical sciences, information technology, engineering and related technologies, and mathematics.

"We know that 75% of the fastest growing occupations now require STEM skills and knowledge. It is critically important that we make sure that our children are learning the skills that they will need to fulfil these roles."

Hon Susan Close MP, Minister for Education and Child Development

KICE has been allocated funding for improving and upgrading STEM facilities. More detailed plans will be available in 2017.

Crystal Henderson

*Coordinator, Primary Australian Curriculum (CPAC)
Kangaroo Island Partnership*



Saturday December 3rd is the International Day of People with Disability. This is a day devoted to celebrating diverse abilities. The website www.idpwd.com.au has information and resources for staff, care-givers, and anyone who may be interested in finding out more. Watch this space for any events taking place at KICE.