

PRINCIPAL ROLE

It is with great enthusiasm that I announce my position at Kingston Community School as the Principal for the next five years. Transition is never easy but with the continued support I have had from Miss Toc, the current staff and Governing Council it has been a smooth process, one which I hope will continue and allow us to all grow together for the improvement and growth of every child. I look forward to working with the wider school community and every family to make Kingston Community School somewhere we can all be proud of.

BUILDING UPDATE

The new Home Economics Room has now been up and running for a few weeks and students have started cooking up a storm. Whilst there is still much to do and landscaping to be finalized the space is one we will all benefit from for years to come. The new main build, including six classrooms and two break out spaces is due to be completed by the end of term and handed over to the school. This space also will require some major landscaping and future design plans are under way to create outdoor shade and learning spaces.

We look forward to settling into these areas and holding an open evening for all to come along and see the changes that have occurred.

SUBJECT COUNSELLING

Over the last few weeks students have spent time taking part in subject counselling with Christina Everett in preparation for next year. This is an important process and one we take time in running to set students up for the best pathway possible. Thank you to families for supporting their children during the process.

DIARY DATES

24th September - Cross Country
24th September - Early Dismissal - End of Term
11th October - Term 4 starts

SCHOOL CULTURE

Recently we have held assemblies with students to speak about school culture and making Kingston Community School a place everyone can be proud of.

Culture is the way you think; we want students and staff to think that KCS is a great school because they know they can achieve their personal best and that no one will stop them.

Culture is the way you act; we want students to act kindly and respectfully towards each other and towards staff, to act with confidence to ask questions about their learning.

Culture is the way you interact; we want students and staff to interact with each other in a way that supports everyone around them to learn and grow everyday, without fear of put downs or exclusion.

We are going to start celebrating the successes and build a better culture at KCS so everyone can learn and grow, so everyone can feel safe and respected, so everyone can feel good about what they have achieved, so everyone starts talking about the good things happening at KCS.

We invite everyone in our community to be a part of this strong school culture.

SAINTS MESSAGE

Congratulations to all the students, staff and families involved with the Kingston Saints Football and Netball Club. Your efforts over the 2021 season have paid off and have given the school and local community something to be a part of and connected to during these difficult times. Bring on 2022!

LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday 24th September will be our last day of term 3 and a very busy one. Throughout the morning we will run our Cross Country and encourage families to come along to watch their children participate down on the oval. At 12.20pm we will hold a whole school assembly in the gym to present medals for Cross Country and celebrate the end of term.

COVID – 19 VACCINE

Children aged 12 to 15 and 16 years plus will be able to book a Pfizer appointment at SA Health COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

Bookings can be made online via the SA Health website at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDvaccine.

Kingston Hospital is currently vaccinating each Thursday. Please continue to check online availability as more places become available.

Parents/Guardians must attend with adolescents under the age of 16yrs.

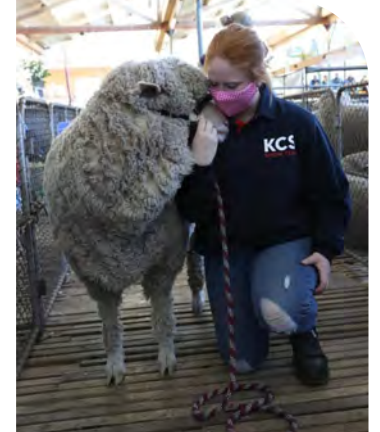
ADELAIDE SHOW

Congratulations to our sheep show team who competed in the School Merino Wether Competition at the Adelaide Show.

Pen 1 came 3rd in the Best Pen of Three Wethers (out of 70 teams)

Pen 2 made the final for Best Pen of Three Wethers (top 18)

Della Martin was 1 of 18 students selected for the handlers final. A fantastic effort considering there was over 200 students!



SAPSASA GOLF

Congratulations to Delta Robinson who finished 2nd overall for the country girls at Sapsasa golf. Delta went on to play in the State finals where she finished 5th.



INDUSTRY IMMERSION DAY

Six students were fortunate enough to be involved with Penola's Industry Immersion day where they started the day with a presentation by Coonawarra Experiences. Simon and Kerry Meares, are the owners of Coonawarra Experiences. Coonawarra Experiences offers tailored luxury touring options escorting visitors on immersive wine adventures where guests explore the culture and traditions of wine and the region. Guests are taken behind the scenes, where they meet the winemakers, taste the yet to be released wines and get to know the people who make the Coonawarra and Limestone Coast tick.

After lunch we ventured to Hollick's winery and restaurant. Hollick established in 1983 is a boutique winery renowned for their high-quality wines from both Coonawarra and nearby Wrattenbully. The restaurant was part of a development at Hollick Estates in 2002 that included new bottled wine storage, extensions to the barrel cellar and a new cellar door sales area.

The aim of the immersion day was

- To give them an understanding of the skills employers are expecting them to have/develop.
- To understand the different pathways in these industries.
- To hear the different stories as to how people got into these industries.

In the afternoon we were treated to a **non-alcoholic** wine tasting session and a beautiful afternoon tea from their coffee shop.



FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

17 choir students performed at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre as part of the Festival of Music Choir.



YEAR 12 EXAMS

Monday 1st November	Maths Methods (AM)
Wednesday 3rd November	General Maths (PM)
Thursday 4th November	Specialist Maths (AM) Modern History (PM)
Friday 5th November	Biology (AM)
Tuesday 9th November	Chemistry (AM)
Thursday 11th November	Physics (PM)



Hi, my name is Jordyn and I am the headspace Mount Gambier outreach worker providing in-person, confidential and non-judgemental support to young people living in the Upper South East. Headspace is a free and voluntary health service working with people aged 12-25 in four streams including mental health, sexual and physical health, alcohol and other drugs and education and employment. I am from this area and I'm passionate about making more services accessible to those living rurally. You can ask your family, a friend, doctor, case manager, teacher or school staff member to refer you. To get more information or to make a referral please call us on 8725 0443.



Australian Government



COVID-19 vaccine information for teens and parents/guardians

Last updated: 09 September 2021

The Corminaty (Pfizer) and Spikevax (Moderna) COVID-19 vaccines are approved and recommended for people aged 12 and older.

There are lots of reasons for young people to get vaccinated, including:

- protecting you from catching COVID-19
- reducing your risk of severe disease, long-term side effects or long COVID
- helping you get back to school, college or university
- reconnecting you with your family and friends
- getting you back to doing the things you love, like team sports, going to concerts, travel.

Vaccination protects you, and it also protects your:

- family
- friends
- schoolmates
- teammates
- workmates

How does the COVID-19 vaccine work?

COVID-19 vaccines can stop people from becoming sick with COVID-19.

Pfizer and Moderna vaccines do not contain any live virus and cannot give you COVID-19. They contain genetic code for an important part of the SARS-CoV-2 virus which causes COVID-19, called the spike protein.

After getting the vaccine, your body makes copies of the spike protein. Your immune system then learns to recognise and fight against the virus. The genetic code is then broken down quickly by the body.

What to expect after vaccination

The vaccine starts to protect you against COVID-19 from about 2–3 weeks after the first dose.

That is why it is important to continue to be safe and to remember to:

- practise good hygiene
- practise physical distancing
- follow the limits for public gatherings
- understand how to isolate if you need to

What if I have a reaction to the vaccine?

You may experience some side effects after vaccination. Most side effects last no more than a couple of days and you will recover without any problems. Common reactions to vaccination include:

- pain, redness and/or swelling where you received the needle
- mild fever
- headache

If you have any concerns about symptoms you can get more information at healthdirect.gov.au/covid-19-vaccine-side-effect-checker.

Remember your second appointment

It is important that you get two doses of the vaccine as the second dose is likely to prolong the protection against COVID-19. The recommended interval for Pfizer is three weeks but may be longer if you are in an area that is experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak.

How is the information you provide at your appointment used?

For information on how personal details are collected, stored and used you can visit health.gov.au/using-our-websites/privacy/privacy-notice-for-covid-19-vaccinations.

Consent

Parents may be asked to consent to their child being vaccinated.

In general, a parent or legal guardian of a child has the authority to consent to vaccination. In some states and territories, older adolescents may be able to provide their own consent.

Your child's COVID-19 vaccine will be recorded on their Immunisation History Statement. Note that if your child is aged 14 years and older, you can no longer access their Australian Immunisation Record for privacy reasons. You can get their immunisation history statement if you have their consent. More information is available via Services Australia <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/australian-immunisation-register/how-get-immunisation-history-statement>.

More information about consent is available in the Australian Immunisation Handbook at immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/vaccination-procedures/preparing-for-vaccination.

Alternatively, you can check with your state or territory health authority about these laws: <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/immunisation/immunisation-contacts>