



## South Kalgoorlie Primary School

### Newsletter

[www.southkalgoorlieps.wa.edu.au](http://www.southkalgoorlieps.wa.edu.au)  
[southkalgoorlie.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:southkalgoorlie.ps@education.wa.edu.au)  
ph: 9092 5800

February - Issue  
01 - 2026

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Welcome Back to 2026 – What a Wonderful Start!

Welcome back to all of our students and families, and a very special welcome to those joining South Kalgoorlie Primary School for the very first time. There's something truly special about the beginning of a new school year: freshly packed school bags, shiny shoes on the first day, nervous smiles at the gate, and classrooms once again filled with laughter, learning, and possibility.

It has been a fantastic start to 2026. Our students have returned full of enthusiasm and ready to learn, and it has been heart-warming to see friendships reconnect, new connections forming, and classrooms buzzing with curiosity. From confident first steps into Kindy, to our older students proudly settling into leadership roles, every corner of the school has felt alive with energy and purpose.

A great start to the year is built on simple but powerful things - strong routines, positive relationships, high expectations, and a shared commitment to learning. Over these first days we've seen students embracing classroom expectations, families supporting smooth morning transitions, and children showing resilience, kindness, and a willingness to give things a go. These early foundations matter, and they set the tone for a year of growth, achievement, and belonging.

To our families, thank you for your ongoing partnership and trust. And to our students, thank you for arriving each morning with smiles, courage, and curiosity.

We are excited for all that lies ahead in 2026 and look forward to another year of learning, laughter, and shared success. Together, we will continue to build a school community where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and inspired to be their best.



### A Special Rite of Passage – Our Pre-primary Bell Ringing Ceremony

One of our most treasured traditions at South Kalgoorlie Primary School is the Pre-primary Bell Ringing Ceremony. A rite of passage that has been part of our school story for as long as anyone can remember.

Each year, at the start of Term One, our newest Pre-primary students proudly step forward to ring the school bell, marking their official entry into their very first compulsory year of schooling. It is a simple moment, yet one filled with meaning, excitement, and a touch of magic.

This year, we were delighted to welcome our 2026 Pre-Primary learners as they took part in this momentous occasion. One by one, our tiny learners rang the bell, symbolising the beginning of their learning journey as South Kalgoorlie students, surrounded by encouragement, smiles, and a whole community cheering them on.

We formally welcome and congratulate each of our Pre-Primary students as they join their peers and take their place in our school community. We are so glad to have you as part of our SKPS family, and we cannot wait to watch you grow, learn, and shine in the years ahead. What a beautiful way to begin the year. A reminder that every big journey starts with a small step... and a ring of the bell. Check out Facebook to see all of the amazing photographs.

### Welcome to Our New Staff

We are delighted to welcome several new staff members to South Kalgoorlie Primary School in 2026: Ms Grant (Room 5), Mrs LeBillon (Joey), Mrs DeKlerk (Gecko), Miss Davis (Joey), Ms Martin, and Ms Laws (Manager Corporate Services).

We warmly welcome each of these dedicated professionals to the SKPS family. They bring with them a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and care for children, and we are excited for the positive impact they will have on our students and wider school community. Please join us in making them feel right at home as they begin their journey with us.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2026

## Thank You to Our Families

Thank you to our families for your ongoing support and partnership. When schools and families work together, children thrive. Parents and carers are our most important partners in learning, and we truly value the trust you place in us each day.

As the year begins, a few simple things can make a big difference in helping children settle in and build strong connections: establishing consistent routines, encouraging regular attendance, speaking positively about school, and keeping open communication with classroom teachers. If you ever have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out - early conversations help us support your child in the best possible way. We look forward to another wonderful year of learning together.

## Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Our Uniform Shop is open every Friday from 2:30pm to 3:15pm. Families are welcome to pop in during this time to purchase uniform items or ask any questions. Thank you for your continued support of our P&C-run Uniform Shop. Orders can also be placed online via <https://www.quickcliq.com.au/>. Families who are able to donate clean, good-quality uniforms are kindly asked to drop them to the Uniform Shop on Friday between 2:30pm-3:15pm.

## The Hungry Bee Canteen

The Hungry Bee Canteen operates on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, offering both recess and lunch. Families can place pre-orders via <https://www.quickcliq.com.au/>. A great way to support smooth lunch times and ensure your child doesn't miss out.

## Join Our P&C OR School Board – Be Part of Something Special

We warmly invite families to consider getting involved in our Parents & Citizens Association and School Board. Both are wonderful ways to meet other parents, stay connected with what's happening around the school, and support our students, staff, and wider school community in a real and meaningful way.

Whether you have lots of time or just a little, every contribution makes a difference. Being involved is friendly, rewarding, and a great way to build connections, from helping with events and sharing ideas, to supporting decision-making and strengthening our school community.

If you're interested, please call the School Office on (08) 9092 5800 - we'd love to hear from you.

## Drop-Off and Pick-Up Times

To ensure the safe supervision of students, it is important that children are not dropped off or enter the school grounds before 8:10am. Supervision begins at this time, with students entering classrooms at 8:30am. School finishes promptly at 2:50pm, and we kindly ask that all students are collected at this time. Thank you for supporting our procedures and helping us keep all children safe.

## Medication at School

All medications (prescription and non-prescription) must be taken to the School Office, where parents/carers will be supported to complete the required forms. No medication is to be kept in students' bags or trays. Please speak with your child's teacher regarding asthma inhalers – these may be carried by students depending on age and individual circumstances. Thank you for helping us keep all students safe.

## E-Ridables at School

In line with Department of Education Western Australia requirements, e-ridables (including e-scooters) are not permitted to be ridden on school grounds and must be walked in and out of the school at all times. Thank you for supporting student safety.

## Smart Watches & Mobile Phones

In line with Department of Education WA requirements, mobile phones and smart watches are not to be used during school hours and must be switched off and handed to the front office unless approved for learning or medical purposes. Thank you for supporting a focused and safe learning environment.

## Going Paperless

Our school communications, student reports, and newsletters/notes are now delivered electronically. Please ensure your email details are kept up to date with the school office, as accurate contact information is essential for smooth communication and transitions. Call us on (08) 9092 5800 to update information ASAP.

## 2026 Attendance

Week One -  
Whole School Attendance:  
88.17%

