



# KAURNA PLAINS SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - TERM 4, WEEK 9 2021

STRENGTH THROUGH LEARNING · TAINGIWILTA TIRKANTHI-ARRA

## Merry Christmas!

### DIARY DATES

#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**Monday 31st January**

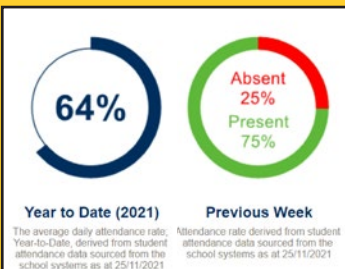
First day of school  
for 2022



### ATTENDANCE

We have had a strong end to the year, with a final 68% attendance for the term. This is an improvement of over 10% compared to last year. We are really proud of all the families and the efforts made to attend school. Our overall attendance for the year is 64% and we hope to increase that another 10% in 2022!

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
68%	66.5%	67%	68%



### NIINA MARNI

Wow, what a year! A BIG thank you to all the families and community for all the amazing support throughout the year given the challenges we have faced again in 2021.

This year we farewell a few staff including Aunty Kim, who has won a job which has a very unique role. Thank you to Aunty Kim for all the passion and colour that you brought to Kaurna Plains. We also farewell Aunty Jaye who has won a job at another site. We thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our students. Lastly, we farewell Aunty Sangeetha who has provided Science and Technology in the primary years. Aunty Sangeetha formed many positive relationships in the short time she was here and the students will certainly miss her. We wish you all the best in the future and please come and visit.

This term, the Principal Awards have been won by Blake G and Jamaika B.

Blake always demonstrates CORKA values and is an excellent role model – holding his peers to that standard too. Blake is a well-respected SRC member who takes this role seriously and ensures that he wears his uniform with pride daily. He is also well respected by all staff at the site.

Jamaika has engaged in classes and coped with new challenges positively this term. She is safe and respectful at all check ins and has received green lessons 95% of the time. She engaged enthusiastically with programs which overall helped build her confidence and resilience in overcoming previous barriers.

Outstanding effort from these students and many others who have excelled in learning, attendance and engagement. All our data indicates that there has been fewer suspensions and take homes than previous years, attendance continues to improve and all students have shown growth in their learning, this is evident in your child's/ren's final report. The leadership team are excited to see what Kaurna Plains R-12 students can achieve in 2022.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful holiday break, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Yours Sincerely

Aunty Ange

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## MULTILIT CLOSING THE GAP SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

In 2022 Kurna Plains School has been selected to participate in a Commonwealth Closing the Gap Initiative with the Australian Government.

The aim of this project is to have all students in the participating schools reach SEA (Standard of Education Achievement) in reading.

Schools participating in the project will be provided with high-quality professional learning and teaching resources to implement MultiLit's evidence-based reading programs in Foundation to Year 6.

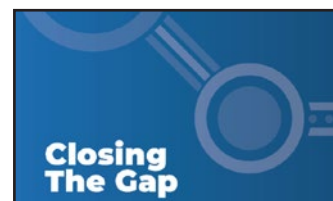
Although Kurna Plains School is already using a number of MultiLit's intervention programs, under this project we will receive further programs including, and most notably, InitialLit. InitialLit is a whole-class evidence-based literacy program developed to teach English reading and related skills across the first four years of formal schooling. Furthermore, KPS will receive ongoing staff training, teaching advice and support from the MultiLit School Partnerships team for a four-year period beginning next year.

Over the last two weeks our dedicated teachers and co-educators have been undergoing training in InitialLit to ensure they are prepared and ready to deliver the program in 2022.

This initiative is a wonderful opportunity for our school to access these highly effective programs, materials and training as part of a community of MultiLit Closing the Gap schools. We are looking forward to beginning this journey.

If you have any questions about the program or would like any further information please call the school.

*Leayshia Gaston*



## BOYS GROUP

We have recently finished up our Boys Group sessions at the Pennington Mens Shed, hosted by Ngarrindjeri elder Uncle David. We have made clap sticks, painted thin boomerangs, and finally, shaped and made boomerangs from various timbers, including mallee. Students have found that even with more modern tools like a hand file and sand-paper, that the shaping processes is far from easy.

We had the honour of seeing Uncle Isaac Hannam carve a Kurna Shield from a tree on site, using a chisel and mallet. He very quickly carved this shield, which will be cleaned up and hardened using traditional methods.

We look forward to working with the Pennington Mens Shed more in the future!

*Uncle Phil*



## ATTENDANCE AWARDS TERM 4

We are so proud of all of students however a huge shout out to the best attenders in each class. We are super proud of the students who made huge efforts to increase their attendance – some by almost 30%! Well done!

	Best Attender	Most Improved
R-I	Tarragon E	Kaydyn M, Zion W & Harley W
2 – 4	Kruze BW	Tye L
5/6	Zaiyden S & Jordan K	
7/8	Shayna V	Latrell W
9/10	Jamaika B	Shaun H



Natalea Jenkins

## AUNTY KIM'S FAREWELL LETTER

Taikurtirna, naa marni!

I can't believe it's been a whole year here at Kurna Plains School! This has been one of the most incredible experiences I've had teaching and I can't thank you all enough for the opportunity to get to know each and everyone one of you.

I was so lucky to have Aunty Ange ring me one day in late 2020 and offer me a contract to teach at this small, beautiful school and you absolutely bet I said yes straight away! I started here in January of 2021 and was immediately blown away by the kindness, community and family feel of the school. Most of you know me as Aunty Kim, the HASS teacher, but I have also developed some different personas along the way – the clumsiest, the most emotional (at times), and the teacher with different coloured hair every few weeks (and that I am proud of!).

I have been very lucky to win a position with a not-for-profit agency called OzChild for 2022 and beyond as a Teacher/Education Consultant. I will be working with 8 students, aged 12 – 17 years of age who are in the foster care program and I will be the liaison for them with all their education and wellbeing needs. This is an incredible opportunity for me and something I couldn't pass up. I will not be returning next year as a classroom teacher but will still be able to assist with Relief Teaching when needed, as my new position is part-time.

It has been such an incredible journey to get to know every one of the students here at Kurna Plains. Not just my Year 7 – 12 crew, but everyone from the giggly receptions to the serious faced seniors. The smiles on the faces of the students brightens my day and the hilarious and sometimes frightening stories from these students will always be there in my memories. I've had multiple ups and downs this year, and the support from the staff, students, and families has never faltered. From my eventful ride in an ambulance, to asking permission from Uncle Antony to use a box cutter (because I'm so clumsy), to crying tears of laughter when I make a joke that the students never expected!

This has been the most amazing year and this school is such an incredible place. I've made friends and family for life here, and I want to thank you all for the times I've had. I will never forget anyone of you.

Marni Padni, Ngaityalya, Nakutha!

Aunty Kim

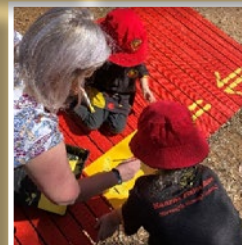
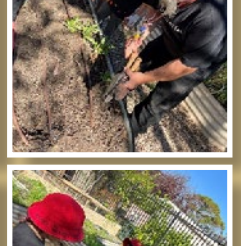
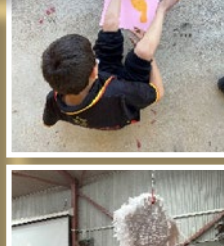


## RECEPTION - YEAR 1

We have seen so much growth in our classroom this year. The students have experienced so much over the school year. We have gone on excursions to the Botanical Gardens, Kauria Living and Cultural Centre, performed the Wa: Tji Bird to the school. We had our swimming lessons and all our students were brave and had a go! It has been a fantastic year in the R-1 classroom.

Merry Christmas!

*Aunty Debbie, Aunty Fotina and Aunty Lisa*





## YEAR 2-4

It has been a great one and half terms being in the 2-4 class! All the students settled into the new classroom environment and we had a great end to the school year. It was great to see the class work together to be involved in special performances such as the Wa:Ti Bird with Aunty Debbie's class, the Ground Force Hip Hop dance and hosting the Remembrance Day assembly. It has been great to see the growth in the students' learning over the term. Some special shout outs for improvement in learning and achievement go to:

- Ethan and Jamie for their amazing work with multiplication in Maths
- Nevaeh and Duncan for getting 100% of the Jolly Phonics sounds
- Haiche, Tye and Duncan for moving 3 reading levels
- Kruze for moving 5 reading levels
- To every student for being able to write a recount by the end of Term 4
- Tye, Ethan and Jamie for learning the didgeridoo and performing in front of the school
- To our dance superstars Janarli, Nevaeh and Pauline
- Kruze for 100% attendance!!

Every student in our class should be proud of their achievements and hard work. I look forward to seeing them in their new classes in 2022 and continuing to show their amazing learning.

Merry Christmas and have a wonderful holiday break!!!

*Natasha Trestrail*





## YEAR 5/6

We made it!! Finally we have come to the end of the 2021 school year and hasn't it been one big rollercoaster! Students started the year off with Uncle Tom in his shack (classroom) going on learning journeys together. Semester 2 came along and what better way to start it than with a lockdown! Students persisted and pushed through the difficulties overcoming them and returning to school ready to get back to it. We said goodbye for now to Uncle Tom and were welcomed into Auntie Candace's classroom. We celebrated Sports Day, NAIDOC Week, Year 6 Graduation and the Christmas concert together. It has been a fantastic year but now we say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and we will see you back here in 2022!!

### Year 6 Graduating students

On Thursday afternoon, we said congratulations and farewell to the Year 6 graduating students in a special assembly. Students were awarded with their certificates and a gift and took a trip down memory lane looking back on their years at Kurna Plains. On behalf of all the staff at Kurna Plains School I would like to congratulate and wish the graduates the best of luck as they move into their high school journey.

Auntie Candace

*Congratulations*





## 7-11 MATHS AND SCIENCE

Niina Marni,

In the STEM room we conducted a few interesting experiments. For the transition day we made snowy Christmas tree ornaments with saturated salt solution. In the Year 7-8 class we prepared presentation about separation methods used by Aboriginal people.



We also had a periodic table challenge. Harlequinn, Phoenix and Kaila were first second and third respectively in the challenge. They all received lunch from the school as their prize.

In Maths we made paper horses with the exact measurements of different body parts. Linking to Science, we also assessed different slopes and friction to enable the paper horses to walk properly. Most of the students had great success in this activity.

It has been great working at Kaurua Plains School this year. See you all next year. Stay safe and healthy and enjoy your holidays.

Aunty Jyoti



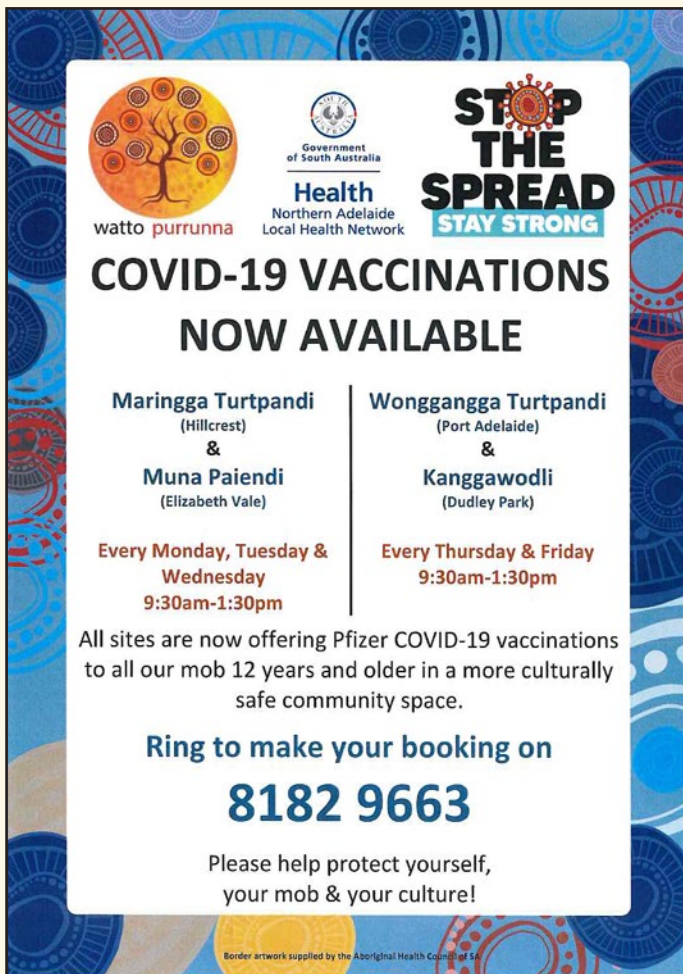
## SECONDARY ENGLISH

What a busy term we've had in English this term! We did an unprecedented amount of reading assessment in Secondary English to pinpoint exactly where each student is on their learning journey. This meant that we could deliver targeted lessons and develop the precise skills each student needed. Our Year 11s all completed their compulsory SACE credits for English (congratulations!) and our juniors started their journey towards writing structured extended texts with some very pleasing results. The middle class discovered just how much work goes into making a movie and many got a chance to edit video layers with sound effects, background music and various transitions. Shaun's reimagining of Mr Squiggle was both fascinating and terrifying thanks to the help of our very own star in the making, Jamaika-Rose, and editing whiz, Phoenix M. Thank you all for a fantastic Term 4 and good luck in 2022. I'll be thinking of you!

Jaye Hines

7 - 12 English Teacher





**STOP THE SPREAD STAY STRONG**

**COVID-19 VACCINATIONS NOW AVAILABLE**

**Maringga Turtpandi** (Hillcrest) & **Muna Paiendi** (Elizabeth Vale)  
**Wonggangga Turtpandi** (Port Adelaide) & **Kanggawodli** (Dudley Park)

Every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30am-1:30pm  
 Every Thursday & Friday 9:30am-1:30pm

All sites are now offering Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations to all our mob 12 years and older in a more culturally safe community space.

**Ring to make your booking on 8182 9663**

Please help protect yourself, your mob & your culture!

Border artwork supplied by the Aboriginal Health Council of SA

## New 24/7 Men's Domestic Violence Hotline



**The Office for Women** has supported the launch of a new dedicated men's domestic violence hotline. In a first for South Australia, the referral line will help men seek advice, support and help about their use of violence and connect them with local domestic violence services.

The hotline is part of a much-needed boost to help all Australians experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence during COVID-19, which includes a \$2.4 million investment from the State Government.

**The Men's Referral Line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 1300 766 491.**

Domestic, family and sexual violence services continue to be available during COVID and are ready to help those families needing some assistance in this time.

**If you are worried about your safety - counselling and support is always available - phone the Domestic Violence Crisis Line 1800 800 098 at any time.**



Dear Resident,

South Australia Police is committed to preventing deliberate, reckless or negligently lit fires in your local area.

Fires caused by deliberate, reckless or negligent behaviour not only destroy communities and properties but have the potential to kill. South Australia Police is committed to identifying and apprehending people within our community and ask for your assistance.

If you see a fire, immediately call Triple Zero (000).

If you see anything suspicious immediately call the Police Assistance line on 131 444.

Helpful details to make note of include:

- **Location** i.e. road name, nearest side street, identifying landmarks, Rural Property Address number and property name.
- **Vehicle details** i.e. registration number, make, model, colour and any distinguishing features (e.g. dents, stickers).
- **Characteristics** such as their age, gender, weight, height, hair colour or clothing.

If you have any information about who is deliberately lighting fires or engaging in reckless or negligent fire lighting behaviour contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at [www.sa.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.sa.crimestoppers.com.au). You can remain anonymous.

Let's work together to stay safe during the bushfire season.

Yours sincerely,

Tanya Leonard

Senior Constable First Class  
Northern District

16/11/2021

Neighbourhood Watch SA proudly supports South Australia Police's bushfire safety activities.



## WHY RISK IT? STOP BUSHFIRES STARTING THIS SEASON

### CAMPFIRE BUSHFIRE PREVENTION

Campfires can quickly get out of control and start a bushfire. Help keep everyone safe by following these simple rules:

- Before you light a campfire, check the Fire Danger Rating and whether a Total Fire Ban has been declared by visiting the CFS website: [cfs.sa.gov.au](http://cfs.sa.gov.au).
- During the Fire Danger Season you **must** ensure any fire you light is:
  - Contained in a properly constructed fire place or in a 30cm deep trench and be no more than ONE square metre in size (height and width).
  - The space immediately around and above the fire is clear of all flammable vegetation to a distance of at least FOUR metres.
  - A responsible person is in attendance at all times with water or an appropriate extinguisher on hand.
  - The fire is **completely** out before you leave it.
- Above ground fires such as chimineas, fire drums and braziers are only permitted with the appropriate permits.
- Check with your council to see what fuel you can burn. Some councils only allow the burning of charcoal to comply with the Environment Protection Authority legislation.
- If a Total Fire Ban Day has been declared in your Fire Ban District you **must not** have a campfire, or light a fire for warmth or comfort without a council permit.
- No fires, including BBQs and campfires, are permitted in Forestry SA land and forest reserves between November 30 and April 30 each year or on Total Fire Ban Days. Gas BBQs may be permitted under certain conditions. For enquiries, contact the relevant forestry reserve office.
- Strict regulations apply to all fires including BBQs in National Parks and Wildlife Reserves. When fires are permitted they can only be lit in designated areas; signs will be placed at park entrances. Many National Parks and Wildlife Reserves have total bans on the use of wood fires. For further information, contact the relevant park office. **No fires are permitted on Total Fire Ban Days in these locations.**

**Deliberately, recklessly or negligently starting a bushfire is a serious offence and will result in criminal proceedings.**

Visit the CFS website: [cfs.sa.gov.au](http://cfs.sa.gov.au) for full details of what you can and cannot do during the Fire Danger Season.

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## PREVENTING CRIME



CAMPFIRES

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## PREVENTING CRIME

### EQUIPMENT & VEHICLE MAINTENANCE BUSHFIRE PREVENTION

Poorly maintained and non-compliant mechanical equipment and vehicles can start bushfires. Help keep everyone safe by following these simple rules:

- During the Fire Danger Season there are restrictions on the use of stationary engines and vehicles driven by internal combustion engines.
- Outside of existing Farm and Grain Harvesting Codes of Practice a person must not operate an engine during the Fire Danger Season unless it conforms to the appropriate regulations.
- Engines and exhaust systems must be well-maintained, with correct spark-arresters and protective guards fitted.
- Exhaust system requirements:
  - Ensure all engine exhaust gases exit through the system to prevent the escape of burning material.
  - Ensure the system is designed to prevent heated parts coming in to contact with flammable vegetation.
- Machinery and vehicles that do not have the required and maintained exhaust system **must not** come within FOUR metres of flammable vegetation, including grass and crops.
- A vehicle driven by an internal combustion engine that does not have a compliant engine exhaust system **must not** be driven within TWO metres of flammable bush or grass.
- Check all equipment, engines and vehicles are in good working order and comply with regulations.
- Check bearings and pulleys on equipment and vehicles to ensure there are no signs of seal failure on sealed bearings and that greased bearings are greased and wiped clean as necessary.
- Check all equipment and vehicles are clean and free from built up flammable materials including trapped deposits of grass and oil.
- A person **must not** use a caravan in the country unless an efficient fire extinguisher is carried.

**Deliberately, recklessly or negligently starting a bushfire is a serious offence and will result in criminal proceedings.**

Visit the CFS website: [cfs.sa.gov.au](http://cfs.sa.gov.au) for full details of what you can and cannot do during the Fire Danger Season.

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EQUIPMENT & VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

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## PREVENTING CRIME

### HARVESTING BUSHFIRE PREVENTION

Harvesting during dangerous conditions can quickly start a bushfire. Help keep everyone safe by following these simple rules:

- Ensure you have a shovel or rake and portable water spray at hand.
- Ensure all engine exhaust gases exit through the exhaust system to prevent the escape of burning material.
- Prevent heated parts of the system from coming into contact with flammable material or vegetation and ensure the system is in good working order.
- If a stationary machine is used to auger a crop, a minimum space of FOUR metres around and above the machine must be cleared, or a person who is able to control the engine must be present at all times the engine is operating.

It is strongly recommended that you follow the Grain Harvesting Code of Practice available from your local council or CFS website: [cfs.sa.gov.au](http://cfs.sa.gov.au).

Here are some key points:

- Suspend harvesting when the Grassland Fire Danger Index exceeds 35.
- Check all machinery is in good working order and free of crop residue.
- Have immediate access to a UHF CB radio or mobile phone.
- Have a well maintained and fully operational farm fire-fighting unit with a minimum 400 litres of water in the paddock being harvested. For further information consult the CFS Private Farm Fire Unit Handbook available on the CFS website.
- Establish a FOUR metre wide fuel break around the perimeter of the area to be burnt.

**Deliberately, recklessly or negligently starting a bushfire is a serious offence and will result in criminal proceedings.**

During the Fire Danger Season, visit the Bureau of Meteorology website: [bom.gov.au](http://bom.gov.au) to find out the Grassland Fire Danger Index for your region.

Visit the South Australia Police website: [police.sa.gov.au](http://police.sa.gov.au) for more bushfire prevention fact sheets and information.



HARVESTING

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### GARDEN WASTE BUSHFIRE PREVENTION

Garden waste fires can quickly get out of control and start a bushfire. It is extremely important to ensure the fire is completely extinguished after any burning. Help keep everyone safe by following these simple rules:

- During the Fire Danger Season, garden waste fires are **not allowed** unless you have been issued with a Schedule 9 Council permit.
- On Total Fire Ban Days garden waste fires are **not permitted**. If a garden waste fire is still smouldering from a previous day's burn and a Total Fire Ban Day is declared it becomes an illegal fire unless a Schedule 10 Council permit has been issued.
- Consider friendly alternatives for the environment such as:
  - Composting or mulching your waste.
  - Using your green waste kerbside bin.
  - Utilising your Council's green waste service.
- Outside of the Fire Danger Season and not on Total Fire Ban Days**, you are permitted to burn garden waste. Before burning check the Vegetation Rubbish Pile Burning Code of Practice on the CFS website: [cfs.sa.gov.au](http://cfs.sa.gov.au).
  - Prior to lighting, check weather conditions including the 3-4 days following the burn and if conditions are not favourable postpone the burn.
  - Clear the space immediately around and above the fire of all flammable vegetation to a minimum distance of FOUR metres.
  - Have an adequate supply of water that can easily reach the fire to extinguish it.
  - Never use accelerants to start your garden waste fire, in case of injury or it becoming uncontrollable quickly.
  - The fire must be attended to until the initial flame height has reduced. Ensure the fire is regularly monitored after lighting to make sure there are no escapes to any surrounding vegetation.
  - After the burn, ensure the fire is completely out. Turn over coals or remnants and apply a large amount of water until the burnt area is cold to the touch.
- Many councils don't allow or strongly discourage the burning of garden waste at any time of the year, so check with your council for restrictions, including Environment Protection Authority Legislation.

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Visit the CFS website: [cfs.sa.gov.au](http://cfs.sa.gov.au) for full details of what you can and cannot do during the Fire Danger Season.

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## PREVENTING CRIME

### MOWERS & SLASHERS BUSHFIRE PREVENTION

Mowing and slashing vegetation can quickly start a bushfire. Help keep everyone safe by following these simple rules:

**Before the activity:**

- Check weather conditions and choose cooler and damper times to mow and slash - avoid dry and hot conditions. Mow or slash when the vegetation is still green to reduce the risk of bushfires.
- Inspect the area to ensure that all rocks and other solid objects that could cause sparks if struck by the mower or slasher blades are removed.
- Check all equipment is in good working order including fire-fighting equipment, exhaust systems and bearings on all wheels and pulleys.
- Ensure equipment is clean and free from flammable materials (including grass and oil build up).

**During the activity you must ensure:**

- The space around the activity is clear of all flammable vegetation or materials to a distance of at least FOUR metres.
- A shovel or rake and a portable water spray in good working order, are at hand.
- The mower or slasher's internal combustion engine is fitted with an exhaust system that complies with legislation.
- A person who can control the mower or slasher is present at all times during operation.

**After the activity:**

- Park the equipment in a clear area away from flammable materials.
- Maintain observation for a minimum of 30 minutes to ensure trapped combustible or smouldering material and engine or exhausts do not ignite.
- Wash down the machine (with a pressure hose if available) to remove any build-up of cut grass from all areas of the machine.

**Deliberately, recklessly or negligently starting a bushfire is a serious offence and will result in criminal proceedings.**

Before mowing or slashing it is important to check the Mowing and Slashing Code of Practice on the CFS website: [cfs.sa.gov.au](http://cfs.sa.gov.au).

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## Roadblocks and Closures

Roadblocks are usually managed by police officers but the responsibility may be delegated to other authorised personnel such as firefighters or SES.

During a declared bushfire, police and other authorised officers have powers under the Emergency Management Act 2004 to:

- Direct or prohibit the movement of persons, animals or vehicles.
- Require a person to provide such information as may be reasonably required in the circumstances.

## It is an offence to:

- Without reasonable excuse refuse/fail to comply with directions.
- Hinder or obstruct the emergency operation.
- Impersonate an authorised officer.

Receive email alerts regarding roadblocks and closures by signing up to SA Police News: [police.sa.gov.au](https://police.sa.gov.au).

## Practical Tips if a Bushfire is Approaching

When organising your trip, have a Bushfire or Emergency Survival Plan and pack an emergency kit. You can find tools to help you create your plan on the CFS website: [cfs.sa.gov.au](https://cfs.sa.gov.au). Modify or postpone your travel plans when dangerous fire weather is forecast.

## If you're driving and approaching bushfire smoke you should:

- Slow down and be aware there could be people, vehicles or animals on the road.



- Turn around where safe to do so and drive to the nearest township or 'Bushfire Safer Place' which is a place of relative safety during a bushfire.

- If you can't reach a designated 'Bushfire Safer Place' make your way to a 'Bushfire Last Resort Refuge'. For more information, maps of these places and to find out if you're travelling in or near one visit the CFS website.

- If you can't make it to either place, pull over to the side of the road and stop your vehicle in a clear area.

- Turn your car headlights on and close vehicle windows and vents.

- Ensure you're not in the path of the fire; and keep your hazard and headlights on and wait until the smoke clears.

## If you can't escape the smoke:

- Stay inside your vehicle as it offers better protection than being in the open. Park in a clear area, preferably behind a solid structure to block the radiant heat.

- Face your car towards the fire and turn the engine and air-conditioning off.

- Tightly close the door, windows and air vents.

- Lie in the vehicle footwell and if possible, shelter under woolen blankets to protect yourself from the radiant heat.

- Avoid dehydration by drinking lots of water.

- Heat and smoke from the fire may make breathing difficult. Stay under the blankets and if you have a P2/N95 type of disposable mask, wearing it correctly fitted, may help reduce smoke exposure to poor air quality.

- Stay laying down until the sound of the fire has passed and then carefully leave the car - it will be very hot.

- Move to a safe area such as land that has already been burnt.

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If you have any information about who is deliberately lighting fires or engaging in reckless or negligent fire behaviour call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

**Deliberately, recklessly or negligently starting a bushfire is a serious offence and will result in criminal proceedings.**



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## YOUR BUSHFIRE TRAVEL COMPANION

When holidaying in South Australia please read, follow and share these simple bushfire safety tips to ensure you stay safe.

COVID-19 INFORMATION  
The South Australian Directions apply to anyone living in and entering South Australia. To see the latest information regarding South Australian Directions which may impact border crossings, activities and therefore your holiday plans please visit [covid-19.sa.gov.au](https://covid-19.sa.gov.au)

## Fire Ban Districts

South Australia is divided into a number of Fire Ban Districts and knowing which Fire Ban District you are visiting is the first step in finding out what you can or can't do.

## Fire Danger Ratings

During the Fire Danger Season, Fire Danger Ratings are issued for each Fire Ban District daily. To ensure your safety you should find out what the Fire Ban Rating is for the district you are travelling in or through.

## Total Fire Ban Day

If the rating is high, a Total Fire Ban Day may be declared. On a Total Fire Ban Day regulations are further escalated. This may also occur outside the declared Fire Danger Season.

The SA Country Fire Service (CFS) may declare Total Fire Bans in some Fire Ban Districts or even across the whole state on days when conditions require it.

## Stay Informed

To stay informed about bushfires, to find out which district you're travelling in, the current Fire Danger Rating or if a Total Fire Ban has been declared:

- Visit the CFS website: [cfs.sa.gov.au](https://cfs.sa.gov.au).
- Call the CFS Information Hotline: 1800 362 361 (TTY 133 677). If you are hearing or speech impaired, contact the CFS via the National Relay Service by calling 1300 555 727.
- Visit the CFS Facebook page: [countryfireservice](https://countryfireservice).

Further information and updates on fires and emergencies can also be obtained by listening to local radio stations, e.g. ABC Local radio and FIVEaa radio.

Radio station information is available in the 'Bushfire Traveller Safety' brochure on the CFS website. The brochure is also available at Visitor Information Centres, holiday/caravan parks and local councils throughout South Australia.

Fires can damage infrastructure and utilities which may impact power and mobile phone towers. It's a good idea to have access to a battery or wind up radio for updates.

Regularly check weather conditions by visiting the Bureau of Meteorology website: [bom.gov.au](https://bom.gov.au).

## Fire Regulations

South Australia Police is proactively policing the threat of bushfires during the Fire Danger Season and as a result you may see police patrolling high risk areas.

During the Fire Danger Season restrictions apply on lighting fires and/or BBQs to reduce the chance of bushfires starting.

Below are some of the regulations that you should follow while travelling in or through South Australia. More information on regulations is available on the CFS website.

If you aren't following these regulations you are breaking the law and as a result may be issued with an expiation notice or criminal proceedings may be instigated against you.

If you see anything suspicious immediately call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444. If you have any information about who is deliberately lighting fires or engaging in reckless or negligent fire behaviour call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

## Campfires

During the Fire Danger Season you must ensure any comfort or cooking fire you light is:

- Contained in a properly constructed fire place or in a 30cm deep trench and is no more than ONE square metre in size (height and width).
- The space immediately around and above the fire is clear of all flammable vegetation to a minimum distance of at least FOUR metres.
- A responsible person is in attendance at all times with water or an appropriate extinguisher on hand.
- The fire is completely out and the ground is cold before you leave it.

If you live in a metropolitan area or township boundary you must only use charcoal for campfires under the Environment Protection Authority legislation.

Permits are required prior to lighting chimineas, fire drums or braziers, which can be obtained from the local council you are staying in. If a Total Fire Ban Day has been declared in the district you're travelling in you must not have a campfire or light a fire for warmth or comfort without a council permit (penalties apply).

No fires, including BBQs and campfires, are permitted in Forestry SA land and forest reserves between November 30 and April 30 each year or on Total Fire Ban Days. Gas BBQs may be permitted under certain conditions. For enquiries, contact the relevant forestry reserve office.

Strict regulations apply in National Parks and Wildlife Reserves. During the Fire Danger Season, regardless of whether a Total Fire Ban Day has been declared, fires are not permitted. For information, go to: [parks.sa.gov.au](https://parks.sa.gov.au).

## BBQs

### Regulations differ on the fuel type used in the BBQ

**Gas or electric BBQ/cooking appliances (including gas fired kettle BBQ)**  
A gas or electric BBQ is permitted during the Fire Danger Season providing:

- The BBQ is clear of all flammable vegetation to a minimum distance of FOUR metres.
- A person must be present with an appropriate extinguisher on hand and able to control the fire until it is extinguished.

### On a declared Total Fire Ban Day you must comply with the above and also ensure:

- The location of the BBQ or cooking appliance must be within 15 metres of a domestic or commercial premises or
- On a coastal foreshore.

Some local councils allow gas or electric BBQs in caravan parks or cleared picnic areas. Look for signs or contact the council for advice.

### Solid fuel (wood/charcoal/heat beads) kettle BBQ

A solid fuel kettle BBQ is permitted during the Fire Danger Season providing:

- The BBQ is clear of all flammable vegetation to a minimum distance of FOUR metres.
- A person must be present with an appropriate extinguisher on hand and able to control the fire until it is extinguished.

On a declared Total Fire Ban Day the use of a solid fuel BBQ is not permitted unless you have a permit from the local council.

## Smoking

During the Fire Danger Season, regardless of whether a Total Fire Ban has been declared for that day:

- You must not smoke within TWO metres of flammable bush or grass outside of a township (penalties apply).
- You must not throw a cigarette butt from a vehicle (penalties apply).
- You must not drop or throw a cigarette butt where it will come into contact with flammable vegetation (penalties apply).

## Fireworks

Private fireworks are banned. Don't forget, if you aren't following the regulations you are breaking the law and as a result may be issued with an expiation notice or criminal proceedings may be instigated against you.

## Vehicles

During the Fire Danger Season there are restrictions on the use of stationary engines including generators and vehicles driven by internal combustion engines. Before using, check all equipment and vehicles are clean and free from any built up flammable materials including trapped deposits of grass and oil.

## Engine exhaust system requirements:

- Ensure all engine exhaust gases exit through the system to prevent the escape of burning material.
- The exhaust system is designed to prevent heated parts coming into contact with flammable vegetation and ensure the system is in good working order.
- Machinery and vehicles that do not have the required and maintained exhaust system must not come within FOUR metres of flammable vegetation, including grass and crops.
- A vehicle driven by an internal combustion engine that does not have a compliant engine exhaust system must not be driven within TWO metres of flammable bush or grass.
- Check pulleys and bearings on equipment and vehicles to ensure there are no signs of seal failure; ensure bearings are greased and all excess is wiped clean.

Merry Christmas!

The first day of school for 2022 is Monday 31st January.

