

From the Inclusion Leader - Mrs Cadby



Dear KGPS Families,

We are now more than halfway through the term, and it's wonderful to see students settled into their learning communities, fully engaged in their learning. Our programs are well and truly in full swing, and it has been particularly exciting to see our Prep students attending school full-time from this week. They have been making the most of our new, upgraded play zone and immersing themselves in imaginative play in the Keysie Village!

With lots happening around the school, I encourage families to regularly check Compass for updates from your child's teachers and to ensure you provide consent for any upcoming incursions and excursions.

Please note that there will be **no school for students this Friday, 7th March**, as it is a curriculum day. The school will also be closed on **Monday, 10th March, for the Labour Day public holiday**. Classes will resume on Tuesday, 11th March.

We look forward to another great week of learning ahead!

Welcome Picnic - A Sensational Community Event!

What a fantastic turnout we had for our recent Welcome Picnic! The sensational sunny weather set the perfect scene for an afternoon filled with fun, connection, and community spirit. The sausage sizzle BBQ was a hit (thanks Mrs DeSilva), with families enjoying a delicious bite while soaking up the atmosphere. Many children loved the tattoo station and family games, adding to the excitement of the day.

A highlight of the event was the wonderful performance from our school choir, who entertained the crowd beautifully. We also took the opportunity to acknowledge our Year 6 school leaders and SRC members, proudly presenting them with their leadership badges. A special thank you to Mr Tim Richardson MP for joining us, our incredible staff for their support, particularly Miss Grace and Ms Nugent for their outstanding organisation, and of course, our school community for making it such a memorable event.



Active Travel Month

We are excited to remind you that Active Travel Month is running from Monday, 3rd March, to Friday, 21st March!

Here are some ways students can actively travel to and/or from school:

- Walk
- Ride
- Scoot
- Skate

Each trip to or from school counts as one day of active travel. The student with the most active travel days will win the grand prize! If there is a tie, a random spin will decide the winner, with other top participants receiving a small canteen voucher. Plus, on National Ride2School Day (Friday, 21st March), everyone who actively travels will receive a free icy pole!

To track participation, use the table sent home, tick the days your child has actively travelled, and return it to their teacher on Friday 21st March to be in the running for the wonderful prize.

Thank you for reading!

From the Year 4 SRC/

Mehransh, Jacob, Alyssa & Andy



Road Safety Around Schools - A Message From the RACV

Ensuring the safety of our students during school commutes is a shared responsibility that requires vigilance from everyone in our community. To enhance safety around our school, please consider the following guidelines:

- Obey Speed Limits: Always adhere to the designated speed limits in school zones to provide ample reaction time for unexpected situations.
- Park Responsibly: Avoid parking in restricted areas or blocking paths or driveways, as this can obstruct visibility for both drivers and pedestrians.
- Be Alert: Stay attentive for children who may unexpectedly cross streets or emerge from between parked cars.
- Teach Road Safety: Parents and guardians are encouraged to educate their children on road safety practices, such as using crossings and understanding traffic signals.

By collectively adhering to these practices, we can create a safer environment for all students and community members around our school. Please click on this link for more information from RACV about road safety around schools: [Getting-kids-to-school-safely-guide](#)



Prep

As part of our Who We Are Unit of Inquiry, Prep students have been exploring the central idea that families are unique and shape who we are. To deepen their learning, we invited families into our classrooms to share something special that represents their culture and traditions. From traditional dress and favourite recipes to storytelling in different languages and special family celebrations, students had the opportunity to learn more about the diverse backgrounds within our school community. A big thank you to all the families who participated, your contributions made this a truly memorable experience for our students!



URGENT

DONATION

Easter Raffle - DONATIONS REQUIRED

It's that time again for our annual Easter Raffle! We would love each family to make an Easter-themed donation for our raffle prizes—chocolates, activities, and more. Raffle tickets are on sale now for \$2.



Easter Raffle coming soon!

We would love as many Easter donations as possible!

Please drop your donations at the office.



Kind regards,
Andrea Cadby
Andrea Cadby | Inclusion Leader

thank you so much

Gratitude

We are so grateful to the following parents for helping out in the canteen: Veronica, Adeline, Stella, Anu, Lin, Naz & Zoe.

A big thank you to the parents who have contributed to the second-hand uniform donations.

Thank you to the Pu family for providing staff with yummy food





Welcome Picnic & Badge Presentation



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

Keep it up!

- Ayla E
- Chelsea V
- Dua Z
- Elinor S
- Lucas D
- Misha C
- Kylie P
- Ava B
- Liam G
- Talia J
- Felix H
- Joshua K
- Addilyn S
- Zeke D
- Salina R
- Harper B
- Mariam H
- Xavier Y
- Eva L
- Zahra R
- Micah W
- Jordan M
- Hazel W
- Achilles C
- Elif K
- Kara H
- Jaslyn P
- Summer C
- Sereyboth A

SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS

The Victorian Government has granted \$400 to every student enrolled at a Government School. However accessing these funds can only be through the portal via this [link](#)

You will have received an email from the Department of Education School Savings Bonus team with your login and password. If you have not received this or require it to be re-sent please contact the SSB team on 1800 338 663. The school office unfortunately does not have access to this information and therefore are unable to assist with your login details.

The SSB funds can only be utilised for uniform and activities (eg. camps, swimming, excursions and incursions) **Please note: SSB cannot go towards Curriculum Contributions.** To assist our families with the payment for these events we kindly ask all parents and carers to transfer the full these funds (eg. \$400) to the school (or your remaining balance if you have already utilised some for uniform), by allocating it to 'Activities.'

This will reduce the amount parents/carers normally would pay for activities . Once you've transferred funds to the school we will automatically adjust/reduce events allowing you to consent in Compass.

2025 Terms

Term 1
30th January
to
4th April

Years 1-6 start: 30/01 @ 9am
Prep's start: 31/01 @ 9:30am

Term 2
22nd April
to
4th July

Term 3
21st July
to
19th September

Term 4
6th October
to
18th December

Student Free Days & Public Holidays:

- Friday 7th March (Curriculum Day)
- Monday 10th March (Labour Day)
- Friday 18th April (Good Friday)
- Monday 21st April (Easter Monday)
- Friday 25th April (ANZAC Day)
- Monday 12th May (Curriculum Day)
- Monday 9th June (King's Birthday)
- Tuesday 4th November (Melbourne Cup)



Harmony Week at Team Kids

We're celebrating the AWESOMENESS of diversity this Harmony Week! 🌈

Get ready to paint the town ORANGE as we embrace and learn all about inclusivity, kindness and respect.

We'll enjoy lots of special activities to highlight the joy of belonging! ❤️ ✨

Book NOW to join the FUN -

www.teamkids.com.au/venues

👉 Reach out to your DOS to find out when your venue will be celebrating!

Diary Dates - Term 1 2025

March 2025

- Friday 7th - **Curriculum Day (no school)**
- Monday 10th - **Labour Day (no school)**
- Monday 12th - NAPLAN Begins (Yr 3 & 5)
- Tuesday 13th - Yr 1, 2 & 4 St Johns Incursion
- Monday 17th - Yr 2 SES Visit
- Monday 17th-23rd -Harmony Week
- Thursday 20th - Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport 9:15am-11am
School Council 5.30pm
- Friday 21st - **Harmony Day Parade**
- Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th - Year 4 Camp Gundiwindi
- Thursday 27th - Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport 9:15am-11am

April 2025

- Friday 4th - **Last day of Term 1 (3:30pm dismissal)**
Easter Raffle Drawn
- Monday 21st - **Easter Monday (no school)**
- Tuesday 22nd - **First Day of Term 2**
RACV Incursion Prep-Yr 1
- Friday 25th - **ANZAC Day (no school)**

May 2025

- Wednesday 7th - Mother's Day Stall
- Thursday 8th - Yr 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports
Mother's Day Afternoon Tea/ Mother's Day Stall
- Friday 9th - Prep - Yr2 Cross Country
- Monday 12th - **Curriculum Day (no school)**

Whole School Event

No School



KEYSBOROUGH GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Purchase your Easter Raffle tickets now!

\$2 each - Great prizes to be won!!!!

Click on the Canteen icon on Compass and select 3rd April to buy.



CURIOUS KIDS PLAYGROUP @ KEYSBOROUGH GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

COME AND JOIN US!

Starting Tuesday 11th February 2025

EVERY TUESDAY DURING SCHOOL

TERMS

9:30am - 10:30am

IN OUR LIBRARY

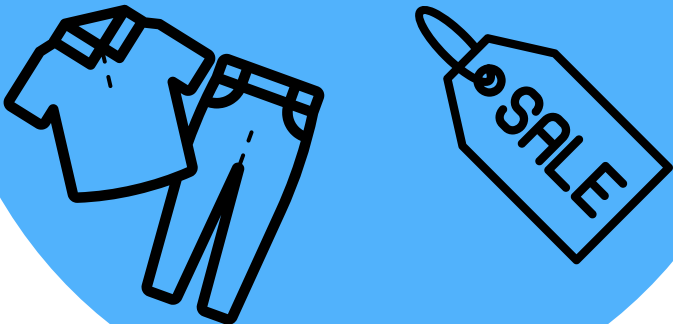
ANY FAMILIES AND CHILDREN 0-5

WELCOME!

10 Homeleigh Road, Keysborough
97926800

SECONGHAND UNIFORM STALL

Open Tuesday 11th March
at 3pm- 3:45pm



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HELP!! Canteen Volunteers Urgently Needed.

We need your help to help assist Chum our canteen manager in the canteen.

Please click on the link [here](#) fill in the form.

Please ensure you have a Working With Childrens Check.

Without volunteers we will not be able to offer lunch orders



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.

A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students

You only need to complete an application form if: your child is newly enrolled in our school or your circumstances have changed.

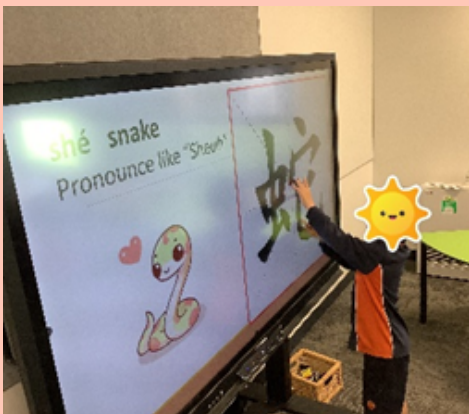
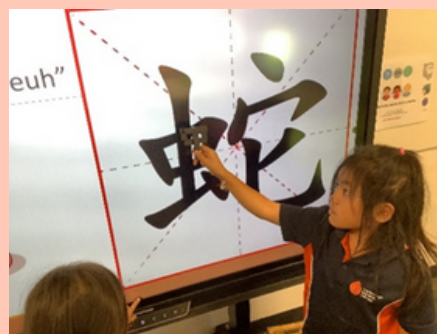
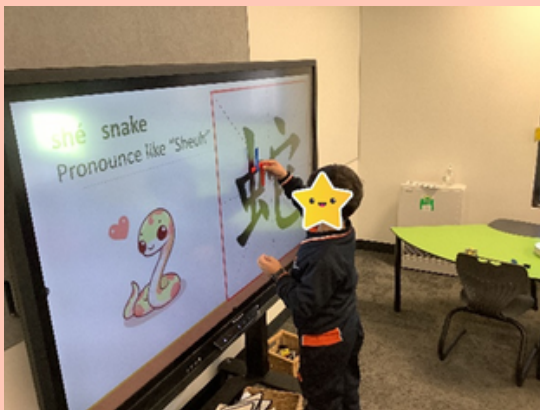
Check with the office if you are unsure.

[CSEF-2025-application-form](#)

Year 1 students Building Chinese Characters, Brick by Brick

Our Year 1 students have been learning Chinese in a hands-on and creative way—by building characters with LEGO! This engaging activity breaks complex writing into manageable steps, helping students grasp the structure of Chinese characters in a tangible way.

By assembling each part piece by piece, students develop a deeper understanding of radicals and stroke order, making learning feel like a playful puzzle. The excitement in the room is contagious as students enthusiastically experiment, adjust, and proudly display their completed characters. This approach transforms what could be a challenging task into an interactive and enjoyable experience, making language learning more accessible and memorable. Through play, our young learners are not just writing characters—they are building knowledge, one brick at a time!



NEWSLETTER

Team Kids




WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Last week we had the opportunity to join in at the Welcome Picnic! We set up a stall with our marketing materials and had a special 'guess how many lollies in the jar?' on display for the children and families to interact with. We raised \$33 for the school with this activity. We have reviewed all guesses, and although nobody guessed the exact number, we do have a winner! This will be announced at assembly on Friday 14th March.

This week we enjoyed celebrating Pancake Day with all the children! We prepared an assortment of pancakes for the children to enjoy including plain, apple & cinnamon and mixed berry flavors. Later on in the afternoon, the children had the opportunity to prepare rainbow pancake art in shapes using pancake batters. Some of the designs included rainbows, butterflies and an assortment of shapes.

As our Pupil Free day falls on Clean up Australia Day, we will be running a themed day around sustainability and looking after Australia! We can't wait to see you there.


IMPORTANT DATES

-  Friday 7th March | Clean Up Australia
-  Friday 7th March | Curriculum Day - TeamKids Open 7:00am - 6:30pm
-  Wednesday 19th March | Harmony Week Party in After School Care (Bookings required)

TEAMKIDS CLUBS


MONDAY

BSC:

ASC: Super Sports 

TUESDAY

BSC:

ASC: Art 

WEDNESDAY

BSC:

ASC: Cooking 

THURSDAY

BSC:

ASC: STEM 

FRIDAY

BSC:

ASC:

BSC: BEFORE SCHOOL CARE | ASC: AFTER SCHOOL CARE



Service Mobile: 0432 096 335

Service Email: KeysboroughGardensPS@teamkids.com.au

Office Phone: 1300 035 000

Head Office Email: info@teamkids.com.au

Communication with school staff

Last year, the Right to Disconnect law was introduced for all workplaces. This means that our staff now have the right to enjoy their evenings and weekends without being expected to respond to messages or emails.

Teachers and Education Support staff are not required to reply to phone calls, emails, or Compass messages from parents or students after 5pm or on weekends.

We ask that families understand and respect these boundaries.

Any non-urgent communication will be answered within 2 working days, and urgent matters will be addressed within 24 hours or the next working day.

For urgent matters please call the school between 8:30am and 4:00pm

Thank you for your understanding and support!

Mobile Devices

All phones bought to school must be switched off and given to teachers for safe keeping.

This includes any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as a smart watch.

Smart watches must have their internet connectivity switched off during school times.

When a student is not complying with this mobile phone policy, we will be required to follow a process in line with our existing student engagement policies.

[Mobile phone Policy](#)



Facebook

Please like our Facebook page. This page is used by the school to share events and updates at the school.

[KGPS Facebook](#) and Instagram.

Any other Facebook pages are not officially authorised by representatives at the school.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is now open on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am at the Canteen. Come along!



Lost Property

Please name all clothing so we can return it to you if it ends up in Lost Property.



Early Arrival at school

There is NO supervision for students before 8:40am

For your child's safety

- Stay with your child until 8:40am
- Or, book them into TeamKids



Student Safety

Medication

If your child requires medication during the school day, a Medication Authority form must be signed by the parent/carer. Please contact the office.

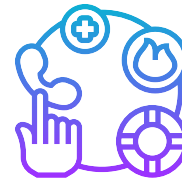
Students cannot administer medication themselves (except older student requiring Ventolin).



Contact Details

It is important the school has your most current phone, home and email details.

If you change any details please tell us as soon as possible.



TeamKids

TeamKids is our Before & After School Provider.

The hours of operation are:

Before School Care: 6:45am to 8:45am

After School Care: 3:30pm to 6:30pm

After School Care: 3:00pm to 6:30pm (Wednesday)

Holiday Programs run each term holiday
You can book on TeamKids Keysborough Gardens



Uniform Reminders

The wearing of uniform is compulsory at Keysborough Gardens Primary school.
All our uniform can be purchased at PSW, Unit 1, 9-11 South Link, Dandenong South, 3157 or
online [click here](#)



polo shirt



long sleeve shirt



jumper



zip up jacket



bag



shorts



pants



skort



summer dress



broad brim hat



school beanie



winter tunic



white skivvy



navy or white socks



navy tights



black shoes or
runners

These items are not permitted as part of our uniform

