

From the Principal - Mrs Jenkins

Dear KGPS Families,

Annual Welcome Picnic and Leadership Presentation - TOMORROW, FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY, 5-7PM

We are thrilled to invite you to our Annual Welcome Picnic and Leadership Badge Presentation happening tomorrow! This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and connect with other families.

Event Details-

Date: Friday, 28th February

Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Location: School Grounds

Leadership Ceremony:

At 6:00 pm, we will be honoured to have Mr. Tim Richardson, our local Member of Parliament, and our School Council President join us for our Leadership Ceremony. We will be presenting certificates and badges to our 2025 SRC members and Year 6 Leaders.

Attire:

Year 6 students and SRC members, please come dressed in your school uniform for photos!

New Play Space!

We are excited to announce that our new play space along the Homeleigh Road side of our school is now complete! This fantastic area includes:

- A nature play area designed like a dry creek bed, perfect for imaginative play with river pebbles.
- Beautiful spaces to sit and relax under the trees with friends.
- Our beloved Buddy Bench (thank you, Peyton!).
- Growing trees (thanks, Amelia!) that will provide shade in the future.
- Three amazing cubby houses: Keysie Kids Café, Keysie Fire Station, and Keysie Veterinary Clinic.

The official opening will take place after assembly tomorrow, with Castle and Cubby filming a promotional video in the space. We will also have a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark this special occasion.

A huge shout-out to Luke Jenkins for his design and project management, Prosper Valley Landscaping, Castle and Cubby, and all the families who attended working bees to help plant, assemble planters, and our School Council for supporting the development of this fantastic space!

Stay tuned to hear the new name for this space as voted on by our students.



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 will go on sale next week!



Easter Raffle coming soon!

We would love as many Easter donations as possible!

Please drop your donations at the office.



Important Reminders

School Photos - Next Tuesday!



Tuesday 4th March is photo day! Please ensure your child is well-groomed and wearing their clean school uniform.

Curriculum Day - 7th March (Student-Free Day)

March 7th is a student-free day. Families requiring childcare can access the program offered by Team Kids. On this day, our staff will be preparing for our School Review, reflecting on the past 4 years using various data sources and making recommendations to inform the 4-year School Strategic Plan.

Parent Payments and Contributions

Thank you to the families who have already paid their 2025 contributions. Your support is invaluable in sustaining our teaching and learning programs. School fees play a crucial role in funding the resources and opportunities that enhance your child's educational journey.

Without these financial contributions, we would face significant challenges in maintaining the quality of education we strive to provide. We understand that financial circumstances vary, and we are here to support families experiencing financial hardship. If you require assistance or have any questions regarding contributions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Dee Smith, Business Manager, at the school office.

Coffee and Chat

This morning was our first Coffee and Chat session for 2025. A huge thank you to Nina, Elaine, Lynn, Danielle and Lauren who popped in for a cuppa and helped with book covering! Keep an eye out for the next session coming soon.



Random Acts of Kindness

Throughout the week, our KGPS staff have been performing Random Acts of Kindness for one another. These have included small favours, thoughtful gifts, and a lovely morning tea courtesy of Team Kids. As a staff, we deeply value everyone in our community demonstrating our school values, and this has been a wonderful week to celebrate kindness.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the picnic tomorrow!

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Application Form 2025 (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families who have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Healthcare Card, Pension Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for a payment that assists with school excursions/incursions, camps and sporting events.

Applications are open for 2025.

Payment for 2025 is \$154 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to school camps, excursions/incursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

* Please note: if you received CSEF through Keysborough Gardens Primary School last year, you do not need to complete an application for this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances or a younger student starting.

If you would like to apply for the 2025 payment, please complete a form from the office along with the associated card and email it to: keysborough.gardens.ps@education.vic.gov.au or return the form back to the office.

Kind regards,
Sherri Jenkins

Sherri Jenkins | Principal



KEYSBOROUGH GARDENS PRIMARY

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

**Tuesday
4th March**

Early Bird orders with **FREE DELIVERY**
to your school **CLOSE 5 WORKING DAYS** after
your last photography session.

A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.



SIBLING ORDERS

must be placed prior to
8am on 4th March



Order at order.schoolpix.com.au

Misplaced your order flyer?

Please visit www.schoolpix.com.au and use the student search to find your child's unique ID or contact our **Customer Care team** on **1300 766 055** or help@schoolpix.com.au.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

KEEP IT UP!



- Alex L
- Salina R
- Arlo S
- Parmeet S
- Leila S
- Evan J
- Jayden L
- Rihanna S
- Jacob P
- Portia D
- Yaseen H
- Maksim B
- Daniel M
- Jacob A
- Avi S
- Vincent B
- Sienna Z
- Sophia G
- Sebastian B
- Amelia H
- Allira C
- Levi J
- Frederica N
- Wallace P
- Reya V
- Sammy M
- Tiana B
- Hugo Y
- Amir S
- Edward Z

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). 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)

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



ART

Year 5/6 Visual Art – Mechanica-Inspired Creations

Our Year 5/6 students have been combining art and inquiry as they begin designing their own mechanical creatures inspired by *Mechanica*. Through this creative process, they are exploring the connections between technology, conflict, and the environment, linking to their PYP Transdisciplinary Theme: Sharing the Planet. As they sketch and refine their designs, students consider how historical and economic factors shape conflicts, imagining a future where innovation and adaptation are necessary for survival. This hands-on project encourages critical thinking about the complexity of conflict and the role of diplomacy in shaping a sustainable world.



Diary Dates - Term 1 2025

February 2025

- Friday 28th - **Whole School Welcome Picnic & Badge Presentation 5-7pm** 

March 2025

- Tuesday 4th - **School Photos** 
- Thursday 6th - Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport 9:15am-11am
- 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
- Thursday 20th - Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport 9:15am-11am
School Council 5.30pm
- Friday 21st - **Harmony Day**
- 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**
- Monday 21st - **Easter (no school)**
- Tuesday 22nd - **First Day of Term 2**
RACV Incursion Prep-Yr 1
- Friday 25th - **ANZAC Day (no school)**

May 2025

- Thursday 8th - Yr 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports
- Friday 9th - Prep - Yr2 Cross Country
- Monday 12th - **Curriculum Day (no school)**

Whole School Event

No School

Our School Assembly is held every Friday morning at 9:10am



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](#)

CURIOUS KIDS PLAYGROUP @ KEYSBOROUGH GARDENS PRIM 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**



Playgroup
Victoria

NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING




This week the children have been participating further in TeamKids routines and initiatives such as leadership roles and helping with group chat. We will also be introducing a spin the wheel as a positive behaviour reinforcement.

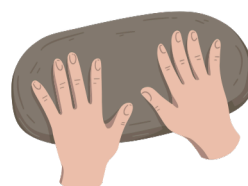
In Art Club this week, the children had the opportunity to make clay creations such as animals, dinnerware and other objects. This experience supported children in developing their creative and fine motor skills.

On Wednesday the 26th of February, we organised a teacher's morning tea for the wonderful teaching and learning community. It was fantastic to meet some of the new teachers that have joined the school this year. We appreciate everything the teachers do for the children in our care and how supportive they have been of TeamKids partnering with Keysborough Gardens.

This week in Cooking Club, the children trialed a variation of pancake recipes such as plain, apple cinnamon and mixed berry in preparation for Pancake Day next week on Tuesday the 4th of March. *We will be having a visit from our TeamKids Marketing Team to take photos of the children on this special day. Photos will only be taken of children with all photo permissions as per their TeamKids profile.*

IMPORTANT DATES

-  Tuesday 4th March | Pancake Day
-  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

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Service Email: KeysboroughGardensPS@teamkids.com.au

Head Office Email: info@teamkids.com.au



\$100
Fees!!



Join us and unleash your inner Burra!

We're excited to welcome players of all ages and from mixed teams here at Keysborough Junior Football Club! And guess what? The fees are just \$100! Come join us for some fun!



Check out our socials for exciting events and updates!



EMBRACE KIDS

The Drum Theatre, Dandenong, will have a special screening of the documentary 'Embrace Kids.' on Friday 21st March

Body-image advocate Taryn Brumfitt is talking to school-aged kids and famous friends about body image, bullying, gender identity, advocacy, representation and more.

'Embrace Kids' brings together a collection of stories and voices to entertain and inspire kids and parents alike, showing us that the first step in changing the world, is changing your own mind.

Rated G - Ages 10 -15 years old.

Doors Open 5pm, Screening starts at 6pm

Followed by a party celebrating all people.

[Free Entry- click below to book tickets](#)

CLICK HERE

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

