

From the Acting Assistant Principal - Mr Gliddon

Dear KGPS Families,



Year 4 Community

Our Year 4 students are gearing up for camp, madly making those last minute (or potentially starting) the packing process. The weather is looking beautiful for the days we are at camp, and we look forward to sharing our many adventures with you.



School Review: Parent and Student feedback

Throughout the next few weeks, we will be continuing our Pre-Review Self Evaluation process by inviting members of our school community to give feedback on our school.

A survey will be sent that gives families the opportunity to provide feedback on our current strengths, as well as areas for future growth. Your feedback will be invaluable to help shape the future direction of the school.

Additionally, our School Captains and Vice Captains will be facilitating presentations across the school, showcasing our journey in the last 4 years and recording what our students think are our strengths, as well as what they would like to see in the future.

We look forward to sharing more of this with you soon.



Planning Week

From next week, the teachers will have a planning day to prepare the teaching and learning program for Term 2. The planning day schedule is as follows:

Monday - Year 5/6 Learning Community

Tuesday - Year 3 and Year 2 Learning Communities

Wednesday - Year 4 Learning Community

Thursday - Prep Learning Community

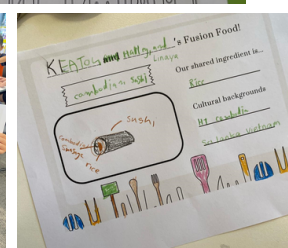
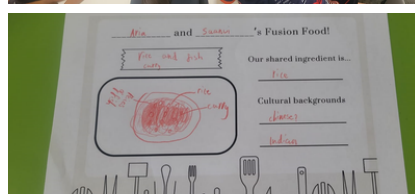
Friday - Year 1 Learning Community

Students will be undertaking some Specialist Subjects and classroom-based activities on the planning days

Cultural Diversity Week and Harmony Day Parade 21st March

Cultural Diversity Week is a time to celebrate multiculturalism, and we are so proud of our very diverse community. The message of Cultural Diversity Week is 'Embrace the journey - shape our future'. This week, our students have participated in a range of activities that celebrate their backgrounds, including showing and discussing their lunches with other students and participating in a buddy activity where we celebrated our differences. On Friday, come along dressed in your traditional cultural dress or orange to show that WE ALL BELONG.

We are also excited to have Dr Dvir Abramovich, CEO of Click Against Hate joining us at our parade, as well as visiting the 5/6 students and talking about the role inclusive language plays in our modern world.



KGPS Pantry

Next time you visit the KGPS front office, we invite you to explore our newest initiative—the **KGPS Community Pantry**. Located next to the lost property cupboard, this pantry is designed to support our school community with a simple guiding principle: "Take what you need, give what you can."

Now officially open, the pantry is stocked with essential items such as milk, soup, Vegemite, tuna, rice, fruit cups, and more. If you require an item, please feel free to take what you need—no questions asked. To make it even easier, grocery bags are also available for your convenience.

We extend our sincere gratitude to **Foodbank Victoria** for their generous support in helping us bring this initiative to life. A special thank you also goes to our dedicated teachers, **Miss Georgia Furmedge and Miss Ashleigh Bareham**, for their leadership and commitment to making this project a reality.



SRC Members

Hi everyone! We are the Year 3 SRC members. Thank you and well done to everyone who participated in Active Travel Month! We hope you enjoyed actively travelling to and from school and the tasty icy poles on National Ride2School Day. The winner of Active Travel Month will be announced next Friday at our assembly, where they will get a special prize. If there is a tie, we will put all the names in a barrel to decide the winner. Thank you, everyone, for reading! We hope to see you all next week at assembly. Have a great weekend! From the Year 3 SRC, Zain, Flynn, Harper and Kaia



NAPLAN

Over the past fortnight, the Year 3 and Year 5 students completed the annual NAPLAN assessments in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy. Throughout this period, the students have demonstrated our school values of Excellence by trying their best. We are so proud of everyone who participated and how they supported each other with hi-fives and smiles all the way through. Families will receive the results of these assessments later in the year. Well done to ALL Year 3 and 5 students. We are so proud of all of you and look forward to celebrating all that you achieved soon.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Our Premier's Reading Challenge is full steam ahead and students are already logging their books online which is wonderful to see! Remember to use your child's login and password to find the challenge books, and don't forget to utilise our school and public libraries to read as many books as possible!



Sibling enrolments

Can you believe we are already thinking of 2026?! If you have a sibling of a child already enrolled at KGPS, please pop to the office to pick up a sibling enrolment pack. If you have any questions about the process, please speak to Selen, one of our enrolment officers.

Kind regards,
Simon

Simon Gliddon | Acting Assistant Principal



We are so grateful to the following parents for helping out in the canteen: Michael, Veronica, Stella, Wathsala, Jared & Kaz.

Neville family for the library donations.

Robert Su's mum for yoghurt donation.

Woods family for the puzzle donations

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 18th April (Good Friday)
- Monday 21st April (Easter Monday)
- Friday 25th April (ANZAC Day)
- Monday 12th May (Curriculum Day)

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.

Cuppa and chat

Tuesday 1st April

2:30pm

All help welcome to assemble Easter baskets from donations provided for our school Easter Raffle.

Keysborough
Gardens

OPEN DAY

KEYSBOROUGH FIRE BRIGADE

Come meet your local brigade!

Kids activities, colouring competition, meet Captain Koala and much more!

Sausage sizzle and items for sale.

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH
10:00AM - 2:00PM

121 CHAPEL RD, KEYSBOROUGH

Diary Dates - 2025

March 2025

- Thursday 20th - **Active Travel Day**
- Friday 21st - **Harmony Day Parade 9:10am**
- Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th - Year 4 Camp Gundiwindi
- Thursday 27th - Year 5/6 Interschool Sport 9:15am-11am
Year 4 Rest day/ Home Learning
(No Year 4 teachers at school)

April 2025

- Thursday 3rd - Year 3 Superhero In You Incursion
- Year 2 Mind and Body Incursion
- 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**
Prep- Year 1 RACV Incursion
- Friday 25th - **ANZAC Day (no school)**
- Monday 28th - Year 6 Positivity, Leadership & Activated Youth incursion
- Wednesday 30th - Year 3-6 Cross Country

May 2025

- Tuesday 6th - Mother's Day Stall Prep- Year 1
- Wednesday 7th - Mother's Day Stall Year 2- Year 6
Mother's Day Afternoon
- Thursday 8th - Year 3 Science-works excursion
Year 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports
- Friday 9th - Prep - Year 2 Cross Country
- Monday 12th - **Curriculum Day (no school)**
- Thursday 15th - Year 5/6 Interschool Sport 9:15am-11am

Whole School Event

No School

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

STEM News

STEM Exploration at KGPS

As your child's new STEM teacher, I'm excited to participate in engaging hands-on, interactive learning experiences with KGPS students. My plan for this year is to have students explore the world of science, technology, engineering, and math in fun and creative ways through construction and designed solutions that challenge student's problem-solving skills. My goal is to nurture curiosity, critical thinking, and teamwork while helping students develop skills that are essential in today's world.

STEM Careers with Grade Prep

Prep students recently had the chance to explore the future and various STEM careers. They dressed up in costumes representing different STEM jobs. They looked adorable while stepping into the shoes of scientists, engineers, doctors, chefs and pilots. They had a chance to act out how it might feel to be in that job through role-playing. The students had a blast pretending to carry out these jobs.

Building Towers with Year 1

Recent STEM lessons had the students building towers using cups and spaghetti. The goal of the lessons was to explore the impact of different base shapes and sizes on the stability of a structure. Students were tasked with building towers using a narrow base and then a wide base, to see how each design affected the tower's ability to stand tall and stable. Through trial and error, they quickly discovered that towers with wider bases were more stable, as they provided a stronger foundation. They learned that triangles, with their wide base, can carry more weight, and are the strongest shape when building.

Saving 'Fred' with Year 2.

Year two were learning to work as a team to solve a problem. The task involved saving Fred (a gummy worm) when his boat capsized. They were given a paper clip and were tasked with making a tool that helped with this problem. While designing a useful new tool, students learned that the shape of an object helps it function. They also discovered the importance of working together to complete a task with a common goal.





SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



On average there are 200 days in a school year

When your child misses...

That equals

1 day per fortnight

20 days each year

1 day per week

40 days each year

2 days per week

80 days each year

3 days per week

120 days each year

Good Attendance:

Less than 10 days each year



High Absence:

10 - 20 days each year.

This is below average



Chronic Absence:

20-30 days each year.

This is poor attendance



Extreme Absence:

More than 30 days each year.

This is extremely low attendance



NEWSLETTER

Team Kids

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

This week we celebrated Harmony Week with the children by engaging in a range of cultural diversity experiences. We also held a party on Wednesday afternoon where the children had the opportunity to engage in cultural craft experiences and group games suggested by the children.

We have been educating the children on personal safety including body safety this term at TeamKids. We have developed a display with the children that includes phrases they can use if they feel unsafe and we identified some signs your body might show if you are feeling unsafe!


The children enjoyed engaging in Art Club where they created styrofoam animals. This experience improved their fine motor skills and understanding of endangered animals.

Our Autumn Holiday program flyer is now available on the TeamKids website and printed versions are available at the service. Please note our operating times vary slightly, with a 7am opening time rather than 6:45am.

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

MONDAY

BSC:

ASC: Super Sports 

TUESDAY

BSC:

ASC: Art 

WEDNESDAY

BSC:

ASC: Cooking 

THURSDAY

BSC:

ASC: STEM 


FRIDAY


BSC:


ASC:

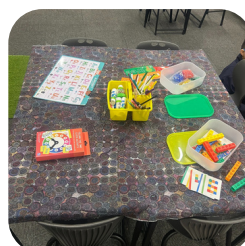
BSC: BEFORE SCHOOL CARE | ASC: AFTER SCHOOL CARE

IMPORTANT DATES

 Monday 7th April | School Holidays Begins

 Friday 18th April | Good Friday - Public Holiday TeamKids Closed

 Monday 21st April | Easter Monday - Public Holiday TeamKids Closed



Service Mobile: 0432 096 335

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Head Office Email: info@teamkids.com.au

Communication with school staff

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 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

