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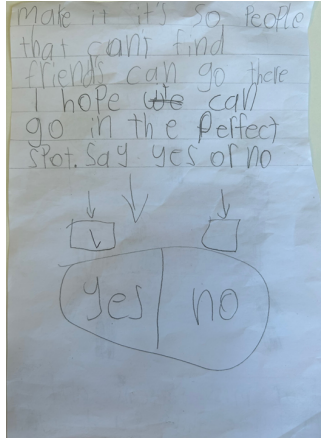
## From the Assistant Principal - Mr Gammon



Dear KGPS Families,  
Welcome to this week's edition of the Keysborough Gardens Primary School newsletter!

**Reminder-** On Thursday 28th March we have our House Cup, which is followed by our final assembly of the term. Students are encouraged to come in their house colours.

## Taking Action



Last week, Mrs Barrie and I had the pleasure of meeting with Peyton, a Year 1 student, who presented an intriguing initiative for a 'buddy bench'. Peyton's proposal aimed to support students in making friends at recess and lunch and to ensure no child feels alone at playtime. We loved meeting with Peyton and were thoroughly impressed with her idea and the thought behind it.

Recognising Peyton's idea as an embodiment of our school values such as empathy and kindness, plans are afoot to discuss fundraising strategies for the bench. Peyton's proactive approach exemplifies the Learner Profile attributes we instil in our students - particularly those of being caring and open-minded.

We applaud Peyton for her creativity and taking action, and invite the school community to support this initiative. Peyton has shown us how young minds can spark significant change, and we look forward to seeing her buddy bench become a symbol of friendship on our playground. Keep an eye out for further developments as we seek to turn Peyton's idea into reality!

## Upcoming IB Verification Visit: A Milestone for Our School Community

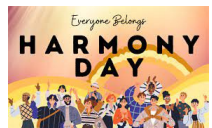
We are excited to announce that Keysborough Gardens Primary School will undergo a virtual IB Verification Visit on Wednesday 20th March and Thursday 21st March. This important event marks a significant step in our journey as an IB World School. The IB Verification Visit is a process where the International Baccalaureate organisation assesses our school to ensure that we meet the high standards required for IB programme delivery.

It is an opportunity for us to showcase our commitment to offering an inquiry-based and internationally-minded education that aligns with the IB philosophy.

During the visit, IB representatives will virtually meet with our teachers, students and the school leadership team. They will review our programme's implementation, observe how we integrate the IB learner profile and key concepts into our learning environment and ensure that we have the necessary policies and practices in place to support our students' education.

This visit is not only a validation of our hard work but also a crucial part of our continuous improvement, helping us to refine our practices and enhance our educational offerings.

We encourage our school community to continue the wonderful support as we prepare for this important occasion. Your involvement and engagement are what make our school a truly enriching place for our learners to grow and succeed.



## Harmony Day

As 'Harmony Week' approaches, on Friday 22nd March, we invite our students (and their families) to celebrate the vibrant tapestry of cultures at Keysborough Gardens Primary School by wearing their cultural dress at our assembly or orange, the colour of Harmony Day. This day is a wonderful expression of our school's commitment to international mindedness and inclusivity. It is an opportunity to honour the rich diversity within our community and to learn from each other's heritage. Let us come together to show that our respect for different cultures and backgrounds is at the heart of our harmonious and globally aware school community. We look forward to seeing you all in your beautiful cultural attires or wearing orange!

## Good luck to our NAPLANers!

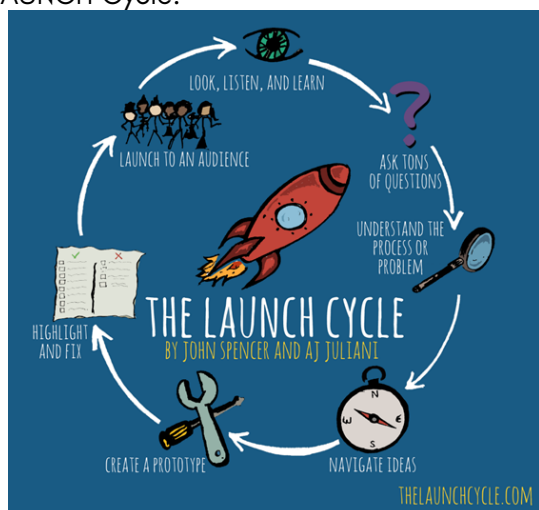
And finally, with this year's NAPLAN assessments beginning earlier this week, we would like to extend a heartfelt 'good luck' to all our students participating. Remember, these assessments are just one of the many tools we use to help you grow and succeed, and they provide us with valuable information on how best to support your learning journey. Approach the tests as you would any school day—with confidence and calm, knowing that you are well-prepared. We believe in each and every one of you. Give it your best, and remember, we are already proud of your efforts!

## Curriculum Day Review



On Friday, Keysborough Gardens Primary School held a Curriculum Day, focusing on innovative educational strategies and reinforcing our commitment to fostering lifelong learners.

The agenda was packed with collaborative activities, where teachers keenly explored how to amplify student voice and agency in learning. Later in the day, they delved into the LAUNCH Cycle.



The LAUNCH Cycle is an approach to learning that encourages students to become problem solvers and innovators. It is a process that guides them from the beginning of a project to the end, structured around six phases:

**Look, Listen, and Learn:** Students start by engaging with the world around them, seeking out what sparks their curiosity.

**Ask Tons of Questions:** This phase is about exploring and asking questions that lead to a deeper understanding of what they have observed.

**Understand the Problem or Process:** Students investigate the problem in-depth, which sets a strong foundation for their project.

**Navigate Ideas:** Here, they brainstorm and come up with creative solutions or approaches to the problem.

**Create a Prototype:** Students put their ideas into action and create a product or solution.

**Highlight and Fix:** They review their work, get feedback, and make improvements.

**Launch to an Audience:** Finally, they share their finished work with others.

The LAUNCH Cycle transforms how students learn by making them active participants in their education. They are not just absorbing information; they're using it to create, innovate, and solve real-world problems. This approach helps to develop critical thinking, creativity and communication skills, preparing students to succeed in an ever-changing world. It is all about turning learners into leaders who are ready to tackle the challenges of tomorrow.

Throughout our Curriculum Day our teachers were hands on, identifying dynamic ways to implement this model in their classrooms to encourage inquiry and problem solving skills.

This Curriculum Day was not just a testament to our school's dedication to providing an outstanding learning environment but also to our teachers' eagerness to evolve their practices for the benefit of our community. As we strive for continuous improvement, the day served as a reminder that education is a collaborative journey where each step forward is taken together.

Warm regards,

*Steve*

Steve Gammon | Assistant Principal & PYP Coordinator



**Thank you to the following  
canteen volunteers for helping:  
Chi & Lisa S.**

## SCHOOL TIMES

Monday: 9:00am - 3:30pm

Tuesday: 9:00am - 3:30pm

**Wednesday: 8:45am - 3:00pm**

Thursday: 9:00am - 3:30pm

Friday: 9:00am - 3:30pm

**\*\*Please note - school doors are  
open 15min before the bell\*\***



**New School hats  
available to purchase  
from the school office -  
\$18.50**

DIARY DATES 2024		
<b>March 2024</b>		
Monday 18th	Wk 8	<b>Harmony Week</b> Prep Drama Toolbox Incursion
Thursday 21st	Wk 8	<b>HARMONY DAY</b> Year 5/6 Interschool Sport School Council Meeting 5:30pm
<b>Friday 22nd</b>	<b>Wk 8</b>	<b>Harmony Dress Up Day</b>
<b>Thursday 28th</b>	<b>Wk 9</b>	Year 5/6 Interschool Sport Whole School House Sports Day 12-3pm <b>Assembly at 3:00pm</b> <b>Last Day of Term 1 (3:30pm dismissal)</b>
<b>Friday 29th</b>	<b>Wk 9</b>	<b>Good Friday (no students)</b>
<b>April 2024</b>		
Monday 15th	Wk 1	<b>Welcome Back! First Day of Term 2</b>
Thursday 18th	Wk 1	Year 5/6 Interschool Sport Finals & School Council Meeting 6pm
Friday 19th	Wk 1	House Cross Country Years 3-6 Tatterson Park 9am-12:30pm
<b>Thursday 25th</b>	<b>Wk 2</b>	<b>Anzac Day / Public Holiday (no students)</b>
Mon 29th	Wk 3	Year 5/6 Campers Depart - Woorabinda
<b>May 2024</b>		
Wednesday 1st	Wk 3	Year 5/6 Campers Return
Thursday 2nd	Wk 3	Year 5/6 Home Learning Day
Friday 3rd	Wk 3	House Cross Country Prep-Year 2 9:40am - 10:30am
Thursday 16th	Wk 5	Year 5/6 Interschool Sport School Council Meeting 5:30pm TBC
Friday 17th	Wk 5	District Cross Country
Thursday 23rd	Wk 6	Year 5/6 Interschool Sport
Thursday 30th	Wk 7	Year 5/6 Interschool Sport

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

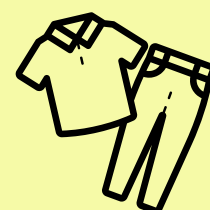
## **Second Hand Uniform Sale!**

**Monday 18th March**

**8:45am- 9:30am**

**&**

**3:00pm- 3:45pm**



# PYP Corner

## #7 Parent Involvement: Supporting Your Child's PYP Education

In the PYP at Keysborough Gardens Primary School, we understand that education is a partnership between school and home. Your involvement is key to maximizing the benefits of your child's learning experience.

### Why Parental Involvement Matters:

- It reinforces the idea that learning extends beyond the classroom.
- Helps to create a consistent and supportive learning environment.
- Builds a stronger school community.

Ways to Support Your Child's PYP Education:

1. **Establish a Consistent Learning Routine:** Create a regular schedule for homework and inquiry-based activities at home.
2. **Engage in Conversations:** Show interest in what they are learning. Ask open-ended questions that encourage them to think and articulate their ideas.
3. **Participate in School Activities:** Whether it's attending parent-teacher meetings, volunteering for events, or contributing to school initiatives, your active participation makes a difference.

Your involvement in your child's education enhances their learning and shows them that you value their efforts and achievements. Let's work together to create a vibrant and supportive learning community for all our children.



PYP CORNER



## House Cup- Tabloid Sports Carnival

On Thursday 28th March we will be holding the inaugural KGPS House Cup! This special event will celebrate our four Houses and students will participate in a series of tabloid activities/events. The cost of this special sporting event has been subsidised by the school.

Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in their house colours and wear clothing/shoes suitable for running and jumping. On the day we will also be having a special food lunch. Families are welcome to attend the event and cheer on the students!

2024 is also a very exciting year in sport as it is also an Olympic year, which will be held in Paris in July/Aug! We look forward to celebrating this event and our other sporting carnivals, such as Cross Country & Athletics later this year.



## CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

**P-2 KGPS OVAL**  
**FRI 3RD MAY 9:45-10:30**

**3-6 TATTERSON PARK**  
**FRI 19TH APRIL 9:30-12:00**

*PLEASE COME DRESSED IN YOUR HOUSE COLOURS  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME CHEER  
ON THE STUDENTS!*



**Week 1: - 01 - 05 April**      **Week 2: - 08 - 12 April**

<p><b>MON 01</b> Easter Monday   Public Holiday</p> <p>Big Childcare is offline today in observance of the public holiday. It's our time to recharge, and we hope you get the chance to do the same with your family. Enjoy the day!</p>	<p><b>MON 08</b> Inflatable World      \$75 + \$40</p> <p>Australia's largest indoor playgrounds await! Unleash the laughter and watch your children soar through a world of inflatable thrills. Get ready for a unique and unforgettable play experience!</p>
<p><b>TUE 02</b> Great Bake      \$75</p> <p>Whisk up some magic! Join us for a day of flour-filled fun, where our little chefs can create sweet memories. From cookie decorating to cupcake delights, let the joy rise in the kitchen with our baking extravaganza!</p>	<p><b>TUE 09</b> Messy Games      \$75</p> <p>Get ready for a wild day at 'Messy Games'! Paint, slime, and laughter await, so dress down and dive into the mess. Apologies to washing machines—we'll give them a good hose down afterward!</p>
<p><b>WED 03</b> Melbourne Zoo      \$75 + \$30</p> <p>On this day out you can see a whole range of animals from lions and giraffes to eagles and reptiles. You have the chance to get up close with some of the most incredible creatures Australia has to offer!</p>	<p><b>WED 10</b> Movies      \$75 + \$35</p> <p>Step into the magic of the big screen at Movies! Grab your popcorn, settle into comfy seats, and let the enchantment of movies come alive as we create unforgettable moments at the cinema together!</p>
<p><b>THU 04</b> Crazy Crafts      \$75</p> <p>From painting to sculpting, let your artist's imagination run wild. Get ready for a day of crafty wonders, where masterpieces are waiting to be created by your little Picassos!</p>	<p><b>THU 11</b> Luna Park      \$75 + \$60</p> <p>It's our annual BIG day out to Luna park! Ride the Scenic Railway, face the Twin Dragons or hop on the carousel. Luna Park is always a favourite for our children!</p>
<p><b>FRI 05</b> Silver Circus      \$75 + \$55</p> <p>Step right up to the magic of the circus! Join us for a day filled with dazzling acts, daring feats, and endless wonder. From acrobats to clowns, it's a spectacle that will leave your little ones wide-eyed with joy.</p>	<p><b>FRI 12</b> Survivor      \$75</p> <p>Gear up for the ultimate adventure at 'Survivor'! Today's filled with challenges, teamwork, and survival skills. It's a day of excitement and strategy—can your team outwit, outplay, and outlast the challenges?</p>



WHERE EDUCATION MATTERS

19th March

BANKSIA CAMPUS

8-20 Janine Road,  
Springvale South (03) 9546 4144

21st March

28 Isaac Road, Keysborough (03) 9798 1877

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AND TOURS  
6 to 8pm

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## INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS

## WEEKEND SPORT

Our weekly programs give children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. They also encourage children's enthusiasm and participation in sport and provides the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them increased confidence in the future.



### SESSIONS FOR TERM 2:

Our 3 & 4 year old group will learn through cricket, tennis, Kelly Sports Olympics & AFL.

Our 5-9 year old group, will focus on soccer for the entire term.

### SATURDAY SESSION TIMES:

3 & 4 year olds: 9:00am - 9:30am (30 minute sessions)

**\$112 for 8 weeks.**

Soccer 5-9 year olds - 9:35am-10:20am (45 minute sessions)

**\$144 for 8 weeks.**

**Sign up anytime and only pay for the weeks remaining in the term.**

**SIGN UP BY MARCH 28TH AND GET ONE SESSION FREE!**

**TERM DATES: 27TH APRIL- 22ND JUNE- no sessions, 8TH JUNE DUE TO KING'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND.**

No uniforms required. All equipment provided.



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