

8th August 2024

## From the Prep Team Leader - Mrs Baker

Dear KGPS Families,

### 100 Days of Prep

Last Friday, our Prep students reached the exciting milestone of 100 days of learning. We began the day with photos and a delightful parade during assembly. To celebrate, we embraced all things related to the number 100. Students brought in 100 of something, dressed up as if they were 100 years old, as their future selves, or wore something creatively related to the number 100. We engaged in 100-themed Maths activities, danced at a disco, watched 101 Dalmatians, and enjoyed crafts inspired by the 100-day theme, including making crowns. We are all very proud of our Prep students' achievements and look forward to hundreds more days of learning!



## Principal's Day

On Friday, we celebrated Principal's Day. We all embraced the opportunity to show our appreciation for Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Barrie, and Mr. Gammon for all they do to support us and to make our school community as amazing as it is. Each Learning Community made a meme to give to them, and there was a special morning tea arranged for them. We enjoyed some beautiful, heartfelt messages in a video from the Year 5/6 students during Friday morning's assembly. From all of us at KGPS, thank you, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Barrie, and Mr. Gammon



## Oliver and Lucas You

We would like to acknowledge two of our students who recently participated in the Australian - China International Music and Arts Competition. Lucas (Year 1) and his brother Oliver (Prep) were both first prize winners and we wish them all the best as they continue their commitment to the piano.



Lucas played Rhapsodie by Maxwell Eckstein in the under 7 category.



Oliver played Stalega Rhapsody by Takekuni Hirayoshi in the under 6 years category

## Petition reminder

This week is your last chance to have your say and complete the petition survey to improve safety around our school. Please share the petition with neighbours, friends, and families as we need more people to complete it, and it doesn't have to be restricted to our school community. This is a highly effective way for locals to have their say so we can improve road safety around our school, including adding more crossing supervisors. Additional petitions are readily available at the school office. Feel free to collect one, or don't hesitate to contact us by phone or email, and we can send one home with your child. Your participation is instrumental in effecting positive change. Please click [here](#) to find the online link for the petition.

## Staffing update

We bid farewell to one of our wonderful Education Support staff members this week, Sue Demirdag. Sue has been a valuable asset and a great help to our school, particularly in Prep, since she joined us. We thank her for her positivity and expertise, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

We are delighted to welcome Elle Robertson, who has joined our Education Support team this week. Elle brings with her valuable knowledge of many of our children through her work with Big Childcare this year. She is training to be a teacher and loves playing netball in her free time!



## Parent/Carer Survey

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey and is seeking your feedback. The survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. Survey invitations went out to 130 randomly selected families via email on Monday. Thank you in advance for completing this survey and please remember to fill in the reply slip and return it to the office to claim a special award from Mrs Jenkins.

## Ready, Set, Prep!

We recently hosted two optional sessions for our 2025 enrolled Prep students and families. It was lovely to see so many happy children visit our school, engage in some craft activities in the library, and enjoy a special singsong story time with Miss Nugent and myself. It was wonderful to meet some of the new families, and we look forward to them becoming part of the Keysborough Gardens Primary School community in 2025. There will be more opportunities to get to know our 2025 Prep students later in the year at our official transition days.

## Curriculum Day

On Monday, the teachers had a productive and collaborative day discussing how to broaden our perspectives to become even more internationally minded at Keysborough Gardens Primary School. We also spent time identifying some local, national, and global connections that could be fostered through our Program of Inquiry. We had opportunities to look at experiences for our students that could be linked and would enhance relevance and engagement while promoting global citizenship and educating the whole child.

## Celebrating the Success of Others: The Power of Empathy at KGPS

At Keysborough Gardens Primary School, we believe that empathy is more than just understanding others' feelings—it's about sharing in their joy and celebrating their successes. Our focus value for this term, Empathy, shines a light on the importance of recognising and appreciating the accomplishments of our peers.

### Why Celebrate Others' Accomplishments?

Celebrating others' achievements fosters a positive and inclusive school environment. When we acknowledge and cheer for the successes of our friends and classmates, we build a culture of support and encouragement. This not only boosts the confidence of the achiever but also strengthens our community bonds, making KGPS a happier and more united place.

### The Joy of Shared Happiness

Empathy involves putting ourselves in others' shoes and feeling their emotions. When someone else wins an award, scores a goal, or completes a challenging project, taking a moment to congratulate them allows us to share in their happiness.

### Practical Ways to Celebrate Others

Here are some simple yet effective ways we can celebrate the accomplishments of our peers at KGPS:

#### 1. Practice Verbal Praise and Encouragement

Make a habit of verbally praising your children and encourage them to do the same for each other. Simple words like "Great job" can have a significant impact on building a supportive environment.

#### 2. Engage in Empathy-Building Activities

Participate in activities that encourage empathy and celebrate achievements, like family games or community service. These experiences provide opportunities to support and celebrate one another.

Empathy, particularly in celebrating others' accomplishments, is a cornerstone of the supportive and nurturing environment at KGPS. As we continue to embrace this value, we not only enhance our school community but also grow as individuals who are compassionate and considerate.

Let's all make an effort to celebrate the successes of our peers, big or small, and experience the joy that comes from being genuinely happy for others.

Remember, when we celebrate others, we uplift ourselves too!

Warm regards,

*Teresa*

**Teresa Baker | Prep Team Leader**

**Working Bee-** A message from Steve Gammon - Assistant Principal.

This past Saturday, our school community came together for a wonderful Working Bee, and I want to express my gratitude to everyone who participated. Your hard work and dedication has made a significant difference to our school environment.

We accomplished a tremendous amount, including constructing DIY kit raised planter boxes and planting trees as part of our school-based project to further develop our 'Green Zone' at the front of the school. Other tasks included spreading mulch and organic soil, pruning the pittosporums, cleaning up the sand around the sandpit and power washing the concrete in front of the canteen and prep entrance.

A huge thank you goes to:

- The Nguyen family
- The Prasad family
- The Vay family
- The Straw family
- The Rikisahedew family
- The Rizos family
- The Hayat family
- The Gibson / Holt family
- The Ember family
- The Heri family
- The Georgesz family
- The Chung family
- The Martinovic family
- The Vora family
- The Chen family
- The Duong family
- The Moutafis family
- The Conlan family

Also, thank you to the staff members who attended the Working Bee: Mrs Jenkins, Mr Gammon, Mrs De Silva, Miss Matthews (and her mother), Miss King, Ms Hansen, Mrs Barrie, and of course, Mr Jenkins and Mr McLeod for your work in overseeing the Working Bee.

Thank you once again for your time, energy and support. We look forward to seeing the continued growth and enjoyment of our 'Green Zone' and other areas enhanced by your hard work.

Warm regards,

*Steve*

**Steve Gammon | Assistant Principal**



# Year 2024 Overview

## August

- Thursday 15th - Junior Disco 1:00pm - 1:30pm
- Friday 16th - Senior Disco 1:00pm- 1:30pm
- Friday 16th - Mr G's Big Shave (Fundraiser)
- Monday 19th - Wed 21st - Year 3/4 Bayview Adventure Camp
- Thursday 22nd - Year 3/4 Home Learning
- Thursday 22nd - Year 6 Graduation photo
- Thursday 29th - Year 5/6 Excursion to IMAX
- Thursday 29th - Father's/Special Person's Day Stall
- Friday 30th - Father's/Special Person's Day Breakfast & Stall

## September

- Thursday 5th - Year 2 Sleepover
- Monday 9th to Friday 13th- Prep to Year 2 Swimming
- Tuesday 10th - Year 3/4 ACMI Excursion
- Friday 20th - Footy Day **(Last day of Term 3)**

## October

- Monday 7th - **(First day of Term 4)**
- Monday 14th - Book Fair starts
- Thursday 17th - Prep - Year 1 Concert 5:00pm
- Thursday 17th - Year 2 - Year 3 Concert 6:15pm
- Tuesday 22nd - Aladdin evening concert 6:00pm

## November

- Tuesday 5th - **Cup Day (no school)**

## December

- Thursday 19th - **Last Day of Term 4**

Whole School Event

No School

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

# Father's Day

We are looking forward to seeing as many dads or special people at our Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 30th August from 7:45am until 8:30am.

Breakfast items must be ordered via the Compass Canteen icon, there will be NO over the counter sales.

\*Orders will close on Monday 26th August at 2:00pm.

We will be asking for helpers to assist! More information will follow.



You are invited to our  
**Father's Day/Special  
Persons Breakfast!**

**Friday 30th August  
from 7:45am until 8:30am**

**Breakfast items MUST be ordered through Compass Canteen  
(select Thursday 29th August)**

**Orders close Monday 26th August at 2:00pm**

**NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

# TEAMKIDS HAS JUST ARRIVED

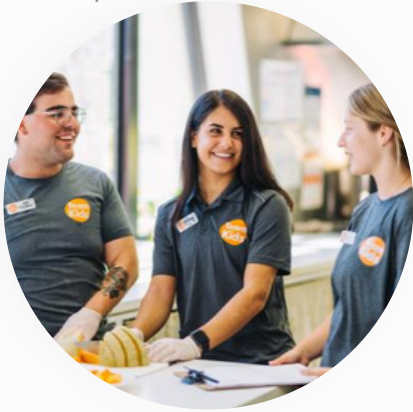


START DATE  
**23<sup>rd</sup>**  
SEPTEMBER

AT KEYSBOROUGH GARDENS PS

TeamKids are delighted to have been chosen by Keysborough Gardens Primary School to deliver before, after and holiday care, starting 23/09/2024.

At TeamKids we do things a little differently and can't wait to share our premium level care to you and your families.



**YOUR OWN  
FULL-TIME  
DIRECTOR  
OF SERVICE**

CREATOR OF LIFE  
LONG MEMORIES



**ENGAGING  
AND FUN  
EDUCATORS**



**ACTIVE  
AND FUN  
EXPERIENCES**



**INDUSTRY  
LEADING  
RATIOS**



**CHILDCARE  
SUBSIDIES  
MAY APPLY**

## SPECIALIST TEAMKIDS CLUBS + OUR DELICIOUS FOOD



**CODING**



**GARDENING**



**S.T.E.M**



**COOKING**



**MINDFULNESS**

ALSO SUPER  
SPORTS, ART  
ATTACK, LEGO,  
SUSTAINABILITY,  
HOMEWORK,  
DANCE, MUSIC,  
CULTURE  
+ more...

CRACKERS,  
CHEESE, FRUIT,  
HUMMUS, SUSHI  
MUFFINS,  
CUCUMBER,  
MINI PIZZAS  
+ more...



# INFORMATION SESSIONS

GET ALL YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



TeamKids will be holding information sessions to ensure families of Keysborough Gardens Primary School have all the required information to register and join TeamKids Before, After and Vacation Care service.

## PARENT INFO SESSION WEBINAR

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| <b>WHEN:</b>  | Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> of August  |
| <b>TIME:</b>  | 7.00pm  |
| <b>WHERE:</b> | Via Webinar ( <a href="#">Click here to register and join the webinar</a> ) |

The above events provide an opportunity to find out more about TeamKids, our remarkable programs and provide an opportunity to answer any questions you may have.



FUN | GENUINE | REMARKABLE | INVOLVED | INNOVATIVE

## HOURS OF OPERATION

| SERVICE                                       | TIMES             | COST    | AFTER MAX CCS* |
|---|-------------------|---------|----------------|
| BEFORE SCHOOL CARE – (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri) | 6:45 AM – 8:45 AM | \$25.00 | \$2.50         |
| BEFORE SCHOOL CARE – (Wed)                    | 6:45 AM – 8:30 AM | \$25.00 | \$2.50         |
| AFTER SCHOOL CARE – (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri)  | 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM | \$28.00 | \$2.80         |
| AFTER SCHOOL CARE – (Wed)                     | 3:00 PM – 6:30 PM | \$28.00 | \$2.80         |
| VACATION CARE                                 | 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM | \$70.00 | \$7.00         |

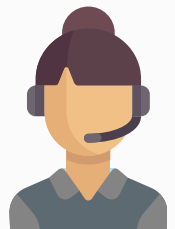
\* CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES MAY APPLY. MAX CCS WILL VARY DEPENDING ON EXPERIENCE FEES.

## HOW TO ENROL?

It's easy to set up your TeamKids account via our website [www.teamkids.com.au](http://www.teamkids.com.au). You will be required to set up an account by clicking the register button.

## NEED MORE INFO?

Our friendly customer service:  
**info@teamkids.com.au**  
**1300 035 000**



## CANCER FUNDRAISER DISCOS & BIG SHAVE!

Just a reminder that we are hosting a Junior and Senior school disco to raise money for cancer research. The Junior disco (Prep - 2) will be held on Thursday August 15th and the Senior (3-6) will be on Friday 16th August at lunch time in the gym.

Every ticket will cost a gold coin. Come dressed to impress in your finest PINK attire to show your support for cancer awareness. Your child can bring a gold coin any day and give it to their homeroom teacher.

REMEMBER that Mr. G has bravely pledged to shave his head if we collectively raise \$500 or more! If you wish to contribute to this fundraiser as well, please scan the QR code below.



**JUNIOR DISCO**

**WHAT**  
We are hosting a disco to raise awareness towards cancer

**WHERE**  
This event will be held in the gym

**WHEN**  
Thursday 15th August, 1:00-1:30pm

**WHY**  
to raise money for Cancer Council

**Ticket entry Price: Gold Coin**  
Tickets can be purchased via your child's class teacher



**SENIOR DISCO**

FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST  
1:00-1:30PM, GYM

**Ticket entry Price: Gold Coin**  
Tickets can be purchased via your child's class teacher

**HOSTED BY**  
Prep Team

**TO SUPPORT**  
Cancer Council



**MR G'S BIG SHAVE**

FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST

**HELP US RAISE \$500!**

Join Us for a Hair-Raising Event!  
Mr G is bravely shaving off his hair (but keeping his famous moustache) at assembly on Friday 16th August to support Cancer Council Victoria.

Show your support and help us raise funds for this important cause

Scan the QR code to sponsor Mr G and make a difference today!

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO SPONSOR MR G!**

## PLAY LEADERS PROGRAM for Prep to Year 1 students -

Some of our wonderful Year 6 Wellbeing Leaders are taking part in our Play Leader's Program at lunch times on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week.

This is a program designed to help older peers facilitate play for our Prep and Year 1 students outside in the yard. The Year 6 Leaders assist with skill development such as sharing, taking turns, social skills and providing an additional space for our younger students to participate in guided, small group activities outside in the yard for the full lunchtime if they choose to.

Please see the timetable below and notify your child of these activities happening. Our Play Leaders can be spotted in their bright orange vests outside at lunch time.

| Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   |
|---|--|--|
| <b>LUNCHTIME</b>  | <b>LUNCHTIME</b>   | <b>LUNCHTIME</b>   |
| TIGGY TAG<br>With Sarina, Kaylee & Maggie<br>At the tree near the playground. | SAND PIT GAMES<br>With Kaliyah & Laura<br>In the sandpit.                          | SOCCER CLUB<br>With Lucas & Sierra<br>On the green patch in front of the 5/6 classrooms. |
|   | FOUR SQUARE<br>with Niranjhan<br>At the 4 square courts, near the prep playground. |  |





Students in all year levels have been working on their class songs for our upcoming Performance Fortnight events in October. Well done to everyone for showing risk-taking, thinking and communication skills when rehearsing our choreography and vocal parts. We are so excited to perform to our families in Term 4!





# Performance Fortnight News

## Year 4- 6 Musical

**Aladdin Jnr- Tuesday October 22nd 6:00pm in the Gym**

### **Principal /Lead Cast**

The Principal and Lead Cast have been rehearsing at lunch times with Mrs Main and Ms Condon as well as our Thursday afternoon whole cast rehearsals in the gym. Principal and Lead cast members will now have some extra mentoring from various KGPS staff to help put their scenes together. A huge thank you to those staff members who have very kindly given their time for our wonderful cast members.

If your child is a lead, please ensure they have memorised most of their lines so they can move quickly and use their time effectively. Songs are on Seesaw to listen to and practice at home.

### **Year 4-6 Ensemble News**

Students have been working on their Vocal and Dance skills through Aladdin Jnr. guided vocal tracks, working on group choreography tasks and viewing and responding to the performances of others. The songs are on Seesaw for your children to practice at home. Each Year 4 class have a feature song in the show, plus their supporting vocal roles. Year 5/6 students who are part of the two ensembles will have a feature song each in the show, plus be seen as 'extras' in the marketplace during various times throughout the show.

***All students will be supplied with a costume or a prop.  
Please see individual class communications regarding costumes and face paint which will be sent home soon.***



## PREP TO YEAR 3 CONCERTS

Prep-Year 1 & Year 2-3 students have begun working on their songs for the themed concerts. The students have been enthusiastically learning the lyrics to their class songs and are so excited to perform next term.

More information regarding costumes will be sent home soon.

**Prep-1 School Concert will be on October 17th at 5:00pm**

**Year 2 and 3 School Concert will be on October 17th at 6:15pm**

# Gratitude

Thank you to the following  
canteen volunteers for helping:  
**Daniella & Sara.**

Shout out to Jen Wyatt who  
volunteered at the Athletics helping  
in the canteen.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!



- Declan N
- Marcus H
- Ava P
- Brandon Y
- Elissa S
- Charlie P
- Abigail T
- Aiden D
- Daniel H
- Justin N
- Oliver L
- Siena C
- Flynn R
- Grace S
- Xavier H
- Zoe S
- Niya D
- Anton B
- Pippa R
- Ela D
- Eric H
- Harley T
- Anastasia G
- Aaron G

# SALE



## Second Hand Uniform Sale & New Beanies Available!

We have various uniform items  
for sale.

Sizes range from size 4- 14.

**Monday 12th August - 3:15pm - 3:45pm**

**&**

**Friday 16th August - 8:45am - 9:45am**

## PARKMORE OSTEOPATHY



Dr Penny Gosling  
*Osteopath*

Keys Medical Centre  
1/211-215 Chapel Road  
Keysborough 3173  
Phone: 03 8759 3807  
Email: parkmore.osteopathy@live.com

## #24 The Power of Inquiry

### The Power of Inquiry in PYP

At Keysborough Gardens Primary School, inquiry is at the heart of the Primary Years Programme (PYP). Inquiry drives our students' learning by encouraging them to ask questions, explore and reflect on their understanding of the world around them. This approach nurtures curiosity and fosters a love for learning that lasts a lifetime.

### What is Inquiry?

Inquiry is a process where students actively engage in their learning by asking questions, investigating, and constructing new understandings. It allows students to take ownership of their learning and develop critical thinking skills.

### How Inquiry Works:

- Questioning: Students start by asking open-ended questions about topics they are curious about.
- Investigating: Through research and exploration, students gather information and make discoveries.
- Connecting: Students make connections between their new knowledge and what they already know.
- Reflecting: Reflection helps students consider what they have learned and how they can apply it.

### Benefits of Inquiry:

- Engagement: Inquiry makes learning more engaging and relevant.
- Critical Thinking: Students develop skills to think critically and solve problems.
- Ownership: Students take responsibility for their learning, which boosts confidence and motivation



# More important Details

## Communication

Keysborough Gardens Primary School recognises the importance of the partnership between schools and families to support student learning, engagement and wellbeing.



Your child's teacher will offer you a range of opportunities to communicate with them including:

- ✓ Compass
- ✓ Formal meetings
- ✓ Before/After school chats

## 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 representative at the school.

## Mobile Devices

In line with the Department of Education's Mobile Phone Policy, all phones bought to school must be switched off and given to teachers for safe keeping.

For the purpose of this policy 'mobile phones' refers to 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.**

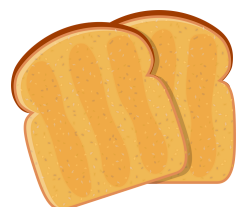
When a student is not complying with this mobile phone policy, we will be required to follow a process in line with our existing student engagement policies.

[Mobile phone Policy](#)



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am for all students, from the Canteen.



## Lost Property

Please make sure all uniform items are clearly labelled, as many items in lost property have no name!



## Student Supervision

Our school grounds are supervised by school staff at the following times:

- Before school from 8:45am until 9am (Wednesday from 8:30am)
- Throughout recess and lunch
- After school from 3:30pm until 3:45pm.

Do NOT leave your child alone at school before 8:45am. Book them into BIG Childcare!



Thank you for arriving at school on time!



## Prep Enrolments 2025

**Enrolments for Prep 2025 are now closed!**  
Please contact the office if you have not enrolled yet.

## 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.



## Out of School Hours Care

Big Childcare provides Out of School Hours Care for KGPS.

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 contact our OSHC Co-ordinator, on 0421 897 819 or

[keysboroughgardens@bigchildcare.com](mailto:keysboroughgardens@bigchildcare.com)



# 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



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

