

2nd May 2024

## From the Assistant Principal - Mr Gammon

Dear KGPS Families,



## Promoting Road Safety: Update



We are continuing our efforts to promote road safety and manage traffic concerns around Keysborough Gardens Primary School.

Recently, we were honoured to welcome Mr. Tim Richardson MP to our school. During his visit, Mr. Richardson met with members of our Student Representative Council to discuss the challenges and safety issues our students face daily on nearby roads. This meeting was a vital opportunity for our students to voice their concerns directly and highlight the urgency of making our roads safer.

In conjunction with Mr. Richardson's visit, we are continuing to encourage families and other members of the local community to complete Mr Richardson's petition. This petition is a crucial step in demonstrating community support for enhanced road safety measures. We strongly encourage every family to participate. Please return completed petitions to the school office or directly to Mr. Tim Richardson's office at 374 Nepean Hwy, Chelsea.

Should you wish to express further concerns or suggestions regarding this issue, we ask you to please contact Mr. Tim Richardson directly at: [tim.richardson@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:tim.richardson@parliament.vic.gov.au).

Additional copies of the petition are available at the school office for anyone who would like to involve neighbours, friends or relatives in this important initiative. Your involvement is essential to drive positive change in our community.

Click [here](#) to access the online petition.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to this vital cause.

## Education Week Open Morning

Education Week is an annual celebration of education across Victoria, and in 2024, it will take place from Monday 13th May to Friday 17th May.

The theme for this year is 'Spotlight on STEM', highlighting the innovative ways schools integrate science, technology, engineering and math's into learning. We would like to invite you to our open morning on Thursday 16th May from 9:30-10:30am, where you can see firsthand how we bring STEM to life in our classrooms. We look forward to welcoming you then!



## Mother's Day Stall & Breakfast

On Thursday 9th May and Friday 10th May, we will be holding our Mother's Day stall, where students can find gifts for their mothers or special people. Additionally, on Friday 10th May, we will host a Mother's Day Breakfast to express our gratitude and celebrate these wonderful family members.

Thank you to those who have responded to assist at our Mother's Day stall next week and breakfast. We really need some additional helpers for these important events. We are calling all Dads who may be available to please assist with the Mother's Day breakfast. We would be so grateful for your time.

To register your interest in helping at either the stall or breakfast. Please click on the links below:

Mother's Day Breakfast volunteers (7:30-8:15am):

<https://forms.gle/R6ZV9jpNUkeZsVnW7>

Stall volunteers: <http://forms.gle/WnZagecvqgUUdOzj89>

## School Council Sub committees

Our school council is supported by various subcommittees that are open to the school community. These include Education, Buildings & Grounds, and Community Engagement & Fundraising. Each subcommittee convenes several times each term, primarily through online meetings. Joining a subcommittee is a fantastic opportunity to have a direct impact on the development and enhancement of our school environment.

If you are interested in contributing, please get in touch with the sub-committee convenors:

### **Education Sub-Committee**

Convenor: Simon Gliddon  
(simon.gliddon@education.vic.gov.au)

### **Community Engagement and Fundraising**

Convenor (staff): Zarli King  
(zarli.king@education.vic.gov.au)  
Convenor (parent): Elise Neville

### **Buildings and Grounds**

Convenor (staff): Steve Gammon  
(steve.gammon@education.vic.gov.au)  
Convenor (parent): Dana Ember

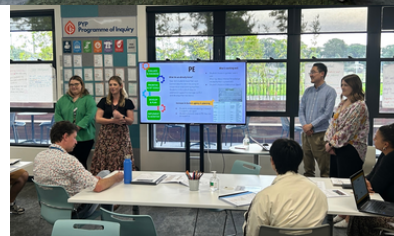
### **Visit to Camp**

On Monday, our Year 5/6 students embarked on an exciting three-day adventure to Woorabinda Camp. Accompanied by Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Barrie, I dropped by on Monday afternoon to say hello and join in on the excitement of the camp activities. Stay tuned for a detailed report in next week's newsletter!



### **PLC Inquiry Cycle presentations**

A PLC (Professional Learning Community) Inquiry Cycle is a structured process used by educators to collaboratively improve teaching practices and student outcomes. This cycle involves identifying areas for improvement, planning and implementing strategies, observing the results and then reflecting on these outcomes to refine approaches further. The purpose of the PLC Inquiry Cycle is to foster continuous educational improvement through collaborative learning and shared expertise.



Last week, we held our Term 1 PLC Inquiry Cycle presentations, where each learning community shared their discoveries and advancements with the rest of the staff. The standard of the presentations were really impressive, effectively highlighting the high quality of teaching and learning occurring throughout our school. These sessions not only showcased our commitment to educational excellence but also reinforced the value of collaborative professional development in enhancing our instructional practices.

### **Attitudes to School Survey**

Later this term, students from Year 4 to 6 will participate in the annual Attitudes to School Survey. This survey, provided by the Department of Education, enables our students to express their views and experiences at school. We will use the insights gained from the survey to pinpoint and tackle areas for improvement, thereby enriching our students' educational experience.



### Swimming

In Term 3, we are very excited to have our Prep - 6 swimming programs at Toby Haenan Swim Centre in Chelsea Heights. The program caters to swimmers of all abilities and all students will have the opportunity to participate in the program. A brief assessment will take place during the first session to view the current students ability and identify their swimming needs. The dates are below:

Year 3-6: Monday 15th - Friday 19th July.

Prep - Year 2: Monday 9th - Friday 13th September.

Swimming is an essential skill to have in Australia and particularly when living in Keysborough due to the proximity to open water at the local beaches. Learning basic swimming skills can ensure safety around water, which is an essential lifelong skill. To ensure your child's participation in the event, a deposit of \$50 is due by Friday 24th May. Final costing of the event will be communicated after this date and will be dependent on confirmed numbers.

### Reporting to the school community

The 2023 Annual Report, recently approved by DET, is now available on our website, accompanied by the 'Principal's Reflections on 2023' document, which offers unique insights specific to our school. The Annual Report provides the community with a summary of our achievements and wellbeing outcomes for 2023, while the 'Principal's Reflections' delve into a comprehensive account of our accomplishments over the past year. **These documents are also attached to this week's newsletter Compass post.** Please take the time to have a look at the many great achievements from 2023!



### Do it For Dolly Day

We are asking everyone to come to school wearing anything blue and bring a gold coin on Monday 6th May to support 'Do it For Dolly Day.'

This special day promotes kindness. Kindness is about helping others. But studies have found that people who act kindly also enjoy benefits themselves.

Doing kind things for other people, even just for a month or a week, makes us feel happier and more connected to others, and improves our self-esteem.

Warm regards,

*Steve*

**Steve Gammon | Assistant Principal**

**Second Hand Uniform Sale!**  
**Thursday 16th May at 8:40am**  
**AND**  
**Monday 20th May**  
**8:40am & 3:45pm**



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!



- Thalia
- Celina S
- Kobe O
- Michayla G
- Tanav C
- Aryan R
- Juniper L
- Jennifer H
- Alex P
- Harper B
- Jack B
- James K
- Manraj A
- Linaya W
- Elena L
- Charlie P
- Caden K
- Hannah L

### Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend Keysborough Gardens Primary School during normal school hours every day of each term unless:

- there is an approved exemption from school attendance for the student

If your child is unable to attend school, parents are required to add an 'Attendance note' in Compass with an explanation as to why they are absent.

We have a large number of absences against many students. Please check your student's attendance data on Compass to ensure there are no outstanding unexplained absences.

If you require assistance, please call the office on 9792 6800.

# Gratitude

Thank you to the following canteen volunteers for helping:  
**Someta, Lihil, Sophia & Kaz.**



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Canteen is on the lookout for volunteers to help run our school canteen.

If you can help out, whether that be fortnightly, once a month or even just once a term, please let Chum our canteen manager know by emailing her at: [chum.desilva@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:chum.desilva@education.vic.gov.au)

Grandparents welcome too!

This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, you'll get a free lunch, and the enjoyment of seeing your child running up to the window to say hi.



## DISABILITY INCLUSION IN VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

If you have or know someone with a child with disability, they may benefit from Disability Inclusion. This is the new, strengths-based approach to supporting students with disability at school and has a focus on what they can achieve, rather than what they can't.

Your child's teacher and the Inclusion Leader will work with you to create a Disability Inclusion Profile (DIP) if required. The Profile is a written description of your child's strengths and needs at school. It will help the school give your child the support they need, as an individual and as a member of the school community.

Disability Inclusion also delivers more school funding and support for more training and professional development for teachers and school staff.

For students, Disability Inclusion means:

- a positive focus through a strengths-based approach
- opportunity to talk about goals and educational needs
- better support through greater school-wide resources.

For families, Disability Inclusion means:

- a process that considers the strengths, aspirations and needs of their child
  - more confidence that their local school can support their child, regardless of whether they have a formal diagnosis
- better access to information about their child's learning needs and adjustments.

Disability Inclusion is being implemented at KGPS this year. The Program for Students with Disabilities will no longer continue to be implemented.

### What can you do?

➤ Ensure frequent communication with the school which will assist staff to cater for your child's individual needs.

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Provide the school with relevant and necessary information or documentation relating to your child's development and needs. This includes reports from professionals such as *paediatricians, psychologists, allied health professionals, therapists, NDIS, etc.* The more information the school has regarding your child's development, the better equipped they are to provide the correct, targeted support.

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If your child is in out-of-home care, talk to their Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Case Manager or LOOKOUT Early Childhood Learning Advisor to ensure the child's legal guardian is informed about Disability Inclusion and provided with the fact sheet.

If you have or know someone with a child with a disability at a government school, they may benefit from Disability Inclusion. This approach puts the needs of the student at the heart of the school's response – focusing on what a child can achieve, rather than what they can't.

If you wish to know more about the support available for your child, please contact Andrea Cadby (Inclusion Leader) at [Andrea.Cadby@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Andrea.Cadby@education.vic.gov.au)

# Year 2024 Overview

## MAY

- Fri 3rd - Prep-Year 2 House Cross Country (9:40 - 10:30am)
- **EDUCATION WEEK - 6th - 10th May**
- Mon 6th - Do it for Dolly Day (Wear something blue / Gold Coin Donation)
- Tues 7th - Year 2 Billy Cart Incursion
- Thurs 9th - Mother's Day Stall
- Fri 10th - Mother's Day Breakfast (7:45 - 8:30am)
- Fri 10th - Mother's Day Stall 8:30am
- **Mon 13th - CURRICULUM DAY - NO SCHOOL**
- Tues 14th - Year 3/4 Camp Information Evening - 5:45pm
- Thurs 16th - STEM Open Morning 9:30 - 10:30am
- Thurs 16th - Education Support Day
- Thurs 16th - Interschool Sport - Round 1
- Thurs 16th - Second Hand Uniform Sale - 8:40am
- Fri 17th - District Cross Country
- Mon 20th - Second Hand Uniform Sale - 8:40am & 3:45pm
- Tues 21st - Year 1 Pencil Park Walking Excursion
- Tues 21st - Reading Information Night - 5:45pm
- Wed 22nd - Prep Springvale Library Excursion
- Thurs 23rd - Interschool Sport - Round 2
- Wed 29th - Year 5/6 Immigration Museum Excursion
- Thurs 30th - Interschool Sport - Round 3

## JUNE

- Thurs 6th - Interschool Sport - Round 4
- **Monday 10th - King's Birthday Public Holiday- NO SCHOOL**
- Tuesday 11th - Year 3/4 Earth and Space Science Excursion
- Thurs 13th - Interschool Sport - Round 5
- Tuesday 18th - Year 5/6 Refugee Council of Australia Incursion
- Thurs 20th - Interschool Sport - Round 6
- **Friday 28th - End of Term 2 (Curriculum Day) NO SCHOOL**

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

# SUPPORTING THE LEARNER PROFILE AT HOME

## Cultivating Thinkers at Home

In this week's "Supporting the Learner Profile at Home," we turn our focus to the attribute of being a "Thinker." Thinkers apply critical and creative thinking skills to make reasoned, ethical decisions. They are problem solvers and innovators.

Below are some activities that you can take part in with your child/ren to help develop their understanding of being knowledgeable.

1. *Problem-solving Games*: Play games like "Simon Says," or puzzles which encourage logical thinking.
2. *Story Sequencing*: After reading a story, ask your child to retell it in order. This fosters comprehension and recall.
3. *Art Projects*: Encourage creativity by providing materials for your child to create their own artwork.
4. *Scenarios*: Create hypothetical scenarios and ask your child how they would respond, promoting ethical thinking.
5. *Brain Teasers*: Encourage your child to solve riddles, brain teasers, or Sudoku to stimulate logical thinking.
6. *Innovation Challenge*: Ask your child to design a new gadget or solve a common problem in an innovative way.
7. *Debates*: Encourage friendly debates on topics of interest or ethical dilemmas to foster critical thinking.
8. *Creative Writing*: Encourage your child to write short stories, poems or journal entries, which stimulate creative and reflective thinking.

By engaging in these activities, we can help our children develop into thinkers who are equipped to tackle challenges creatively and ethically.



# PYP Corner

## #12 Communication Skills: Expressing Ideas Clearly and Respectfully

In our exploration of the Approaches to Learning (ATL) within the PYP, this newsletter highlights Communication Skills. Effective communication is essential for learning, building relationships and participating in a global society.

### What are Communication Skills in PYP?

Communication skills in the PYP context involve expressing ideas clearly and responsibly, understanding and interpreting the communication of others and using a range of communication tools and strategies.

### Family Debate Night Activity

To enhance communication skills, we invite families to hold a "Family Debate Night." This activity can help develop articulation, listening and respectful argumentation skills.

### Steps for Family Debate Night:

1. **Choose a Topic:** Pick a topic that is interesting and suitable for all family members.
2. **Set Ground Rules:** Ensure everyone understands the importance of respectful and constructive debate.
3. **Prepare:** Give everyone time to prepare their arguments.
4. **Debate:** Take turns presenting your viewpoints and listening to others.
5. **Reflect:** Discuss what everyone learned from the experience.

**Share Your Debate Night:** We would love to hear about your debate topics and what you learned. Share your experiences with Steve Gammon, our Assistant Principal and PYP Coordinator via Compass.

Family Debate Night is not just about winning an argument; it's about learning to communicate effectively, listen actively and respect different viewpoints.

Engaging in meaningful and respectful communication is a skill that benefits everyone. We can't wait to see how your family debates bring new ideas and understanding to light!

APPROACHES  
TO LEARNING





# 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](#)

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.

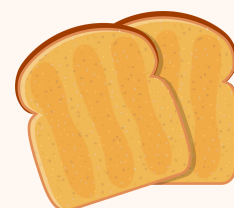
When a student is not complying with this mobile phone policy, we will be required to follow a process in line with our existing student engagement policies.

[Mobile phone Policy](#)



## Breakfast Club

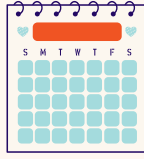
Breakfast is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am for all students, from the Canteen.



## Curriculum Days

The following days have been endorsed by School Council:

- Monday 13th May
- Friday 28th June
- Monday 5th August



Students do not attend school on these days.

## 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!



## Prep Enrolments 2025

Enrolments for Prep 2025 are now open.

Please contact the office for an enrolment form.

## 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: 6.30am 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](tel:0421897819) 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



winter tunic



white skivvy



navy or white socks



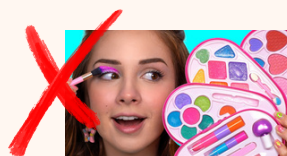
navy tights



black shoes or runners



## These items are not permitted as part of our uniform



Save the date

# Insight Series

For Families

Tuesday 14th May, 7.00pm AEST

From Surviving to Thriving:  
Moments that Matter for Children's  
Emotional and Social Wellbeing



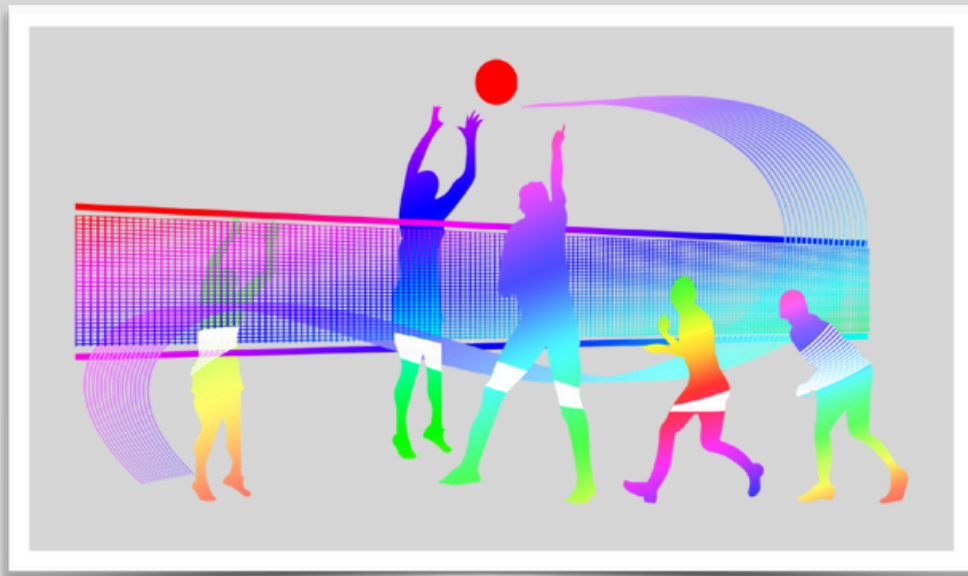
Keynote Speaker:  
Dr Kaylene Henderson

Register

 Click or  
scan here

If you have any questions about the event, please  
contact [oshc@campaustralia.com.au](mailto:oshc@campaustralia.com.au)

[www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)



The newly opened  
**Atlas Volleyball Academy**

invites school children of

**Keysborough Gardens Primary School**

and the surrounding students around to join us  
to learn the exciting game of volleyball!

Training session:

- Tuesdays, 7pm - 8.30pm
- Thursdays, 7pm - 9pm

Located at Keysborough Gardens Primary School

Please visit our website for more information:

[www.atlas-volleyball-academy.online](http://www.atlas-volleyball-academy.online)

