

19th September 2024

From the Principal - Mrs Jenkins



Dear KGPS Families,
At KGPS, we strive to live by our school values, and it's been wonderful to see these values reflected in our community. Recently, I've received several emails expressing gratitude for the hard work and dedication of our staff. We appreciate the positive feedback regarding the camp, athletics days, and how our teachers have supported your children's learning and wellbeing.

As we approach the end of the term, I want to extend my sincere thanks to our amazing **students** for their hard work and enthusiastic participation in the wide array of activities this term. From camps (Years 3/4 and the Year 2 Sleepover) to ICAS, the Swimming Program, and athletics events (school, district, and division), our students have had many opportunities to engage in extracurricular activities. I'd also like to thank our **parents** and **carers** for supporting your children and the school throughout these events. A special mention to our parent and carer volunteers who have helped with the canteen, camps, Father's Day stall and breakfast, and various other school activities.

I'm also deeply grateful to our **staff** for delivering high-quality and engaging learning programs while volunteering their time to organise events, lunchtime clubs, concert rehearsals and more. A big thank you to our **administrative team**, who have been particularly busy handling inquiries and enrolments for both 2024 and 2025.

Footy Day - TOMORROW 9:10am

Get your colours ready! **Tomorrow is Footy Day at KGPS!** Join us in the gym for a short assembly followed by our annual footy parade. Family members are more than welcome to come dressed in their footy colours and join in the fun!



Performance Fortnight

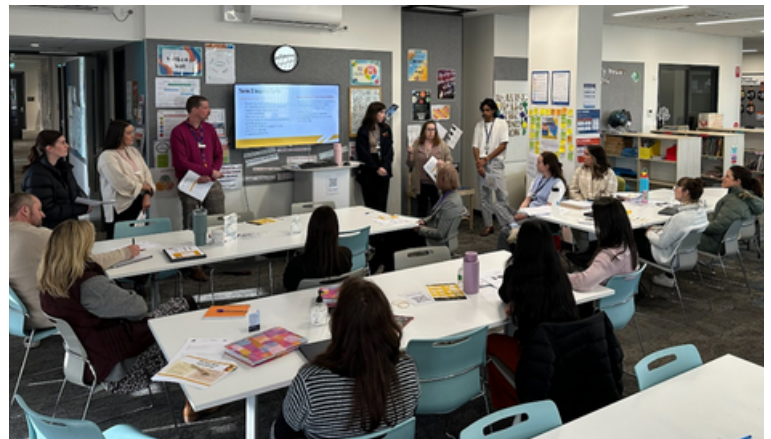
I've been lucky enough to see some rehearsals for Aladdin Jr, and it's shaping up to be an outstanding show! Our younger students are also practising their moves, songs, and instrument playing for our Prep/1 and Year 2/3 concerts. Our Performance Fortnight provides all our students with the opportunity to develop their communication skills, musicality, collaboration, and self-esteem.

Tickets are now on sale! I look forward to seeing you all during our Performance Fortnight. Please refer to the frequently asked questions and flyers attached to this newsletter for more information.

Staff Professional Development

Term 3 has been a bumper term for teacher professional development. At KGPS, we believe in staying innovative and up-to-date with current research. This term, our teachers have been expanding their knowledge in several areas, including the new Curriculum 2.0 for English and Maths, which we have already begun implementing. We have also focused on Zones of Regulation, supporting EAL learners, Child Safety Standards, student behaviour management, and developing higher-order thinking.

This week, our teaching teams presented their termly PLC (Professional Learning Community) inquiry cycles. These presentations, driven by student data and professional readings, demonstrate the impact on student outcomes. The presentations always reflect our school's focus on continuous improvement and fostering a culture of challenge.



Playgroup- is coming to KGPS!

Exciting News!!

Next term we will be starting our very own playgroup for families who have children from birth to school age. Playgroups are a wonderful way to come together for play and social interaction.

Our wonderful playgroup leaders- Jen and Kate will be running the sessions that will start in week two of next term on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30am in the library.

Watch out for the flyer advertising our playgroup!

HELP!

If there are any families who have any toys in good condition (dirty or broken toys will not be accepted) that they no longer need, we would love to use them during our playgroup sessions. Please drop them into the front office- thanks 😊

Hats Reminder

As we approach warmer weather, don't forget that hats are mandatory for all students during outside play and activities.



Workforce Planning 2024/2025

As we begin planning for the upcoming year, we are excited to announce that our school will grow from 435 students to 480 (approximately) students in 2025. We are currently in the process of recruiting additional teachers for 2025.

We have recently appointed a new Education Support team member, Veronica Mitroudis, who will join us in Term 4. Veronica brings a wealth of experience, having spent the last five years at Southern Autistic School and has a background in photography and media content creation.

Parent/Carer/Guardian Survey

A big thank you to the 53 families who have completed the Parent/Carer Opinion Survey! The survey closes tomorrow, so if you were one of the 130 randomly selected parents, we would love to hear your feedback.

Leave

I will be on Long Service Leave from Monday, 7th October until Tuesday, 15th October. During my absence, Mr Steve Gammon will be Acting Principal, and Mr Simon Gliddon will step into Steve's role as Acting Assistant Principal during this time.

And as I sign off for Term 3, I would like to pass on my congratulations to Hazel, Lucas, Raymond and Tameem on their amazing Division Athletics results- see the sports report in this newsletter.

Happy holidays everyone! Have a safe and enjoyable break!

Warm regards,

Sherri

Sherri Jenkins | Principal



**Check out the flyer attached-
8 week boot camp, that is run by one of our
KGPS parents at the soccer club.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!



- Yatush R
- Sienna C
- Evie B
- Lawrence W
- Harin L
- Nicole T
- Ryan B
- Sahar S
- Pantelis M
- Rayan H
- Louis A
- Naysa M
- Aislin D
- Tayee H
- Rakhin K
- Quincy G
- Seymen R
- Chenuk D
- Aashi A
- Siena C
- Benjamin P
- Logan D
- Kaylee N

Diary Dates

September

- Friday 20th - Footy Day Parade & Assembly 9:10am
Sausage sizzle day (**Last day of Term 3**)

October

- Monday 7th - (**First day of Term 4**)
- Thursday 17th - Prep - Year 1 Concert 5:00pm
- Thursday 17th - Year 2 - Year 3 Concert 6:15pm
- Tuesday 22nd - Year 4-6 Aladdin Jnr. Musical 6:00pm
- Friday 25th - World Teachers Day
- Tuesday 29th - 2025 Prep Family Information session

November

- Tuesday 5th - **Cup Day (no school)**
- Thursday 7th - Year 3/4 Silent Disco
- Thursday 7th - School Council 5:30pm
- Thursday 14th - Prep Transition Session 1
- Thursday 21st - Prep Transition Session 2
- Friday 22nd - Colour Run
- Thursday 28th - Prep Transition Session 3

December

- Tuesday 3rd - Up Day #1
- Thursday 5th - School Council meeting 5:30pm
- Tuesday 10th - Year 6-7 Statewide Transition Day
- Thursday 12th - Year 6 Graduation
- Friday 13th - Up Day #2
- Tuesday 17th - Yr 6 Big Day Out
- Thursday 19th - **Last Day of Term 4**

Whole School Event

No School

Special Report on Keysborough Bunnings!

Keysborough Gardens Primary School students in Year 4 and Year 1 recently worked together on a project donated by Keysborough Bunnings Warehouse.

The project included planting different seeds such as carrots, spinach, lettuce and other types of seeds, as well as growing seedlings in the schools garden beds. This project was part of our learning in our Unit of Inquiry 'Sharing The Planet'. Bunnings kindly donated the below items such as, watering cans, gloves, seedlings, seeds and soil . We are hoping the vegetables will grow and thrive so we can use them in our school Cooking Enrichment club next term. We are grateful Bunnings did this, as it was really fun. Thank you Keysborough Bunnings!

Written by Jayden T, Achilles C and Jonah L





Year Prep-2 Swimming Program

Last week, around 190 Prep to Year 2 students took part in the Year P-2 Swimming Program at Toby Haenen Swim Centre. The kids had a great time learning essential water safety skills and finished the week with fun games.

The goal is for KGPS students to achieve their Victorian Water Safety Certificate by the end of Primary School, which involves swimming 50 metres, performing simple rescues, and answering water safety questions. So, keep it up, KGPS swimming stars!

A big thank you to the staff and all the parent volunteers for their support. The students' behaviour was praised by the pool staff, and their newfound skills will help them enjoy water activities safely for years to come.

Well done to everyone involved!





DIVISION ATHLETICS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Congratulations to our Athletics Stars who proudly represented Keysborough Gardens PS at the Greater Dandenong Division Athletics Carnival on Monday, 16th September. Our students delivered exceptional performances with the following standout results:

- Hazel: 1st in the 9/10 Girls 100m and 200m (breaking the Division record in the 200m)
- Lucas: 5th in the 12/13 Boys 100m
- Raymond: 1st in the 9/10 Boys Hurdles (breaking the Division record)
- Tameem: 1st in the 9/10 Boys Long Jump

A huge congratulations to all four students for their incredible achievements! Hazel, Raymond, and Tameem will now advance to the Region Finals at the Casey Athletics Complex in Term 4. We wish them the very best of luck!





Performance Fortnight tickets available now and selling fast!



Tickets for our upcoming Performance Fortnight productions are selling fast! Jump online to secure your tickets and your seating preferences, click [here](#).

Please read the limited ticketing purchase information on the trybooking website to understand the family allocations.

Prep-1 Concert 17th October at 5:00pm

Year 2-3 Concert 17th October at 6:15pm

Year 4-6 Aladdin Jr 22nd October at 6:00pm

Tickets and information is available, click [here](#).

Costumes and Face Paint

Please find your year level below for costume and face paint requirements-

Prep and Year 1- Pyjamas and slippers or grippy socks

Year 2- Yellow T shirt, black shorts or leggings, black shoes.

(see costume notes or compass for face paint design)

Year 3- Blue T shirt, black shorts or leggings, black shoes (see costume notes or Compass for face paint design)

Year 4-6 students will be given a hired Aladdin costume to wear over their base costume (except 4B and Palace Dancers who will be using props instead)

Year 4A Base costume- Black singlet and bike shorts/shorts to wear under costume (see costume note or Compass for face paint design)

Year 4B Full costume- Black T shirt and black pants/shorts/leggings (see costume note or Compass for face paint design)

Year 4C Base costume- Black singlet and shorts/bike shorts to wear under costume. (see costume note or Compass for face paint design)

Year 5/6 Agrabah Ensemble Base costume- White/cream/beige T shirt, black shorts/leggings to wear under costume (see costume note or Compass for face paint design)

Year 5/6 Arabian Nights Base costume- White/cream/beige T shirt, black shorts/leggings to wear under costume (see costume note or Compass for face paint design)

Year 5/6 Palace Dancer Full costume- Black t shirt, bike shorts/leggings (see costume note or Compass for face paint design)

Year 5/6 Leads Base costume- Black T shirt, black leggings, bike shorts/shorts to wear under costume (see costume note or Compass for face paint design)

We are excited to welcome you to our Performance Fortnight! Below are some commonly asked questions to help you better understand the significance of this event.

1. Why is Performance Fortnight important for our children?

Performance Fortnight is a vital part of your child's education, supporting not only academic learning but also their personal development. These concerts allow students to build **self-esteem, confidence, teamwork, and communication skills**, all of which are crucial for their overall growth. By participating in performances, students experience the joy of collaboration and develop resilience and creativity.

2. How often does Performance Fortnight occur?

Performance Fortnight is a **biennial event**, and we are proud to be presenting the second one in the school's history! This exciting tradition is quickly becoming a highlight of our school calendar.

3. Why is there a cost for the tickets?

The Performance Fortnight is not a fundraising event. The cost of tickets helps cover essential expenses, including staging, props, lighting, and sound. Thanks to the support of our sponsors, we've been able to keep ticket prices as low as possible.

4. Do I need a ticket for each show?

Yes, a ticket is required for everyone aged 3 and over for each concert you wish to attend.

5. Is there childcare available?

Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to provide childcare during the concerts. All staff are involved in the performances, with many volunteering additional hours to ensure everything runs smoothly.

6. Are all KGPS students required to attend their concert?

Yes, all students are expected to attend their grade-level concert, as their participation is essential to the class performance.

7. Do I have to attend the concert myself?

Parents and guardians are not required to attend, but students must be present for their concert performance.

8. Will a recording of the concert be available?

Yes, a production company will record all concerts. Recordings will be available for purchase following the event.

9. How many tickets can I buy, and why is there a limit?

There is a limit on the number of tickets to ensure every family has the opportunity to purchase seats. The limit varies depending on the concert due to the number of students involved. This allows us to be fair and equitable in ticket distribution. If there are remaining tickets after the initial sales, we will reopen ticket sales for those who would like to purchase additional seats.

Number of tickets that can be purchased (per family) in the initial ticket sales:

Prep-Year 1 "Chasing Stars": 3 tickets per family

Year 2-3 "The Weather Report": 4 tickets per family

Year 4-6 "Aladdin Jnr.": 7 tickets per family

10. When and what time are the concerts?

- 17th October, 5:00pm: Prep-Year 1 Concert, "Chasing Stars"
- 17th October, 6:15pm: Year 2-3 Concert, "The Weather Report"
- 22nd October, 6:00pm: Year 4-6 Production, "Aladdin Jr."

If you have children performing in both "Chasing Stars" and "The Weather Report," please note that separate tickets will need to be purchased for each show.

11. Do children need a seat for the performances?

Yes, all children aged 3 and over must have their own seat for the concert.

12. Where do I drop off and pick up my child for their concert?

Students should be dropped off 20 minutes before their concert (45 minutes for Aladdin Jr.) and picked up promptly afterward.

- Prep-Year 1 "Chasing Stars": Drop off at 4:40pm, pick up at 5:45pm – 17th October
- Year 2-3 "The Weather Report": Drop off at 5:55pm, pick up at 7:00pm- 17th October
- Year 4-6 "Aladdin Jr.": Drop off at 5:30pm, pick up at 7:30pm- 22nd October

Please drop off your child at the following locations:

Prep-Library

Year 1- Learning Gallery

Prep and Year 1 pick up in the gym following the concert.

Year 2 drop off and pick up- Learning Gallery

Year 3 drop off and pick up- Library

Year 4 drop off and pick up- Library

Year 5/6 drop off and pick up- Library

13. What should my child wear to school on the day of their performance?

- Prep-Year 1 "Chasing Stars": Pyjamas with slippers or grippy socks.
- Year 2-3 "The Weather Report": Class colour t-shirts (Yellow Y2 and Blue Yr 3) with black pants with face paint applied at home. Students should wear black school shoes.
- Year 4-6 "Aladdin Jr":
 - Lead Cast: wear black singlets and bike shorts under costumes.
 - Agrabah Ensemble, Arabian Nights Ensemble: White/Beige/Cream T shirts and black shorts/pants or leggings.
 - 4B students: Black t-shirts and black shorts/pants/leggings.
 - Palace Dancers: Black t-shirts and leggings/bike shorts.
 - All students must wear slip-on shoes and apply face paint at home (please refer to the Compass note for details).

We appreciate your cooperation in helping to make Performance Fortnight a memorable and successful event!

Warm regards,

Sherri Jenkins and the KGPS Performance Fortnight Team

WELCOME ABOARD

Team Kids



We strive to support families and add VALUE to every day. Our child-centred programs excite, engage and entertain children before school, after school and throughout the school holidays.

Let the fun begin...

HOW TO REGISTER?

Head to teamkids.com.au/register
Allow 10-15 min to set up your account.



To make a booking, we require the entire registration process to be completed, this includes all emergency contacts, payment details and medical forms.

HOW TO BOOK?



1. Sign in to your TeamKids account.
2. Select the following: » Add/Change bookings » Care Type » Child's Name » Date (it will turn green).
3. Click "Next".
4. Double check your bookings and click "Confirm Changes".



CHECK OUT THE TEAMKIDS FUN!



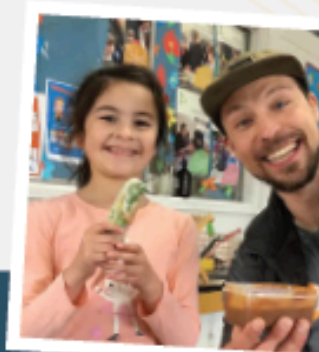
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“ My daughter could not wait to go back to TeamKids the next day! ” Danielle



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7:00 AM START
6:30 PM END

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9AM ON EXCURSION DAYS

IN-HOUSE INCURSION EXCURSION

MON - 23rd SEP	TUE - 24th SEP	WED - 25th SEP	THU - 26th SEP	FRI - 27th SEP
				CLOSED
Dinosaur Show	Rock Climbing	Random Acts of Magic	Harold and the Purple Crayon	
Get ready for a ROAR-some adventure! Watch as our dinosaur comes alive and puts on an unforgettable show. With thrilling moves and dino-sized fun, it's a prehistoric party you won't want to miss!	Today, we're making our way to the tippy top as we go Rock Climbing! We'll learn the ropes & then there'll be countless climbing challenges for us to complete. How high will you go? *Closed shoes required.	How many magicians does it take to do magic? Just one will do the trick! Random Acts of Magic is coming to TeamKids! Be wowed by tricks, juggling and balloon art with co-stars Kandii Dog and Benjii Bunny.	Join TeamKids for a fun-filled adventure as we watch "Harold and the Purple Crayon"! Experience the magic as Harold's crayon brings his wildest dreams to life as he doodles his way into a world full of fun! *PG Film. Allergy Alert - Cinema popcorn provided	
Daily Fee \$95	Daily Fee \$111	Daily Fee \$90	Daily Fee \$108	
After Max CCS* \$9.50	After Max CCS* \$11.10	After Max CCS* \$9.00	After Max CCS* \$10.80	

MON - 30th SEP	TUE - 1st OCT	WED - 2nd OCT	THU - 3rd OCT	FRI - 4th OCT
Elsa Showtime	The Wild Robot	Energy Engineers	Moorabbin Air Museum	Colour Run Games
Get ready for a magical adventure as Queen Elsa joins Team Kids! Join us as Elsa plays frozen games and immerses us in the world of Arendelle	Join TeamKids to follow Roz, a curious robot, as she explores the wilderness, makes animal friends, and discovers the true meaning of home. Adventure awaits! *PG Film. Allergy Alert - Cinema popcorn provided	Become an Energy Engineer for a day! Build potato clocks, create mini windmills, and explore sustainable energy in a fun, hands-on adventure. Discover how you can power the future!	Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Today we're off to the Moorabbin Air Museum where aviation comes alive! We'll immerse in history as we tour an incredible collection of aircraft and experience the interactive thrill of being a pilot!	Join us to paint the town rainbow as we compete in a colour run! Get drenched in vibrant rainbow powder as we race our friends! Wear white, bring a towel and a change of clothes! Have some active colour-filled fun!
Daily Fee \$89	Daily Fee \$108	Daily Fee \$78	Daily Fee \$101	Daily Fee \$89
After Max CCS* \$8.90	After Max CCS* \$10.80	After Max CCS* \$7.80	After Max CCS* \$10.10	After Max CCS* \$8.90

*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. \$5 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available.

**Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy

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PYP Corner

#30 The Role of Play in Developing Social Skills

The Role of Play in Developing Social Skills

At Keysborough Gardens Primary School, we recognise the critical role that play has in developing social skills as part of the PYP. Play is a natural and enjoyable way for children to learn how to interact with others and navigate social situations.

Why is Play Important?

Play allows children to explore relationships, practice social interactions, and develop communication and cooperation skills in a safe environment.

Types of Play that Foster Social Skills:

- Cooperative Play: Activities where children work together towards a common goal, such as building a fort or playing team sports.
- Dramatic Play: Role-playing scenarios help children understand different perspectives and practice empathy.
- Structured Games: Board games and organised sports teach children about rules, turn-taking, and fair play.

Benefits of Play:

- Social Interaction: Play encourages children to interact with their peers and develop friendships.
- Problem-Solving: Through play, children learn to negotiate, resolve conflicts, and collaborate on solutions.
- Emotional Development: Play helps children understand and manage their emotions.

Supporting Play at Home:

- Provide Opportunities: Create spaces and provide materials for various types of play, such as outdoor activities, board games, and dress-up clothes.
- Join In: Play with your child to model positive social interactions and guide them in developing their social skills.
- Encourage Free Play: Allow your child unstructured time to play and explore on their own or with friends.



Respectful school communities start with respectful behaviour

Parents, carers, staff and students can help keep our school community safe, supportive and respectful.

Good relationships are based on:



Open and honest communication



Trust and respect



Working together



Fair and reasonable expectations by all

These behaviours are **not** okay in our school community

***Violence**

***Harassment**

***Aggression**

***Rudeness**

***Threats**

***Intimidation**

***Unkind or discriminatory comments**

***Gossip**

This includes in person, over the phone, email, text, social media or online platforms.

Parents or carers behaving in unacceptable ways may be contacted and a School Community Safety Order may be issued.

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.

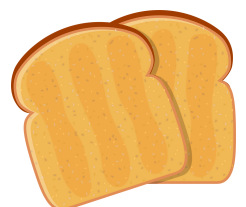
When a student is not complying with this mobile phone policy, we will be required to follow a process in line with our existing student engagement policies.

[Mobile phone Policy](#)



Breakfast Club

Don't forget breakfast is available for all students on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30am. Everyone is welcome, just come to 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

Team Kids is our new Before & After School Provider starting from 23rd September.

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

<https://www.teamkids.com.au/venues/keysborough-gardens-primary-oshc/>



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

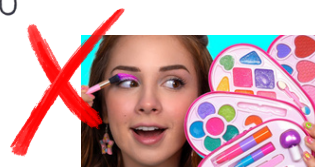


navy tights



black shoes or
runners

These items are not permitted as part of our uniform





8 WEEK BOOTCAMP

**Get your body ready for
Summer!**

**2 SESSIONS PER WEEK
MON/WED 6AM**

STARTS 7th OCTOBER

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Contact Sabrina on 0433151976 for bookings