

6th February 2025

From the Sub-school Leader - Mr Gliddon



Dear KGPS Families,

## 2025 Preps

This week, our 2025 Prep students have commenced their first full week (well almost, apart from our Wednesday's) and it has been lovely to see them arrive with smiles on their faces and ready to learn. Our Prep students are already showing our values of kindness towards each other and their teachers, and we look forward to the year together. Earlier in the week, Mrs Jenkins took her annual welcome to school photo...look at all those smiling faces.

## Year 4 Community

What a fantastic start we have had to our year in the Year 4 Community. We have explored our flexible space and started to identify how we should be using the spaces, including noise level and movement. We are looking forward to showcasing our new space at our Intro Meetings next week.

## Intro Meetings

Next Wednesday, we will be hosting our annual 'Get to Know You' Introductory Meetings. These meetings serve as a valuable opportunity for our teachers to connect with the families of our students, enabling us to gather valuable information about each child, such as their interests, passions and strengths.

Such meetings are crucial in strengthening the partnership between home and school, which we recognise as fundamental.

## Information Evening

On the same evening as the Intro Meetings, we will be hosting a Prep/New Family Information Night from 6.00-6.45pm in our staff room. This important session will provide an overview of our curriculum programs, opportunities for parental involvement, and a recap of our data and achievements from 2024. Attendees will also receive our KGPS Information Handbook.

This initiative is part of our commitment to keeping our school community informed and engaged with the educational journey of our students. We look forward to welcoming you to this informative session and working together to make 2025 a successful year at KGPS.

## Canteen

HELP!! Canteen Volunteers Urgently Needed. We need your help to help assist Chum our canteen manager in the canteen. Click on the link [here](#) to add your name. Please ensure you have a Working With Childrens Check

**HELP  
NEEDED**

## Kiss n' Go changes

◆ **What has changed?** The Kiss and Go area is now a 2-hour parking zone.

◆ **What should I do?** If parking spaces are available, you may park in the area (please do not form a queue).



We recommend parking at Woolworths or in neighbouring streets (ensuring you do not block driveways) and walking to a pre-arranged meeting spot such as the playgrounds, basketball court, or school gates. Families of Years 3-6 students are encouraged to consider walking, riding, or scootering home if they live nearby.

Any students who have not been picked up by 3:45pm will be taken to the office. Parking on the housing side of Homeleigh Road is illegal and families run the risk of a fine if they do so. Please do not drop your child off on the opposite side of the school and have them walk across the road. There have been near misses in the past, where students have almost been hit by cars. **Please USE THE SCHOOL CROSSING AT ALL TIMES.**



## Double Parking

Please do not double park when collecting your child after school. This is extremely dangerous as it means that children are walking between cars, creating an unsafe environment.



## Walking through the staff car park

It has been brought to our attention that some of our families are walking THROUGH our staff car park. There is a path, accessible by a gate that is around the car park to ensure the safety of our children and families. Please see below for details:



## No Riding bikes/ Scooters in the yard

A reminder that children need to wear a helmet to and from school if they are riding their bike or scooter.

Children need to dismount from their bikes and scooters at the school gate and are not to ride in the school grounds before or after school.



## Welcome Picnic and Leaders Badge Presentation - Save the Date!

Friday 28th February, 5:00pm-7:00pm Our Annual Welcome Picnic is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the school community and meet other families. At this event, our Year 6 leaders and 2025 SRC members will be formally presented with their leadership badges. Keep an eye on the newsletter for further details!

## Hats



Students must wear their KGPS hat which is part of your school uniform. KGPS hats can be purchased at the office for \$18.50. Please note: baseball or peaked caps and sun visors are not considered a suitable alternative, as they do not protect the ears, cheeks or neck.

## Assemblies

Assemblies are held every Friday at 9:10am in the gym. Families are warmly invited to join us!

✦ First assembly: Friday 7th February - for year 1-6 students.

✦ Prep students' first full assembly: Friday 14th February.

## Policies

As part of our school processes, we regularly review and update our school policies. These reflect updates from the Department and are created to be specific to our school, ensuring that we align with our own values and those of the Department of Education. We are seeking feedback on the below policies:

[Bullying Prevention](#)

[Student Engagement and Wellbeing](#)

[Child Safety and Wellbeing](#)

If you have any feedback, please complete the Google Form, accessed by scanning the QR code, with your name and any feedback you may have.



Kind regards,

*Simon*

**Simon Gliddon | Sub School Leader**

## From the Principal - Mrs Jenkins



### School Council Elections Open Today

At this time of year, all Victorian Government schools hold their annual School Council Elections - and our election process is now open.

We have three parent vacancies, with each position running for two years (March 2025 to February 2027). Nominations will close on Thursday, 20th February at 4pm. If you are considering re-nominating or wish to nominate for the School Council, official forms are available from the school office.

You may also be interested in getting involved by joining one of the Council's sub-committees. Please note that members of the Education Sub-Committee do not need to be School Council members. These committees meet approximately six times throughout the school year. The following sub-committees are available for the 2025 school year:

1. Community Engagement & Fundraising
2. Building and Grounds
3. Education Sub-Committee

Please see below the terms of reference for our School Council Sub Committees:

### EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

**Purpose: To develop and review school policy, contribute to School Strategic Plan, and facilitate regular communication within the school community relating to school & DET initiatives, programs and policies. It will:**

- Formulate and present an Annual Action Plan to the first meeting of the new Council each year. (March/April)
- Review current school policies (in a standard template format) on a cyclic basis; identify new policy needs in response to Council directions.
- Ensure school policies are readily accessible throughout the school community.
- Recommend and monitor processes for ensuring parent, teacher and community participation.

### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE

**Purpose: To maintain, develop and improve the physical environment and safety of our school buildings and grounds. It will:**

- Formulate and present an Annual Action Plan to the first meeting of the new Council each year. (March/April)
- Organise 3-4 Working Bees per year
- Identify and implement an annual 'Committee Project' each year, with wider parental involvement according to expertise within the school community.
- Oversee the safety and adequate maintenance of school grounds, facilities and playground equipment.

## FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

**Purpose:** To promote parental and student connectedness and participation in the life of the school through social events. It will:

- Formulate and present an Annual Action Plan to the first meeting of the new Council each year. (April)
- Conduct Social Functions for parents and students, producing a 'Calendar of Events'.
- Actively recruit/engage new parents to become involved in the organisation of events.
- Co-ordinate Class Representatives and maintain a voluntary school classroom contact list.

If you are interested in joining one of these sub-committees, please email the school [keysborough.gardens.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:keysborough.gardens.ps@education.vic.gov.au) and we will forward your details to the appropriate coordinator.

Finally, a huge thank you to our 2024 School Council parent members: Nina Kelly, Sharna Woods, Caitlin Ryan, Dana Ember, Elise Neville, and Kevin Heri. We truly appreciate all of your hard work and dedication over the past year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,  
*Sherri*

**Sherri Jenkins | Principal**

**2025 Terms**

<b>Term 1</b> 30th January to 4th April <small>Years 1-6 start: 30/01 @ 9am Prep's start: 31/01 @ 9:30am</small>	<b>Term 2</b> 22nd April to 4th July
<b>Term 3</b> 21st July to 19th September	<b>Term 4</b> 6th October to 18th December

**Student Free Days & Public Holidays:**

- Friday 7th March (Curriculum Day)
- Monday 10th March (Labour Day)
- Friday 18th April (Good Friday)
- Monday 21st April (Easter Monday)
- Friday 25th April (ANZAC Day)
- Monday 12th May (Curriculum Day)
- Monday 9th June (King's Birthday)
- Tuesday 4th November (Melbourne Cup)

## New Staff Member Profile



### A bit about Ms Lam

Hello! My name is Anna Lam. I've been teaching for over 10 years in various primary schools around Melbourne and it's wonderful to officially be a part of the KGPS family this year. I was born and raised in Melbourne, and it's a city I truly love. I'm married and have two energetic boys who are in Grade 1 and Grade 3 this year. We enjoy spending our holidays and weekends together, often exploring our beautiful state of Victoria on road trips and hikes. In my free time, I love to read, indulge in a bit of online shopping, and catch up with friends and family over delicious food. Over the summer holidays we got a 4 month old Jack Russell puppy so I spend a lot of time playing and training her. This term at KGPS, I'll be working across all year levels, supporting our wonderful classroom teachers. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the students and families here, and I'm excited for the learning and fun that lies ahead. Feel free to say hello if you see me around – I'm always happy to meet new people!

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Thank you to  
Buxton Real Estate -  
Dingley/Keysborough branch  
for their ongoing support  
and partnership with KGPS!

# Diary Dates

## February 2025

- Wednesday 12th - **Parent Intro Meetings Prep-Year 6 1:10pm - 6:40pm**  
**(1:00pm student dismissal)**  
**Prep and New Parent/Carer Curriculum Information Evening (6:00pm- 6:45pm)**
- Thursday 6th - Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport 9:15am-11am
- Friday 7th - **Assembly 9:10am**
- Thursday 13th - Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport 9:15am-11am
- Thursday 20th - Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport 9:15am-11am  
School Council meeting 5:30pm
- Thursday 27th - Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport 9:15am-11am
- Friday 28th - **Whole School Welcome Picnic & Badge Presentation**

## March 2025

- Tuesday 4th - **School Photos** 
- Thursday 6th - Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport 9:15am-11am
- Friday 7th - **Curriculum Day (no school)**
- Monday 10th - **Labour Day (no school)**
- Monday 12th - NAPLAN Begins (Yr 3 & 5)
- Thursday 20th Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport 9:15am-11am
- Friday 21st - **Harmony Day**
- Monday 24th - Wednesday 26th - Year 4 Camp Gundiwindi
- Thursday 27th - Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport 9:15am-11am

## April 2025

- Friday 4th- **Last day of Term 1**
- Monday 21st - **Easter (no school)**
- Tuesday 22nd- **First Day of Term 2**
- Friday 25th - **ANZAC Day (no school)**
- Monday 12th - **Curriculum Day (no school)**

## May 2025

- Monday 12th - **Curriculum Day (no school)**

Whole School Event

No School

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

# CURIOUS KIDS PLAYGROUP @ KEYSBOROUGH GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL



**COME AND JOIN US!**

**Starting Tuesday 11th February 2025**

**EVERY TUESDAY DURING SCHOOL  
TERMS**

**9:30am - 10:30am**



**IN OUR LIBRARY**

**ANY FAMILIES AND CHILDREN 0-5  
WELCOME!**

**10 Homeleigh Road, Keysborough  
97926800**



**Thursday 27th February  
9.15 - 10.30am**

# Coffee and Contacting

**Come and connect with parents in our school community over a coffee while covering some new books. No experience needed—just good company! Morning tea provided.**



# NEWSLETTER



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Welcome to 2025!

We are so excited to meet so many new families at TeamKids and hear about what everyone did over the Summer holidays.

The children had so much fun engaging in a variety of experiences including a mini golf excursion, a crazy chemicals incursion and much more!

We have started this term by reorganising the play zones in our space and the children have decided what new resources they would like. We have also begun planning for our Term 1 clubs, with the children voting which clubs they would like to participate in this term.

### Parent Reminders

Please ensure you have placed new bookings for this calendar year. Unfortunately bookings do not carry over from 2024. Feel free to speak with Adele or another team member at the program and we can assist you!

If your child has a medical condition we are required to have medication for them as listed on their action plan. We require all medication provided to us to be in fully packaging and be in date.

## TEAMKIDS CLUBS



### MONDAY

BSC:

ASC:

### TUESDAY

BSC:

ASC:

### WEDNESDAY

BSC:

ASC:

### THURSDAY

BSC:

ASC:

### FRIDAY


BSC:


ASC:


BSC: BEFORE SCHOOL CARE | ASC: AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The children are currently voting and brainstorming for the clubs they would like this term. Once confirmed, it will be updated here. In the meantime, the children are engaging in planned activities based on their interests and suggestions, such as crafts, group games, STEM and cooking activities as per our educational planner.

## IMPORTANT DATES

 Wednesday 12th February | TeamKids open from 1:00pm to cater for early dismissal

 Friday 14th February | Valentine's Day

 Monday 17th February | Random Act of Kindness Day



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# EMBRACE KIDS

**The Drum Theatre, Dandenong, will have a special screening of the documentary 'Embrace Kids.' on Friday 21st March**

**Body-image advocate Taryn Brumfitt is talking to school-aged kids and famous friends about body image, bullying, gender identity, advocacy, representation and more.**

**'Embrace Kids' brings together a collection of stories and voices to entertain and inspire kids and parents alike, showing us that the first step in changing the world, is changing your own mind.**

**Rated G - Ages 10 -15 years old.**

**Doors Open 5pm, Screening starts at 6pm**

**Followed by a party celebrating all people.**

**[Free Entry- click below to book tickets](#)**

**CLICK HERE**

## Communication with school staff

In August last year, a new law called the Right to Disconnect was introduced for all workplaces.

This means that 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.

Please email: [keysborough.gardens.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:keysborough.gardens.ps@education.vic.gov.au) and your email will be redirected.

Thank you for your understanding and support!

## 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](#)



## Facebook

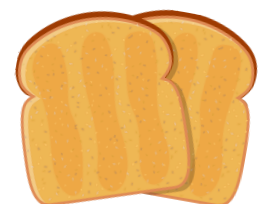
Please like our Facebook page. This page is used by the school to share events and updates at the school.

[KGPS Facebook](#) and Instagram.

Any other Facebook pages are not officially authorised by representative at the school.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is now open on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30am at the Canteen.  
Come along!



## 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 TeamKids!



Thank you for arriving at school on time!

## 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

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 <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



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

