

21st November 2024

From the Year 1 Leader- Ms Hansen



Dear KGPS Families,
 Welcome to this week's newsletter! As the year moves along, we are excited about the many upcoming activities and events planned for our school community, including our Colour Run tomorrow!

Prep Transition

Last week, we were thrilled to host the first of our official Prep Transition Sessions for our 2025 Preps. These sessions, held over three consecutive Thursday mornings, provide an excellent opportunity for our future students to explore the classroom and familiarise themselves with our school environment.

Our dedicated Prep team worked hard to create a warm and engaging experience for the children and their families, many of whom were visiting our school for the first time. While the children enjoyed meeting the Prep teachers and new classmates, parents were welcomed into the staff room to meet our Leadership Team and Team Kids coordinator. Our school captains, Gemma and Quinn, delivered a welcoming speech, accompanied by coffee and biscuits.

We look forward to seeing our 2025 Preps and their families again next Thursday morning and for their final session at our Teddy Bears' Picnic. We are excited for more enjoyable and enriching experiences ahead!

Thank You to Our Working Bee Volunteers!

A big thanks to all the families who joined us for the Working Bee on a very hot Saturday! We were able to get so many jobs done. From weeding and planting to tidying up outdoor spaces, your efforts have created a more inviting and vibrant environment for our students to enjoy. We really appreciate the time and energy you gave to support our school community, and it's wonderful to see how much can be achieved when we work together. Thank you for your continued support and for helping make KGPS a place we can all be proud of!

A big thank you to the following families and staff for their contributions and support: Dharmawardana, Henry, Lim, Heri, Caruana, Nolasco, Jenman, Ryan, Louw, Rodriguez, Rikisahedew, Toussaint, Vay, Joshi, Nguyen, Skeggs, Martinovic, McCallum. A special shout-out to our dedicated staff: Mrs Jenkins, Russell, Luke, Mr Moldrich, Ms Grigg, Mr Serpanchy, Mr Gliddon, Mrs Smith, Mrs Barrie, Mrs Matlock, and Mrs Cadby. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!



No longer attending KGPS for 2025?

If you are moving schools next year, please contact the school or your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. This allows us to create balanced grades for next year and organise student transfers.

Ensuring Consistency Through Moderation

With reports coming up, our teachers have been working together on a process called moderation in maths and writing. This means they review and discuss student work samples as a team to make sure everyone is on the same page about marking and expectations.

Moderation helps us ensure that assessments are consistent and fair and that they align with the Victorian Curriculum Standards. It also helps us plan the next steps in learning for every student.

Thank you for your support as we take the time to get this important work just right for our students!



Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 students are thrilled to celebrate their graduation on Thursday, 12th December. This special event marks a significant milestone in their journey, filled with joy, reflection, and anticipation for the future. They can't wait to share this memorable occasion with their families and teachers! We look forward to celebrating their school years at Keysborough Gardens Primary School.

Warm regards,

Elinor

Elinor Hansen | Year 1 Leader

From the Principal- Mrs Jenkins

2025 Planning

Planning for 2025 is now well underway, including the process of compiling our 23 classes. Teachers and school leaders have commenced this complex and carefully planned process, aiming to have all classes finalised by late November. The effort and professional judgement that teachers dedicate to compiling classes is greatly appreciated, as they utilise their knowledge of students and families to ensure thoughtful class placements.

While we continue to create Home Groups (classes), it's important to highlight that students spend a significant amount of time working with peers outside their immediate class groups. Across each level, students collaborate in our flexible teaching spaces, allowing us to deliver rich and diverse learning experiences.

Compiling 2025 Classes

Each year, a small number of parents submit feedback and special requests regarding class placements. These requests must be submitted in writing and addressed to the Principal by Thursday, 28th November. While we carefully consider all feedback, it's important to note that not all requests can be accommodated.

As part of the process, students are asked to list several friends they'd like to be with, and we aim to ensure they are with at least one of these friends. However, requests for specific named friends from parents cannot be accommodated due to the complexity of balancing all factors in the class placement process.

2025 School Structure

Our school will see continued growth in 2025, increasing from 430 students to approximately 475 students. With this growth, we will move from 20 to 23 classes, maintaining an average class size of approximately 21 students.

Further information, including 2025 class teachers, will be published in the newsletter in approximately two weeks.

Farewells & New Staff

As with all schools, staffing changes accompany growth. You may have already seen some of our 2025 staff introduced in recent newsletters, with further introductions and some farewells to come in the coming weeks.

End of Year Key Dates

Final Assembly: Friday 13th December, 9:05 am. This assembly will include a farewell to our Year 6 students as well as some holiday songs performed by each grade.

Up Day 1: Morning session, Tuesday 3rd December. Students will meet in their 2025 Learning space.

Up Day 2: Afternoon session, Friday 13th December. Students will meet their 2025 homegroup teacher during this session.

End-of-Year Clean-Up & Activities: Monday 16th - Thursday 19th December.

Teacher Forward Planning Day: Friday 20th December (no students). Team Kids will operate a program on Friday 20th December for families requiring care.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we plan and prepare for another exciting year at our school!

Warm regards,

Sherri

Sherri Jenkins | Principal

New Staff Member Profile



A bit about Mr Dang!

Hi, my name is Jason Dang, and I am currently a teacher at Alamanda K-9 College. In my free time, I enjoy walking my dogs and spending time outdoors. I also love reading and discovering places around Victoria that I have not been. I'm excited to be part of the KGPS journey in 2025!



Lemonade Stand Fundraiser Success!

Over the weekend, Max, Siena, and Kiara took the initiative to help raise funds for the School Fun Run in a creative and entrepreneurial way—by hosting a lemonade stand! Alongside refreshing lemonade, they offered delicious cupcakes and even "pupcakes" for furry friends.

Max showcased his skills by encouraging customers, negotiating prices, handling transactions, and giving change with confidence. Siena and Kiara were in charge of drawing in customers, even charming passersby to stop and support their cause. Their teamwork, enthusiasm, and dedication truly shone, making their stand a delightful success.

Congratulations to Max, Siena, and Kiara for their incredible effort and community spirit! Check out their photo above to see their amazing setup.

Gratitude

A big thank you to the following canteen volunteers who helped out in the canteen:

Ruby, Nicole, Taryn & Lisa.



Boric and Kelly for the book donations for our library.



Thanks to the Boric and Kelly families for their generous clothing donations to our second-hand uniform stall.



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COLOUR RUN

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER
2:00PM - 3:30PM
SCHOOL OVAL



TIMING OF EVENTS

1:55PM PARENTS/CARERS ARRIVE

2:00PM PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

2:15PM YEAR 3, YEAR 4 & YEAR 2


2:45PM YEAR 1, PREP & YEAR 5/6

3:15PM PRINCIPAL'S CLOSURE &
COLOUR BOMB!

FUNDRAISING PLATFORM WILL REMAIN OPEN
TOP 4 FUNDRAISERS ON THE DAY WILL 'COLOUR
BOMB' THE PRINCIPALS

Diary Dates

November 2024

- Friday 22nd - **Colour Run** 
- Thursday 28th-Prep Transition Session 3: Teddy Bears Picnic 9.30-10.30am
- Friday 29th-ABC Music End of Year Student Music Performances 9am & 2pm

December 2024

- Monday 2nd - Lamont Book Fair (until 6th Dec)
- Tuesday 3rd - **Up Day #1 (9:15am-10:40am)**
- 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 (2pm-3:15pm)** (Final assembly 9:10am)
- Tuesday 17th - Yr 6 Big Day Out
- Thursday 19th - **Last Day of Term 4**

January 2025

- Thursday 30th - **Start of Term 1 - Year's 1 to 6 (9:00am start)**
- Friday 31st - **First Day for Preps (9:30am start)**

February 2025

- Wednesday 12th - **Parent Intro meetings Prep- Year 6 (1:00pm Dismissal)**
- Friday 28th - **Whole School Welcome Picnic**

March 2025

- Tuesday 4th - **School Photos**
- Friday 7th - **Curriculum Day (no school)**
- Monday 10th - **Labour Day (no school)**

Whole School Event

No School



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

KEEP IT UP!



- Nicholas K
- Michael N
- Andreas R
- Tameem S
- Andreas R
- Taylan E
- Reyhan D
- Kira N
- Jamie Tay
- Louis H
- Layla T
- Vivienne Y
- Tara R
- Levi J
- Isabella H
- Yuvain D
- Emily Y
- Mariam H
- Abdullah A
- Alex L
- Saad H
- Leila S
- Kingsley H
- Tavion Z
- Mahimna P
- Arian M
- Kim N
- Alexander T
- Fellyssiah T

2025 Terms

Term 1
30th January
to
4th April
Years 1-6 start: 30/01 @ 9am
Prep's start: 31/01 @ 9:30am

Term 2
22nd April
to
4th July

Term 3
21st July
to
19th September

Term 4
6th October
to
18th December

Student Free Days:

- Friday 7th March (Curriculum Day)
- Monday 10th March (Labour Day)
- Monday 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)



CURIOUS KIDS PLAYGROUP AT KEYSBOROUGH GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday
9:30AM – 10:30AM IN THE LIBRARY

ALL WELCOME NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Enquiries on 03 9792 6800
10 HOMELEIGH ROAD
KEYSBOROUGH



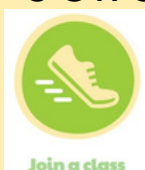


2024 KGPS COLOUR RUN INSTRUCTIONS

GO TO: [HTTPS://WWW.MYCAUSE.COM.AU/EVENTS/KEYSBOROUGHGARDENSPRIMARYSCHOOLCOLOURRUN2024](https://www.mycause.com.au/events/keysboroughgardensprimaryschoolcolourrun2024)

HOW TO JOIN:

STEP 1: SCROLL DOWN AND CLICK ON 'JOIN A CLASS'



STEP 2: CLICK ON YOUR CHILD'S CLASS LINK.

JOIN OR DONATE TO YOUR CLASS		
	56A	\$2
	1A	\$0

STEP 3: CLICK 'JOIN THIS CLASS'

JOIN THIS CLASS

STEP 4: LOGIN AND ADD YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION.

* Student name

first name last name

I have read and I agree to the [Terms and Conditions](#).

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HOW TO DONATE:

STEP 1: CLICK ON YOUR CHILD'S CLASS.

STEP 2: CLICK ON THE 'DONATE' BUTTON DIRECTLY NEXT TO YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

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	1D	\$0

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DONATE

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR REQUIRE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING TEACHERS:

PREP- MRS DRUMMY: MICHELLE.DRUMMY@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU

YEAR 1- MRS FAIRWEATHER: MAISIE.FAIRWEATHER@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU

YEAR 2- MISS BAREHAM: ASHLEIGH.BAREHAM@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU

YEAR 3/4- MR MOLDRICH: KYLE.MOLDRICH@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU

YEAR 5/6- MR SERPANCHY: RYAN.SERPANCHY@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU

PYP Corner

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Being a risk-taker is an important attribute in the Primary Years Programme (PYP) at Keysborough Gardens Primary School. We encourage our students to approach uncertainty with courage and to explore new ideas and innovative strategies.

What does it mean to be a Risk-Taker?

A risk-taker is someone who is willing to try new things, face challenges, and make mistakes as part of the learning process.

How We Cultivate Risk-Taking:

- Encouraging Exploration: Providing opportunities for students to explore new topics and ideas.
- Creating a Safe Environment: Ensuring that the classroom is a safe space where students feel comfortable taking risks and making mistakes.
- Problem-Solving Activities: Engaging students in activities that require them to think creatively and take initiative.
- Celebrating Effort: Recognising and celebrating the effort and process, not just the outcome.

Benefits of Being a Risk-Taker:

- Resilience: Risk-takers develop resilience and the ability to bounce back from setbacks.
- Innovation: Taking risks leads to new ideas and innovative solutions.
- Confidence: Students gain confidence as they successfully navigate challenges and uncertainties.

Encouraging Risk-Taking at Home:

- Support New Experiences: Encourage your child to try new activities and hobbies.
- Model Risk-Taking: Show your child how you take risks and learn from your experiences.
- Positive Reinforcement: Praise your child for their efforts and bravery, regardless of the outcome.



VISIT OUR LAMONT BOOK FAIR

2ND - 6TH DECEMBER

Great books
on sale and
more!






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

Canteen Volunteers

Canteen Volunteers Needed! Thank you to all the wonderful members of our community who volunteer their time to help run our school canteen. We truly couldn't do it without you! **Our canteen is looking for more volunteers to help out on Wednesdays and Fridays.**

All you need is a valid Working with Children Check and a few hours to spare. Whether you can assist fortnightly, once a month or even just once a term, we would love to have your support. Grandparents are welcome too! It's a fantastic way to meet other parents, enjoy a free lunch, and experience the joy of seeing your child's smile as they run up to the canteen window to say hello. If you are interested in joining us, please fill in the Google Form linked here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fHr-Wh1HHOzdnfN_aLMH5OD6bhJdD8G8_KFI4nNcvy_s/edit Thank you again to all our amazing volunteers. Your support is invaluable!

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.

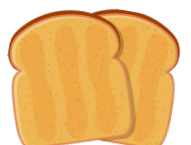
[KGPS Facebook](#) and Instagram.

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

Breakfast Club

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!



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.



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!



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/>



Prep Enrolments 2025

Enrolments for Prep 2025 are now closed!

Please contact the office if you have not enrolled yet.

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



winter tunic



white skivvy



navy or white socks



navy tights



school beanie

black shoes or
runners

These items are not permitted as part of our uniform

