

21st March 2024

From the Assistant Principal - Mrs Barrie



Dear KGPS Families,

Staffing Update

We're excited to introduce some fantastic new additions who have joined our team over this term. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Tracy, Mia, and Tina, who have recently joined us as classroom Education Support staff, and Luke, who has joined our maintenance and grounds team!



In other news, it seems like there's a baby boom happening here at KGPS, with four of our wonderful staff members expecting bundles of joy in the coming months. We'll be saying goodbye to Mrs. Kimmie Allott at the end of week 3, Ms. Steph Anderson at the end of week 4, and Mrs. Jacinda Hocking at the end of week 5. Additionally, Ms. Jaiden King will be departing at the end of term 2, also going on family leave.



But amidst farewells, we're thrilled to share some exciting news. We're delighted to announce the recruitment of Mr. Cory Smithett as our new Physical Education teacher. Cory has enthusiastically accepted a two-year contract with us, and we're eagerly anticipating the wealth of experience and expertise he will bring to our PE program. We extend our sincere gratitude to Ms. Jaiden King and Ms. Steph Anderson for their dedicated service to our PE program throughout 2023 and Term 1 of 2024. They've done a wonderful job, and we're grateful for their contributions.

In addition, Ms. Jaiden King will be transitioning into the Year 3/4 team for term 2, stepping in to replace Mr. Jack Capicchiano, who will be embarking on overseas adventures for the remainder of the year. We wish Jack safe travels and look forward to his return in 2025. Meanwhile, Ms. Anderson, Mrs. Allott, and Mrs. Hocking will be lending their expertise to support our Learning Enhancement Program (LEP) and general learning support around the school over term 2.

From Mr Cory Smithett

Hi KGPS community!

My name is Cory Smithett, I'm 36 years old and live in Langwarrin with my wife Brooke, my 3 year old son, Jack and my dog, Bonnie. I grew up in Gippsland, went to University in Ballarat and have lived on the Mornington Peninsula ever since.

This is my 12th year as a PE Teacher, of which I spent the majority of that time at Rosebud Primary School as the PE & Outdoor Ed Teacher where I had an absolute blast. I am a basketball fanatic, but love all sports and I am extremely excited to start teaching PE lessons at your school in term 2.



Most of all, I can't wait to join the KGPS teaching team and get to know all of the students and families!

Air-con Upgrade

We are very excited, our air-conditioning upgrade is finally beginning!

From next week, the installation process of air conditioning will begin. This large project will take until the end of term 3 to complete. There will be disruptions across the school, with year levels having to move out of their spaces for a couple of weeks at a time, while units are installed.

But the great news is, by Term 4 we will have cooling in our learning spaces and the administration area!





HARMONY WEEK

Let's come together to celebrate our cultural diversity.

Harmony Dress Up Day - Come dressed in cultural dress or wear orange!

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism and we are so proud of our very diverse community. The message of Harmony Week is everyone belongs.

Did you know that 63% of our students speak another language other than English at home? Forty different languages are spoken in our community.

At Keysborough Gardens Primary School we embrace inclusiveness, respect and belonging for everyone, regardless of our cultural or linguistic background.

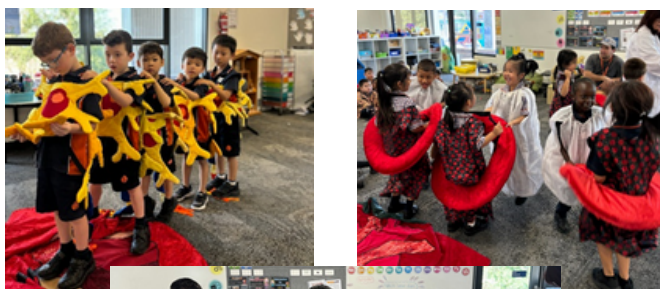
On Friday come along dressed in your traditional cultural dress and celebrate the history of your family or wear orange to show that **WE ALL BELONG**.

Prep Incursion - Body Investigators

On Monday our Prep students had a wonderful time becoming BODY INVESTIGATORS where they gained an understanding of how diet, physical activity and sleep can impact their body's performance.

They had so much fun dressing-up as Brain Nuerons, Red and White Blood Cells, Oxygen and Gastric Juices.

This incursion was a unique way to explore; healthy bodies, everyday foods and sometimes foods, the different body systems, the importance of sleep and the overall workings of the human body.



Easter Raffle

Don't forget to purchase your Easter Raffle Tickets to be in the draw for some great Easter prizes. Tickets can be purchased by clicking on the Canteen Icon and selecting 27th March. Tickets close next Tuesday at 3pm.



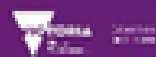
Breakfast Club

As we come to the end of another successful term of Breakfast Club, we would like to extend our thanks to all the students and families who have made it a part of their routine. We love seeing your smiling faces every Tuesday and Thursday morning!


As we head into the holidays, we would like to take this opportunity to remind our community that Breakfast Club (in collaboration with Food Bank Victoria) will be offering food boxes filled with essential items to anyone who needs it during the holidays. Please contact the office or your child's classroom teacher if you are interested in receiving a food box.

Breakfast Club will be back in Week 1 of Term 2, along with our ever popular jaffles! Wishing everyone a safe and restful holiday and look forward to seeing you all next term!

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM BREAKFAST CLUB



Respect in our school

	ALL SPACES	CLASSROOM	YARD	ONLINE
Respect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I look after learning spaces, materials and equipment I follow instructions and directions I keep my hands, feet and body to myself I wait and take my turn I walk around the school quietly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I use Whole Body Listening and follow The Group Plan I use a positive tone and body language I value the opinions of others I let others learn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am inclusive of others I keep our school clean I use toilets in the right way and at the right time I think about other people's games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I get permission before filming/taking photos of others I use my own login details I post in a positive way I value others' privacy and work I follow the ICT User Agreement

This term our students have been exploring our school value of **Respect**. They have been talking about how they can be respectful in the classroom, outside and online. Our students have explored how to be caring, inclusive, value the opinions of others, keep our school clean and follow instructions.

Positive school environments are important because everyone has the right to be safe and play a shared role in being respectful.

Teachers and parents also play a role in making school a better place for learning and work.

• Our teachers and other school staff create a **friendly and respectful** environment at school. They do this by:

- Treating each other kindly and with consideration.
- Being open-minded, appreciating differences, and accepting everyone.
- Recognising and celebrating the hard work and achievements of others.
- Thinking about how their actions affect others.
- Speaking up when they see behavior that could lead to bullying, harassment, or discrimination.

• As parents, you can also contribute to a positive school environment by:

- Setting a good example** for your child and the whole school community.
- Communicating politely and respectfully with everyone at school.
- Working together with the school to ensure the best outcomes for your child.
- Providing constructive feedback when needed.
- Following the school's communication processes and raising concerns appropriately.
- Treating all school staff, students, and community members with kindness and respect.

Remember, when everyone treats each other with respect, students feel **supported and cared for**.

Kiss N Go

Some families are parking in the Kiss N Go zone and walking their children into school, which slows down the process for everyone.

Parents must stay with their cars at all times when in the Kiss N Go zone. Parking Inspectors from the Greater Dandenong Council regularly visit our Kiss N Go zone and will issue tickets if you are not in your car.

If you wish to walk your child to the gate, please park in the surrounding streets or use the Woolworths car park nearby.

Your efforts are vital in maintaining a safe and welcoming environment at our school. If you have any questions or need clarification, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

IB Verification Visit

This week had the opportunity to showcase our school to the IB Authorisation team over two days. Watch our for more information regarding the visit in next week's newsletter.

Warm regards,
Deanne

Deanne Barrie | Assistant Principal

Exciting News!!!!

Congratulations to our School Captain, Gemma, who has been elected as Junior Mayor for 2024! We are very proud of Gemma for gaining the support of her peers to be elected into this prestigious position.

This is the third year that we have had one of our students elected as Junior Mayor. What a great achievement for our school.



SCHOOL TIMES

Monday: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Tuesday: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Wednesday: 8:45am – 3:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Friday: 9:00am – 3:30pm

****Please note – school doors are open 15min before the bell****



**Thank you to the following canteen volunteers for helping:
Laura, Adeline, Louise, Taryn & Someta.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!



- Archie R
 - Thomas B
 - Agambir Singh B
 - Oliver Y
 - Daniel V
 - William N
 - Elena L
 - Kayla L
 - Calvin N
 - Avishka S
 - Ali A
 - Jacob L
 - Hannah L
- Livini W
 - Seymen R
 - Manraj A
 - Eric E
 - Maninsha G
 - Zahra R
 - Niranjhan V
 - Dejah M
 - Omer C
 - Year 1B
 - Sebastian A
 - Riley D
 - Ceren K



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

DIARY DATES 2024

March 2024		
Friday 22nd	Wk 8	Harmony Dress Up Day
Thursday 28th	Wk 9	Year 5/6 Interschool Sport Whole School House Sports Day 12-3pm Assembly at 3:00pm & Easter Raffle Draw Last Day of Term 1 (3:30pm dismissal)
Friday 29th	Wk 9	Good Friday (no students)
April 2024		
Monday 15th	Wk 1	Welcome Back! First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 16th	Wk 1	Tim Richardson Visit at 10am (with SRC & Year 3/4)
Thursday 18th	Wk 1	Year 5/6 Interschool Sport Finals AGM at 5:30pm & School Council Meeting at 6pm
Friday 19th	Wk 1	House Cross Country Years 3-6 Tatterson Park 9am-12:30pm
Wednesday 24th	Wk 2	House Cross Country Back Up Day
Thursday 25th	Wk 2	Anzac Day / Public Holiday (no students)
Mon 29th	Wk 3	Year 5/6 Campers Depart - Woorabinda
May 2024		
Wednesday 1st	Wk 3	Year 5/6 Campers Return Children's Advisory Group 9:30-11:30am
Thursday 2nd	Wk 3	Year 5/6 Home Learning Day
Friday 3rd	Wk 3	House Cross Country Prep-Year 2 9:40am - 10:30am
Monday 6th-10th	Wk 4	Education Week
Thursday 9th	Wk 4	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 10th	Wk 4	Mother's Day Breakfast
Monday 13th	Wk 5	Curriculum Day (no students)
Thursday 16th	Wk 5	Year 5/6 Interschool Sport School Council Meeting 5:30pm TBC Education Support Day
Friday 17th	Wk 5	District Cross Country
Thursday 23rd	Wk 6	Year 5/6 Interschool Sport
Thursday 30th	Wk 7	Year 5/6 Interschool Sport

Coming Soon KGPS Beanies.
Watch this space!





SCHOOL HOLIDAY

8:30-4:30

- Multi-sports
soccer, cricket, tennis,
dodgeball, basketball...
- Inflatables
- Bumper cars
- Arts n' Crafts
- Face painting
- Science
- Laser tag
- Bubble soccer

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New KGPS school hats are available to purchase from the school office - \$18.50



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

PYP Corner

#8 - Celebrating Diversity at KGPS

At Keysborough Gardens Primary School (KGPS), we take immense pride in the rich tapestry of cultures, backgrounds, and experiences that our students, staff, and families bring to our school community. In line with the Primary Years Programme (PYP) principles, celebrating diversity is not just an event but a continuous journey of learning, understanding, and appreciating the myriad ways in which we are unique and yet, profoundly connected.

Why Diversity Matters:

Diversity enriches our learning environment by providing a broad spectrum of perspectives and ideas. It challenges us to think critically, to be open-minded, and to develop empathy for others. By embracing diversity, we prepare our students to thrive in a globalized world, equipping them with the social and emotional skills to engage respectfully and meaningfully with people from all walks of life.

The Impact of Celebrating Diversity

The impact of celebrating our diversity is profound. Students learn to appreciate their own cultures and the cultures of their peers, fostering a sense of global citizenship and mutual respect. This understanding lays the groundwork for a more compassionate and inclusive community, both within and beyond the school gates.

Looking Forward

As we continue to grow and learn together, celebrating diversity remains at the heart of our school's mission. We are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where every member of our community is valued and celebrated for who they are. At KGPS, we believe that our diversity is our strength, and together, we are building a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

Celebrating diversity at KGPS is more than just an initiative; it's a reflection of our values, our commitment to the PYP, and our dedication to fostering an environment where every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.



PYP CORNER



From our Mandarin Teacher - Mr Sha



Year 5 and 6 Stars Shine in Chinese Mini-Drama

In an exciting fusion of language and creativity, our Year 5 and 6 students recently took centre stage with their Chinese mini-drama. Bringing their language skills to life, students actively utilised learned vocabulary and sentence structures in a real-life scenario, ordering food in a restaurant.

This immersive experience not only showcased their linguistic skills but also deepened their understanding of the Chinese language by applying it in a practical context. Through collaborative rehearsals, students gained confidence in speaking Chinese and discovered the power of language in storytelling.

But it wasn't just about learning; it was about having a blast! Laughter filled the air as students embraced their roles, immersing themselves in the joy of performance. The Chinese mini-drama proved to be an engaging and memorable way to enhance language proficiency while fostering creativity and teamwork.

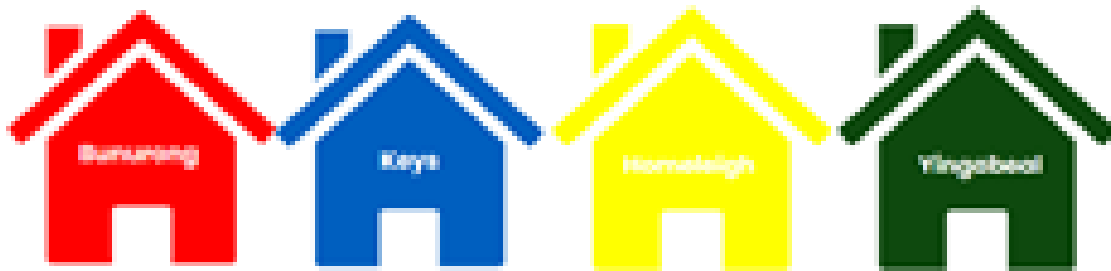


House Cup - Tabloid Sports Carnival

On Thursday 28th March we will be holding the inaugural KGPS House Cup! This special event will celebrate our four Houses and students will participate in a series of tabloid activities/events. The cost of this special sporting event has been subsidised by the school.

Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in their house colours and wear clothing/shoes suitable for running and jumping. On the day we will also be having a special food lunch. Families are welcome to attend the event and cheer on the students!

2024 is also a very exciting year in sport as it is also an Olympic year, which will be held in Paris in July/Aug! We look forward to celebrating this event and our other sporting carnivals, such as Cross Country & Athletics later this year.



KGPS HOUSE CUP

Tabloid Sports Carnival

**Thurs 28th March
12-3pm**

Please come dressed in your house colours.

*All are welcome to
come cheer
on the students!*





TABLOID
SPORTS

**SAUSAGE
SIZZLE
28TH MARCH**

SAUSAGE IN BREAD + ZOOPER DOOPER COMBO

\$4.50

VEGETARIAN/VEGAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE

\$5.00

*SAUCE PROVIDED

EXTRA SAUSAGE \$2

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED THROUGH COMPASS APP
BEFORE 25TH OF MARCH

KINDLY NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO LATE ORDERS
ACCEPTED.

(HALAL FRIENDLY SAUSAGES)



Keysborough
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CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

P-2 KGPS OVAL

FRI 3RD MAY 9:45-10:30

3-6 TATTERSON PARK

FRI 19TH APRIL 9:30-12:00

*PLEASE COME DRESSED IN YOUR HOUSE COLOURS
ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME CHEER
ON THE STUDENTS!*



big CHILD CARE



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT

O.S.H.C?



Term 1 Week 9 – Big Childcare are relocating to the school's main building. We will be in the downstairs kitchen that is between the grade 1 learning space and Prep learning space. You will be able to use the middle gate in Kiss and Go to access Big Childcare.



HOLIDAY CARE



Last day to book is Wednesday March 27th

Important Reminders

Please utilize the app, Xap Smile for bookings as these can be accessed more frequently.

Vacation care books out quickly so book in now to avoid any waiting lists.





EASTER FEST



Week 1: - 01 - 05 April

Week 2: - 08 - 12 April



MON 01 Easter Monday | Public Holiday

Big Childcare is offline today in observance of the public holiday. It's our time to recharge, and we hope you get the chance to do the same with your family. Enjoy the day!



MON 08 Inflation World \$75 + \$40

Australia's largest indoor playgrounds await! Unleash the laughter and watch your children soar through a world of inflatable thrills. Get ready for a unique and unforgettable play experience!



TUE 02 Great Bake \$75

Whisk up some magic! Join us for a day of flour-filled fun, where our little chefs can create sweet memories. From cookie decorating to cupcake delights, let the joy rise in the kitchen with our baking extravaganza!



TUE 09 Messy Games \$75

Get ready for a wild day at 'Messy Games'! Paint, slime, and laughter await, so dress down and dive into the mess. Apologies to washing machines—we'll give them a good hose down afterward!



WED 03 Melbourne Zoo \$75 + \$30

On this day out you can see a whole range of animals from lions and giraffes to eagles and reptiles. You have the chance to get up close with some of the most incredible creatures Australia has to offer!



WED 10 Movies \$75 + \$35

Step into the magic of the big screen at Movies! Grab your popcorn, settle into comfy seats, and let the enchantment of movies come alive as we create unforgettable moments at the cinema together!



THU 04 Crazy Crafts \$75

From painting to sculpting, let your artist's imagination run wild. Get ready for a day of crafty wonders, where masterpieces are waiting to be created by your little Picassos!



THU 11 Luna Park \$75 + \$60

It's our annual BIG day out to Luna park! Ride the Scenic Railway, face the Twin Dragons or hop on the carousel. Luna Park is always a favourite for our children!



FRI 05 Silver Circus \$75 + \$55

Step right up to the magic of the circus! Join us for a day filled with dazzling acts, daring feats, and endless wonder. From acrobats to clowns, it's a spectacle that will leave your little ones wide-eyed with joy.



FRI 12 Survivor \$75

Gear up for the ultimate adventure at 'Survivor'! Today's filled with challenges, teamwork, and survival skills. It's a day of excitement and strategy—can your team outwit, outplay, and outlast the challenges?

KEYSBOROUGH GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS

WEEKEND SPORT

Our weekly programs give children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. They also encourage children's enthusiasm and participation in sport and provides the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them increased confidence in the future.



SESSIONS FOR TERM 2:

Our 3 & 4 year old group will learn through cricket, tennis, Kelly Sports Olympics & AFL.

Our 5-9 year old group, will focus on soccer for the entire term.

SATURDAY SESSION TIMES:

3 & 4 year olds: 9:00am - 9:30am (30 minute sessions)

\$112 for 8 weeks.

Soccer 5-9 year olds - 9:35am-10:20am (45 minute sessions)

\$144 for 8 weeks.

Sign up anytime and only pay for the weeks remaining in the term.

SIGN UP BY MARCH 28TH AND GET ONE SESSION FREE!

TERM DATES: 27TH APRIL- 22ND JUNE- no sessions, 8TH JUNE DUE TO KING'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND.

No uniforms required. All equipment provided.



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