

12th September 2024

From the Year 1 Team Leader - Ms Hansen

Dear KGPS Families,



RUOK? Day – A Conversation Could Change a Life

At Keysborough Gardens Primary School, we believe in the importance of mental health and well-being for both students and the broader school community. On R U OK? Day, observed this year on Thursday, 12th September, we encourage everyone to check in with those around them by simply asking, "Are you OK?"

This day serves as a reminder to engage in meaningful conversations, especially when someone might be struggling. It's about being there for each other, offering support, and promoting a culture of empathy and kindness, which aligns with our school values.

How you can get involved:

- **Ask the question:** Start a conversation with someone by asking, "Are you OK?" It can be a family member, friend, or colleague.
- **Listen:** Give them time to share and listen without judgment.
- **Encourage action:** If they're not OK, encourage them to seek help or take small steps towards feeling better.
- **Check in:** Follow up later to see how they are going.

For more resources and conversation tips, visit the R U OK? website: www.ruok.org.au.

Let's work together to foster a supportive and caring community at Keysborough Gardens, where every conversation matters!

Save the date! FOOTY DAY



On the last day of Term 3, Friday 20th September, we will be celebrating our annual Footy Day Parade! This exciting event will follow a shorter assembly and will be held either outside or in the gym, depending on the weather.

Students and parents are encouraged to come dressed in their favourite footy colours and will have the opportunity to do a lap of honour during the parade. They will also be part of the crowd for our very own mock preliminary and KGPS Grand Final!

Throughout the day, each year level will also get to participate in a fun footy clinic, making it a day full of footy fun and excitement for everyone!

Year 1 Popcorn Day

This week, our Year 1 students had a fantastic time making popcorn as part of their literacy and Unit of Inquiry lessons. The students learned how to write a procedural text by following the steps to make popcorn, documenting everything from gathering ingredients to enjoying the final product.

This activity also tied in with our current Unit of Inquiry, where we are exploring food production systems. The popcorn-making process gave students a hands-on experience, helping them understand how food is produced, prepared, and consumed.

The excitement in the room was contagious as students watched the kernels pop, filling the classroom with delicious smells! They were eager to write about their experience and proudly shared their procedural texts with one another.

It was a fun and educational experience that highlighted the joy of learning through doing!



Professional Learning: Supporting Our EAL Learners

Last week, our teachers engaged in valuable professional learning focused on enhancing strategies to meet the needs of our EAL (English as an Additional Language) learners. The session began with an in-depth look at several case studies of students with diverse language backgrounds. Teachers worked collaboratively to share ideas and strategies to support these students, reflecting on ways to enhance language development and engagement in the classroom.

Following the case study discussions, staff participated in three interactive workshops. Each workshop offered targeted strategies to further support EAL learners, including practical classroom techniques to teach new vocabulary, using thinking routines to elicit understanding and using non-verbal cues (talk moves) to get students interacting in learning sessions.

These sessions were not only informative but also reinforced our commitment to creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment for all students. The professional development has equipped our staff with new tools to continue supporting the growth and success of our EAL learners.



Fairytale Fiasco at KGPS!

Last Thursday, our Preps stepped into Fairytale Land and brought their favourite characters to life during the exciting Fairytale Fiasco incursion! From dwarves and dragons, to witches and wolves, the students had opportunities to dress up and act out a fairytale adventures.

This creative experience explored narrative structure and self-expression, with our Preps using body language, verbal, and visual cues to immerse themselves in the story. It was a magical day of imagination, creativity, and fun!

The incursion also ties perfectly into our 'How We Express Ourselves' Unit of Inquiry, with the central idea that 'Throughout time, people have shared stories.' This activity has been super helpful in sparking imagination and inspiring ideas to support the narratives our Preps have been writing, focusing on creating strong beginnings, middles, and ends.



Warm regards,
Elinor

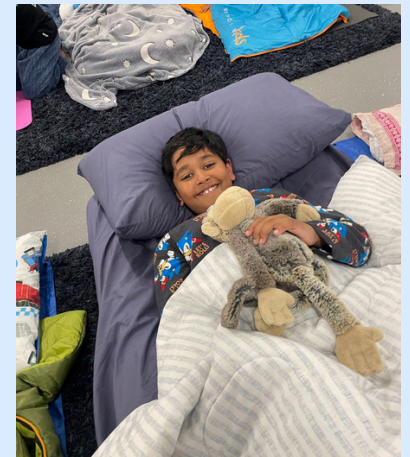
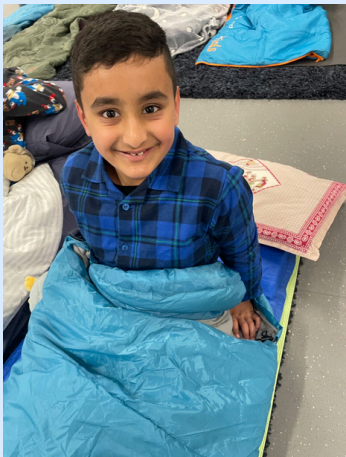
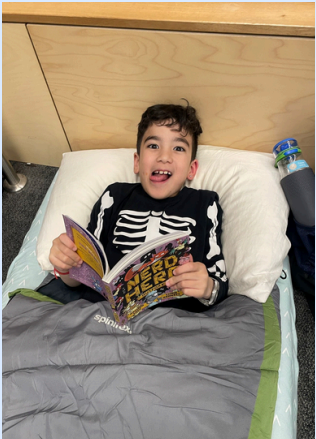
Elinor Hansen | Year 1 Team Leader

Year 2 Sleepover

The Year 2 school sleepover was a huge success and filled with laughter, learning, and fun! From a pizza party for dinner, to decorating cookies to playing exciting STEM games, the kids had a blast exploring their creativity and problem-solving skills.

A special visit from our local police officers was the highlight of the night, as they shared stories and engaged with the students. To top it all off, we ended the night snuggled in for a cozy movie.

In the morning, we enjoyed a delicious breakfast, before engaging in an exciting incursion where we got to build amazing designs with planks! A huge shoutout to all the staff and parents for making this event unforgettable!



Gratitude

A big thank you to the following canteen volunteers who helped out in the canteen:
Adeline, Amali & Nicole.

A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for all the contacting of books that has been done in the past few weeks. The books are now all in circulation and are being enjoyed by students in Prep through to Year 2.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!



- Alice M
- Tomas B
- Joyce B
- Jasper B
- Oscar N
- Charlie P
- Juniper L
- Gurnaz S
- Sophie N
- Bella N
- Abdullah A
- Ethan P
- Ratu M
- Vivienne Y
- Jermaine R
- Lucas A
- Saira S
- Adam E
- Vanessa Y
- Sai C

Canteen closed on
Wednesday 18th
September

Reminder

**HATS
ARE
BACK!**



**FROM MONDAY 2ND
SEPTEMBER HATS
ARE COMPULSORY!!!**

From the 2nd September until the 30th May 2025 school hats are compulsory. Student without hats are required to sit in a shaded area.

Hats are available at the office for \$18.50.
Lets all stay sun-safe.



FOOTY DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Friday 20th September



**HALAL SAUSAGE AND BREAD
&
ZOOOPER DOOPER
\$5.00**

**VEGAN/VEGETARIAN SAUSAGE AND BREAD
&
ZOOOPER DOOPER
\$5.50**

*SAUCE PROVIDED

ADDITIONAL SAUSAGE & BREAD \$2

ORDER VIA COMPASS APP BEFORE 8:00pm 18th SEPTEMBER

*NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.

Diary Dates

September

- Wednesday 18th - Canteen Closed
- Friday 20th - Footy Day Parade & Assembly 9:10am
Sausage sizzle day (**Last day of Term 3**)

October

- Monday 7th - (**First day of Term 4**)
- Monday 14th - Book Fair starts
- 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

DISTRICT ATHLETICS RECAP

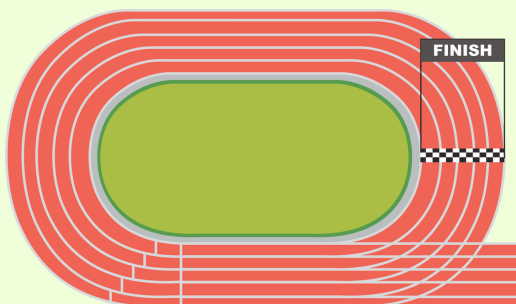
Congratulations to our students who represented KGPS at the District Athletics Carnival on Friday 6th September. They did an amazing job, giving their all and representing the school with excellence, matching it with the best in the district. We are so proud!

A special well done and congratulations to the following students:

- 🏆 1 Hazel for 1st place in the 100m and 200m
- 🏆 1 3 Raymond for 1st place in the hurdles and for 3rd place in the 200m
- 🏆 1 Lucas for 1st place in the 100m
- 🏆 1 Tameem for 1st place in the long jump
- 🏆 3 Sebastian for 3rd place in the long jump
- 🏆 1 Quinn for 3rd place in the 800m

Good luck to Hazel, Raymond, Lucas & Tameem who have progressed to the Division Athletics Carnival on Monday 16th September!

Mr Smithett



Year 5 and 6 Master Chinese Calligraphy with Brushwork

Year 5 and 6 students recently had the exciting opportunity to practice Chinese calligraphy using traditional Chinese brushes. They eagerly took on the challenge of mastering the unique technique of brushwork, which not only enhanced their understanding of Chinese characters but also improved their fine motor skills.



The students learned how to control the brush with precision, paying close attention to the pressure and flow needed to form each character. It was a rewarding, hands-on experience that combined cultural learning with the development of coordination and focus.



The classroom was filled with energy and laughter as students explored this beautiful art form. From carefully crafting strokes to proudly displaying their works, they found the learning both enjoyable and enriching. This calligraphy activity added a creative and meaningful dimension to their language studies.



Performance Fortnight Updates



We are so excited to perform for our school community next term! Please read the following information regarding dates and costumes.

Prep-1 Chasing Stars: A Dreamer's Tale Concert will be held at 5:00pm October 17th.

Year 2-3 The Weather Report Concert 6:15pm October 17th.

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

Costume and face paint information

- Prep-1 Concert costumes are pyjamas with 1A and 1C also bringing a teddy from home.
- Year 2-3 Weather Report concert base costumes and face paint designs have been posted in the Community News and sent home as a letter.
- Senior production base costumes and face paint designs have been posted onto compass. Students will need to arrive at the shows wearing these and face paint applied. Students will be supplied with extra costumes to wear in addition to their base costumes.

Tickets

- Tickets are on sale now, please click [here](#).

TEAMKIDS HAS JUST ARRIVED

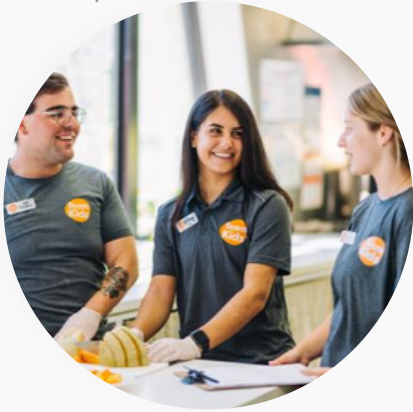


START DATE
23rd
SEPTEMBER

AT KEYSBOROUGH GARDENS PS

TeamKids are delighted to have been chosen by Keysborough Gardens Primary School to deliver before, after and holiday care, starting 23/09/2024.

At TeamKids we do things a little differently and can't wait to share our premium level care to you and your families.



◀ **YOUR OWN
FULL-TIME
DIRECTOR
OF SERVICE**

CREATOR OF LIFE
LONG MEMORIES



**ENGAGING
AND FUN
EDUCATORS**



**ACTIVE
AND FUN
EXPERIENCES**



**INDUSTRY
LEADING
RATIOS**



**CHILDCARE
SUBSIDIES
MAY APPLY**

SPECIALIST TEAMKIDS CLUBS + OUR DELICIOUS FOOD



CODING



GARDENING



S.T.E.M



COOKING



MINDFULNESS

ALSO SUPER
SPORTS, ART
ATTACK, LEGO,
SUSTAINABILITY,
HOMEWORK,
DANCE, MUSIC,
CULTURE
+ more...

CRACKERS,
CHEESE, FRUIT,
HUMMUS, SUSHI
MUFFINS,
CUCUMBER,
MINI PIZZAS
+ more...



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HOW TO ENROL

It's easy to set up your TeamKids account! To do so head to our website: teamkids.com.au. You'll be required to set up an account by clicking the register button. We can only accept children that are fully registered with TeamKids and have provided any required additional documents.

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

All our programs are Child Care Subsidy (CCS) approved and may apply to your TeamKids bookings. Centrelink uses your family's annual adjusted taxable income and working hours to determine the percentage of subsidy you are eligible for. For further information about CCS, please visit our website or speak with our Customer Service Team on 1300 035 000.

DELICIOUS MORNING & AFTERNOON TEA

We provide healthy, nutritious and delicious food each morning and afternoon. Our healthy menus cater for food allergies, intolerances, cultural diversity and promote healthy eating. Seasonal fruit and vegetables are served throughout the session with daily specials. During the school holidays - Bring your own lunch!

FAMILY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We appreciate the relationships which we create with families and local communities. Hence, we encourage parents always to let us know if they are going through any financial troubles. Where possible, we will work with families to find a reasonable solution. For a confidential conversation call our Customer Service on 1300 035 000.

HOURS OF OPERATION - KEYSBOROUGH GARDENS PRIMARY

SERVICE	TIMES	COST TO PARENTS	AFTER MAX CCS*
Before School Care (M,T,Th,F)	6:45 AM - 8:45 AM	\$25.00	\$2.50
Before School Care (Wed)	6:45 AM - 8:30 AM	\$25.00	\$5.30
After School Care (M,T,Th,F)	3:30 PM - 6:30 PM	\$28.00	\$2.80
After School Care (Wed)	3:00 PM - 6:30 PM	\$28.00	\$2.80
Curriculum Days	7:00 AM - 6:30 PM	\$70.00	\$7.00
Vacation Care	7:00 AM - 6:30 PM	\$70.00‡	\$7.00‡

*Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your fees. **Fees & Hours of operation may be subject to change. ‡Experience/Activity fees will apply.

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

NO ENROLMENT FEE

We encourage all families to register with TeamKids, so we do not charge an enrolment fee for our Before & After Care service.

BOOKINGS & CANCELLATIONS

You can make bookings and cancellations online up until 12 midday the day of the session, pending availability. For any bookings or cancellations after this time, please contact the service directly on their designated mobile phone which can be found on our website.

Cancellations made within 48 hours of the session commencing will incur the normal fee as an allowable absence and will be charged accordingly.

In the event of a medical illness, please email a medical certificate to info@teamkids.com.au WITHIN 48 HOURS of the absence to receive a credit for the booking.

There are no charges for cancellations made before the deadline.

LATE BOOKING FEE

For any bookings made within 48 hours of the session commencing an additional \$5 late booking fee will be charged. This will be included in the attendance sessions total fee. To avoid late surges in bookings, we encourage families to book earlier so that we can staff, plan experiences and resource accordingly.

STATEMENTS & PAYMENTS

For Before & After Care, you will be charged every 2 weeks in arrears via EziDebit. A statement will be emailed to your nominated email address on Monday and payment will be processed the Wednesday following.

VACATION CARE

ADMINISTRATION FEE

For Holiday Programs there is a \$5 administration fee per family for each holiday period.

BOOKINGS & CANCELLATIONS

You can make bookings and cancellations online up until 7 am the day before the session pending availability. For any 'on the day' bookings or cancellations, please contact Head Office directly on 1300 035 000. Cancellations made within 48 hours of the session commencing will incur the normal fee as an allowable absence and will be charged accordingly. Cancellations made with more than 48 hours' notice will not be charged. In the event of a medical illness, please email a medical certificate to info@teamkids.com.au WITHIN 48 HOURS of the absence to avoid being charged for the booking.

LATE BOOKING FEE

For any bookings made within 7 days of the session commencing an additional \$5 late booking fee will be charged per session. This will be included in the attendance sessions total fee. To avoid late surges in bookings, we encourage families to book earlier so that we can staff, plan experiences and resource accordingly.

STATEMENTS & PAYMENTS

Please note that TeamKids will process payment weekly in arrears on a Wednesday via EziDebit. A statement will be emailed to your nominated email address on Monday and payments will be processed the Thursday following.



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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#29 Learner Profile: Communicators

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In the PYP, being a strong communicator is essential. At Keysborough Gardens Primary School, we focus on developing students who can express themselves confidently and collaborate effectively with others.

What does it mean to be a Communicator?

A communicator expresses ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one language and works effectively and willingly in collaboration with others.

Developing Communication Skills:

- Oral Presentations: Students practise speaking in front of their peers to build confidence and clarity in verbal communication.
- Writing Activities: Various writing tasks help students articulate their thoughts and ideas clearly.
- Collaborative Projects: Working in groups encourages students to share ideas and listen to others.

Encouraging Communication at Home:

- Family Discussions: Have regular family conversations where everyone shares their thoughts and listens to each other.
- Reading Together: Reading books and discussing them helps improve language skills and comprehension.
- Writing Letters: Encourage your child to write letters or emails to family members and friends.

Benefits of Being a Communicator:

- Confidence: Effective communicators are confident in expressing their ideas.
- Collaboration: Strong communication skills enhance teamwork and collaboration.
- Problem-Solving: Good communicators can articulate problems clearly and work with others to find solutions.



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.

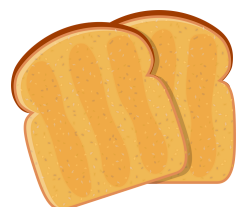
When a student is not complying with this mobile phone policy, we will be required to follow a process in line with our existing student engagement policies.

[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 will be 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



winter tunic



white skivvy



navy or white socks



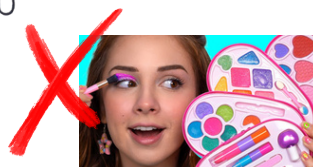
navy tights



school beanie

black shoes or
runners

These items are not permitted as part of our uniform





SCHOOL HOLIDAY



8:00-4:30



- **Multi-sports**
soccer, cricket, tennis, dodgeball, basketball...



- **Inflatables**
- **Bumper cars**
- **Arts n' Crafts**
- **Face painting**
- **Science**
- **Laser tag**
- **Bubble soccer**



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