

13th February 2025

From the Assistant Principal - Mrs Barrie



Dear KGPS Families,

My goodness we are already at the tail end of Week 3!

A huge thank you to those families who made time to meet with class teachers yesterday at our Parent/Carer teacher Introductory Meetings. The sharing of information is vital to ensure that we can support your child socially, emotionally and academically. If at any time you want to share additional information with your child's teacher, please request a quick catch up.

During the past two weeks our teachers have been working with their students to set positive expectations to ensure successful learning for all.

These positive expectations are based around the school's values-

Kindness: We treat others with care and help whenever we can.

Empathy: We take time to understand how others feel and support them.

Gratitude: We appreciate and value the people and things in our lives.

Respect: We show consideration for ourselves, our school, and each other, knowing that our actions affect everyone.

Excellence: We aim to do our best, both on our own and as part of a team.

In addition to our students displaying these values, we expect that our staff, parents/carers and members of our community model and demonstrate these values when communicating and interacting either in person or online.

Everyone has a right to feel happy and safe at Keysborough Gardens Primary School, regardless of who they are.

The expectations shown here will support a safe and happy school environment.

RESPECT IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

At our school we expect that all students, staff, parents and carers treat each other with respect and dignity.

AS STUDENTS WE WILL:
Show positive behaviour at all times, speak politely to everyone, behave in a safe manner, encourage others, try your best, show co-operation.

AS PARENTS AND CARERS WE WILL:
Model positive behaviour, communicate politely to everyone, treat all staff, students and other members of the community with respect, tolerance and fairness.

AS STAFF WE WILL:
Model positive behaviours to all students, communicate politely to everyone, engage with parents, demonstrate tolerance and understanding to all in our community

MAJOR INCIDENTS



To ensure our school is a welcoming environment the following behaviours will not be tolerated and will result in appropriate consequences to ensure the safety and well-being for everyone.

Definition of a MAJOR Incident

| Physical Aggression | Major Disruption & Defiance | Harassment | Repetitive Abusive Language |
|---|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lashing out without control - Threat towards another person - Purposely hitting or kicking someone with force - Throwing objects/intent to hurt someone - Hitting teachers with force - Intentionally hurting others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forced to stop the lesson repeatedly - Deliberately leaves the space (out of teacher's view) - Deliberately exits the classroom without permission - Refusing to stop when others are in danger - Refusal to follow instructions - Excluding themselves from class - Removing clothes - Hitting self (not stim) - Inappropriate use of technology - Language or drawings with sexual connotations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Targeting someone (including online) - Ganging up on someone - Deliberate intimidating, belittling, put downs - Racism through words or actions - Intentional exclusion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extreme swearing - Aggressive tone of voice - Directed at another person - Putting another person down with their words |

CANTEEN RENOVATION OFFICIAL OPENING

We're excited to officially re-open our new and improved canteen! Join us tomorrow (Friday) from 8:30-8:50 AM to celebrate this fantastic upgrade.

To mark the occasion, we're giving away FREE Fruit Fruit to all students! 🍎🍇

We look forward to seeing you there!



TRAFFIC SAFETY

To keep everyone safe please follow these simple rules:

- Avoid U-turns in Homeleigh Road
- Do not double park and let your child or children out of the car, you are putting them at risk!
- Do not park across on the nature strip or across driveways
- Do not park on Chapel Road, opposite the school and tell them to run across! Use the school crossing.

GETTING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL SAFELY IS EVERYONE'S JOB. Think before you park, drive, drop off or pick up.

All children deserve to get to school safely!



PLAYGROUP

Our KGPS Playgroup has started again. Any families with children under 5 are welcome to come along. Join us in the Library every Tuesday 9:30-10:30 during the school terms.

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:

[Child Safety and Reporting Obligations](#)

[Complaints](#)

[Digital Learning](#)

[Acceptable User Agreement](#)

[Volunteer Policy](#)

[Visitor Policy](#)

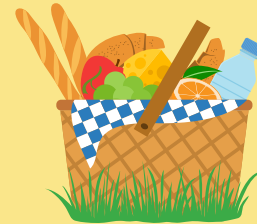


If you have any feedback, please complete the Google Form, accessed by scanning the QR code, with your name and any feedback you may have.

WELCOME PICNIC AND STUDENT LEADERS BADGE PRESENTATION

Our Welcome Picnic is coming soon! Join us on Friday 28th February between 5 and 7pm. Bring a picnic or buy goodies from the Canteen.

Join us for a great night and watch our student leaders being presented with their badges and certificates.



Gratitude

Thank you so much to the following Canteen Volunteers:

Jenny, Veronica, Louise and Adeline.



EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please remember that there is **NO** supervision for students before 8:40am.

For your child's safety, please:

- Stay with your child until 8:40am
- Or, book them into TeamKids OSHC TeamKids Keysborough Gardens






Kind regards,

Deanne

Deanne Barrie | Assistant Principal

Keysie Kids are Glibbal Kids Matrix of Expectations

At Keysborough Gardens Primary School, we encourage all community members (students, staff and families), to use our core values of Kindness, Empathy, Gratitude, Respect and Excellence to guide their daily interactions.

| | All Spaces | Classroom | Yard | Digital Citizenship |
|--|---|--|---|--|
|  <p>Respect</p> | <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 |
|  <p>Kindness</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I use positive language I am inclusive of all people and their differences I am a good role model and represent my school well | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I offer help to others who may be struggling with a task | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am a good sport I can pick up litter and help keep our community clean | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can ensure that my language online is positive and appropriate at all times I can be an active upstander by reporting inappropriate sites, unsafe use and bullying comments |
|  <p>Empathy</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I help when someone is sad or upset I listen carefully when someone is talking I try to make others feel happy and safe I consider the feelings of others I am kind and friendly to people I meet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I try to cheer up others when they feel down I celebrate others' accomplishments and feel happy for them | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I play fair and share with everyone I can be an upstander I work together and play nicely with others I give positive feedback to others in an activity I reflect on the impact of my actions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I tell an adult if someone is being mean or hurtful online I am careful of how my behaviour online may impact others |
|  <p>Gratitude</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I say thank you when someone helps me or gives me something I am happy for the things I have I like myself and am proud of what I can do | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I thank my teacher and my friends for helping me learn I enjoy learning new things and ask questions I use my time and things carefully and do not waste them | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have fun and respect the plants, animals, and things around me I help others who are hurt or need a friend I use my time and things carefully and do not waste them | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I say where I got the information and ideas from when I use them in my work I keep my personal information private and do not share it with strangers online |
|  <p>Excellence</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I always give my best effort I keep trying, even when things are challenging I learn from my mistakes and try again I help others do their best by encouraging them | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I ask for help when I need it to do my best I complete my work to the best of my ability I respect myself, my teacher and classmates by doing my personal best | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I play with enthusiasm and energy I help my friends when they need it during games I have fun and do my best when playing sports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I do my best to learn and explore when using the computer or iPad I strive to use technology to learn and create positive things |

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

Keep it UP!



- Jack B
- Aiden D
- Noah M
- Hudson T
- Nivedh V
- Grace P
- Mariam J
- Summer C
- Aarav R
- Thomas B
- Archie N
- Merum M
- Ezra Y
- Oliver E
- Sarah M
- Isla H
- Julian K
- Wilson P
- Harin L
- Frank K
- Vanessa Y
- Peyton J
- Tahlia J

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CANTEEN

HELP!! Canteen Volunteers Urgently Needed.

We need your help to help assist Chum our canteen manager in the canteen. Please click on the link [here](#) fill in the form.

Please ensure you have a Working With Childrens Check.

Without volunteers we will not be able to offer lunch orders

2025 Terms

Term 1
30th January
to
4th April

Years 1-6 start: 30/01 @ 9am
Prep's start: 31/01 @ 9:30am

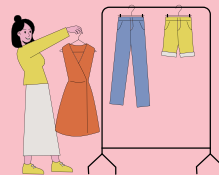
Term 2
22nd April
to
4th July

Term 3
21st July
to
19th September

Term 4
6th October
to
18th December

Student Free Days & 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)



SECOND HAND

Uniform Sale

Thursday 20th February
9am in the Front Office

Diary Dates Term One 2025

February 2025

- 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 5-7pm**

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

- Thursday 8th - Yr 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports
- Friday 9th - Prep - Yr2 Cross Country
- Monday 12th - **Curriculum Day (no school)**

Whole School Event

No School



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.

A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students

You only need to complete an application form if: your child is newly enrolled in our school or your circumstances have changed.

Check with the office if you are unsure.

[CSEF-2025-application-form](#)



Keysborough
Gardens
Primary

CANTEEN RENOVATION OFFICIAL OPENING

You are invited!

Friday 14th Feb

8:30am - 8:50am



Free Fruit Friday!

Come along for a piece of fruit



**to celebrate our canteen
upgrade!**



Proudly supported by

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CURIOUS KIDS PLAYGROUP @ KEYSBOROUGH GARDENS PRIMA 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



Playgroup
Victoria

Thursday 27th February

9.15 - 10.30am

in the KGPS staff room

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

We have been busy at TeamKids this week signing up for our Term 1 clubs. The children are excited to participate in our Cooking Club in the newly renovated canteen.

A focus for us this term is to engage further with our community and gain more feedback from families.


We would love any parents who have any businesses to organise a display with your business cards.


As an example, Carol a parent of the school community is displaying flowers with her business cards on our parent sign in / out area.


We welcomed any new 2025 prep children and new TeamKids families to TeamKids this week with our Teddy Bear's Picnic. The children enjoyed an afternoon of eating yummy food, participating in a Teddy Bear Parade and a range of other activities.

The children have been thoroughly enjoying time outdoors this term. We are continuing to educate them on Sunsmart practices at TeamKids, and we have sunscreen and spare hats available for use.

IMPORTANT DATES

 Friday 14th February | Valentine's Day

 Monday 17th February | Random Act of Kindness Day

 Monday 24th February | World Wildlife Day

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

MONDAY

BSC:

ASC:

TUESDAY

BSC:

ASC:

WEDNESDAY

BSC:

ASC:

THURSDAY

BSC:

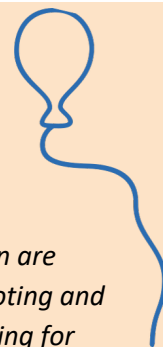
ASC:

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.



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Office Phone: 1300 035 000

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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, the Right to Disconnect law 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.

For urgent matters please call the school between 8:30am and 4:00pm

Thank you for your understanding and support!

Mobile Devices

All phones bought to school must be switched off and given to teachers for safe keeping.

This includes 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 representatives at the school.

Breakfast Club

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



Lost Property

Please name all clothing



Early Arrival at school

There is NO supervision for students before 8:40am

For your child's safety

- Stay with your child until 8:40am
- Or, book them into TeamKids



Student Safety

Medication

If your child requires medication during the school day, a Medication Authority form must be signed by the parent/carer. Please contact the office.

Students cannot administer medication themselves (except older student requiring Ventolin).



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.



TeamKids

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 TeamKids Keysborough Gardens



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

