

1st August 2024

From the Inclusion Leader - Mrs Cadby



Dear KGPS Families,

Term 3 is looking like an exciting and busy term – you only have to take a look at the school calendar for the month of August to see how jam-packed it is!

Last week was full of celebrations, with our students showcasing their learning and goals during Student Led Conferences, and who could forget the fabulous Olympics Day with many students and staff representing the participating countries in a colourful and lively parade.

This week the celebrations continue with our youngest students celebrating their 100th Day of Prep as well as Principal's Day on Friday 2nd August, where we get to acknowledge the incredible contribution of our Principal and Assistant Principals and thank them for their wonderful dedication to our school community! Another important event happening over the weekend is our KGPS Working Bee taking place on Saturday 3rd Aug, from 10am-12pm – we greatly appreciate any amount of time you can spend to help us beautify our school!

A reminder that **Monday 5th August is a Curriculum Day. Students do not attend school** as our teachers and staff will be spending the day engaging in important professional learning. Big Childcare will be running a program for students who require care. Bookings required.

Student Led Conferences Feedback

We are thrilled to share some wonderful feedback we received following our recent Student Led Conferences (SLCs). Many families took the time to provide their insights, and we are deeply grateful for their contributions. Your positive comments and constructive suggestions are invaluable to us. Here are a few highlights from the feedback:

- **Empowerment and Reflection:** Many parents appreciated how the student-led format empowers children to take ownership of their learning and reflect on their progress. One parent noted, "I think the student-led format empowers her to communicate her achievements and areas for improvement."
- **Showcasing Progress:** Families found the conferences effective in showcasing their child's progress. As one parent shared, "It shows me the progress of my child."
- **Well-Organised and Enjoyable:** Several comments mentioned the organisation and overall enjoyment of the conferences. A parent remarked, "It was a well-organised session, and I enjoyed moving through the different stages of learning."

We also received valuable suggestions for improvement, such as extending the time allocated for each conference. Rest assured, we will take all feedback into account as we plan for the 2025 Student Led Conferences. Thank you once again to all the families who provided their feedback. Your input helps us continually improve and ensure that our SLCs are meaningful and beneficial for everyone involved.

ICAS Assessment Dates

The ICAS purchase dates have now closed. The sitting dates have now been confirmed and are outlined below:

- English test – Thursday 15th August
- Maths test – Wednesday 28th August

Students undertaking ICAS will sit the assessment under staff supervision during the day.



Kiss N Go

This is a gentle reminder for everyone to interact with each other respectfully and to adhere to local road rules when waiting to use our Kiss N Go.

To ensure a smoother experience for all, here are a few suggestions:

- **Respect and Patience:** Please be considerate and patient with fellow community members. Everyone is trying to ensure their children are collected safely from school.
- **Follow Road Rules:** Abiding by local road rules ensures the safety of all our students and parents. Please adhere to all traffic signs and signals.
- **Active Travel:** We encourage families to consider walking or cycling to school. Not only does this promote a healthy lifestyle, but it also reduces traffic congestion around the school.
- **Alternative Parking:** Families can park in the local Woolworths car park and walk to school. This option can help you avoid the congestion and stress of the Kiss N Go area altogether.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to making our school a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

Working Bee Saturday 3rd August

Our Term 3 Working Bee is this Saturday! We would love as many families as possible to come along and help with some general gardening and tidying tasks. Even if you can only pop in for an hour, we would love to see you. The Working Bee will commence at 10am and finish at 12pm.



Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Natasha Green to the KGPS team as our Learning Enhancement Teacher. Natasha, who worked with us as a regular CRT in the past, will be taking on a multifaceted role this year.



In her new position, Natasha will implement our Learning Enhancement Program (LEP) and as well as provide leadership release and graduate release across the school. Natasha has several years of experience as a classroom teacher and we welcome her as a valuable addition to our team from Wednesday to Friday.

Ready, Set, Prep!

We recently hosted two optional sessions for our 2025 enrolled prep students and families. It was lovely to see so many smiley children visit our school, engage in some craft activities in the library as well as a special sing-song story time with two of our prep teachers.

Starting school is a major life transition for both children and their families. Both challenging and exciting, it is a time of change in which children, families and teacher adjust to new roles, identities, expectations, interactions and relationships. We look forward to more opportunities to get to know our 2025 prep students later in the year at our official transition days.



Emotional Regulation and Co-Regulation



Emotion regulation is the ability to understand and manage your behaviour and feelings in appropriate ways to meet situational demands. This encompasses resisting or controlling highly emotional reactions like frustration or excitement appropriately, calming emotions, adjusting to change, focusing on tasks, refocusing attention on a new task and controlling impulses.

Co-regulation is the ability to regulate emotions and behaviours, with the support and direction of another individual. Co-regulation supports regulation needs through the use of strategies, tools, and calming techniques in order to self-soothe or respond in times of stress.

It is important for a child to be able to regulate their emotions as it allows children the ability to:

- Sit, pay attention and listen for learning.
- Control impulses that may otherwise be deemed socially inappropriate. E.g. Physically lashing out if a toy is snatched away.
- Take turns in games, share toys and appropriately express emotions for positive peer socialisation.
- Reflect on behavioural choices and consequences to decide how to behave in future situations with less parental guidance.
- Manage stress by showing themselves that they can cope with uncomfortable emotions or unexpected changes through their ability to calm themselves down.

Ways to co-regulate with your child



Warm regards,

Andrea

Andrea Cadby | Inclusion Leader

NATIONAL TREE DAY



we raised \$378.90

Thankyou everyone who donated. It was amazing to see everyone wearing a splash of green. With the money we raised, we have purchased an establish tree to go in our green zone.



AMELIA Hayat



Performance Fortnight News

Year 4- 6 Musical

Aladdin Jnr- Tuesday October 22nd 6:00pm in the Gym

Principal /Lead Cast

The Principal and Lead Cast have been rehearsing at lunch times with Ms Main and Ms Condon as well as our Thursday afternoon whole cast rehearsals in the gym. Principal and Lead cast members will now have some extra mentoring from various KGPS staff to help put their scenes together. A huge thank you to these staff members who have very kindly given their time for our wonderful cast members. If your child is a lead, please ensure they have memorised most of their lines so they can move quickly and use their time effectively. Songs are on Seesaw to listen to and practice at home.

Year 4-6 Ensemble News

Students have been working on their Vocal and Dance skills through Aladdin Jnr. guided vocal tracks, working on group choreography tasks and viewing and responding to the performances of others. Songs are on Seesaw for your children to practice at home. Each Year 4 class have a feature song in the show, plus their supporting vocal roles. Year 5/6 students who are part of the two ensembles will have a feature song each in the show, plus be seen as 'extras' in the marketplace during various times throughout the show.

All students will be supplied with a costume or a prop to perform at the concert. Please see individual class communication regarding costumes and face paint which will be sent home soon.



PREP TO YEAR 3 CONCERTS

Prep - 1 and Year 2/3 School Concerts- Thursday October 17th 5:00pm and 6:15pm in the Gym
Prep-Year 1 & Year 2-3 students have begun working on their songs for the themed concerts. Students have been enthusiastically learning the lyrics to their class songs and are so excited to perform next term. More information regarding costumes will be sent home soon.

Prep-1 School Concert will be on October 17th at 5:00pm

Year 2 and 3 School Concert will be on October 17th at 6:15pm

Year 2024 Overview

August

- Friday 2nd - 100 Days of Prep
- Friday 2nd - Principal's Day
- Saturday 3rd - Working Bee
- **Monday 5th - Curriculum Day- NO SCHOOL**
- Wednesday 7th - Year 3-6 House Athletics Carnival (Ross Reserve)
- Thursday 15th - Junior Disco 1:00pm- 1:30pm
- Friday 16th - Senior Disco 1:00pm- 1:30pm
- Friday 16th - Mr G's Big Shave (Fundraiser)
- Monday 19th - Wed 21st - Year 3/4 Bayview Adventure Camp
- Thursday 22nd - Year 3/4 Home Learning
- Thursday 22nd - Year 6 Graduation photo
- Thursday 29th - Year 5/6 Excursion to IMAX
- Thursday 29th - Father's/Special Person's Day Stall
- Friday 30th - Father's/Special Person's Day Breakfast & Stall

September

- Thursday 5th - Year 2 Sleepover
- Monday 9th to Friday 13th- Prep to Year 2 Swimming
- Tuesday 10th - Year 3/4 ACMI Excursion
- Friday 20th - Footy Day (**Last day of Term 3**)

October

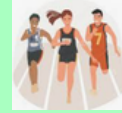
- Monday 7th - (**First day of Term 4**)

Whole School Event

No School

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

Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival



On Wednesday 7th August, all Year 3-6 students will be participating in the Year 3-6 Athletics carnival at the Springvale Athletics Track at Ross Reserve!

Please check the Compass event.

Payment & Consent for this event is required by this FRIDAY AUGUST 2nd.

Olympic Day Wrap



Last Friday our school community celebrated the Olympic Games Opening Ceremony during our very own Olympic Day parade which saw an array of vibrant colours, flags and national symbols on display. We were fortunate enough to have a visit from Mayor Cr Lana Formoso and our very own KGPS royal family who completed a lap of honour!

It was wonderful to witness our students' creativity and school spirit as we celebrated the Olympic values of unity, friendship and sportsmanship. Special thanks to Mr Smithett for organising such a memorable whole school event, and also to parents for assisting the students to dress up on the day!



CANCER FUNDRAISER DISCOS-

Just a reminder that we are hosting a Junior and Senior school disco to raise money for cancer research. The Junior disco (Prep - 2) will be held on Thursday August 15th and the Senior (3-6) will be on Friday 16th August at lunch time in the gym.

Every ticket will cost a gold coin. Come dressed to impress in your finest PINK attire to show your support for cancer awareness. Your child can bring a gold coin any day and give it to their homeroom teacher.

REMEMBER that Mr. G has bravely pledged to shave his head if we collectively raise \$500 or more! If you wish to contribute to this fundraiser as well, please scan the QR code below.



JUNIOR DISCO

WHAT
We are hosting a disco to raise awareness towards cancer

WHERE
This event will be held in the gym

WHEN
Thursday 15th August, 1:00-1:30pm

WHY
to raise money for Cancer Council

Ticket entry Price: Gold Coin
Tickets can be purchased via your child's class teacher



SENIOR DISCO

FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST
1:00-1:30PM, GYM

Ticket entry Price: Gold Coin
Tickets can be purchased via your child's class teacher

HOSTED BY  TO SUPPORT 



MR G'S BIG SHAVE

FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST

HELP US RAISE \$500!

Join Us for a Hair-Raising Event
Mr G is bravely shaving off his hair (but keeping his famous moustache) at assembly on Friday 16th August to support Cancer Council Victoria.

Show your support and help us raise funds for this important cause

Scan the QR code to sponsor Mr G and make a difference today!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SPONSOR MR G!

PLAY LEADERS PROGRAM for Prep to Year 1 students -

Some of our wonderful Year 6 Wellbeing Leaders are taking part in our Play Leader's Program at lunch times on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week.

This is a program designed to help older peers facilitate play for our Prep and Year 1 students outside in the yard. The Year 6 Leaders assist with skill development such as sharing, taking turns, social skills and providing an additional space for our younger students to participate in guided, small group activities outside in the yard for the full lunchtime if they choose to.

Please see the timetable below and notify your child of these activities happening. Our Play Leaders can be spotted in their bright orange vests outside at lunch time.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME
TIGGY TAG With Sarina, Kaylee & Maggie At the tree near the playground.	SAND PIT GAMES With Kaliyah & Laura In the sandpit.	SOCCER CLUB With Lucas & Sierra On the green patch in front of the 5/6 classrooms.
	FOUR SQUARE with Niranjhan At the 4 square courts, near the prep playground.	



This term in S.T.E.A.M the Year 1 students have been looking at farming and the process food goes through from being farmed to ending up in our supermarkets in response to the transdisciplinary theme 'How We Organise Ourselves'. We have planted seeds, created our own birds-eye-view farm layouts and even turned cream into butter!

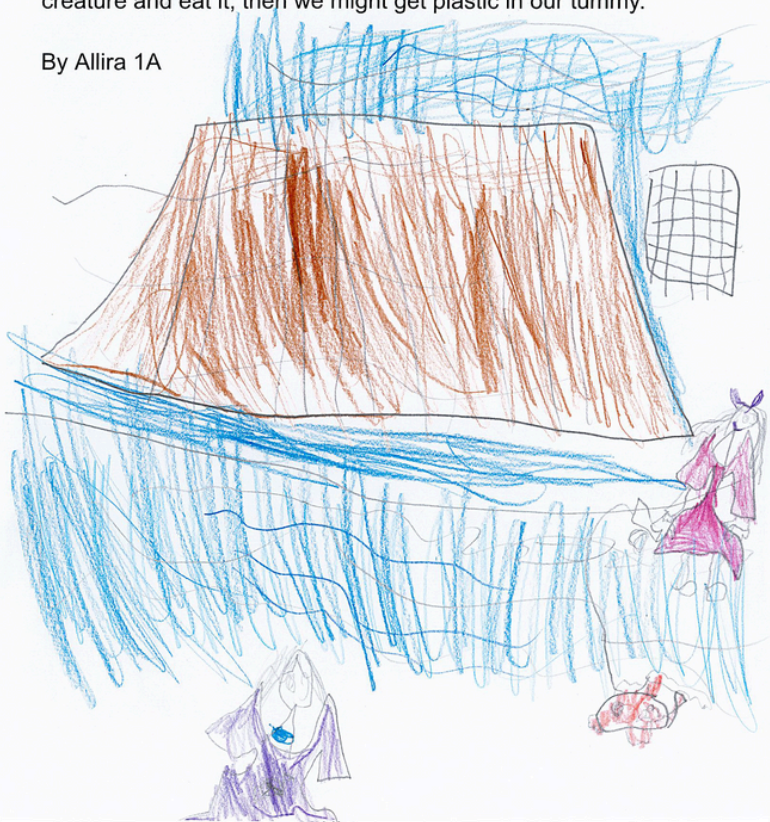
Well done Year 1 farmers!



An important message from one of our students!

Do not throw rubbish onto the oval. There is a pond outside the school gate and it will fly into that pond. The pond then flows into the ocean. Some people even drop their rubbish into the drains. The drains also go to the ocean. A sea creature might open its mouth and eat the rubbish. We might even catch that sea creature and eat it, then we might get plastic in our tummy.

By Allira 1A



Second Hand Uniform Sale & New Beanies Available!

We have various uniform items for sale.

Sizes range from size 4- 14.

**Friday 2nd August-
8:45am - 9:45am**

&

**Monday 12th August-
3:15pm - 3:45pm**

Gratitude

Thank you to the following canteen volunteers for helping:
Adalene, Louise, Anu, Karen and Kaiori.



Cultural diversity enriches our lives in countless ways. At Keysborough Gardens Primary, we celebrate this diversity and encourage our community to embrace and learn from the myriad of cultures that make up our world.

Why Celebrate Cultural Diversity?

Embracing cultural diversity helps us understand different perspectives, fosters mutual respect and strengthens community bonds. It allows us to appreciate the rich tapestry of human life and learn from the experiences of others.

Family Story Nights Activity

We invite each family to participate in monthly Family Story Nights. Each month, choose a story or tales from a different culture to read and discuss.

How to Participate:

1. **Choose a Culture:** Select a different culture each month.
2. **Find Stories:** Look for folktales, myths, or stories from that culture.
3. **Read and Discuss:** Share the stories with your family and discuss the cultural values and lessons they convey.

Share Your Story Nights:

We would love to hear about the stories you discover and your family's reflections on them. Share your experiences with Steve Gammon, our Assistant Principal and PYP Coordinator via Compass.

Through Family Story Nights, we can travel the world from our living rooms, gaining insights and appreciation for the wonderful diversity that surrounds us.

Dive into the world of stories and celebrate the richness of diverse cultures. We can't wait to hear about the tales that captivate your family!



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.**

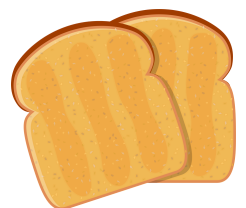
When a student is not complying with this mobile phone policy, we will be required to follow a process in line with our existing student engagement policies.

[Mobile phone Policy](#)



Breakfast Club

Breakfast is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am for all students, from the Canteen.



Curriculum Days



The following days have been endorsed by School Council:

- Monday 5th August

(Students do not attend school on this day)

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

Big Childcare provides Out of School Hours Care for KGPS.

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 contact our OSHC Co-ordinator, on **0421 897 819** or

keysboroughgardens@bigchildcare.com



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

