

31st October 2024

From the Year 5/6 Leader- Miss King



Dear KGPS Families,

Can you believe we are already one month into Term 4, with November sneaking up on us by the end of this week? It has been a busy and engaging term so far, filled with fantastic opportunities for our KGPS students. In Year 5/6, students have been captivated by learning about technology, focusing on its advancements over time and how it has shaped civilisation. Their curiosity was sparked by a provocation table in our Learning Community, featuring a range of technologies from record players and typewriters to X-ray machines and Game Boys. We followed this up with a 'powerless' provocation day, where students experienced a typical school day without using any technology in the classroom. It was a return to basics, and it's safe to say they now have a newfound appreciation for the technology in their lives! We continue to explore this Unit of Inquiry for the remainder of this term.



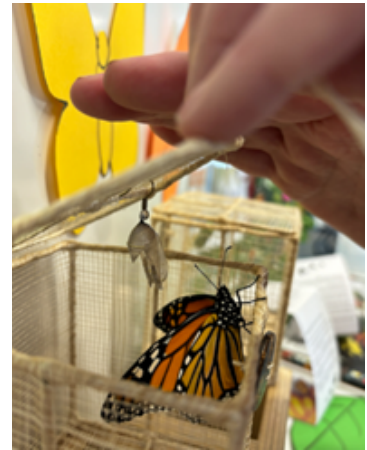
Prep Provocation!

This term, our Prep students are diving into the 'Sharing the Planet' unit of inquiry, exploring the central idea: "The characteristics of living things help them to survive in their habitat." We were thrilled to introduce two baby chrysalides to our learning community! Did you know? A chrysalis is the stage when a caterpillar transforms inside its cocoon, preparing to emerge as a butterfly!

Our Preps were bursting with curiosity—wondering, observing, and discovering what these little creatures need to survive.

As we followed their journey and made predictions about what might emerge, we were beyond excited to come back after the weekend to find one had hatched! The Preps eagerly observed through magnifying glasses and drew like scientists, capturing every detail of the butterfly. After giving the butterfly a full day to strengthen its wings until it was strong enough, we set him free and made a wish! 🌈 We wish our little friend all the best in the wild, and we can't wait to see how the journey continues for our remaining chrysalis! 🌱🌟

#InquiryLearning #SharingThePlanet #EarlyYearsScience



KGPS Colour Run: Get Ready for a Fun-Filled Friday on 22nd November!

Our Colour Run fundraising is in full swing, with our KGPS community raising around \$5,000 so far! To keep the excitement building, please remember to "SHARE" your child's class page with family and friends by clicking the share icon on their page—every bit helps!

All students who raise over \$20 will receive a prize at the end of the fundraiser, and everyone who donates any amount will be entered into a weekly prize draw, with winners announced at assembly. Let's keep up the fantastic effort as we get closer to our Colour Run event!

Children's Forum

Last Thursday, 24th October, our School Captains, Gemma and Quinn, represented Keysborough Gardens Primary School at the Dandenong City Council's Children's Forum. This annual event offers children a unique chance to meet with Council teams and discuss real projects shaping our community. Through interactive workshops, Gemma and Quinn joined other young voices in planning sessions on topics like public spaces, libraries, active living, climate change, and environmental care, ensuring that children's perspectives are part of the city's future.

Gemma and Quinn both delivered fantastic speeches, with Gemma also taking on the role of MC as Junior Mayor, an incredible achievement. They have shown outstanding dedication to the Children's Forum and Advisory Group, and we are thrilled to celebrate their contributions as they help shape a brighter, more inclusive community. Well done, Gemma and Quinn!

New Staff Member Profile



REMINDERS FOR EARLY PICK UPS

To ensure that we can minimise disruptions to classrooms, if you know in advance that you are collecting your child early from school, please email your child's homeroom teacher, so that they can ensure your child is packed and ready to meet you at the office.

HELP NEEDED

HELP!! CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!
WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FILL THE YELLOW SPACES
WITH VOLUNTEERS

[click here](#) AND NOMINATE YOUR DATES.

	PARENT 1	PARENT 2	PARENT 3
25/10 Fri	Dee	Danni	
30/10 Wed	Adz	Kaz	
01/11 Fri	Someta		
06/11 Wed	Kaz		
08/11 Fri	Danni		
13/11 Wed	Lisa		
15/11 Fri	Nicole		
20/11 Wed	Adz		
22/11 Fri	Naz		
27/11 Wed			
29/11 Fri	Danni		
04/12 Wed	Kaz		
06/12 Fri	Naz	Danni	
11/12 Wed	Lisa		
13/12 Fri			

A bit about Mr Hill!

Hi, I'm Mr Hill and I am very excited to be joining the KGPS family in 2025. I have a four-year-old daughter named Alice and a two-year-old son named Max who both keep me very busy. When I do have spare time, I love my music, reading, and sport. I am a strong supporter of both Manchester City in the English Premier League, and the Newcastle Knights in the NRL. I am very much looking forward to getting to know everybody next year and can't wait to begin my time at Keysborough Gardens Primary School.

Warm regards,

Zarli

Zarli King | Year 5/6 Leader

Performance Fortnight

WOW what an amazing three shows our talented KGPS students performed in during Performance Fortnight 2024! I am incredibly proud of each student for the open-mindedness, creativity and amazing energy they brought to our table reads, lunch time rehearsals, class rehearsals, dress rehearsals, technical rehearsals and our shows! All three concerts were full of gorgeous singing, narrating and fabulous dancing. A huge congratulations to all involved and a special mention to the lead characters in each show for memorising their lines.

I am still hearing students around the yard at recess and lunch time singing their songs, there was such an amazing buzz around the yard as students were telling me which shows they went and supported and how much they enjoyed performing with each other but also supporting their peers in the other productions.

A huge thank you to our parent community for supporting the students, and also supporting other students by coming to see multiple shows. So much work goes into staging a show, and I thank our KGPS leadership and teaching team for all the work and support you have all put in to make Performance Fortnight a fabulous event for our school community!



Purchase of Performance Fortnight Productions

We loved performing in our shows, so now let's relive them and watch them at home!

Qantem Multimedia has professionally filmed our concerts on the 17th & 22nd of October 2024.

Below is the link for ordering USB's and MP4 File downloads. Pricing is USB - \$40 and MP4 - \$30.

All 3 Concerts are included in your purchase. They will be supplied as 3 separate files on the USB or as 3 different download links via email. Concerts cannot be purchased individually.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CWDUA>

Please note that ordering will close on Friday 8th November at midnight.

The following week, everyone will receive their orders.

MP4 Links will be emailed directly to the email address supplied when ordering and USB copies will be delivered directly to the school.

Aladdin JR Photo Orders open now on Compass Canteen - click Thursday 31st October

We have some wonderful Aladdin photos for families to purchase from now until Thursday 31st October.

Our professional photographs, taken by Abbey Lee Designs, are \$1.00 each.

Click on Compass Canteen and select Thursday 31st October to order your photographs.

Orders will be sent home early November.

Images of the photographs can be viewed now. Don't miss out!

A huge thank you to our sponsors

We are so grateful to our sponsors of the Performance Fortnight.

We would like to say a huge thank you to FeelDX, a leading provider of high-end 3D, 4D and 5D modelling services for sponsoring our Performance Fortnight. Support from sponsors like FeelDX allows us to enhance the quality of our productions and provide our students with unforgettable experiences.

A big thank you to Elastik, Parkmore Osteopathy and To < me Printing for your generous sponsorships. We are so lucky to have such supportive businesses in our school community and we thank you again for helping us bring our productions to life.



Diary Dates

November

- Friday 1st - Year 2 Melbourne Museum Excursion
- Monday 4th - Teacher 'Time in Lieu' Day
- Tuesday 5th - **Cup Day (no school)**
- Wednesday 6th - Prep Wildlife Xposure Incursion
- Thursday 7th - Year 3/4 Silent Disco Incursion
- Thursday 7th - School Council 5:30pm
- Thursday 14th-Prep Transition Session 1
Group 1: 8.30-9.15am / Group 2: 9.30-10.15am
- Saturday 16th- Working Bee 10am-12pm 
- Thursday 21st - Prep Transition Session 2
Group 1: 8.30-9.15am / Group 2: 9.30-10.15am
- 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

- 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**

Whole School Event

No School



TERM 4

Working Bee

Let's get bee-sy!

Date: Saturday 16th November
Time: 10am-12pm

What we'll BEE doing:

- Trimming Pittosporum Hedge
- Planting
- Weeding
- Spreading Mulch
- Pressure Washing Concrete
- Cleaning the Waterways



Please bring along hedgers, pressure washers, gloves, shovels, wheel barrows, rakes, blowers or just yourself!



Buzz on over and help make our school a more beautiful place!



Gratitude

A big thank you to the following
canteen volunteers who helped out in
the canteen:
Kaz, Lisa, Dani & Anu.

We would also like to thank the following
families for spoiling our teachers for
World Teachers Day:
Team Kids, Rodriguez, Ha, Makarovski &
Rajesh families.



Halloween PARTY

Team Kids

31ST OCT

We cannot wait to get this PARTY started! 🎉
We're in for a FAB-BOO-LOUS treat as we CELEBRATE
Halloween with a SCARILY COOL party 🎃
It's going to be a SPOOK-TACULAR day full of FUN
Halloween-themed activities 🎃
BOOK NOW 📅 www.teamkids.com.au/venues

Aladdin Jnr. photos available to order



Order your prints
via Compass Canteen
click on 31st October
\$1.00
per photo

photography courtesy of Abbey Lee Designs
<https://abbyleedesigns.com.au>



CURIOUS KIDS PLAYGROUP AT KEYSBOROUGH GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL Tuesday

9:30AM - 10:30AM IN THE
LIBRARY

ALL WELCOME NO
BOOKINGS REQUIRED

COMMENCES
TUESDAY 15TH
OCTOBER 2024

Enquiries on 03 9792 6800
10 HOMELEIGH ROAD
KEYSBOROUGH





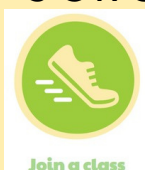


2024 KGPS COLOUR RUN INSTRUCTIONS

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'



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](#).

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.

	1C	\$0
	1D	\$0

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\$0 raised

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



RAISE \$20-\$39



**MELTY BEADS
SKIPPING ROPE
HIGH BOUNCE BALL
YOYO**

RAISE \$40-\$99



**GROW AND GLOW CRYSTALS
UNO NO MERCY
HIGH BOUNCE BALL
CRAZY SLIME**

RAISE \$100-\$199



**50 PIECE SCENTOS PACK
REMOTE CONTROL DOG
LASER LED KARAOKE MIC
TABLETOP FOOTBALL**

COLOUR RUN



SCAN ME

RAISE \$200-\$399



**SEAMONKEY PETS
WHAC A ZOMBIE
RAINBOW MESSAGE BRACELET
40CM SQUISHMALLOW**

RAISE \$400-\$699



**ELMERS CELEBRATION SLIME KIT
ELECTRONIC ARCADE AIR HOCKEY
ELECTRONIC ARCADE HOVER SHOT
MOOKIE REFLEX SOCCER**

RAISE \$700-\$999



**SHIMMER AND
SPARKLE BRACELET SET
LEGO SPACE ASTRONAUT
CHEMISTRY SET
REMOTE CONTROL RACE CAR**

RAISE \$1000+



**HOVERBOARD
GARMIN VIVOFIT JR
WONDERBOOM SPEAKER
FUJIFILM INSTAX 12 MINI
BUNDLE**

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PYP Corner

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At Keysborough Gardens Primary School, we recognise the importance of integrating technology into the Primary Years Programme (PYP). As digital learners, our students are equipped with the skills to navigate and utilise technology effectively and responsibly.

The Role of Technology in PYP:

Technology is a tool that enhances learning, fosters creativity, and helps students develop critical skills needed in the modern world.

How We Use Technology:

- Research: Students use digital tools to gather and evaluate information.
- Collaboration: Technology facilitates collaboration through tools like Google Classroom and collaborative documents.
- Creativity: Students use technology for creative projects, such as digital storytelling, presentations, and multimedia projects.
- Digital Citizenship: We teach students about online safety, digital etiquette, and the responsible use of technology.

Benefits of Technology Integration:

- Enhanced Learning: Technology provides access to a wealth of information and learning resources.
- Engagement: Interactive and multimedia tools make learning more engaging.
- Skill Development: Students develop essential digital literacy skills.

Supporting Digital Learning at Home:

- Set Boundaries: Establish rules for screen time and online behaviour.
- Encourage Exploration: Provide opportunities for your child to explore educational websites and tools.
- Discuss Online Safety: Talk to your child about the importance of staying safe online and respecting others.



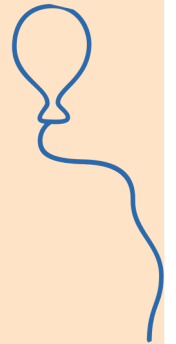
NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

This week the children have enjoyed a range of delicious food, fun activities and our first TeamKids party – a Halloween party! The children have been enjoying the change in daily breakfast menu specials, which includes wholemeal pancakes, yoghurt parfaits and porridge. The children are encouraged to take part in preparing these breakfast specials in the morning. This supports them in developing their cooking skills and demonstrating responsibility at the program. Our clubs are up and running, with five clubs running each week that were voted on by the children. A highlight from this week included STEM Club, where the children used marshmallows, straws and popsicle sticks to build a range of structures. The children worked in small groups which encouraged teamwork and collaboration. The children have also spent this week planning out what our gingerbread village will look like. We have also made a test batch of gingerbread before baking an entire village!

TEAMKIDS CLUBS



MONDAY

BSC:

ASC: STEM

TUESDAY

BSC:

ASC: Adventure

WEDNESDAY

BSC:

ASC: Cooking

THURSDAY

BSC:

ASC: Super Sports




FRIDAY

BSC:

ASC: Lego Masters

BSC: BEFORE SCHOOL CARE | ASC: AFTER SCHOOL CARE

IMPORTANT DATES

-  Friday the 8 of November | Tongue Twister Day
-  Monday the 11th of November | Remembrance Day
-  Week 8 | TeamKids Gingerbread Term Challenge Due



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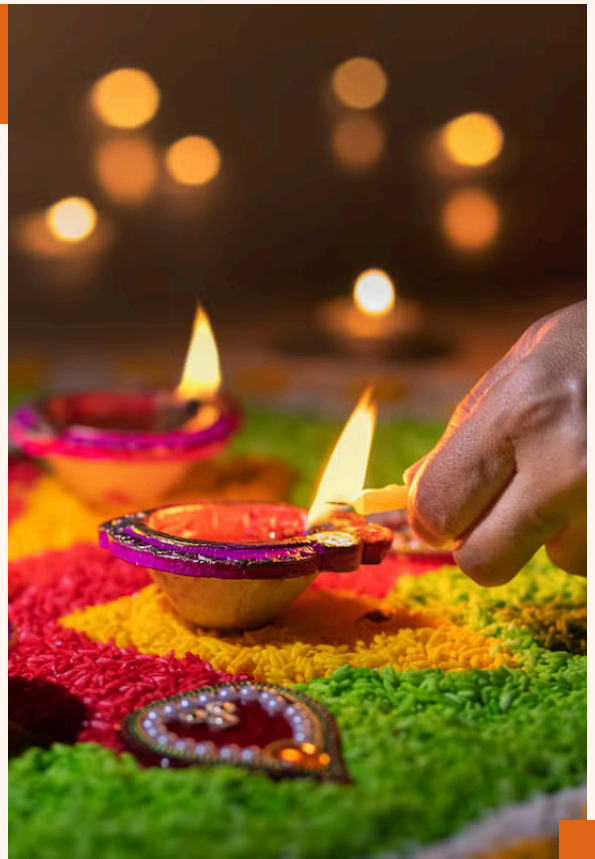
Cultural Celebrations

This week brings an exciting blend of cultural celebrations with Halloween and Diwali coinciding on the same day! At Keysborough Gardens Primary School, we embrace the opportunity to learn about different traditions, as it reflects our commitment to fostering international-mindedness and respect for diverse cultures within our school community.

Diwali - The Festival of Lights

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant celebrations in Hindu, Sikh, and Jain cultures. Diwali symbolises the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. Originating in India, this celebration has roots in various stories from Hindu mythology. One of the most well-known is the return of Lord Rama to his kingdom after 14 years in exile. People welcomed him home by lighting oil lamps, which has since become a hallmark of the Diwali celebration.

People celebrate Diwali by decorating their homes with lights and colourful rangoli patterns, exchanging sweets and gifts, and setting off fireworks. It is also a time for reflection, prayer, and spending time with family and friends. Many observe the holiday by performing pujas (prayers) for wealth, prosperity, and happiness.



Halloween - A Time for Frights and Fun

Halloween, celebrated every 31st of October, has its origins in the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. Celts believed that on this day, the boundary between the world of the living and the dead became thin, allowing spirits to pass through. To ward off any unwanted ghosts, people would light bonfires and wear costumes.

Today, Halloween has evolved into a fun-filled event primarily celebrated in Western cultures but increasingly popular worldwide. Children dress up in costumes, often inspired by their favourite characters or traditional spooky themes, and go trick-or-treating in their neighbourhoods. People decorate their homes with carved pumpkins, cobwebs, and other eerie decorations. Halloween provides an opportunity for families to come together for festivities, games, and treats.



As a PYP school, we see these cultural celebrations as wonderful learning opportunities that reflect the attributes of our Learner Profile, such as being open-minded and knowledgeable. Students can appreciate the variety of ways people celebrate around the world, discovering connections between traditions and recognising the perspectives of others.

From the festive lights of Diwali to the spooktacular fun of Halloween, we encourage everyone to enjoy these celebrations, learn about their origins, and appreciate the joy they bring to families and communities. Wishing a happy and safe Diwali and Halloween to all!






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! We want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude 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 currently 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_KfI4nNcvys/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.

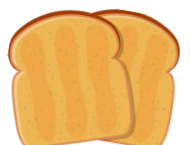
KGPS Facebook and Instagram.

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!



Prep Enrolments 2025

Enrolments for Prep 2025 are now closed!

Please contact the office if you have not enrolled yet.

Out of School Hours Care

TeamKids is our new 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/>



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



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

