

18th April 2024

From the Principal - Mrs Jenkins



Dear KGPS Families,
Welcome back to school for Term 2! We hope everyone had a fantastic break and enjoyed the various religious celebrations.

2025 Prep Enrolments Are Now Open!

Are you considering enrolling your child in the Foundation/Prep class for 2025 at Keysborough Gardens Primary School?

Sibling enrolment forms were sent out at the end of Term 1. Please ensure you submit your application by Friday 28th July, 2024, following the statewide timeline. Priority placement is given to siblings of current students, so don't miss out. Contact the school office for enrolment forms and further information.

Mother's Day Events - Save the Date!

Join us for a special, bi-annual Mother's (or special friend's) Day Breakfast on Friday 10th May, 7:45am-8:30am.

We'd love you to join us!

Orders for the breakfast menu will open next week on Compass Canteen.

We will be calling for volunteers (particularly Dads) to help with the breakfast. - watch this space.

Additionally, our Mother's Day stall will be open on Thursday 9th May. Classes will be allocated a time to buy for their mum or special friend. The stall will also be open after school 3:30-4pm on Thursday 9th May and 8:30-9:15am on Friday 10th May.

Cross Country Excitement

We're gearing up for our 2024 Year 3-6 House Cross Country event TOMORROW! Our students will be running at Tatterson Park, departing promptly at 9am. We encourage family members to attend and cheer on the students. Further details can be found later in this newsletter.

AGM Tonight

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for tonight from 5:30pm to 6pm. We will be sharing our 2023 Annual Report with the School Council and the wider community. To register your attendance, please contact Mrs. Dee Smith, our Business Manager, at the office- 9792 6800.

School start times- Student safety

We have observed an increasing number of students arriving at school early, prompting us to address the importance of student safety during these times.

Please be aware that students arriving before 8:30am will be directed to Big Childcare for before-school care. For those arriving before 8:45am, it is crucial that they have supervision from a parent or carer.

These measures are in place to prioritise the safety of all our students. Classroom doors will be open at 8:45am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and at 8:30am on Wednesdays.



Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety and well-being of our students.

Buildings and Grounds Update

The air conditioning project, which commenced in the last week of term 1, is progressing well. Over terms 2 and 3, there will be some minor disruptions as various year levels relocate for a 2-3 week period. Rest assured, the teaching and learning program will continue as normal, with students working in alternative classrooms temporarily. We will keep you updated as construction progresses.

New Staff Announcement

We are delighted to officially welcome Mr. Cory Smithett as our new PE teacher. With his wealth of experience, Mr. Smithett will be taking over from Ms. Stephanie Anderson, who will be commencing family leave during term 2.

School Fees and Contributions- thank you!

Did you know that the government does not fully fund public schools?

Many government schools like ours rely on contributions and fundraising to provide essential resources and materials. These include access to technology, online learning platforms, hands on learning resources, art supplies, stationery, and more. A big thank you to the families who have already made contributions for the 2024 school year.



PETITION - Keep Our Kids Safe

As we have highlighted in previous newsletters, we've been actively addressing concerns regarding road safety and traffic in the vicinity of our school. Working closely with Tim Richardson, our local MP, and collaborating with the council, we are striving to enhance safety measures for our children.

Last term, our Year 5/6 students wrote some very persuasive letters to Mr. Richardson, advocating for improvements in road safety around our school.

This week, we will be circulating a petition from Mr Tim Richardson, MP to each family. You can return completed petitions to the school; simply drop them off at the office or have your child hand them in. Alternatively, petitions can be returned directly to Tim's office at 374 Nepean Hwy Chelsea.

Additionally, if you wish to express your concerns about traffic and safety more extensively, you're encouraged to write a letter or email directly to Mr. Richardson at tim.richardson@parliament.vic.gov.au.

For those who require additional petitions for a neighbour, friend or family member living in the area, they are readily available at the school office. Feel free to collect one, or don't hesitate to contact us by phone or email and we can send one home with your child.

Your participation is instrumental in effecting positive change.

Please click [here](#) to find online link for the petition.

Warm regards,

Sherri

Sherri Jenkins | Principal

Cross Country Carnival - Friday 19th April

We are looking forward to our Year 3-6 Cross Country Carnival taking place this Friday 19th April at Tatterson Park! All students will participate and earn points for their house towards an overall House Cross Country winner.



Here are some friendly reminders:

We are walking to the park and will be leaving school at 9am sharp! Please be on time! We will return to school by 12:30pm.

Students are encouraged to wear their House colours and should wear clothing/footwear appropriate to run in. They should pack a small bag with a healthy snack, water bottle and light rain jacket (if needed). Students will also need to wear their hats.

We welcome family members to attend and cheer on the students! The easiest access is parking at Springers Leisure Centre and then head to the Tatterson Park Ants playground.

The approximate running time for the events are:

9:40am - 12/13 Boys & Girls (3km)

10am - 11 Boys & Girls (3km)

10:20am - 10 Boys & Girls (2km)

10:50 - 9 Boys & Girls (2km)

Good luck to all students!

Important Dates:

House Cross Country Year 3-6: Friday, April 19th, 9-12:30pm, Tatterson Park

Assembly: (no assembly this Friday)

ANZAC Day Public Holiday: April 25th

5/6 Camp: Monday, April 29th - Wednesday, May 1st
(5/6 home learning/rest day Thursday, May 2nd)

House Cross Country Prep to Year 2: Friday, May 3rd, 9:40am at school

2024 Curriculum Days: No students at school

- Monday, May 13th (Term 2)
- Friday, June 28th (Term 2)
- Monday, August 5th (Term 3)

2024 School Council Announcement

Our School Council for 2024 has now been finalized. A huge thank you to our 2023 council, particularly Sharna Woods, who has served as our School Council President since the school opened.

2024 School Council Members:

Parent Members:

President: Nina Kelly

Vice President: Sharna Woods

Treasurer: Kevin Heri

Council Members: Elsie Neville, Caitlin Ryan, Dana Ember

Staff Members:

Sherri Jenkins, Steve Gammon, Simon Gliddon and Dee Smith (Secretary)

School Council Sub-Committee Convenors:

Finance Committee: Sherri Jenkins

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Steve Gammon and Dana Ember

Community Engagement and Fundraising Committee: Zarli King and Elise Neville

Education Committee: Simon Gliddon

If you are interested in joining one of the above sub-committees or would like more information, please email Deanna Smith at deanna.smith@education.vic.gov.au. These committees meet 1-2 times per term, and we welcome your input and involvement!



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

**Coming Soon KGPS Beanies.
Watch this space!**



DIARY DATES 2024

April 2024

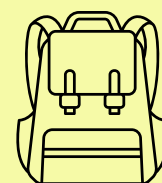
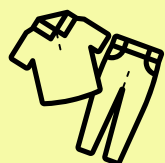
Thursday 18th	Wk 1	Year 5/6 Interschool Sport Finals AGM at 5:30pm & School Council Meeting at 6pm
Friday 19th	Wk 1	House Cross Country Years 3-6 Tatterson Park 9am-12:30pm
Tuesday 23rd	Wk 2	Year 3/4 Democracy Incursion
Wednesday 24th	Wk 2	House Cross Country Back Up Day
Thursday 25th	Wk 2	Anzac Day / 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

Second Hand Uniform Sale!

**Monday 22nd April
8:40am- 9:15am
&
3:15pm- 3:45pm**



(We have various items from bags, shoes, pants, jumpers, tops and jackets)

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

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.

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](#)



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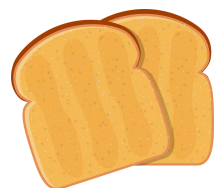
Please like our Facebook page. This page is used by the school to share events and updates at the school.

[KGPS Facebook](#)

Any other Facebook pages are not officially authorised by representative at the school.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast is available on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:40am for all students, from the Canteen.



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



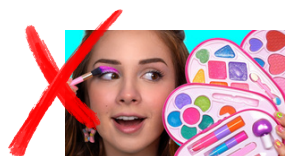
navy tights



black shoes or
runners



These items are not permitted as part of our uniform



PYP Corner

#10 Research Skills: Enhancing Information Literacy

Continuing our exploration of the Approaches to Learning (ATL) in the PYP, this newsletter focuses on Research Skills. Research skills are fundamental in helping students become independent learners and informed inquirers.

What are Research Skills in PYP?

Research skills encompass the ability to locate, evaluate and use information effectively. They are vital for academic success and lifelong learning.

Family Project: Research and Present

We encourage each family to undertake a research project on a topic of interest. This could be about a historical event, a scientific phenomenon or a cultural exploration.

Steps for the Family Research Project:

1. **Select a Topic:** Choose a topic that is interesting and meaningful for your family.
2. **Gather Information:** Use various sources such as books, online articles, documentaries and interviews.
3. **Discuss Findings:** Share what you've learned with each other and discuss your insights.
4. **Create a Presentation:** Put together a creative presentation of your findings, which could be a poster, a digital slideshow or even a family play.

Share Your Experience:

We'd love to see the outcomes of your research projects. Share photos or videos of your presentations with Steve Gammon, our Assistant Principal and PYP Coordinator via Compass.

Engaging in a family research project not only enhances information literacy but also promotes teamwork, curiosity and a deeper understanding of the world.

Your family's journey of discovery can be an exciting and enriching experience. We look forward to seeing the diverse and interesting topics you explore!

**APPROACHES
TO LEARNING**



SUPPORTING THE LEARNER PROFILE AT HOME

Nurturing Inquirers at Home

Welcome to our new series, "Supporting the Learner Profile at Home." We start by focusing on the attribute of "Inquirer." Being an Inquirer means nurturing our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research, and maintaining the love of learning throughout life.

Below are some activities that you can take part in with your child/ren to help develop their understanding of being an inquirer.

1. *Nature Walk*: Go for a walk with your child and encourage them to observe their surroundings. Ask questions like "Why is the sky blue?" or "Why does it rain?" to stimulate their curiosity.
2. *Cook Together*: Involve your child in cooking or baking simple recipes. Ask them questions like "What happens when we heat the butter?" or "Why do we need to mix all the ingredients?"
3. *Reading Time*: Encourage your child to pick a book and read together. Discuss the story and ask open-ended questions to encourage critical thinking.
4. *What's in the Box?*: Hide an object in a box and let your child ask yes/no questions to figure out what's inside.
5. *DIY Experiments*: Encourage your child to conduct simple experiments at home, like growing plants from seeds or testing what objects sink or float.
6. *News Analysis*: Discuss a news article or TV report with your child. Encourage them to ask questions and express their thoughts.
7. *Documentary Night*: Watch an educational documentary and discuss it afterwards. Ask questions that encourage your child to think critically and express their ideas.
8. *Independent Project*: Encourage your child to start a small project on a topic they're interested in. They can research the topic, and present their findings to the family.

Let's encourage our children to stay curious and keep asking questions!



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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!



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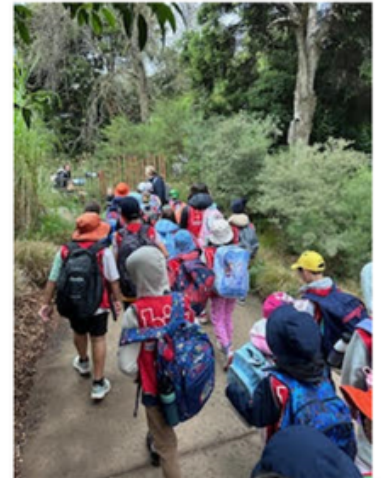
CHILDCARE



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT

O.S.H.C?

Easter Fest Vacation care was a success! We had so much fun over the school holidays! From going to the zoo, Silver circus, Luna Park and having some amazing activities on home base days as well like ice cream challenges and trying to find hidden treasures in orbeez!



HOLIDAY CARE



June/July Vacation care will be out in a few weeks. Stay tuned...



Important Reminders



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

