

15th August 2024

From the Learning Specialist - Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader - Ms Matlock

Dear KGPS Families,



Welcome to Week 5! With the warmer weather and the sun shining, it's hard to believe we are already halfway through Term 3. We have had a busy start, and the second half promises to be even more action-packed with the Year 3/4 camp, Year 2 sleepover, P-2 swimming, Father's Day breakfast, and so much more!

Year 3-6 Athletics Day: A Day of Excellence and Sportsmanship

Last week, our Year 3-6 students participated in a fantastic Athletics Day filled with excitement, determination, and community spirit. We received glowing reports from the volunteers and coordinators from the athletics club, who were impressed by our students' beautiful manners, the way they conducted themselves, and how they embodied our school values throughout the day.

The day included a variety of events such as the 100m and 200m sprints, hurdles, high jump, discus, shot put, long jump, triple jump, vortex throw, and frisbee throw. Each event was met with enthusiasm and determination, showcasing the talents and sportsmanship of our students.

Our students not only demonstrated excellence by giving their best effort in every event but also showed incredible empathy, with some students even sharing their ribbons with their peers. It was great to see the support and encouragement they offered each other, reflecting the true spirit of our school community.

We were also fortunate to have the support of fantastic student volunteers from Wellington Secondary, who helped ensure the day ran smoothly and provided assistance where needed. Thank you to Jen Wyatt, President of the Springvale Little Athletics for volunteering on the day to help out as well as running the canteen.

A huge thank you goes out to Mr. Smithett for his exceptional coordination and organisation of the event. His hard work and dedication made the day a great success, and we are grateful for his leadership.



Get Ready for the Year 2 Sleepover!

Last Tuesday, our Year 2 Team held a face-to-face Parent Information session for the upcoming Year 2 sleepover. It was an engaging and informative evening, with plenty of great questions from our enthusiastic parents. The Year 2 sleepover is a fantastic opportunity for our children, helping them prepare for future events like camps in Years 3-6. If you missed the session, don't worry—a recording is available in the latest Year 2 Learning Community news. For any further queries, please reach out to your child's home group teacher.

A Gentle Reminder About Lunch Drop-Offs

We have noticed an increase in lunches being dropped off at the office throughout the day. While we understand that this can sometimes be necessary, it does create disruptions to teaching and learning when classes are interrupted to notify students. Additionally, due to our varied timetables, this can affect students who might miss their fruit break or snack time while waiting for their lunch to arrive.

We have also seen a rise in fast food being delivered, and we kindly remind all parents and caregivers of our commitment to promoting healthy eating. To help guide you in preparing nutritious lunches, we have attached a Pick & Mix Lunchbox Poster to this newsletter post on Compass.

This resource provides easy and healthy ideas to support our focus on student wellbeing.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a positive and healthy learning environment for all our students.

A Hair-Raising Success: Our Students Take Action!

Several of our 5/6 students have initiated a fantastic project to support cancer research by taking action and organising a Junior and Senior disco. Not only did they plan the event, but they also managed to persuade Mr. Gliddon to shave his luscious locks if they could raise \$500. I am not sure Mr. Gliddon took into consideration the generosity and determination of our students and school community—because not only have they reached the \$500 target, but they have also smashed it, raising an amount that will be revealed at assembly on Friday.

The Junior disco (Prep - 2) is set for Thursday, 15th August, with the Senior disco (Years 3-6) following on Friday, 16th August, both during lunchtime in the gym. Tickets are just a gold coin, and we encourage everyone to wear a splash of PINK to show support for cancer awareness.

And the moment we have all been waiting for – on Friday, 16th August, during our assembly, Mr. Gliddon will bid farewell to his hair! I am sure he will be welcoming a few new beanies. On the bright side, Mr. G won't need to pack his hair care products for the Year 3/4 camp next week!



ICAS Assessments: Get Ready to Shine!

As mentioned in our COMPASS communication, the ICAS Assessments are starting today. The first exam will be English, followed by the Maths in the coming weeks. We are thrilled to see so many students opting in this year, with participation more than doubling compared to last year. The ICAS exams are a fantastic opportunity for students to challenge their higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. Best of luck to all participants—we can't wait to see you shine!



Share Your Voice: Parent Survey Reminder

Last week, 130 randomly selected families received an email invitation to participate in the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey. This annual survey, conducted by the Department of Education, helps schools gain valuable insights into families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The feedback we gather will play a crucial role in shaping our future planning and improvement strategies.

The online survey takes about 20 minutes to complete, and we greatly appreciate the time taken by those selected to provide their input. Once you have completed the survey, please return the reply slip to the office to receive a special treat from Mrs Jenkins!

Celebrate with Us: Father's Day Breakfast & Stall!

We are excited to invite all dads and special people to our Father's Day/Special Person Breakfast on Friday, 30th August, from 7:45 to 8:30 am in the Gymnasium. It's a wonderful opportunity to share a meal with your child and celebrate the special bond you share.

To ensure everything runs smoothly, please remember that food or drinks cannot be purchased on the day. All breakfast items must be pre-ordered through the Compass Canteen icon or link, with orders closing on Monday, 26th August at 2:00 pm. Make sure to select Thursday, 29th August, when placing your order.

In addition, our Father's Day Stall will be held on Thursday, 29th August, giving students a chance to purchase a small gift for their special person.

We are also seeking volunteers to help with organising and handing out breakfast orders on the morning of the event, starting from 7:30 am. If you are able to spare some time to assist, we would be extremely grateful! Please register your assistance through the following link: [Volunteer Registration.](#)



Warm regards,
Rebecca

Rebecca Matlock | Learning Specialist - Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader

Diary Dates

August

- 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
- Friday 6th - Year 2 Plank incursion
- 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)**
- 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 Evening concert 6:00pm

November

- Tuesday 5th - **Cup Day (no school)**

December

- Thursday 19th - **Last Day of Term 4**

Whole School Event

No School

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



Father's Day Stall



Thursday 29th August

Classes will be allocated a time to purchase gifts.

Gifts also for sale 3:35pm - 4:50pm Thursday 29th August & Friday 30th August 8:30am - 9:00am.

**We are asking for helpers to assist with the Stall and Breakfast!
Click on the volunteer [registration form](#).**



**You are invited to our
Father's Day/Special
Persons Breakfast!**

**Friday 30th August
from 7:45am until 8:30am**

**Breakfast items MUST be ordered through Compass Canteen
(select Thursday 29th August)**

Orders close Monday 26th August at 2:00pm

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Mandarin



Everybody is Kung Fu fighting: an exciting Chinese Kungfu Incursion

The learning is kicking off! Our students recently experienced the excitement of a Chinese Kungfu training with HH Kungfu Club and explored the rich traditions and culture behind this ancient martial art. We practised essential punches, kicks, and blocks with an emphasis on proper form and Kungfu sequences.

This hands-on incursion is the starting point of the Year 5/6 transdisciplinary learning unit this term, combining Chinese and PE classes together. Students connected the physical discipline of martial arts with fitness concepts, gaining a new perspective on how movement, strength, and flexibility play a role in both Kungfu and fitness tests.

The incursion was filled with energy and enthusiasm as students embraced the challenge, turning learning into an enjoyable and active experience. This unique opportunity deepened their understanding of Chinese culture and highlighted the importance of physical well-being in a fun and engaging way.



TEAMKIDS HAS JUST ARRIVED

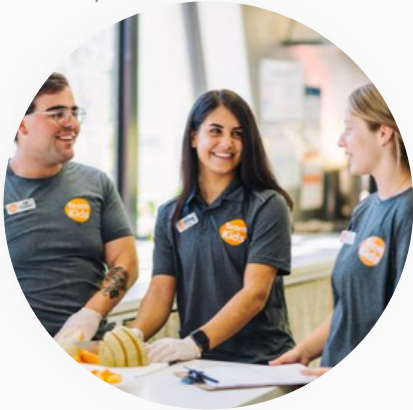


START DATE
23rd
SEPTEMBER

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.

Respectful school communities start with respectful behaviour

Parents, carers, staff and students can help keep our school community safe, supportive and respectful.

Good relationships are based on:



Open and honest communication



Trust and respect



Working together



Fair and reasonable expectations by all

These behaviours are **not** okay in our school community

***Violence**

***Harassment**

***Aggression**

***Rudeness**

***Threats**

***Intimidation**

***Unkind or discriminatory comments**

***Gossip**

This includes in person, over the phone, email, text, social media or online platforms.

Parents or carers behaving in unacceptable ways may be contacted and a School Community Safety Order may be issued.



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 Mrs 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 those 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. The 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.
Please see individual class communications regarding
costumes and face paint which will be sent home soon.***



PREP TO YEAR 3 CONCERTS

Prep-Year 1 & Year 2-3 students have begun working on their songs for the themed concerts. The 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**

Gratitude

Thank you to the following canteen volunteers for helping: Amali, Taryn, Sarah and to all the ES staff who helped assist in the staffroom.

Also to the following parents that helped pack our Father's Day gift packs -

Karen, Vechie, Adelene, Dana & Kaz.

Thank you also to the Lau and Jenman family for spoiling the staff with yummy treats.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!



- Andreas R
- Omar A
- Jasper C
- Ivan Y
- Aarnav V
- Kyle Z
- Linah A
- Levi J
- Aleah B
- Gurnaz K
- Ishan D
- Erika A
- Nicholas G
- Andy R
- Farisha Z
- Atika D
- Trey R
- Axel T
- Quinn V
- Adrianna S
- Ehsan F
- Virak S
- Jermaine R
- Tiffany M
- Kaliyah H

SALE



Second Hand Uniform Sale & New Beanies Available!

We have various uniform items for sale.

Sizes range from size 4- 14.

Friday 16th August - 8:45am - 9:45am

welcome baby

Congratulations to Jaiden King and Matt Oke on the safe arrival of their baby boy, Lucas Glenn Oke. He is absolutely gorgeous!



#25 Learner Profile: Inquirers

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In the PYP, developing the learner profile attribute of being an "Inquirer" is crucial. At Keysborough Gardens Primary School, we strive to cultivate curious and enthusiastic learners who love exploring new ideas and questions.

What does it mean to be an Inquirer?

An inquirer demonstrates a natural curiosity and eagerness to learn. They ask questions, seek out new information, and are persistent in their quest for knowledge.

Fostering Inquiry at School:

- Exploration Projects: Students engage in projects that allow them to investigate topics of personal interest.
- Research Skills: We teach students how to find reliable information and evaluate sources.
- Open-Ended Questions: Class discussions and activities are designed to provoke thought and encourage deep questioning.

Encouraging Inquiry at Home:

- Ask Questions: Encourage your child to ask questions about the world around them.
- Library Visits: Regular trips to the library can spark interest in new topics.
- Model Inquiry: Show curiosity in your daily life. Investigate topics together and model how to seek out information.

Benefits of Being an Inquirer:

- Lifelong Learning: Inquirers develop a love for learning that lasts a lifetime.
- Critical Thinking: Inquiry fosters critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Confidence: Students gain confidence as they learn how to navigate new information and ideas.



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.

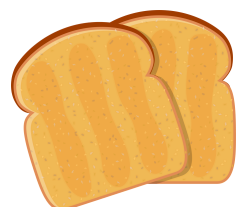
When a student is not complying with this mobile phone policy, we will be required to follow a process in line with our existing student engagement policies.

[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



black shoes or runners



school beanie

These items are not permitted as part of our uniform

