

8th February 2024

From the Assistant Principal - Mr Gammon



Welcome 2024 Prep Students



Dear KGPS Families,

Introductory Meetings

This Wednesday, we hosted our yearly 'Get to Know You' Introductory Meetings. These meetings serve as a valuable opportunity for our teachers to connect with the families of our students, enabling us to gather valuable information about each child, such as their interests, passions and strengths. Such meetings are crucial in strengthening the partnership between home and school, which we recognise as fundamental. We extend our gratitude to all who participated.

If you were unable to attend an Introductory Meeting this week, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a catch-up next week.

Whole School Information Evening

We are pleased to announce that this year, we will host an information session for all our families on **Tuesday 20th February, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm**. This important session aims to provide a comprehensive overview of our curriculum programs, opportunities for parental involvement within the school, and a recap of our data and achievements from 2023. Attendees will also receive our KGPS Information Handbook, a valuable resource for navigating the school year.

Understanding the challenges of attending evening events, we are offering childcare for students currently enrolled at KGPS for the duration of the session. More details on this service will be provided soon.

Additionally, an outline of events and programs specific to each year level will be featured in our Learning Community News, which is distributed to families every three weeks via Compass.

This initiative is part of our commitment to keeping our school community informed and engaged with our educational journey.

We look forward to welcoming you to this informative session and working together to make 2024 a successful year at KGPS.

Lunar New Year

To all in our Keysborough Gardens Primary School community celebrating Lunar New Year, we wish you joy and prosperity as we enter the Year of the Dragon. This time of renewal and hope holds deep cultural significance, symbolising strength and good fortune.

Our school celebrates the diversity and richness of traditions that our families bring. As we embrace this occasion, let's reflect on our shared values of respect, kindness and empathy, and how the dragon's courage can inspire us in the year ahead.

Happy Lunar New Year to those members of our school community who are observing this special time.

School Council Sub-Committees

A huge thank you to the parents and staff members who have volunteered their time to join one of our School Council Sub-committees.

We still have vacancies for 2024 on the following committees:

- The Events & Fundraising Team
- The Building & Grounds Committee
- Education Committee

These committees/teams meet approximately 6 times a year. Education Committee meetings are held via Webex and start at 5:30pm. Events & Fundraising and Building & Grounds meeting times are still to be confirmed. The meetings will last between 30 minutes- 1 hour.

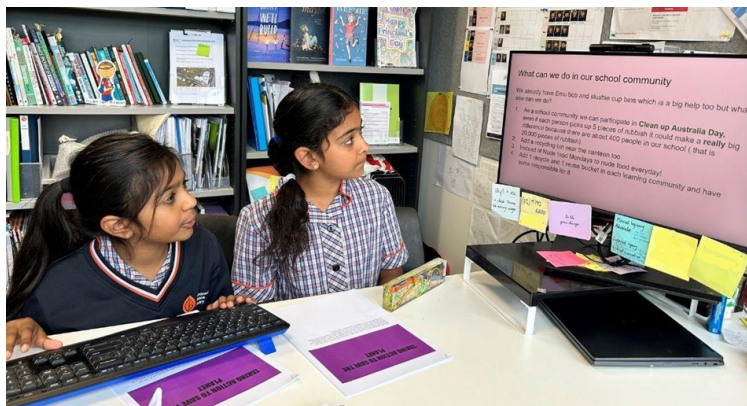
If you would like to know more, or join one of the teams, please call the office on 9792 6800. The relevant convenor will then be in touch with you.

Breakfast Club is back!

After a successful first year of the Breakfast Club in 2023, we are excited to kick off the initiative again this year which started, on Tuesday 6th February, and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter.

The Breakfast Club offers all students the opportunity to enjoy a nutritious breakfast, enabling them to fully engage and participate in the school day. We provide a variety of breakfast options free of charge from 8:30 am to 8:50 am on these mornings.

If you would like more information about Food Bank Victoria's services, please don't hesitate to contact the school. We look forward to welcoming both new and familiar faces bright and early next Tuesday morning.



Taking Action!

This week kicked off on an inspiring note as I had the distinct pleasure of meeting with two proactive Year 3 students, Amelia and Aarza. They approached me with a topic that is both urgent and important—plastic pollution—and shared their thoughts on how we, as a school community, can tackle this issue.

Taking action is a fundamental component of the Primary Years Programme (PYP), and witnessing our students embody this principle by advocating for environmental sustainability is truly inspiring.

Amelia and Aarza's passion for addressing plastic pollution underscores the importance of nurturing informed, caring and proactive individuals within our educational framework.

Their ideas were not only thoughtful but also actionable and it is exciting to anticipate the positive changes their initiatives could bring to our community. This meeting served as a reminder of the power of student voice and the significant impact our learners can have on making our school a better place.

We look forward to supporting Amelia and Aarza's proposals and are excited to see their ideas come to life. Their dedication to making a difference is a testament to the values we hold dear in our PYP community. Let's all rally behind their efforts to create a more sustainable environment for our school and beyond.

Annual Privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents.](#)

Hats

We now have a small supply of second-hand school hats available for purchase at the school office for \$10-\$15. Remember our wide-brimmed school hats are part of the school uniform and are required between September until the end of April.

No hat, no play!

Warm regards,

Steve

Steve Gammon | Assistant Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!



- Harin L
- Jolie N
- Zaviyar M
- Peyton J
- Harriet C
- Raymond Z
- Raf R
- Ayberk K
- Sarah H
- Angela N
- Atika D
- Yaseen H
- Trey R
- Aaron G
- Abraham G
- Vivedha P
- Chenuk D
- Maggie W
- Aashi A

SCHOOL TIMES

Monday: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Tuesday: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Wednesday: 8:45am – 3:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Friday: 9:00am – 3:30pm

****Please note – school doors are open 15min before the bell****

DIARY DATES 2024

February 2024

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| Thursday 15th | Wk 3 | Year 5/6 Interschool Sport School Council meeting 5:30pm |
| Tuesday 20th | Wk 4 | Whole School Information Night |
| Thursday 22nd | Wk 4 | Year 5/6 Interschool Sport |
| Thursday 29th | Wk 5 | Year 5/6 Interschool Sport |

March 2024

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| Friday 1st | Wk 5 | Welcome Picnic 5pm-7pm School Photos No Assembly |
| Thursday 7th | Wk 6 | Year 5/6 Interschool Sport |
| Friday 8th | Wk 6 | Curriculum Day (no students) |
| Monday 11th | Wk 7 | Labour Day (no students) |
| Wednesday 13th | Wk 7 | Years 3 & 5 Naplan Writing begins |
| Thursday 15th | Wk 7 | School Council meeting 5:30pm |
| Monday 18th | Wk 8 | Harmony Week |
| Friday 22nd | Wk 8 | Harmony Day Dress Up |
| Thursday 28th | Wk 9 | Last Day of Term 1 (3:30pm dismissal) Assembly at 2.45pm |
| Friday 29th | Wk 9 | Good Friday (no students) |

April 2024

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| Monday 15th | Wk 1 | First Day of Term 2 |
| Thursday 25th | Wk 2 | Anzac Day (no students) |
| Tuesday 29th-1st | Wk 3 | Year 5/6 Camp Woorabinda |

Gratitude

Thank you so much to the following canteen volunteers:
Nicole, Dani D, Julie, Veronica & Someta.

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



Safer Internet Day

This Tuesday marked this year's Safer Internet Day, a day dedicated to promoting a safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially among children and young people across the world. At Keysborough Gardens Primary School, we are committed to ensuring the digital safety of our students, employing the Department of Education's content filter to block access to content or apps deemed inappropriate for children.

We understand, however, that it is not always possible to shield our children from every unsettling or distressing piece of news on the internet. Therefore, we place a strong emphasis on educating our students about internet safety and how to handle content they may stumble upon outside of school. Key messages we impart include:

- Turning off the screen and speaking to an adult immediately if something viewed makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Avoiding responses to unsolicited messages or communications from unknown individuals.
- Sharing with parents the apps, websites, channels and social media they use.
- Engaging only with digital platforms appropriate for their age group.

In our approach to teaching internet safety, we strive to maintain a balance, acknowledging the internet and digital devices as invaluable tools for learning and entertainment, while also fostering an age-appropriate understanding of the risks involved.

For additional resources on navigating the digital landscape safely with your children, we recommend [Common Sense Media](#). This platform offers reviews, advice, and information on a wide range of digital content, ensuring you can make informed decisions about what's suitable for your child. Visit [Common Sense Media](#) for comprehensive guides on popular platforms such as TikTok, Snapchat, and YouTube.

Furthermore, the Australian parenting website, [Raising Children](#), provides an extensive array of information on child wellbeing and parenting advice, including digital safety.

Your child's digital safety is paramount. Should you require further assistance or support, please feel free to contact the school at 9792 6800.

GETTING FESTIVE: CHINESE NEW YEAR FUN AT SCHOOL!

We've been having a blast getting into the swing of Chinese New Year here at KGPS during this week. Our little legends in Prep to Year 2 have been busy making cool couplets and decorations, learning all about the awesome traditions that come with the Chinese New Year.



But that's not all! Our Year 3-6 crew had a dumpling-making fiesta. Yep, you heard it right – dumplings! They rolled up their sleeves, put on gloves, and got stuck into creating these tasty treats while finding out how dumplings were invented according to Chinese legend. Those handmade veggie dumplings will be brought back home with good wishes and luck.

In this Chinese New Year week, our students are living and breathing the Chinese New Year experience. From crafting decorations to making dumplings, they're not just reading about traditions; they're living them. Our school has turned into a mini Chinese New Year celebration, with colors, laughter, and the delicious smell of dumplings filling the air.

So, here's to cultural exploration, tasty bites, and making school a place where every celebration feels like home. Happy New Year, Xin Nian Kuai Le (sounds like Shin Nian Kwai Leh) !



PYP Corner

#2 Integrating the PYP in Daily Family Life

At our school, we believe that the values and skills learned through the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) extend far beyond the classroom. We invite you to bring the spirit of the PYP into your homes, making learning a part of your family's everyday life.

What Does Integrating the PYP at Home Mean?

Incorporating the PYP at home means creating an environment where inquiry, curiosity and lifelong learning are encouraged and celebrated. It's about seeing opportunities for learning in everyday activities and conversations. Here are some practical ways you can integrate PYP principles into your family routine:

1. Encourage Curiosity and Inquiry:

- During family time, encourage your children to ask questions about the world around them. It could be as simple as discussing how plants grow while gardening or exploring the stars during a night walk.

2. Develop a Weekly Family Goal:

- Set a weekly learning goal based on a PYP value such as open-mindedness or caring. This could involve activities like trying a recipe from a different culture or doing a kindness project for a neighbor.

3. Promote Reflective Thinking:

- Have regular family discussions where everyone shares what they learned that day. This could be during dinner or a dedicated family meeting time.

4. Create an Inquiry-Based Project:

- Work on a small project together that aligns with your child's interests and inquiries at school. For example, if they're learning about ecosystems, you could start a small herb garden or build a bird feeder.

5. Model Lifelong Learning:

- Share your own learning experiences with your children. Let them see you engage in reading, taking up a new hobby, or learning a new skill.

By integrating PYP principles into your daily life, you reinforce the values and skills your child learns at school, making education a true partnership between home and school.



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JOIN US AT THE

2024 WELCOME PICNIC AND YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP BADGE PRESENTATIONS

Friday 1st March from 5-7pm

Bring a picnic rug and picnic dinner for you and your family. Come and socialise with other members of the community and celebrate our new school leaders.

**Sausage sizzle 5-6pm. Canteen open for snacks and drinks.
Whole school Nutbush dance at 5:50pm.**

**Badge presentations and outdoor stage official
opening at 6pm.**

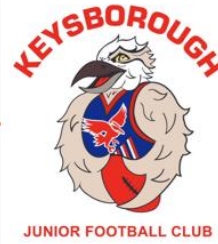


Keysborough Junior Football Club

Are Seeking Boys and Girls to join us for 2024

Keysborough Junior Football Club has been part of the local community since 1947 and pride ourselves on making football a safer environment for children to be themselves have fun, learn to be creative.

Our Junior club currently has under 8's 9's 10's & 11's.



Contact us now
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 Website. kjfc.com.au



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GETTING STARTED
BASIC SKILLS TRAINING

2 >>>>

UP & COMING
INTERMEDIATE SKILLS TRAINING

3 >>>>

ELITE
PRO-LEVEL TRAINING

SPRINGERS LEISURE CENTRE, KEYSBOROUGH

Monday-Friday
4.30pm-5.15pm

Monday-Friday
5.15pm-6pm

Monday-Friday
4.30pm-6pm

WE'RE SCOUTING FOR BALLERS

Kingston Basketball Academy is seeking fresh talent to join our teams for the upcoming 2024 winter season. If you live & breathe hoops & don't mind breaking a sweat, join us for a free trial session & show us what you've got.

BOOK YOUR FREE SESSION

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