

From the Principal- Mrs Jenkins



Dear Parents, Carers & Guardians,
As we conclude Term 3, I would like to extend a warm thank you to everyone in our school community – our students, staff, and families – for another successful and rewarding term.

A special shout-out goes to the many volunteers who have supported us at school events, including camp, the swimming program, excursions, and in our canteen. Your time and generosity are truly appreciated.

Footy Day – TOMORROW at 9:10am

Get your colours ready! Tomorrow is Footy Day at KGPS. Please join us in the gym/basketball courts (weather permitting) at 9:10am for our much-loved annual Footy Parade. Families are warmly invited to come along, dressed in their team colours, and join in the fun! Go Hawks!!!

A Spectacular Weekend!

Last Saturday, Mrs Barrie and I had the pleasure of attending the Victorian State Schools Spectacular – and what an amazing show it was! We were so proud of our KGPS students who took part in the performance at John Cain Arena.

A huge thank you to Miss Sophie Wood and Miss Sam Sellers, who have spent countless hours preparing and rehearsing with our Year 5/6 dance crew. Their dedication across rehearsals, full dress runs, and long performance days (more than 36 hours from Thursday to Saturday) ensured our students were exceptionally well supported.

Congratulations to all students who participated – you demonstrated **Excellence** by being role models throughout the event and showed great bravery stepping out on stage in front of thousands of people.

Students will be presented with certificates at the first assembly of Term 4 to celebrate their hard work.

If you missed out on tickets, you can catch a special broadcast of the show (including behind-the-scenes highlights) on **Channel 7, Friday 19th December**.

Thank you to our wonderful parents for the early drop-offs and late pick-ups, and to our staff for making this opportunity possible for our students.



Building Projects

Over the holiday break our builders will be working at pace to complete many parts of our school upgrade project. You may notice new playground equipment being installed, AFL goals going in, and lots of landscaping elements taking shape.

You may also have noticed our additional staff car park has been completed on Chapel Road. Please note there is a pedestrian gate here which provides easy access into the school grounds for those travelling from the Woolworths end of Chapel Road. We are hoping our new bike shed will be open early in Term 4 (we will keep you posted).

You may also notice some works in our gym. We are undertaking a school-led project to redesign the foyer to make the space more usable for students and learning. With a creative/cooking/science area created on one side and a newly configured (smaller) gym foyer, this project is scheduled for completion at the beginning of Term 4.



Parent/Carer/Guardian Opinion Survey

Thank you to the 55 families who have already completed the Parent/Carer Opinion Survey. The survey closes tomorrow, so if you were one of the 142 randomly selected families, we would love to hear your feedback. Your input plays an important role in shaping the future of our school.

Workforce Planning: Term 4 2025 & Beyond

Looking ahead, our school is continuing to grow. We expect enrolments to increase from 479 students this year to approximately 525 students in 2026. Recruitment for additional teachers is now underway.

ATTENTION

No longer attending KGPS for 2025?
If you are moving schools next year, please contact the school or your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. This allows us to create balanced grades for next year and organise student transfers.

This term, we farewell Education Support staff member **Veronica Mitroudis**, who will return to her base school at Southern Autistic School. We thank Veronica for her dedication over the past 12 months and wish her all the very best.

Next term, we also send our best wishes to several staff members heading on leave:

- **Mrs Zarli Brodie** will commence family leave from Week 2 of Term 4. We recently welcomed back **Mr Jack Capicchiano**, who has been covering **Ms Phan's** leave in 5/6. Jack will continue in the 5/6 Learning Community and will become the 5/6A Home Group teacher in Term 4.
- **Miss Emily McCluskey** will begin family leave around Week 3. We will warmly welcome her replacement early next term.
- **Ms Molly Nugent** will begin family leave towards the end of Term 4.
- **Miss Liz Matthews** will be on leave for Term 4, and **Mrs Gemma Shea** (currently working in Year 3) will step into her role.

Over the past few weeks, we have also welcomed new Education Support staff - **Chloe Koppens** and **Ella Reardon**. Next term, we will be joined by **Michelle Peters** and **Bianca Scott**.

Hats are compulsory

As part of our Sun Smart All students are required to wear their school hats while outdoors. Students without hats will be required to sit in shaded areas.

Need a replacement? School hats are available for \$18.50 from PSW Hampton Park or through the school office.



I extend my sincere thanks to our teachers and Education Support staff for their passion, professionalism, and sustained efforts throughout a term marked by learning, growth, and a wide range of significant events. I also thank our families for their ongoing support and partnership. Wishing all members of our school community a safe and restful holiday period. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the commencement of Term 4.

Warm regards,
Sherri

Sherri Jenkins | Principal



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

Keep
it
UP!



- Maninsha G
- Alyssa S
- Sophia M
- Michelle H
- Aashi A
- Sophie E
- Inayat K
- Lawrence G
- Xavier H
- Carmela W
- Max C
- Rafael R
- Ronny W
- Harin L
- Muhammad Z
- Elijah P
- Pia T
- Leopold L
- Taylan E
- Andreas R
- Isla H
- Dua Z
- Elinor S
- Lucas D
- Viraj V
- Anastasia G
- Frank K
- Kara H

2025 Terms

Term 3

21st July
to
19th September

Term 4

6th October
to
18th December

Student Free Days & Public Holidays:

Semester 2

- Monday 3rd November
(Prof. Practice Day- Curriculum Day)
- Tuesday 4th November (Cup Day)

thank
you

Gratitude

**We are so grateful to the following parents
for helping in the canteen this week:
Naz, Yolanda and Jenny.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HELP!! Canteen Volunteers Urgently Needed.

We need your help to help assist Chum, our
canteen manager, in the canteen.

Please click [here](#) to add your name to the roster.

Please ensure you have a Working With Childrens
Check.

*Without volunteers the canteen cannot open.



Donate Your Unwanted School Uniforms!



Do you have school uniform your child
has outgrown or no longer need?
We're collecting gently used school
uniform.

- ✓ Clean and in good condition
- ✓ All sizes welcome
- ✓ Drop off at the school office



Thank you for your support!

October 2025

Monday 6th	First Day of Term 4
Wednesday 8th	John Monash Science School Little Scientists (Yr 5/6 Selected Students)
Tuesday 14th	Foodbank- Wear Purple Day 🦋 Gold coin donation 🥇
Wednesday 15th	Student Advisory Group
Thursday 16th	Year 2 Sleepover School Council - 5.30pm
Wednesday 29th	Year 1 Wildlife Incursion
Thursday 30th	Year 5 Aspire Higher Leadership Incursion
Friday 31st	World Teachers Day

November 2025

Monday 3rd	Curriculum Day (no school)
Tuesday 4th	Cup Day (no school)
Wednesday 5th	Prep Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion
Tuesday 11th	2026 Prep Information Night 6-7pm
Thursday 20th	Buddy's Birthday 🎂🐕 Prep Transition Session #1 (Group 1: 8:30am- 9:15am) (Group 2: 9:30am-10:15am) School Council - 5:30pm
Tuesday 25th	Year 4 Walking Excursion (Keysie South Hub)
Thursday 27th	Prep Transition Session #2 (Group 1: 8:30am- 9:15am) (Group 2: 9:30am-10:15am)

December 2025

Thursday 4th	Prep Transition Session #3 Teddy Picnic 9:10am-10:30 Up Day #1
Friday 5th	ABC Music Concert

Whole School Event

No School

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

NEWSLETTER

Team
Kids

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

We've had a fantastic week wrapping up our TeamKids Clubs with a variety of exciting experiences for the children!

In Cooking Club, the children prepared their own burgers with a delicious range of fillings. This not only encouraged creativity but also supported their development of cooking and fine motor skills.

To celebrate National Playdough Day, the children designed and decorated glittery sculptures, exploring colour, texture, and shape in imaginative ways. We also continued our focus on personal health and wellbeing by creating self-care posters. Children expressed the different ways they look after their mental health through drawings and writing, showing thoughtful awareness of their own wellbeing.

School Holidays Space Relocation

During the upcoming Vacation Care program, we will be relocating to the library and staffroom while renovations take place in our usual space. Please enter via the gallery doors, where children will also leave their bags before heading through to the library. As always, families are required to escort their child to TeamKids and sign them in.

Excursions - Form required to be signed at drop off.

For any excursion days, an authorisation form will need to be completed at drop-off. These will be provided on the day, and please note that children are unable to attend the excursion without this form signed.

I like Cooking Club and playing
outside on the playground-
Jackson M, Grade 1

IMPORTANT DATES



Friday 19th September | Footy Day



Monday 22nd September | 1 Year of
TeamKids Party



Friday 26th September | Grand Final
Public Holiday - TeamKids Closed

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

Monday

Lego Masters Club

Tuesday

Cooking Club

Wednesday

Epic Games Club

Thursday

Super Sports Club



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7:00 AM START
6:30 PM END

PLEASE
ARRIVE BY 9AM
ON EXCURSION DAYS



IN-HOUSE



INCURSION



EXCURSION

MON · 22nd SEP	TUE · 23rd SEP	WED · 24th SEP	THU · 25th SEP	FRI · 26th SEP
				PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Footy Finals Fever	The Big Goose	The Bad Guys 2	Dreamtime Journey	
Get ready to run, kick, handball, and have a blast- because today is all about AFL Footy! Whether you're a footy superstar or trying it for the rest time, let's go for the win and enjoy a true Aussie game of footy!	The cat's out of the bag! TeamKids is going to The Big Goose for a day full of animal fun. There'll be reptile & sheepdog shows, plus all the farm animals you can possibly feed.	Today, you are off to the movies to witness The Bad Guys struggling to find trust and acceptance in their newly minted lives as Good Guys, when they are pulled out of retirement and forced to do "one last job". * Rated PG, Allergy Alert	Get ready for an exciting day full of stories, games and fun as we learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures – the oldest cultures in the world!	
Daily Fee \$95	Daily Fee \$120	Daily Fee \$118	Daily Fee \$103	
After Max CCS* \$9.50	After Max CCS* \$12.00	After Max CCS* \$11.80	After Max CCS* \$10.30	

MON · 29th SEP	TUE · 30th SEP	WED · 1st OCT	THU · 2nd OCT	FRI · 3rd OCT
TK Spy Academy	Green Screen Magic	Electric Explorers	Kangaroo	Pit Stop Pro's
Today we are turning into spies to crack codes, uncover mysteries, and complete top-secret missions! Get ready to test your sneaking skills and solve hidden puzzles. Your mission begins now, Agent – do you accept the challenge? *Allergy Alert	Step into the spotlight with our green screen experience! Kids will have a blast exploring acting, electrifying surprises! Kids will scenes with amazing digital backdrops. It's a magical, fun-filled dive into the world of movies!	Join TeamKids for an EPIC Electrical Adventure with taking on roles, and creating fundive into the world of electricity and even create their own light bulbs. It's a hands-on adventure that's sure to spark their curiosity and excitement.	Today, you are off to the movies to watch Chris and a young Indigenous girl named Charlie team up to rescue and care for a group of orphaned joeys in a remote community in the Outback. *Rated PG, Allergy Alert	Get ready to zoom into a high-energy day full of racing fun and fast-paced challenges! Whether you're a speedy driver or a creative pit crew member, it's time to rev your engines for a day full of fun, movement, and imagination!
Daily Fee \$80	Daily Fee \$122	Daily Fee \$103	Daily Fee \$118	Daily Fee \$106
After Max CCS* \$8.00	After Max CCS* \$12.20	After Max CCS* \$10.30	After Max CCS* \$11.80	After Max CCS* \$10.60

*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. \$10 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available.

**Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy

FIND A VENUE

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CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

BOOK TODAY!



Respectful Behaviours in the School Community

Positive school environments are important because everyone has the right to be safe. Everyone at school, particularly staff and parents/carers, play a role in making school a better place for learning and work.

Schools are positive places of learning, but schools are also workplaces, and school staff deserve to work in an environment where they don't feel threatened or unsafe.

Unacceptable behaviours include:

- Being violent or threatening violence
- Speaking or behaving in a rude, aggressive or threatening way in person, via email or over the phone
- Sending demanding, rude or confronting letters, emails or text messages

If parents or community members behave in an unacceptable way there may be consequences such as a School Community Safety Order to limit harmful or threatening behaviours. Be a good role model for your child.

Mobile Devices

All phones brought to school must be switched off and given to teachers for safe keeping.

This includes 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.



Early Arrival at School

There is NO supervision for students before 8:40am.

For your child's safety

- **Stay with your child until 8:40am**
- **Or, book them into TeamKids**



Student Safety

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am at the Canteen. Come along!





Bike Safety



Wear your helmet!



- Wearing a helmet is compulsory for adults and children.
- Wearing a helmet keeps your child safe.
- Make sure the helmet is worn correctly!



REMINDER

Black clothing is not part of our school uniform. Please wear navy blue

Being at school matters!!



Attending school every day helps children succeed. Being away can lead to gaps in knowledge and a sense of being 'behind,' which can impact learning.

Being at school helps build relationships and prepares children for the future.

We will contact you if we have concerns about your child's attendance.

Only keep your child home if they are ill.

Equates to:



Parent Helpline



Professional telephone counsellors are available to discuss issues including:

- Child behaviour and development
- Parent-child relationships
- Education
- Bullying
- Living with adolescents
- Family violence
- Family breakdown and parental stress



Non-English speaking callers can access the Translating and Interpreting Service.

Hearing impaired callers can access Parentline through the National Relay Service.

Parentline is available every day of the year from 8am to midnight.

Kids Helpline



Medication

If your child requires medication during the school day, a Medication Authority form must be signed by the parent/carer. Please contact the office.

Students cannot administer medication themselves (except older students requiring Ventolin).



KGPS Community Pantry

Our KGPS Community Pantry is located next to the Lost Property cupboard in the front office. The pantry operates with a simple message: *take what you need, give what you can.*

The pantry is stocked with essential non-perishable items. Adults are welcome to take items when needed.

We kindly invite donations of non-perishable items to help keep the pantry running.

If you have items at home you won't use, your contributions would be greatly appreciated.

We would like to express our gratitude to Foodbank and families who have already donated.



Uniform Reminders

The wearing of uniform is compulsory at Keysborough Gardens Primary school.

Navy blue items are to be worn.

Black items are NOT part of our uniform.

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



bag



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



