

From the Assistant Principal - Mrs Barrie

Dear Parents, Carers & Guardians,

Foodbank Fundraiser

Congratulations to our Purple Team: Jacob, Nathan, Reyan, Sandy, Jasmira and Jayden- for their outstanding efforts in raising money for Foodbank. Foodbank Victoria acts as a fridge and pantry delivering millions of kilos of food and essentials to those who need it. Foodbank along with the Victorian Government also supplies 1200 Victorian schools, including ours, with healthy and nutritious breakfast food and pantry staples such as our Free Bread on Mondays.

Our Purple team worked hard over the past few months developing their action plan, creating posters, making announcements, helping serve pancakes and collecting gold coin donations. Well done to Jacob, Nathan, Jayden, Reyan, Jasmira and Sandy for all your efforts and for raising a great amount of money for Foodbank. The total amount will be announced at Assembly on Friday.



ATTENTION

No longer attending KGPS for 2026?

If you are moving schools next year, please contact the school via email or let your child's classroom teacher know as soon as possible.

This allows us to create balanced grades for next year and organise student transfers.

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Year Two Sleepover

Our Year Two students are really looking forward to sleeping over at school, this Thursday. This special event would not take place without our wonderful staff including those who have volunteered to set up bedding, make dinner, make and serve breakfast and supervise the students before 9:00am.

A huge shout out to Ms Hansen, Miss Wood, Miss Littlejohn, Miss McCluskey for organising the sleepover, and to Ms Hansen, Miss Wood, Miss Littlejohn, Mr Sha, Miss Elle, Miss Kira and Ms Condon for accepting that the amount of sleep they get tonight might be minimal!!

Look out for photos in next week's newsletter

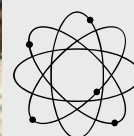
John Monash Science School

Last term we were very fortunate for eight of our year five students to participate in the 'Little Scientists, Big Science' and 'Mini Mathematicians' programs at John Monash Science School.

Our Little Scientists over four sessions explored the physics of flight, pH of household goods, cells adaptation and anatomy and robotics and engineering.

Our Mini Mathematicians tackled maths through hands on problem solving games, puzzles and kinetic challenges.

We are very grateful to John Monash Science School for offering these Outreach Programs. Thank you also to Mrs Lawson and Ms Kancachian for assisting with transportation to and from JMSS and for supporting the students during the four sessions.



Greater Dandenong School Network Logo Competition

Are you creative, innovative and have an original idea for a logo that demonstrates community and inclusion? Why not create a piece of artwork or a digital file and enter the competition. Entries close 31st October.



GREATER DANDENONG NETWORK LOGO COMPETITION

Who Can Enter?

Students from Foundation to Year 12
across the Greater Dandenong Network of schools

Theme:

- Celebrates the diversity of our community
- Honours our Aboriginal heritage, recognising that we live and learn on the lands of the Bunurong people

Competition Dates:

Open: 1 September 2025 Close: 31 October 2025

How to Enter:

Submit your design (digital file or clear photo of your artwork) with your name

- In person: Dandenong Primary School
- Email: gdnlogo@gmail.com
- Text: 0421 876 237

- Design Tips:** Be creative and original
Reflect community and inclusivity
Honour Aboriginal culture and heritage

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY – HONOUR HERITAGE – INSPIRE COMMUNITY

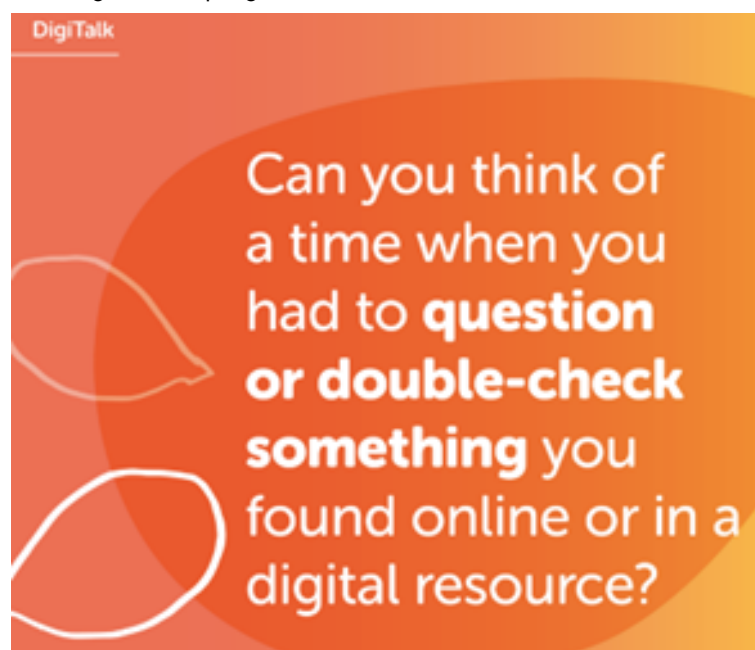
The role AI can play in helping children thrive

Believe it or not, your child is probably exposed to AI on a regular or daily basis without you even thinking about it – it's not a new technology and has been around and developing since the 1960s.

When you stop to ask Siri or a Google Assistant to help you out, you're using AI. But the way it is part of everyday life does make for a very new world that our kids are developing within and the forms of AI they are encountering can be found in interesting places.

While we're familiar with predictive text in Google Docs or text messaging, having a program generate a whole piece of writing from simple questions or requests is quite new.

This DigTalk information sheet on the role of AI is useful reading [AI – helping children thrive](#)



Hats are compulsory

As part of our Sun Smart Policy 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.



Noble Park Community Centre Art Show

Are you looking for something to do this weekend? Why not visit the Noble Park Community Centre Art Show. Several of our students have submitted art pieces. This is a free event.

The Art Show is open on Friday 17th October 10:00am – 4:00pm, Saturday 18th October 10:00am – 6:00pm and Sunday 19th October 10:00am – 4:00pm.



Enjoy the rest of your week.

Warm regards,
Deanne

Deanne Barrie | Assistant Principal

Experiencing the Art of Chinese Lion & Dragon Dance



Recently, students participated in an enriching hands-on workshop exploring the traditional Chinese Lion and Dragon Dance. With great enthusiasm, they took turns guiding the vibrant dragon and lion props, discovering how rhythm, teamwork, and coordination bring these cultural performances to life. The classroom was filled with excitement as the dragon followed the pearl and the lion showcased its graceful movements.

This engaging experience deepened students' understanding of the significance of these traditional dances, which symbolise good fortune, strength, and unity in Chinese culture. Through active participation, students not only developed cultural appreciation but also strengthened their sense of collaboration and creativity. It was a memorable opportunity for our learners to celebrate diversity and connect meaningfully with the rich traditions of Chinese performing arts.



TERM 4

Working Bee

Let's get bee-sy!

Date: Saturday 25th October

Time: 10am-12pm

What we'll BEE doing:

- Trimming Pittosporum Hedge
- Weeding
- Moving Mulch
- Whipper Snipping
- Cleaning the Waterways



Please bring along hedgers, whipper snippers, gloves, shovels, rakes, blowers or just yourself!



Scan here or [click the link](#) to RSVP and let us know if you can BEE there!





Gratitude

We are so grateful to the following parents for helping in the canteen this week:
Taryn and Amali.

Thank you to Quintin Heffernan who helped out on Footy Day with the music setup!

Also a big thank you to the Weerasinghe, Lau and Dalmond family for spoiling the staff with yummy goodies.

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.

Term 4, 2025

6th October

18th December

Term 1, 2026

29th January

2nd April

Student Free and Public Holidays

Monday 3rd November: Professional Practice Day
(no school for students)

Tuesday 4th November: Melbourne Cup Day

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!

Junior Sports Program at

**Springvale
Indoor Sports**

Ages: 5-11 y.o

Day&Time:

Mondays & Wednesdays

5:30-6:30PM

Costs: \$15/session



GET READY TO

- ✓ Develop Essential Skills
- ✓ Make Friends
- ✓ Get Active

REGISTER NOW

(03) 9547 2555



Kids Parties

- Space Jump Party
- Dodgem Car Party
- Sports Party
- Bubble Soccer Party
- Nerf Party
- Lasertag Party

October 2025

Tuesday 21st	Celebration of Song- Network Schools Choir Event
Saturday 25th	Working Bee 10am-12pm 
Wednesday 29th	Year 1 Wildlife Incursion
Thursday 30th	Year 5 Aspire Higher Leadership Incursion
Friday 31st	World Teachers Day 

November 2025

Monday 3rd	Student Free Day (no school)
Tuesday 4th	Melbourne 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
Monday 9th	Year 6 Statewide Transition Year 5 Up Day
Thursday 11th	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 12th	Up Day #2 Final assembly
Thursday 18th	Clean Up Day/ Last Day

Whole School Event

No School

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

NEWSLETTER

Team
Kids

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

The children have enjoyed another week of engaging activities where they have been able to learn and communicate with each other.

The children have now voted on the clubs they would like for this term which we have brainstormed activities for this week. The clubs for this term are Space Explorers, Craft, Epic Games, Cooking and Language which is a terrific variety for the children to enjoy throughout the week.

As we move into the warmer months we have engaged in activities to teach children about being SunSmart and how we can reduce the damage the sun has on our skin. This has allowed for the children to understand about the dangers of the sun and how they can minimise the risk every time they play outside by using 'Slip, Slop, Slap' procedures.

All the children with their new knowledge of being SunSmart having enjoyed being able to play outside safely where they have been involved in enjoyable group games such as basketball knockout. This has helped develop the children's fine motor skills and communication.

To celebrate World Food Day the children drew a plate of different types of foods from their cultural backgrounds. We also discussed healthy foods and importance of making good food choices.

I have enjoyed learning about being SunSmart and being able to play outside with my friends safely - Erfan Grade 1

IMPORTANT DATES

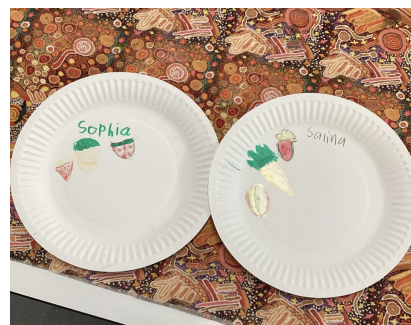
Monday 20th October | TeamKids Clubs Begin

Monday 20th October | Naraka Chaturdahi

Tuesday 28th October | Oxl Day

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

TeamKids Clubs Beginning on the 20th October
Monday - Epic Games
Tuesday - Cooking
Wednesday - Craft
Thursday - Space Explorers
Friday - Language



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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

