

From the Learning Specialist - Ms Hansen

Dear Parents, Carers & Guardians,



Working Bee

Please join us at our Working Bee this
Saturday 25th October
Time: 10am-12pm

Staying SunSmart at School

As the warmer weather arrives, we remind all families of the importance of being SunSmart at school. Students are required to wear their school wide-brim hat when playing or learning outside - remember, *no hat, no play*! We also encourage families to send sunscreen from home so children can apply it before going outside at recess and lunchtime. Sunglasses are welcomed as well! By working together to stay SunSmart, we can help keep our students safe while they enjoy the sunshine!



Year 2 Sleepover - A Night to Remember!

The excitement was electric as our Year 2 students arrived for their much-anticipated sleepover at school! With bags in hand, smiles on faces, and plenty of chatter, the children were eager to spend a special night with their friends and teachers.

The evening began with a delicious pizza dinner served in our very own Year 2 'dining hall', followed by a chance to get comfy in pyjamas for a movie night. Laughter filled the room as everyone settled in for the film, and of course, a little bit of harmless mischief in the Principal's office added to the fun and memories!

Students bunked down in the Year 2 and Year 4 learning spaces, enjoying the adventure of sleeping away from home - for some, their very first time! It was wonderful to see how much they grew in confidence and independence, supporting one another throughout the evening.

The next morning, tired but happy, students took part in a creative incursion that focused on collaboration and problem-solving through building blocks. Working in teams, they designed and constructed some truly amazing structures, showcasing their imagination and teamwork skills.

The Year 2 Sleepover was a fantastic milestone - filled with fun, friendship, and personal growth. A huge congratulations to all our brave and cheerful students who joined in and made the experience so memorable!

Year 2 Tall Tales Take Shape!

Our Year 2 students are busy writing and publishing their very own tall stories - creative tales full of humour, exaggeration, and imagination! Working with a partner, students learned how authors use exaggeration to entertain and captivate their audience, bringing their stories to life with the use of 'similes' for description.

Some students are choosing to publish their stories in their home language, using Google Translate to help them share their stories with family and friends. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm and pride students show as they work together, celebrate their creativity and diversity, and share their final stories with the class.

The excitement and engagement during this project is a joy to see - our budding authors should be very proud of their storytelling achievements!



Aussie of the Month

Our Aussie of the Month award celebrates students who demonstrate community spirit, kindness, and active citizenship.

Last week, a dedicated group of students organised our fantastic fundraising event for Foodbank Victoria, showing true compassion and teamwork. 💜

Congratulations to Jacob, Nathan, Jayden, Reyan, Sandy and Jasmira for being recognised as our Aussies of the Month! ⭐ They raised the amazing amount of \$430!

We are so proud of your efforts and for making a difference in our community and beyond. 💛



Celebration of Song Competition

On Tuesday 21st October, the KGPS Choir sang at a gathering of local schools at the very first 'Celebration of Song' at Lyndale Secondary School. The choir confidently performed 'Golden' and 'A Million Dreams' to a large audience, showcasing their teamwork and enthusiasm for singing. Our students were very professional and made Ms Condon and Ms Gelberg very proud!

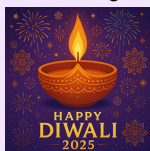


Celebrating Diwali - The Festival of Lights

This week, many of our families are celebrating Diwali, one of the most joyful and important festivals in the Hindu, Sikh, Jain and Buddhist communities. Known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali is a time for families to come together, light diyas (lamps), share delicious food and sweets, and celebrate the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil.

At Keysborough Gardens Primary School, we value and celebrate the wonderful diversity within our community. Diwali provides a special opportunity for our students to learn about different cultural traditions and the ways people express gratitude, kindness, and hope.

We wish all families who celebrate Diwali a joyous and peaceful festival filled with light, laughter and love. Happy Diwali!



Network Writing Moderation

On Tuesday night, Keysborough Gardens Primary School was proud to host a network writing moderation event, welcoming teachers from neighbouring schools to collaborate and share professional practice.

Moderation across schools provided valuable opportunities for teachers to discuss student writing samples, compare assessment approaches, and develop consistency in marking and expectations. By working together, teachers had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the curriculum and ensure that student achievement is assessed fairly and accurately across schools.

It was a fantastic afternoon of professional learning and collegial discussion, and we thank Simon Gliddon (KGPS) and Rachael Rydqvist (Wooranna Park PS) for organising and leading such a great opportunity. Also, thanks to all participating schools for contributing to such a positive and productive session.



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.

keysborough.gardens.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Warm regards,
Elinor

Elinor Hansen | Learning Specialist

TERM 4

Working Bee

Let's get bee-sy!

Date: Saturday 25 th 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!



Year 2 Sleepover



Division Athletics



A huge well done to all our students who competed at the Greater Dandenong Division Athletics at the Casey Fields Athletics Centre.

Congratulations to Hazel, Amani, Niya, and Nasya, who finished first in their 4 x 100m relay.

Further congratulations go to:

- Hazel – 100m and 200m
- Elena – 1500m and 80m hurdles
- Raymond – Long Jump
- Abigail – 1500m
- Kulyodh – 1500m

All of these students have qualified for the Regional Athletics later in October – an outstanding achievement!

Well done also to Siena, Ayan, Achilles, Kara, Maeson, Evie, and Kaye, who all competed with great effort and pride.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WEEK 1 STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

KEEP
IT
UP!



- Eric E
- Makenzi T
- Aaliyah K
- Sana A
- Adam E
- Jayden H
- Ella B
- Nicholas G
- Ben D
- Paolo C
- Harriet C
- Gianna H
- Sophia M
- Zayed U
- Sebastian A
- Leo M
- Amir S
- Hazel W
- Marcus H
- Liam G
- Ayanna N
- Natalia M
- Monireach D
- Rosie W
- Juaquin S
- Ezra Y
- Thomas B

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WEEK 2 STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!



- Chelsea V
- Emma V
- Mahimna P
- Kaye H
- Gracie N
- Catherine N
- Chloe W
- Kimberly S
- Kevin P
- Sandy W
- Derwin B
- Kai M
- Kira N
- Ava P
- Jacob P
- Ace T
- Amaya D
- Adi S
- Oliver E
- Sammy M
- Zenith F
- Kevin P
- Summer C
- Hugo Y
- Zain G

thank
you

Gratitude

*We are so grateful to the following parents for
helping in the canteen this week:
Yolanda & Adelene.*

*Thank you to Kaz for helping out at the Celebration
of Song event.*

*Also a big thank you to Saint Valley Studio for
the donation of beautiful flowers.*

*Thank you to the PMP Parent volunteers:
Dendara, Ariana, Danielle and Dixita.*

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

buxton

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

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.



No Riding Bikes or Scooters in the Yard

A reminder that children must wear a helmet when riding their bike or scooter to and from school.

Children are required to dismount from their bikes and scooters at the school gate and must not ride within the school grounds before or after school.

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!

 Free Soccer Class for Grade 1 - 3 Students! 



You're Invited!

SoccaJoeys will be hosting a fun, active, and engaging soccer session designed specifically for students in Grades 1-3.

🕒 When: Sunday 26 October 2025, 11:00 AM
📍 Where: At the Gymnasium
Keysborough Gardens Primary School

★ Cost: FREE!

⚽ What to Expect:

- ✓ Fun soccer games and drills
- ✓ Friendly and supportive coaches
- ✓ Skill-building through play
- ✓ Lots of smiles and movement!

📧 Register now by email to springvale@soccajoeys.com
We'll send you a confirmation email once your spot is secured.

Brought to you by SoccaJoeys, Australia's favourite non-competitive kids' soccer program.



October 2025

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- following assembly
Monday 9th	Year 6 Statewide Transition Year 5 Up Day
Thursday 11th	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 12th	Up Day #2 Final assembly
Tuesday 16th	Year 6 Big Day Out
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

We launched our TeamKids Clubs this week, and they have been very well received by the children! You can find out which clubs are running by checking the schedule on the right-hand side of each newsletter.

A highlight this week has been Language Club, where children participate in a weekly activity to share their own language or learn about someone else's.

The children have also enjoyed creating a variety of constructions using our building tools. To keep this play zone engaging, we will be refreshing it this term with the addition of a marble run and marbles.

We are also very proud of how well the children have remembered to bring their hats from school for after-school care! Sunscreen is available for all children to apply upon arrival at TeamKids, allowing it to absorb before outdoor play later in the afternoon.

As part of our ongoing focus on safety, the children spent time this week creating outdoor safety checklists. This is an activity we complete at every TeamKids session, but now the children have the opportunity to complete their own checklists if they wish!

I liked playing with my friends and playing with arts and crafts at TeamKids - Sophia G Prep

IMPORTANT DATES

 Tuesday 28th October | Oxl Day

 Friday 31st October | Halloween Party

 Monday 3rd November | Pupil Free Day
- TeamKids Open 7am - 6:30pm

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

MONDAY

Epic Games Club

TUESDAY

Cooking Club

WEDNESDAY

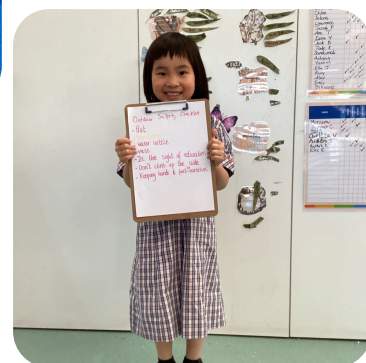
Craft Club

THURSDAY

Space Explorers Club

FRIDAY

Language Club



Service Mobile: 0432 096 335

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Service Email: KeysboroughGardensPS@teamkids.com.au

Head Office Email: info@teamkids.com.au

Hereos and Helpers Day

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AT TEAMKIDS

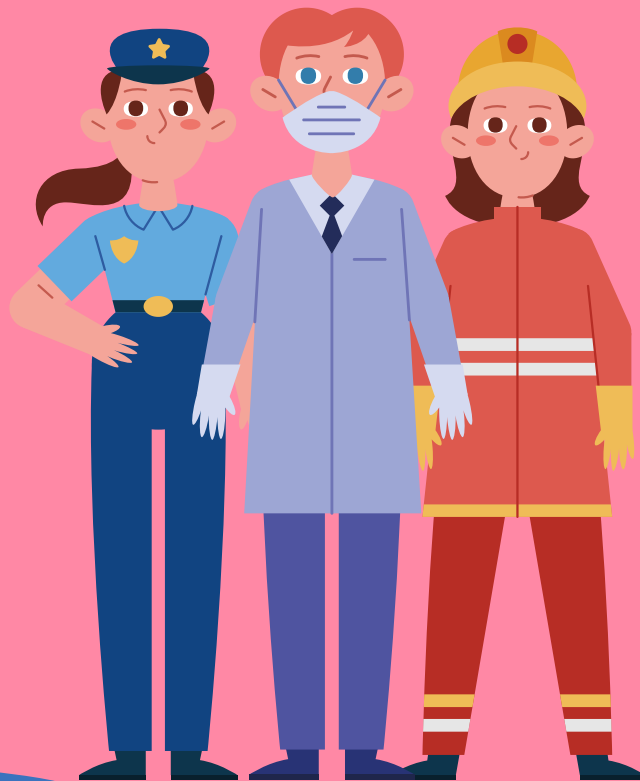
MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Get ready for a heroic day of fun and imagination as we celebrate our everyday heroes and community helpers! Children can dress up as their favourite superhero or real-life helper and take part in exciting activities such as rescue missions, thank-you card making, and creative building challenges. Let's recognise the amazing people who keep our community safe, strong, and kind!

**Showcase
your dress
up in a
Parade!**

**Join in
playing
Community
Helper
Charades**

**Write Thank You
cards**



**Bake Something to
Give to Someone to
say Thank You**

**Learn how to
give Basic
First Aid**

**Complete a
Rescue Mission
Obstacle
Course**

Plus much more!

Our day will be themed around planned experiences but we will have other experiences on offer as well! Breakfast, Morning Tea & Afternoon Tea are provided, please bring along a nut free lunch. Bookings are required.

KEYSBOROUGH CRICKET CLUB



JUNIOR CRICKETERS WANTED!



We welcome children of all ages and skill levels to be part of our exciting junior cricket program! We have something for everyone!

- ✓ Affiliated with the DDCA (Dandenong District Cricket Association)
- ✓ Strong and supportive junior program
- ✓ Fun, fitness, and skill development in every session

Come and see what makes Keysborough a great place to play, learn, and grow!

BOYS/GIRLS

WOOLWORTHS
BLAST 4-10

U10 U12 U14



PROGRAM DETAILS:

Multicultural and inclusive cricket and social club
Safe and Supportive Environment
Commencing November
Friday and Saturday games



**Contact us: knights.kcc@gmail.com
or 0417552749**

To register please search Keysborough Cricket Club on www.playhq.com.au or via Facebook/Instagram

Rowley Allan Reserve: Cheltenham Rd & Stanley Rd, Keysborough VIC 3173

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

