

From the Inclusion Leader - Mrs Cadby



Dear Parents, Carers & Guardians,
Welcome to the final term of the year! We hope you had a wonderful break and are feeling refreshed for an exciting Term 4 ahead. There is much to look forward to as we wrap up the year together, and we are excited to participate in many enriching activities as a school community.

Year 2 Sleepover!

What an exciting opportunity coming up for our Year 2 students who will get the chance to sleep over at KGPS! No doubt there will be lots of fun and games planned (and hopefully some sleep will be had too! 😊)

Kinder-Prep Transition Sessions

We have three special transition sessions occurring at the end of November to help our 2026 Preps settle into their new school, giving them the best start for their learning journey.

We cannot wait to meet them all!

Whole School 'Up Days' (Transition Sessions)

During the first two weeks of December, we will have our whole school 'Up Days'. These sessions help students transition smoothly to their next year level, giving them the chance to familiarise themselves with new settings, staff and routines.

Year 6 Graduation

We look forward to celebrating the graduation of our Year 6 students with their families later this term as they reflect on their achievements and memories of primary school.

Staffing Update

We warmly welcome Michelle Peters to our Education Support (ES) staff team. We are thrilled to have her join our school community. Michelle has many years of experience in education support and we know she will be a wonderful addition to our staff!



Farewell Mr Jenkins

We are sad to be saying farewell to Luke Jenkins who has worked at KGPS as an Education Support staff member both in maintenance and classroom support. Luke's calm, quiet and positive approach has been so beneficial to our staff and students. We wish Luke all the best with his new endeavours!

Building Projects

School Upgrade Project (VSBA-led)

Our school upgrade project has continued to progress rapidly over the holiday break! Landscaping, play spaces and sporting areas are all taking shape, with new goals and nets now installed behind the soccer goals (on the townhouse side of the oval). Additional nets will also be placed along the back of the oval. These will not only help keep balls within our grounds but will also catch any school rubbish, preventing it from blowing into the nearby waterways.

This exciting project will soon see the completion of a new lagoon-style sandpit with a splash pad, beautiful gardens, a refreshed school entry, and plenty of new play equipment. The new building will include a purpose-built STEM space and a four-classroom learning community – very exciting times ahead for our students and staff!



School-Led Projects

Over the holidays, we also completed a number of smaller, school-funded improvement works. Our Four-Square courts have been freshly repainted, a new activity trail has been installed beside the canteen, and the gym foyer has been renovated to create a more functional and welcoming learning space.

World Teacher's Day

On Friday 31st October we will honour our teachers and the crucial role they play in shaping futures and empowering children and young people. Don't forget to thank your teacher on this special day!



Buddy's Birthday

Our beloved Wellbeing dog, Buddy, will be turning 3 on November 20th! There will be some fun celebrations for Buddy along with some scrumptious birthday treats!



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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Footy Day Fun!

On the last day of Term 3 we had our Footy Day at KGPS. It was fantastic to see so many of our students, staff and families dressed in their team colours and join in the fun activities and parade! Thank you to Mr Blundell for organising another successful school event!



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.



Important Dates for Term 4:

- **Monday 3rd November:** Professional Practice Day for teaching staff (**no school for students**).
- **Tuesday 4th November:** Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - school closed.
- **Tuesday 11th November:** Prep Parent Info Night
- **Thursday 11th December:** Year 6 Graduation
- **Friday 12th December:** Final assembly (2:30 pm)
- **Thursday 18th December:** Clean-up day (**attendance optional**)
- **Friday 19th December:** Forward Planning Day (**no students**)

We look forward to an incredible and productive final term. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Warm regards,
Andrea

Andrea Cadby | Inclusion Leader

FOODBANK FUNDRAISER TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER

BRING A GOLD COIN

to wear purple
and collect your
pancake from



Breakfast Club from
8:20am!!!



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!

From the Principal- Mrs Jenkins

Last night, I had the pleasure of attending a special dinner hosted by the Mordialloc Lodge of Charity – Freemasons to acknowledge the Thomas Henry Memorial Scholarships and celebrate the long-standing partnership between the Lodge and our school.

Each year, the Lodge generously funds several scholarships presented at our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony, and this year they have also sponsored two new Music Scholarships.

A big shout-out to our amazing KGPS Choir, who performed beautifully on the night – they were truly outstanding! Thank you to Mrs Victoria Gelberg and Ms Rachel Condon, our wonderful Choir Directors, for volunteering their time to prepare and conduct the performance, and to the parents for supporting their children to attend.

I would also like to thank Mrs Rebecca Matlock and Mr Simon Gliddon for joining me at the dinner to represent our school, along with both past and present scholarship recipients and their families who came along to share in the evening.

We are incredibly grateful for the generosity and ongoing support of the Mordialloc Lodge of Charity, whose contributions continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of our students.



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

October 2025

Tuesday 14th	Foodbank- Wear Purple Day 🌟 Gold coin donation 🥇
Wednesday 15th	Student Advisory Group John Monash Science School Little Mathematicians (Yr 5/6 Selected Students)
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	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

Whole School Event

No School

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

NEWSLETTER

Team
Kids

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

We have had an amazing two weeks of school holidays, filled with exciting incursions, excursions, and creative activities.

A standout highlight was the Green Screen Magic excursion, where children dressed up, rehearsed, and performed short plays in front of a green screen. They had a wonderful time acting and recording their scenes, while also developing their creativity, confidence, and listening skills as they followed directions from the facilitators.

Throughout the holidays, the children also adapted well to using the school library as a temporary space while our usual room was under renovation. As we transition back into our newly updated space this term, the children, educators, and teachers are working collaboratively to make the most of the area. This process has encouraged children to use their critical thinking and problem-solving skills as they brainstorm effective ways to utilise the room.

To celebrate the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, the children designed and decorated their own moons using a variety of colours and glitter. The festival, traditionally held on the 15th day of the 8th month of the Chinese lunisolar calendar, celebrates the beauty of the full moon and togetherness. This activity offered children a chance to explore cultural traditions, deepening their understanding of their own heritage or that of others, while celebrating creativity and diversity.

At school holidays I enjoyed watching Bad Guys 2, having an indigenous discovery day and playing with our new equipment -
Jasper B Grade 1

IMPORTANT DATES



Thursday 16th October | World Food Day



Monday 20th October | TeamKids Clubs Begin



Monday 20th October | Naraka Chaturdahi

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

The children are currently voting on the clubs which they would like to have in Term 4. This will be completed at the end of this week and clubs will then begin in week 3, following the children's brainstorm of possible activities.



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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:

4 SCHOOL DAYS off each year

100%

PERFECTION

98%

IMPRESSIVE

7 SCHOOL DAYS off each year

96%

GOOD

9 SCHOOL DAYS off each year

95%

NEARLY THERE

11 SCHOOL DAYS off each year

94%

NEEDS TO IMPROVE

20 SCHOOL DAYS off each year

90%

CONCERNS

30 SCHOOL DAYS off each year

85%

SERIOUS CONCERNS

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

