

From the Assistant Principal- Mr Gammon



Dear Families,

You know the world has gone topsy-turvy when the weather in England in mid-November is nicer than the weather, here, in Australia! Despite the continuing downpours and blustery conditions, spirits have remained high at KGPS.

Fun Run

Having spent last week nervously checking the weather forecast every hour, hoping for good weather, we were extremely grateful that the rain kept away and we were able to go ahead on Friday afternoon with our first ever KGPS Fun Run.

Mrs Jenkins and I had far too much fun covering students with colour all afternoon and it was fantastic to see our students, and many of their families, come together and have such a good time. The students had the last laugh though as Flynn from Prep and Manjot from Year 5 covered both Mrs Jenkins and I from head to toe in a mixture of purple and blue. I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of the students who took part, to the family members and friends who donated money, and, lastly, to Kyle Moldrich and Sophie Tanner who did a fantastic job of organising the event. After the online fundraising company which ran the event had deducted their costs, we were left with a total of \$18,133.25 which will be used to purchase resources for our new 2023 STEM program.



Election Day BBQ

On Saturday 26th November, our school will be used as a polling place for the state election. With your help, we will be running an Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall to raise money for the school.

Thank you to our volunteers who have offered to assist, but we urgently need more helpers for our Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall!!

We are in need of helpers from:

- 9:00am - 10:00am
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm

If you can help out, please let us know by completing this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/CB5HBtanQjAczyt8>

One hour of your time is all we need!

On Friday we will send home our request for home-baked cakes and slices. These can be sent to school on Friday 25th November or early on Saturday 26th November.

Prep Transition Session / Prep Info Night

On Tuesday we held the first of our Prep Transition Sessions for our 2023 Preps. The sessions, that run over three consecutive Tuesday mornings, are a great opportunity for the newest members of our school community to grow accustomed to what the classroom and our school is like.

Mrs Matlock and the Prep team did a fantastic job of creating a fun and welcoming environment for the children and their families who were joining us for the first time.

Whilst the children were getting to know the Prep teachers and each other, the parents joined us in the staff room for a coffee and a biscuit. In the evening, we welcomed everyone back for the 2023 Prep Information Night. Mrs Jenkins and I

provided an introduction to our school and then handed over to the Prep team who covered everything you need to know about starting Prep.



Year 5/6 Science Incursion

On Wednesday, the 5/6 learning community were lucky to have Dr. Wu from ThermoFisher Scientific come in to teach the students about DNA extraction.

Students took part in a scientific investigation on how to extract the DNA of strawberry using salt, dish washing detergent, alcohol and water. At the conclusion of the experiment some students



were awarded with prizes for fantastic teamwork and the successful completion of the experiment. This visit aligns closely with the 5/6 learning community central idea which is 'Technological advancements influence the way people live'.



Remembrance Day Highlight

Last Friday the 11th November KGPS acknowledged Remembrance Day. We held an assembly where our school captains Ryan and Mya shared with us the importance of Remembrance Day and how we pay our respect to those, men and women who fought for our country.

After assembly all students created a Poppy with their buddies and wrote something they were grateful for on the stem. We have displayed these in our Learning Communities to remember how we can show gratitude and respect.

At 11am all the staff and students participated in a minute of silence and listened to the last post to show how we are thankful for all involved and practiced our school values.



Traffic & Kiss and Go

Thank you to the majority of parents/carers that use our Kiss and Go Zone safely each day. Your support in keeping our students safe is very appreciated. Unfortunately, there have been several near misses in the Kiss and Go Zone and around the school. The incident in the Kiss and Go Zone occurred when a student was nearly hit by a car that had used the cross over at the sand pit gate to do a U-Turn to enter the Kiss and Go. To keep our students safe, we ask that you **do not** perform a U-Turn on Homeleigh Road and are vigilant in the area.



Book Fair

Our annual school Book Fair that was held over our Performance Fortnight earlier in the term was a resounding success! Including the commission earned with last year's sales, we now have just under \$2000 to spend on new books and resources for our school library. Thank you to the staff who volunteered their time to help assist with the book fair and to those members of the school community who purchased books!

See you all next week!

Kind Regards,

Steve

Steve Gammon | Assistant Principal

From the Principal- Mrs Jenkins



2023 Planning

Planning for 2023 is now well underway, including the process of compiling our 18 classes. Teachers and school leaders have commenced this complex and carefully planned process, aiming to have all classes finalised by late November. The amount of planning and discussion teachers dedicate to the task of compiling classes is greatly appreciated as they use their professional judgment and knowledge of students and families in forming the classes for the following year.

Whilst we continue to create Home Groups (classes), it is important to highlight that students spend a considerable amount of time working with students outside their immediate class group and across each level, as we fully utilize our flexible teaching spaces, learning and teaching collaboratively across the school.

No longer attending KGPS for 2023?

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 balance grades for next year and organise student transfers.

2023 School Structure (numbers current as at 17th Nov & may change)

School growth and class sizes

Overall, the school size will increase from 342 to approximately 390 students (based on current figures), of 16 to 18 classes; and an average class size across the whole school of approximately 21 students per class.

Further information, including 2023 class teachers, will be published in the newsletter in approximately 2 weeks.

Compiling 2022 classes

Sometimes a small number of parents submit feedback and special requests regarding class placement. These requests are certainly considered, up to **Friday 25th November**, but cannot always be acted upon.

As part of the process, **students are also asked to list several friends** with whom they would like to be with, with the intention that they are with at least one of these friends. Accordingly, **it is important to emphasize that parent requests for placement of a child with specific named friends cannot be considered**, based on the complexity of the process overall and our inability to abide by potentially contradictory requests from families.

2023 classes- 'Up Days' (Prep-Year 5 transition)

Our first 'Up Day' sessions is scheduled for the morning of December 6th. During this session students will visit their 2023 Learning Community and will meet some of the teachers who will be teaching in their Learning Community. Our second 'Up Day' will be on **Friday 16th December**, providing an opportunity for students to meet their new teacher, (where possible) and be with their new classmates in their future classroom space.

Farewells & New Staff

As with all schools, staffing changes will occur as our school grows. These details will be provided in the coming weeks.

End of year dates

On Friday 16th December we will hold our final assembly for the year at 2:45pm. The Up Day session is scheduled for the morning session on this day.

Monday 19th December will be our clean-up day. Attendance on this day is optional.

Tuesday 20th December is a Student-Free day. On this day teachers will be forward planning for 2023.

Kind Regards,

Sherri

Sherri Jenkins | Principal

2023 Start Dates:

Monday 30th January – Year's 1 to 6

Tuesday 31st January – 9:30am First day for Prep's!

(Prep's no school- 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd February)

Coding Challenge

A report from Ms Pillay:

The Mathematical Association of Victoria (MAV), in collaboration with Digital Learning and Teaching Victoria (DLTV), ran two activities delivered across the state between September to December as part of The Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series. In groups of three, our students competed with others in a state-wide, face-to-face coding competition held in the Docklands, Melbourne. As promised, it was a fun-filled day, with challenges, excitement and friendly competition with many different challenges and games.

"Definitely the rally where the runner gets the question, and everyone helps to answer it then the runner returns the solution."

- *Nikolas MARKOTSIS*

"My favourite part of the day was EVERYTHING because I enjoyed the train and the challenges, and I was also able to enjoy the day with some of my friends."

-*Manjot Dhillon*

"The COMPETITION was the best part of my day since I enjoy pushing myself to achieve better in everything I do and some of the challenges were incredibly interesting and challenging."

-*Isherdeep Dhillon*

"Meeting different people that love the same things as me, seeing the Docklands and going on a train."

- *Ethan Ly*

"My favourite thing was being able to help figure out really hard code and...the train line!"

- *Mya Durakovic*

"My favourite thing was the challenges and their difficulty."

- *Anubav BHARADWAJ*





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

- Emily Yan
- Ava Lam
- Mitchel Craig
- Stephanie Neang
- Sunny Yang
- Dejah McBean
- Isherdeep Dhillon
- Siena Conlan
- Melina Xie
- Camila Sakaci
- Andy Ryan
- Manraj Arora
- Sarah Hannadige
- Michalis Markotsis
- Aaron Goja
- Bailey Crawford
- James Yingpanyathikun

DIARY DATES 2022		
NOVEMBER 2022		
Tuesday 22 nd	Wk 8	2023 Prep Transition Session 2
Saturday 26 th	Wk 8	Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall
Tuesday 29 th	Wk 9	2023 Prep Transition Session 3 Teddy Bears Picnic
December 2022		
Thursday 1 st	Wk9	School Council meeting 5:30pm
Tuesday 6 th	Wk10	P-5 Up Day (1)
Thursday 8 th	Wk10	Open Day/Art show 2:30-4pm
Friday 9 th	Wk10	Art Show 8:30am- 10:00am/ 3:30pm 4:30pm
Monday 12 th	Wk11	Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday 13 th	Wk11	Year 6/7 Transition
Thursday 15 th	Wk11	Year 6 Big Day Out
Friday 16 th	Wk11	P-5 Up Day (2)- students into new classes Final Assembly- 2:30pm
Monday 19 th	Wk11	Last Day of Term 4 (Clean up day) Dismissal 3:30pm
Tuesday 20 th	Wk11	Student Free Day- forward planning day
January 2023		
Monday 30 th	Wk 1	Year's 1 -6 First Day
Tuesday 31 st	Wk 1	Prep's First Day (9:30am)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly every Friday at 9:10am -families welcome! 		



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FAMILY PICNIC DAY
11am till 6pm

Entry is free SUN 4 DEC



Incorporating Keysborough District Football Club

ACTIVITIES

KIDS ACTIVITIES WITH 2 JUMPING CASTLES, JUNIOR FOOTBALL (SOCCER) GAME

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY SANTA CLAUSE GIVING OUT TREATS FOR THE KIDS.

FRESHLY COOKED BBQ MIXED GRILL AND BEEF PORKOLT (GOULASH) FOR SALE

HOTDOG AND CHIPS FOR THE KIDS FOR SALE

FULL BAR SELLING:

- COLD BEER
- MIXED DRINKS
- PALINKA
- SOFT DRINKS
- COFFEE AND TEA

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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EFTPOS AVAILABLE



We are grateful
Thank you

- To the canteen volunteers for helping out- Mia Nguyen, Daniella Leon, George Christopolous, Dulani Gunathilake & Adeline Lim.