

*From the Acting Assistant Principal- Mr Steve Gammon*

**Dear KGPS Families,**

I don't know about you, but for me, this term is absolutely flying by. There are camps, excursions, visitors, special guests and events happening on a near daily basis across the school which makes writing the newsletter a piece of cake!

### Education Week

This year's Education Week theme, '150 Years of Public Education', commemorates the past, celebrates the present and imagines the future of education in Victoria. Throughout the school this week, students have been inquiring into how clothing, schooling, food, technology and equality has changed over the past 150 years (Spoiler alert: they've all changed a lot!). Our Education Week culminates tomorrow with the unveiling of our digital time capsule during assembly which will then be followed by our Grandparents / Special Persons open morning.

### 3/4 Excursion

Last Thursday, the Year 3/4 students dug deep into their 'How the World Works' Unit of Inquiry with a visit to the Gould League, an independent, non-profit organisation who connect students with their natural world and empower the community with positive messages and practical actions to live more sustainably.



In this 'Natural Links' excursion, the students built on their learning from the classroom about natural resources, the environment and making sustainable choices in the real world.

A special thank you to our parent volunteers for joining us. Our 3/4 community had a lot of fun!



Last Thursday, I had the opportunity to host a professional development workshop with a difference. Before school, I members of the Student Representative Council (SRC) for a 'Hot Chocolate PD' where we enjoyed a delicious hot chocolate whilst discussing the different ways, they could take action to have a positive effect on our school community.



The SRC members, in conjunction with some of our fantastic teachers, worked collaboratively to identify issues around the school and workshop some potential solutions. Thank you SRC for your enthusiasm, your dedication to your role and for sharing your wonderful ideas. I can't wait to see some of your suggestions come to life!

### Junior Mayor update

Last week, our school captains, Ryan and Mya, went off to take part in a meeting for the Greater Dandenong Council's Children's Advisory Group. As Junior Mayor, it was Mya's responsibility to chair the meeting and follow the set agenda items. She participated in group discussions regarding safety in the Dandenong area and facilitated the voting process for her fellow council members. Finally she provided an update to the group on what she has been doing in her role as Junior Mayor since her appointment to the role. We are so proud of our school captains. They are passionate, responsible and are working hard to improve, not just our school, but our local community as well.



## Kiss n Go reminder

This is just a reminder that our Kiss n Go is a designated **2 minute zone** from **8-9:30am** and **2:30-4pm** in order to allow for the quick drop off and collection of children during the congested peak school times. This means that **waiting is not permitted** in the Kiss n Go zone during these times. These rules have been set by the council who have been monitoring the area recently to ensure that the cars are not waiting for longer than 2 minutes. Adherence to local road rules and regulations will ensure the continued safety and ease of traffic flow for the students and families of KGPS.

Attached to this newsletter is information on pick up and drop off options at the school. A video that outlines how the Kiss n Go system works can also be found [here](#).

## Shout out for taking action

Continuing this week's theme of 'taking action', I would like to give a shout out to Harvey McCullum from Year 1 who has been regularly requesting meetings with me to discuss some ways in which we can promote road safety and also to Ruby Sikora and Zhara Di Menna from Year 5/6 who have written to me and Mrs Jenkins to discuss potential new options for the school uniform. Thank you for working to make our school a better place!

## Curriculum Day reminder

For Term 2, 2022, the Department of Education and Training has provided schools with the option to hold each teacher's allocated professional practice day on the same day for all staff. This is to enable the most effective and efficient use of this day and assist with managing replacement teachers across the state.

As a result, we have scheduled our professional practice day for **Friday 3rd June**.

This has been endorsed by our School Council. Students will therefore not be required to attend school on this day.

If you need care for your child, our OSHC provider Big Childcare will be running a program on this day. If you would like to enrol, please contact Cassie on 0421 897 819 or email [keysboroughgardens@bigchildcare.com](mailto:keysboroughgardens@bigchildcare.com).

Kind Regards,

*Steve*

Steve Gammon | Acting Assistant Principal



**Well done Ryan for performing brilliantly on the keyboard during assembly. What an amazing musician!**

## DIARY DATES 2022

### May 2022

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wk 5	Special Person Open Morning 9:45am
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Wk 6	Prep Traffic School excursion
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Wk 6	Yr 2 Mad about Science incursion

### June 2022

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wk 6	Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport (Mt Hira)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wk 6	<b>Curriculum Day (No school)</b> Division Cross Country-Tatterson Pk
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Wk 7	Yr 5/6 Swimming (all week) Yr 1 & Yr 3/4 World Environment Day Incursion
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wk 7	State School Spectacular Rehearsal Yr 5/6 Interschool Sports (Westall)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wk 8	<b>Public Holiday (Queens Birthday)</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wk 8	Regional Cross Country (Hastings)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wk 8	School Council 5:30pm Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport (Resurrection)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wk 9	Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport Finals (Silverton)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wk 9	<b>Last day of Term 2</b> (Reports sent home)

### July 2022

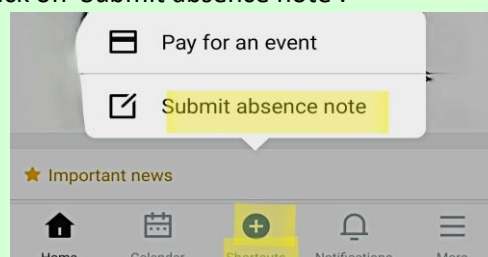
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wk 1	<b>Start of Term 3</b> Naidoc Week
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Wk 1	Interschool Sports Finals
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wk 2	Student Led Conferences 3:15pm-7pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wk 2	Student Led Conferences 3:45pm-5pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wk 3	Interschool Sport Division Finals
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wk 4	SSS Mass Dance Rehearsal
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Wk 5	Prep- Yr 4 Swimming

- **Assembly every Friday at 9:10am**

## What to do if your child is late or away from school-

If your child does not attend school or is late on any given school day, parents are required to add an attendance note on Compass.

To do this you need to go to Compass app and select: 'Shortcut's on the bottom on the screen, then click on 'Submit absence note'.







## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

- Brooklyn Black
- Jay Prasad
- Jack Caruana
- Christine Bekker
- Ronin Yorn
- Benjamin Pham
- Lea Kim
- Lily Stakiss
- Tengyi Huang
- Aiden Peng
- Ishan Dineshkumar
- Sai Chekuri
- Jayden Truman
- Cormia Louw
- Cooper Craig
- Luca Dimovski
- Kim Lan Neang

We are grateful  
**THANK YOU!**

- Thank you to the following canteen volunteers: Fera, Julie, Adalene & Daniela.
- Thank you to the following parents who volunteered at the Yr 3/4 Gould League Excursion- Ellie, Nidhu & Adalene
- Thank you Education Committee for organising this week's Education activities.



### Active Travel Friday

Each Friday for the remainder of the term all year levels will be participating in Active Travel Friday. This is an initiative that has been implemented by the SRC (Student Representative Council) in an effort to ease traffic congestion and promote healthier and environmentally conscious options to travel to school. Each Friday students are encouraged to make their way to school by a means other than car, that could be bike, scooter, skateboard or walking. Families who live too far away to walk etc. are encouraged to park in the Woolworths carpark near school and walk from there. Classroom teachers will be keeping a tally of active travellers to help encourage as many participants as possible.

Thank you!

Mike O'Dwyer | PE Teacher

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2022

On Sunday the 5th of June, multiple UN countries around the world will be celebrating World Environment Day. This is a day that raises awareness and celebrates environmental action happening all over the world. The theme this year is #OnlyOneEarth. This theme focuses on planet Earth being our only home which means we need to take care of it.

To celebrate World Environment Day, students at Keysborough Gardens will be participating in a range of environmental activities across the week which focus on taking action and making a change. Our Year 1 and 3/4 students will also be partaking in an incursion run by the Dandenong Council Waste Management services which will look at composting. Keep an eye out on future Learning Community News to see what we got up to!

