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15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### From the Principal- Mrs Sherri Jenkins

#### Dear KGPS Families,



Wow! What a term we have had with so many wonderful learning experiences for our students. Camp, swimming program, State Schools Spectacular, Student-Led Conferences, Father's Day Breakfast and stall, Book Week, ICAS exams as well as many wonderful Enrichment Lunchtime Clubs, excursions and incursions.

#### Special Assembly and footy day parade

Tomorrow, we have Tim Richardson Parliamentary Secretary for Schools, Parliamentary Secretary for Mental Health and Social Inclusion and local member for the Mordialloc electorate coming to a special one-off assembly at **10:30am.** We would love it if our parents/carers were able to attend.

The assembly will start at **10:30am and finish around 11am.** Morning tea for parents/carers will be served from the canteen at the end of the assembly. Tim will stay for a chat during this time.

Our footy day parade will be on from 9:05am-9:30am tomorrow in the gym. Parents/carers are welcome to attend. Please remember to bring your gold coin donation. *Please note the canteen will not be open at recess due to these events*.

#### **Buildings and Grounds Projects**

We have a number of projects that will commence over the over the school holiday break.

#### Air conditioning project:

Our water tanks will be removed over the holidays to make room for the new air-conditioning outdoor condensing unit. The VSBA plans to install air conditioning over the December/January period across the whole school.

#### New 2-storey building

Plans have begun to install a new 2 storey portable in November this year. This project is due to be completed by December this year.

#### New turf

Through the Victorian Schools Gardening Grants, we received funding for instant turf. This turf will be laid over the holiday period and we should see lovely new grass in the area between the gym and the main building on day 1 of term 4.

#### Sand pit extension

Russell and the Building and Grounds team plan to complete the extension of our sand pit over the holiday break. This area, out the front of the prep rooms should be back in operation by the end of week 1, next term.

### Repairs to the external building

The final repairs will be made to the exterior of the school building that was damaged by a car earlier in the year. This will also be completed over the holiday break.

#### State Schools Spectacular

I was lucky enough to attend the State Schools Spectacular on Saturday with Mr Gammon, Mrs Barrie and Ms Phan (with Ms Crawford and Miss Nugent behind the scenes). The performance was very impressive and our KGPS crew who were part of the mass dance group were amazing. Thank you to the students who have been involved in this special event. All the rehearsals certainly paid off!

A HUGE thank you to Miss Molly Nugent and Ms Adele Crawford who have led this initiative with the support of Mrs Deanne Barrie. Adele and Molly have spent many of their lunchtimes rehearsing with the students as well as taking the time out of their classes to attend external rehearsals over the year. Thank you, Adele and Molly, for your dedication, the early mornings, long days and late nights and Deanne for your support, without you all we would not have been able to participate in what has been a wonderful experience for our students.

# SPECTACULAR SCHOOL 2022







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#### **Parent survey**

Thank you to the families who have completed the Parent/Carer Opinion Survey. We currently have a 47% response rate from the 103 randomly selected families. There is still time to complete the survey if you have not done so already!

#### Staffing 2022/2023

We are excited to announce that we have appointed a Performing Arts teacher for 2023. Our STEM program for Prep-Year 4 will continue in Term 4. After the concert, our Year 6 students will be focussing on graduation including the Year 6 Art Legacy Project and our Year 5 students will undertake a leadership course.

Mr Lucas Johnston will continue teaching STEM in term 4 with our Year 2s and 3/4s.

I'd like to welcome Mrs Kimmie Allott to the KGPS team from next term. Mrs Allott will be teaching Prep and Year 1 STEM and Mrs Jacinda Hocking will return to her LEP role. Mrs Kimmie Allott will also be teaching across the school and will be one of our classroom teachers for 2023!

#### **Performance Fortnight at KGPS**

Please refer to the flyer in the newsletter about our upcoming performances. Tickets will go on sale next term. We can't wait to see our students up in lights on the big stage!

#### Year 2 Sleepover

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September the Year 2 students participated in their first school camp, which was a sleepover at school. They had afternoon tea as a group and then had fun playing a few different sport games with the specialist teachers and decorating their own cookies with Mrs Drummy, Mrs Asi and Ms McBean, to eat during the movie before bed! They had pizza for dinner and watched 'The Secret Life of Pets' film before tucking themselves into their sleeping bags. Despite a few worries about missing home or not being able to get to sleep, we are very proud how brave and resilient they were. They all persisted and were able to fall asleep, many for their first time away from home. On Friday they got ready for the school day, had breakfast and had some time to play on the new playground before the day of fun started. The morning was spent creating certificates where they wrote notes of encouragement and appreciation towards each other. After recess they were very lucky to have Greenhat Workshops run a 'planks' incursion where students were able to build whatever their hearts desired using wooden planks. Their creations were very impressive! Finally, after eating party pies, sausage rolls and spring rolls

for lunch outside in the spring sunshine, the students were picked up, where they headed home for a big night's sleep! A huge thank you to all the staff involved in the fantastic running of the Year 2 Sleepover and for the parents and students being risktakers and trying something new!



Hmmm...it seems like some mischievous Year 2s had a party in my office! As term 3 comes to a close I would like to thank you all for your support. I would also like to thank the staff who have worked so passionately on delivering a high-quality teaching and learning program as well as many additional activities and experiences that enhance the learning for our students. And a final thank you and 'well done' to the most important people in our worlds.... our students, your children!

I sincerely wish all Keysborough Gardens families a happy and safe term 3 break and we look forward to seeing you in term 4.

Kind Regards,

Sherrí Sherri Jenkins | Principal



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**DIARY DATES 2022** 

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!**

- Ellie Ly
- Erika Ahuja
- Harvey McCallum
- Alara Sen Mehransh Behl
- Zeynep Akin
- Isla Franklin
  - Fate Porche
- Samuel Zhang
- Bernice Cheng

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•	Bhaviish Vijay Anand
•	Adrianna Soeun

- Angeli Macalanda
- All 56A Class
  - Ivan Cao

September 2022 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Wk 10 Footy Dress up Day 🏈 Special Assembly 10:30am Last Day of Term 3 - Dismissal 3:30pm **OCTOBER 2022** Monday 3rd Wk 1 First Day of Term 4–students return Thursday 13th Wk 2 School Council - 5.30pm Wednesday 19th Wk 3 Regional Athletics (Casey Fields) Wk 3 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Junior Production **Interschool Division Finals** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Wk4 Senior Production Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Wk 4 World Teachers Day Wk 5 Monday 31st Curriculum Day – Student Free Day **NOVEMBER 2022** Wk 5 MELB CUP DAY – Public Holiday **Tuesday 1st** Wk 6 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> **Remembrance Day** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Wk 7 2023 Prep Transition Session 1 2023 Prep Parent Info Night Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Wk 8 2023 Prep Transition Session 2 2023 Prep Transition Session 3 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Wk 9 **Teddy Bears Picnic** December 2022 Wk10 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Whole School Up Day Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Wk11 Year 6 Graduation Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Wk11 Year 6/7 Transition Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Wk11 Year 6 Big Day Out Wk11 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 4- Dismissal 3:30pm

Assembly every Friday at 9:10am

# We are grateFul Thank You



- To the canteen volunteers for helping out: Julie, Daniela, Fera, Adeline, Scott, Someta, Lisa, Talini, Jacqueline, Mona and Lihil.
- Thank you to Maeson Tay for the amazing home baked cookies, we loved them.
- Thank you also to Sandamali Rubasinghe for the lovely gesture of 'You are awesome' cookies, it definitely did make everyone feel special.
- Thank you James Kelly for the biscuits.

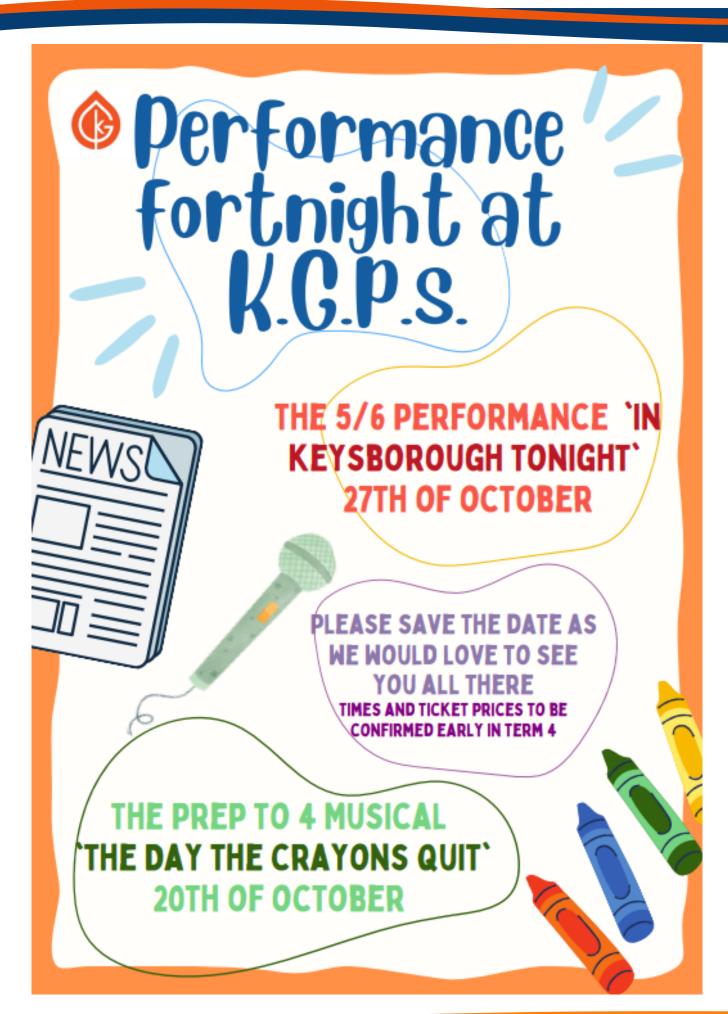






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colours and bring a gold coin donation. All proceedings will go to State School's Relief. Students will participate in Footy related activities and stations throughout the day.



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# **Eggless Blueberry Muffins**

### Ingredients:

- 2 cups self-rising flour. To make this recipe even simpler, we use self-rising flour. Self-rising
  flour already contains the baking powder and salt. If you don't want to use self-rising flour, you
  can substitute all-purpose flour plus 3 teaspoons of baking powder and ½ teaspoon of salt.
- 1¼ cups granulated sugar. Adds sweetness
- ½ cup milk.
- ½ cup unsalted butter. Melted and cooled.
- % cup plain Greek yogurt. Acts as a binding agent. This ingredient helps to hold everything together helping to give these muffins their structure. In most muffin recipes, eggs act as the binding agent. Since we're going eggless here, Greek yogurt is used instead with great results.
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract. Adds flavor.
- 2 cups blueberries. You can use fresh or frozen. If using frozen, measure out 2¼ cups.
- 3 teaspoons granulated sugar. Optional. Sprinkled over the top of the batter before baking.

### Method:

Preheat oven to 425 F (218 C).

Add flour and sugar to a large bowl.

Whisk together and make a well in the middle.



Add milk, butter, yogurt, and vanilla to flour and stir with a spoon until no flour streaks remain.



Be careful not to overmix.



Add ½ cup of blueberries to a small bowl, and carefully crush them with the back of a fork. Take care because the juice tends to splatter. If using frozen blueberries, measure out a little more than ½ cup, thaw, then crush.



Stir crushed blueberries into the batter.



Gently fold remaining whole berries into the batter. If using frozen berries, keep frozen.



Spray a 12-well muffin pan with baking spray or line with cupcake liners. Fill each well to the top with batter.

Sprinkle granulated over the top of the batter, distributing evenly. This step is optional. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted toward the centre comes out clean. Oven temperatures vary so begin to check for doneness at 25 minutes.

Let cool in pan for several minutes. Then invert muffins onto a wire rack to cool.