

From the Prep Leader- Ms Matlock



Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful start to our final term of the school year. We are now past the halfway point of this term, and we have had an action-packed start, with the Performance Fortnight, Book Fair and Prep Incursion to name a few things! It is going to be an exciting end to the term, with the Colour Run, Prep Transition, Open Afternoon, Art Show and Graduation all to come!

NAPLAN Results

Last week at our Assembly, Mrs Jenkins highlighted our school value of Excellence, which has been seen in many ways, from our students trying their best each day at school to participating in the Coding Challenge, ICAS exams, Athletics finals and Tennis finals! This week, we also received our comparison data for the NAPLAN results for our year 3 and year 5 students, which compares our school data to local schools, similar schools and the state. We are so incredibly proud of all of our students, and the exceptional efforts that they put in on a day-to-day basis. These results are just a snapshot of our NAPLAN data and show the percentage of students that achieved a result in the **top 2 bands**. For example 76% of our Year 3 students achieved a result in the top 2 bands for NAPLAN in Reading and Grammar & Punctuation!

Year 3 results (percentage of student achieving in the top 2 bands):

Test:	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy
Our School	76%	58%	65%	76%	47%
Local Schools	43%	45%	48%	40%	25%
State	58%	51%	49%	54%	39%

Year 5 results (percentage of student achieving in the top 2 bands):

Test:	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy
Our School	59%	38%	59%	55%	31%
Local Schools	32%	30%	40%	30%	21%
State	44%	29%	37%	32%	27%

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.



Sandpit

This week, we finally were able to open our new and improved sandpit and Prep play area! After many, many weeks of waiting for some sunshine, our upgraded sandpit area was finally able to be filled with sand. It took a whopping 8 truck loads of sand to fill the sand pit, and many, many hours of coordination, however on Friday our Preps were ecstatic to have the first play in the beautiful, soft sand! A big thanks to our families and staff that volunteered during our latest Working Bee and all the staff in the background that helped to open our new play area!



Sand Toys

With the expansion of our sandpit, we are on the hunt for some more toys for our students to play with! Do you have any old sand toys or trucks that are no longer used at home that you are willing to donate to our school? If you have any trucks/sand toys you would like to donate, please drop them in to one of the teachers in the Prep area.



Prep Incursion

Last week our Prep Students participated in a 'Hands on Science' incursion.



This exciting incursion was packed full of models and demonstrations of various kinds of weather! Students explored the movement of water and air and learnt how rain is produced! It was fantastic to see our students all being inquirers and risk-takers as they made predictions and completed the different experiments.



New Portable – Disruptions to Kiss and Go (Friday 11th)

With an increase in enrolments for 2023, our school needed some more buildings to accommodate our fabulous learning communities! This week, a very large crane is due on Friday (11th November), bringing with it the first pieces of our new double storey portable. These buildings are built elsewhere and then brought to the school in pieces and put together just like Lego! This may cause some disruptions to the Kiss and Go Zone on Friday, so we encourage you to park in adjoining streets and walk to school.

Staffing

In addition to needing some new learning spaces for our growing school, we also need to add to our wonderful staff! This term, we welcome Education Support Staff member, Alba Gomez to our team. Alba is working across the school supporting several different year levels and comes to KGPS with a wealth of experience from a neighbouring school. Last week, the school also went through the process of appointing two Learning Specialists for next year. Simon Gliddon and I, who have been working in an Instructional Leadership role for 2022, were the successful applicants for this position and will be moving into the Learning Specialist role in 2023. This will be an exciting opportunity for us to work with teachers and students across the school to enhance our teaching and learning programs. In the coming weeks, we hope to finalise our recruitment for next year, which we will then communicate to our school community!



Colour Run

This Friday (11/11) is KGPS' first School Fun Run! We would like to say a big 'thank you' for all your efforts so far. The event will be taking place from 1:50pm onwards, with staggered starts for each learning community and class. Family members of students are more than welcome to attend! Students are encouraged to wear white or light coloured sun-safe t-shirts to get the most colourful experience. It's best to also run in old running shoes. Always remember to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide! Should the weather not be ideal for a 'fun' run, we will be postponing to Friday the 18th November.

Remembrance Day

On Friday the 11th of November KGPS will be acknowledging Remembrance Day where students will reflect on the importance of the day and its meaning. We will be holding a



whole school assembly at 9:10am, followed by a whole school activity with our school buddies to create some Poppies for our school Poppy Garden.

On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minutes' silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation. The students will also participate in a minute's silence on this day.

Kind Regards,

Rebecca

Rebecca Matlock | Prep Leader

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

- Emily Yan
- Ava Lam
- Andy Ryan
- Mitchell Craig
- Manraj Arora
- Michalis Markotsis
- Sarah Hannadige
- Manjot Dhillon
- Bailey Crawford
- James Yingpanyathiku
- Melina Xie
- Sunny Yang
- Aaron Gojo



SCOUTS & SCHOOLS
MONSTER RAFFLE

1st
Mitsubishi ASX ES
Valued at \$26,114
(incl. on-road costs)

2nd
Family Holiday with
accommodation for four
nights, flight vouchers
included.
Valued at \$4,380

3rd
Overland Track Hike with
guide and private
accommodation included.
Valued at \$4,295

\$2
Per ticket

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<https://scoutsvic.raffletix.com.au/keysboroughgardensps>
Raffle closes 11th November (next Friday)

KGPS Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall

Saturday
26th
November

8am - 2pm



**Volunteers
NEEDED**

Can you spare one hour?

Scan the QR code to volunteer!



DIARY DATES 2022		
NOVEMBER 2022		
Friday 11 th	Wk 6	Remembrance Day Whole School Colour Run/ Free dress Special Food Day
Tuesday 15 th	Wk 7	2023 Prep Transition Session 1 2023 Prep Parent Info Night
Thursday 17 th	Wk 7	School Council meeting 5:30pm
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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly every Friday at 9:10am -families welcome! 		



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LABELS FOR
2023 NOW!**

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clothing, lunchboxes and more through our
Stuck on You KGPS link

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belongings are returned!

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Siena Morotti
Sofia Rose
Wyatt Clarke
Noah Roberts

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend Keysborough Gardens Primary School during normal school hours every day of each term unless:

- there is an approved exemption from school attendance for the student

If your child is unable to attend school, parents are required to add an 'Attendance note' in Compass with a explanation as to why they are absent.

We have a large number of absences against many students. Please check your student's attendance data on Compass to ensure there are no outstanding unexplained absences.

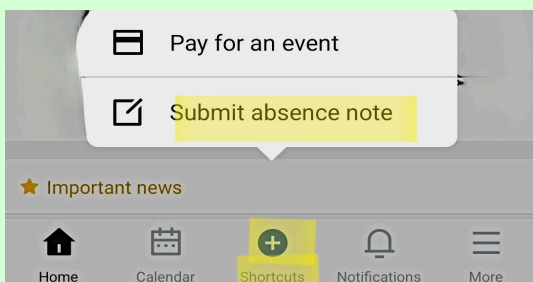
If you require assistance, please call Selen on 9792 6800.

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 from DET to add an attendance note with reasoning.

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'.



Unwell Children

If your child is unwell, they must stay at home. Any children who are showing symptoms of being unwell they will be sent home as a precaution. This will reduce the spread of any possible infections.

Thank you for your understanding.

HATS REMINDER!

Please ensure your child/ren bring their hat to school. This is a requirement as part of our SunSmart accreditation.

If students forget to bring their hat to school, they will be required to sit in a shaded area during recess and lunch time. This will continue until the 30th April 2023.



SCHOOL TIMES

Monday:	9:00am – 3:30pm
Tuesday:	9:00am – 3:30pm
Wednesday:	8:45am – 3:00pm
Thursday:	9:00am – 3:30pm
Friday:	9:00am – 3:30pm

****Please note – school doors are open 15min before the bell****

