

From the Prep Leader- Ms Rebecca Matlock



Dear KGPS Families,

It has been an amazing, yet busy start to our term again. It seems as though we just returned from holidays, yet we have been back at school for nearly 3 weeks! In my role as one of our Instructional Leaders, I get the opportunity to work with teachers and students across the school. It has been great to see students getting involved in their current Units of Inquiry, and the way they are able to articulate their learning is outstanding. There are so many exciting events that our teachers have been planning which include a range of Book Week activities, Book Fair, Science Week, Victorian State Schools' Spectacular and a range of excursions and incursions related to the Learning Community Units of Inquiry. I am looking forward to all these amazing activities, however I think I am most excited about our 100 days of Prep celebration tomorrow!

Increasing COVID Cases

As you know, there is an increase of COVID cases in the Victorian community. It is strongly recommended by the Department of Health that face masks are worn in indoor settings, with face masks mandatory for those aged 8 and over who are household contacts and attending school. Additional RAT tests will be sent out in Week 5 of this term. We ask that students are tested if showing any signs or symptoms of COVID. If your child tests positive for COVID, please ensure you let the school know. Thank you for your ongoing support with our COVID safe protocols.

SLC Catch Up

Our Student Led Conferences took place last week. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to share their learning portfolios and discuss their Semester 2 learning goals with their families and special people. Student Led Conferences form an integral part of our teaching and learning program which all students must participate in. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you have yet to make a time for your child to share their learning.

Kiss and Go

Thank you so much to the parents/carers who have displayed the white sign with their child/ren's name on it when using Kiss and Go. This makes the process of getting your children to your car much quicker!

Even if you see your child at the gate, please ensure you drive right to the front of the Kiss and Go when collecting or dropping off your child. We will send your child down to your car when you have parked. This allows more cars into the Kiss and Go and helps to relieve the bottle neck that occurs towards the end of Homeleigh Road.

Just a reminder to send your child to school with a jacket or umbrella to use while waiting in the Kiss and Go as there is no shelter if it rains. We still have a limited number of our school umbrellas for sale which can be purchased through COMPASS.



Projects

I feel very excited to be able to share the progress that has been made in a number of projects across our school. The Passive Play area at the front of the school has now been concreted and will have some artificial turf installed in the coming weeks.



Our next major project, that our Prep and Year 1 students are eager to try, is our Junior Playground. The Junior Playground will commence next week and is to be installed outside the Prep Learning Community! Weather permitting, students may be able to play on this new playground towards the end of next week!

And finally, this week Mrs Jenkins received the confirmation email that our school is to have air-conditioning installed and is expected to be completed for the start of 2023. This is incredible news that we have all been waiting for and will make a much more comfortable learning environment during the warmer weather.



Cyber Safety

We all put safety measures in place for our children, from sun protection to encouraging road awareness. Now that using digital devices is part of daily family life, it is important to take steps to keep children safe online too. While we integrate Cyber Safety into our curriculum across all year levels at school, parents and carers can also access a range of resources to help their children stay safe online. The [eSafety Commissioner](https://www.esafety.gov.au) offers several resources, including free webinars for parents and carers. These live webinars give parents and carers the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe online experiences.



Staff Professional Development

This week we had a Coffee PD for our staff focusing on the Zones of Regulation. The Zones of Regulation is a framework that develops awareness of feelings, energy and alertness levels and explores a variety of tools and strategies for regulation, prosocial skills, self-care, and overall wellness. Across the school, it provides a simple, common language and visual structure to help make the complex skill of regulation more concrete for our students.

The **ZONES** of Regulation™



Respectful Relationships Highlight

The 5/6's played a collaborative game called 'Anyone Who' in Respectful Relationships this week. The purposes of the activity were mood lifting and support. At the end of the activity the 5/6's discussed some of the key messages from the game. Students noted that there are many differences between people in the community. They came to the conclusion that diversity is a strength and that different people bring different ideas and strengths.



SCHOLASTIC

Don't forget to get your Book Club orders in via this link <https://bookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>. Orders will close on Sunday 31st of July.'

Kind Regards,

Rebecca

Rebecca Matlock | Prep Leader



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!




- Hala Hussain
- Kristina Tao
- Noah Malaeb
- Terence Cheng
- Kara Huynh
- Olivia Chan
- Niranjhan Venugopal
- Joshua Ding
- Abbey O'Brien
- Kenneth Lameko
- Alex Pham
- Manraj Arora
- Christian Christopoulos
- Tileah Granger
- Celine Huynh
- Kwan Huynh
- Rayment Nguyen Hong

DIARY DATES 2022

July 2022

Friday 29 th	Wk 3	100 Days of Prep Celebrations
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August 2022

Thursday 4 th	Wk 4	Yr 1 Gould League Excursion
Friday 5 th	Wk 4	SSS Mass Dance Rehearsal Primary Principals Day
Monday 8 th -12 th	Wk 5	Prep- Yr 2 Swimming 
Sunday 14 th	Wk 5	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
Monday 15 th -19 th	Wk 6	National Science Week Yr 3- Yr 4 Swimming 
Thursday 18 th	Wk 6	School Council Meeting 5:30pm
Monday 22 nd -2 nd	Wk 7	Book Week 
Tuesday 30 th	Wk 8	Father's/ Special Persons Day Breakfast Father's / Special Persons Day Stall
Wednesday 31 st	Wk 8	Father's/Special Persons Day Stall Yr 5/6 Camp (returning Friday 2 nd Sept)

September 2022

Thursday 1 st	Wk 8	District Athletics (Ross reserve 9:30- 1:30pm)
Sunday 4 th	Wk 8	Father's/ Special Persons Day
Thursday 8 th	Wk 9	SSS Mass Rehearsal Yr 2 Sleepover
Friday 9 th	Wk 9	Yr 2 Incursion SSS Mass Rehearsal
Saturday 10 th	Wk 9	SSS Performance
Monday 12 th	Wk 10	Division Athletics (Ross reserve)
Friday 16 th	Wk 10	Last Day of Term 3 - Dismissal 3:30pm

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