

10th February 2022

*From the Acting Assistant Principal-
Mr Gammon*



Dear Parents/Carers,

Has it been two weeks already?! Our foundation students are finding the rhythm of school and settling in well, and our year 1-6 students are enjoying being back with their friends and working with their new teachers. The school has been a flurry of activity already with some exciting work happening on and near our oval.

Grounds Works

This Monday morning, as I arrived at school, I was greeted by two large diggers on the school oval. My first thought was that they had gotten lost from a neighbouring building site, but, excitingly, they were here to begin work on our school oval and soon-to-be sports field. As my 2-year-old son George would say, "Wow, diggers!".

Works have now begun on leveling our oval, and there are plans to install some footy goals and a soccer pitch. These works have been delayed due to COVID, so it is exciting to see them finally happening. We have other projects in the pipeline that will hopefully be able to begin shortly.



Introductory Meetings

It was great to see so many families come along to our Introductory Meetings that were held last week. These meetings were a great opportunity to meet your child's 2022 class teacher and share any information that would help them best support your child this year. If you were unable to attend the meetings, please get in touch with your child's class teacher. They will be happy to arrange another time to meet with you either in person or via Webex.

Pickup & Drop Off at KGPS

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our Pickup & Drop Off at KGPS leaflet which outlines the different options available for pick up and drop off. Please take a moment to look over the leaflet with your child so that they are clear on where they will be collected from each day.

Please note we have teachers on duty until 3:45pm and 3:15pm (Wednesday).

Parent Information Evening

Next Tuesday 15th February is our Parent Information Evening which will be run via Webex. This evening provides an opportunity for staff to outline the curriculum programs and related practical information to our families.

Before the evening we will send out a link to the session and a booklet of information will be sent home with the oldest child in the family.

These sessions will be conducted on: Tuesday 15 February
Preps session: **5pm - 5:55pm** (via Webex)

Years 1-6 session: **6:10-7pm** (via Webex)

At the end of the Years 1-6 session, you will have the opportunity to move into separate Year 1, 2, 3/4 and 5/6 'breakout rooms' for further related information.

Annual Privacy Collection Information & Policy 2022

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our (soon to be launched) website in the Policies and Forms section. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

COVID Learning Packs

In the event that your child has to isolate at home, please inform the school. Your child's teacher will arrange a learning pack for your child to complete whilst they are isolating at home. Teachers are unable to run remote learning and face-to-face learning at the same time but will strive to keep your child connected to school whilst they are absent.

You can find more information about COVID-19 in [different languages](#).

Finally, I'd just like to acknowledge our students, families and staff members who have had an interrupted start to the school year. This has been an extremely challenging time for everyone, and we will continue to support our school community the best we can.

School Council Elections Open Today

At this time of the year all Victorian Government schools hold their annual *School Council Elections*.

Our official election process is now open. The formal 'Form 2 - Notice of Election and Call for Nominations' for the 3 parent vacancies is attached to this newsletter. These 3 positions are for **two years**. (March 2022- February 2024).

Nominations will close on Thursday 17th February at 4pm.

For those considering re-nominating or nominating, official forms can be obtained from the school office.

You might also be interested in getting involved in a Council sub-committee or working party:

1. Community Engagement & Fundraising
2. Building and Grounds
3. Education Sub-Committees
4. Grants Working Party

If so, please let one of our current Councillors know, or contact Sherri Jenkins (Acting Principal) for more information.

Finally, a huge thank you to the 2021 School Council parent members: Sharna Woods, Nina Kelly, Caitlin Ryan, Dana Ember, Elise Neville and Pablo Rodriguez.

We thank you for all of your hard work and dedication over the course of the year.

This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, you'll get a free lunch, and the enjoyment of seeing your child running up to the window to say hi.

Currently the canteen is open on Wednesday lunchtimes for cash sales of snacks and drinks and is open fully on Fridays.

Kind Regards,

Steve

Steve Gammon | Acting Assistant Principal



A Big Thank You to:

Mrs Drummy - For working so hard to stay connected with your class despite being in isolation for the whole of your first week at the school. We really appreciate that you went above and beyond to start building your relationships with your class from Day One.

Mrs De Silva - For working tirelessly to get our school canteen up and running. We are very lucky to have you!



Canteen - Looking for volunteers

Chum De Silva, our wonderful Canteen Manager, is on the lookout for volunteers to help run our school canteen. If you are able to help out, whether that be fortnightly, once a month or even just once a term, please let us know via this [Google Form](#).

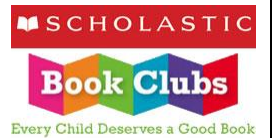
All volunteers must have had their 3rd vaccination before the 25th of February to volunteer.

Once we have enough volunteers, we will be able to open fully on both Wednesdays and Fridays. Grandparents are welcome too! Due to health and safety only people over age of 16 can be in the canteen and volunteers need to be fully vaccinated.

Book Club Issue 1

Orders due by: **Friday 18th February**

scholastic.com.au/LOOP



Our school receives rewards of FREE books and learning resources for all purchases made through Scholastic Book Club by families! Please keep this mind for when you are purchasing books or other resources for your children! The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school. Happy reading!




KGPS welcomed back students to our new Visual Art room this week. We are excited for lots of new art projects to come!"

DIARY DATES 2022

February 2022

Friday 11 th	Wk 3	Assembly 2:55pm (via Webex)
Tuesday 15 th	Wk 4	Parent Info Sessions Prep: 5-6pm Yrs 1-6: 6:10-7pm
Wednesday 16 th	Wk 4	Prep Assessments School Council 5:15pm
Friday 18 th	Wk 4	Assembly 2:55pm (via Webex)
Wednesday 23 rd	Wk 5	Prep Assessments
Friday 25 th	Wk 5	Assembly 2:55pm (via Webex)
Monday 28 th	Wk 6	Preps starting full week

March 2022

Friday 4 th	Wk 6	Assembly 2:55pm (via Webex) Welcome Picnic 
Thursday 10 th	Wk 7	Curriculum Day
Friday 11 th	Wk 7	Curriculum Day
Monday 14 th	Wk 8	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 15 th	Wk 8	Yr 1 Excursion (Cranbourne Botanical)
Wednesday 16 th	Wk 8	School Council 5:15pm
Friday 18 th	Wk 8	Assembly 2:55pm (via Webex)
Monday 21 st	Wk 9	Harmony Day
Wednesday 23 rd	Wk 9	Yr 3/4 Camp Gundiwindi (Wed-Fri)
Friday 25 th	Wk 9	Assembly 2:55pm (via Webex)

April 2022

Friday 1 st	Wk 10	Assembly 2:55pm (via Webex)
Wednesday 6 th	Wk 11	School Photos
Friday 8 th	Wk 11	Last day of Term 1 Assembly 2:55pm (via Webex)

- Assembly every Friday at 2:55pm (currently via Webex until further notice)



SunSmart- Hats required for all students onsite!
It's hard to believe it's that time of year where students and staff must begin wearing hats when outdoors during the school day. When your child returns to school and for those onsite, please ensure your child/ren bring their school hat with them as this is a requirement as part of our SunSmart accreditation.

Please be advised if students forget to bring a hat to school, they will be required to sit in a shaded area during recess and lunch.

This will continue until the 30th of April 2022.



COMPASS is the online platform we use as our main form of communication with parents.

It is used for all forms of communication, including the distribution of this weekly newsletter.

DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO COMPASS?

DO YOU KNOW OF A FAMILY WHO HAS NOT SET UP COMPASS ON THEIR MOBILE PHONE OR DEVICE?

If necessary, please contact Selen at the office on 9792 6800, who can assist by providing you with your username & password.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF AT KGPS



Parents are welcome onto the school grounds for pick up and drop off.
Please prearrange a regular pick up point with your child/ren.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF OPTIONS

Walk, ride or scoot if you live close by!

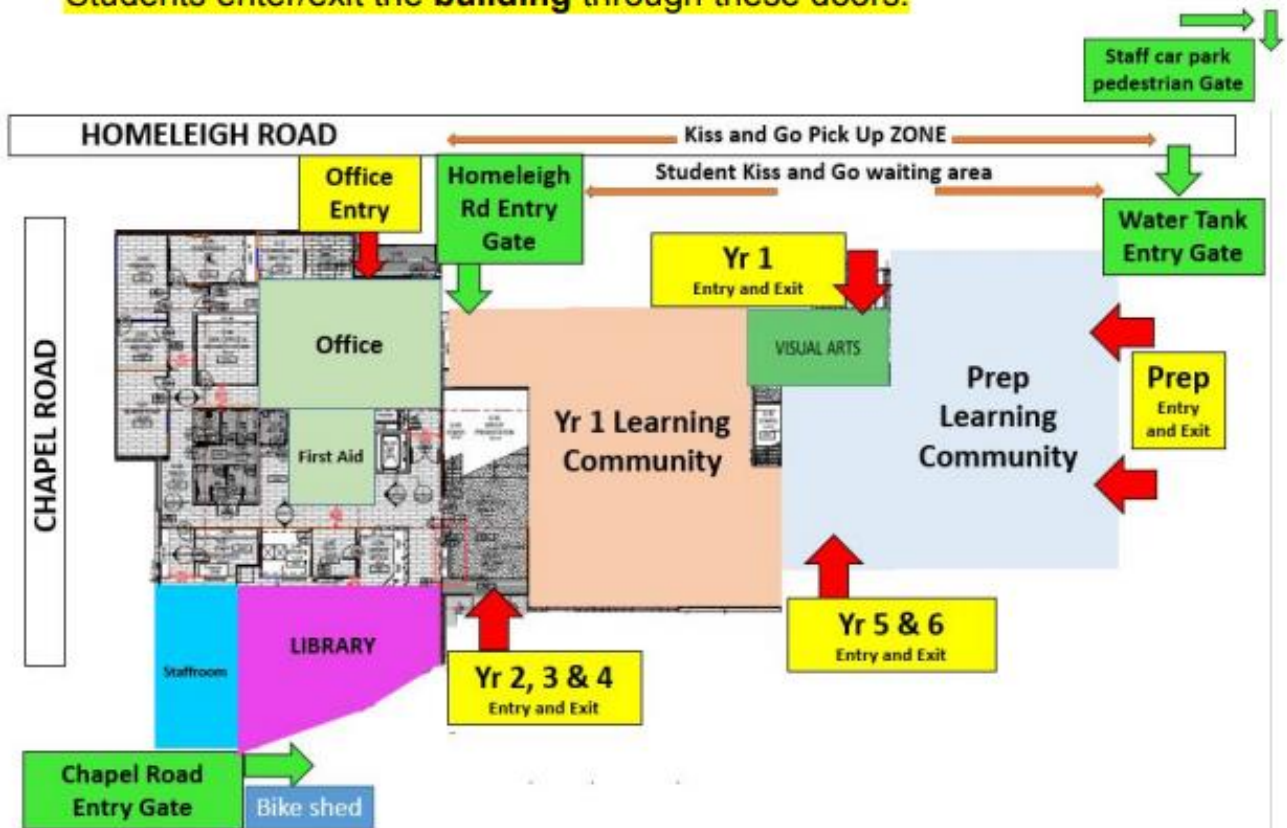
Park at Woolworths or in the surrounding streets.

Use 'Kiss n Go' on Homeleigh Road.

SCHOOL GROUNDS & YEAR LEVEL ENTRANCE POINTS

You can enter/exit the **school grounds** through these entrance points:

Students enter/exit the **building** through these doors:



PICK UP

Prearrange with your child/ren where you will meet after school. Suggestions:

- Outside their year level entrance (recommended!!) - See map
- Playground
- Bike shed / Chapel Road gate

Parking (limited around the school)

- Woolworths (and meet your child at the Chapel Road gate)
- Residential streets behind the staff car park

KISS AND GO - AFTER SCHOOL

- Enter the Kiss and Go via Cunningham Road (off Tyres Lane).
- Park as close to the front entrance as possible and move along with the traffic as spaces become available. Please stay in your car.
- Students will be waiting inside the fence in their year levels. Older siblings will wait with their younger sibling's year level.



TIPS FOR A QUICK AND EASY PICK UP

- Prearrange a meeting spot with your child/ren
- Stay in your car in the Kiss and Go Zone and move along with the traffic to help the zone flow smoothly
- Have your child learn to recognise your car and number plate
- Ensure your siblings wait together for pick up in the right spot

FORM 2: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

(Formerly **Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nomination**)

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of

.....Keysborough Gardens Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on:

...17...../.....2..../...2022..... (insert day, month and year).

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on:


...24...../.....2..../...2022..... (insert day, month and year).

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022..... to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 2022	3
School employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 20	1
Student member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 20	

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



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