

From our Education & Admin Manager - Mrs Barrie



Dear KGPS Families,

My goodness we are more than halfway through term 3, the weeks are just flying by!

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

This week is National Science Week and 'Innovation: Powering Future Industries' is the theme for 2023. This includes looking at advances in technology in all industries. This week our students had the opportunity to explore creativity, science, technology, engineering and ethics. Our whole school Science Incursion 'Mad Science Show' was sixty minutes of scientific madness, which enthralled our students!

If you are wanting to try some science activities at home click on this link: [DIY Science - National Science Week](#)



LEARNING AND IMPROVING

Did you know our teachers learn at school too? To stay abreast of current educational research our teaching teams undertake Professional Development every week. Last week the staff participated in a Professional Development on-

Teaching writing using the 'The Writing Revolution' program, with Mr Simon Gliddon, The PYP and promoting Student Agency with Mr Steve Gammon and Using Artificial Intelligence to support planning and learning also with Mr Gammon.

Our Curriculum Day tomorrow will focus on The PYP Approaches to Learning- which are the skills students need to be successful learners.



PARENT SURVEY REMINDER

Last week an email and letter went home to 98 randomly selected families regarding the Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey. This annual survey offered by the Department of Education is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement.

Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. The survey which is conducted online takes about 20 minutes to complete. We really appreciate those families who were selected taking time to complete this survey. A reminder the survey closes on **Friday 8th September 2023**.

Once you have completed the survey, send back the reply slip to the office for your treat!

BOOK WEEK



Next week we will be celebrating Book Week. Each year schools across Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators.

Our mural on the stage outside the Performing Arts room was painted by our 2022 year six students and illustrator, Andrew Plant. His books include Stardiving, Jump, The Poppy, I Can Fly and Two Puggles.

We look forward to everyone dressing up as a book character and joining in our Book Parade on Friday 25th August.



DISCO

Our first ever disco is being held on Friday 25th August, in our gym. Tickets are on sale now! Tickets will not be available at the door, so check your event email! The Prep - Two disco will run from 5pm until 6pm, the Year Three - Six disco will run from 6:15pm until 7:15pm. We are still needing more parent volunteers to assist with this event. Students must be signed in and out by an adult. Click on the link if you are able to help out.

<https://forms.gle/6NvjmAq422uDn2iZA>

Start practising your dance moves!

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large number of uniform items sitting in lost property that have no name on them. Items that are named can be returned to your child easily. Please make sure your child's name is clearly marked on uniform items, lunchboxes and drink bottles.



FATHER'S DAY / SPECIAL PERSON'S AFTERNOON & STALL.

This year we are holding a Father's Day/Special Person's afternoon on Friday 1st September from 2:00pm until 3:15pm. We will be running special activities in every learning space to enable our students to spend time with their father's or special person. Put this date on your calendar.

We will also be running a Father's Day/Special Person's Stall on Thursday 31st August and Friday 1st September. We would really love some helpers to assist with the stall on the Thursday and Friday.

eSAFETY COMMISSIONER WEBINARS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

The eSafety Commissioner hosts live webinars for parents and carers to give them the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe online experiences.

There are two sessions that may be of interest to you.

Online boundaries and consent

This 30-minute webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

It will cover:

- why the consent conversation is so important to have with primary school aged children
- easy ways to explain online boundaries and consent
- opportunities to discuss and model consent through discussions, scenarios and practising helpful phrases for saying 'no'.

23 August: 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm

7 September: 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

[Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Getting the most out of gaming

This 45-minute webinar provides families with strategies for supporting children and young people to have safe, positive experiences when playing games online. It is designed for parents and carers of children aged 7 to 14.

It will cover:

- when gaming can be beneficial and strategies to promote better in-game experiences
- how to keep children safe online - using safety and privacy settings in games and platforms

- strategies to promote more balanced gaming and how to create smoother transitions from game-play to other activities
- the key online risks and where to find help for things like bullying and harassment in games.

12 September: 7:30 pm to 8:15 pm

19 October: 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm (AEDT)

[Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.gotowebinar.com)

Additional parent resources are also available on the eSafety Commissioner website [Parent resources | eSafety Commissioner](#)

Kind Regards,

Deanne

Deanne Barrie

Education & Administration Manager

Well Done!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!



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| • Elena L | • Huyjing C |
| • Layla T | • Renee P |
| • Leo M | • Eric H |
| • Roxy R | • Luca D |
| • Bihaan S | • Dejah M |
| • Alex P | • Rinahya L |
| • Kai Z | • KGPS Band |
| • Lailah L | • Eric E |
| • James K | • Cormia L |
| • Quincy G | • Daniel M |
| • Erika P | |

DIARY DATES 2023

August 2023

Friday 18th	Wk 6	Curriculum Day No Students at School
Monday 21st	Wk 7	Book Week Begins
Mon 21st - Wed 23rd	Wk 7	Life Ed Year 5/6
Tuesday 22nd	Wk 7	Prep Drama Tool Box Incursion
Thursday 24th	Wk 7	Year 6 Graduation Photos
Friday 25th	Wk 7	Book Week Dress Up Day & Parade School Disco Prep - Year 2 (5pm - 6pm) Years 3 - 6 (6.15pm - 7:15pm)
Monday 28th	Wk 8	District Athletics
Mon 28th - Tues 29th	Wk 8	Life Ed Year 5/6
Mon 28th - Wed 30th	Wk 8	Year 3/4 Camp
Thursday 31st	Wk 8	Year 3/4 Remote Learning Day Father's/Special Person's Day Stall (8.30am - 1pm & 3.30pm)

September 2023

Friday 1st	Wk 8	Father's/Special Person's Day Stall (8.30am) Father's Day Activities (2.15pm - 3.15pm)
Friday 1st	Wk 8	Prep - Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion
Tuesday 5th	Wk 9	Year 1 Botanical Gardens Excursion
Wednesday 6th	Wk 9	Year 5/6 Wanyara Incursion
Thursday 7th	Wk 9	SSS Choir All Day Rehearsals Year 2 Sleepover Cuppa & Chat (9am - 10:15am)
Friday 8th	Wk 9	SSS Choir All Day Rehearsals
Sat 9th	Wk 9	SSS Matinee & Evening Sessions (John Cain Arena)
Tuesday 12th	Wk 10	Prep ACMI Excursion
Friday 15th	Wk 10	Last Day of Term 3

October 2023

Monday 2nd	Wk 1	Term 4 - First Day back
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Gratitude

Thank you so much to the following
Canteen Volunteers:

Taryn, Nidhi, Julie,
Danni D & Jacqueline

THANK
YOU
SO MUCH

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs

"DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR ORDERS IN FOR BOOK CLUB! YOU CAN PROCESS YOUR ORDERS ONLINE AT:
[HTTPS://BOOKCLUBS.SCHOLASTIC.COM.AU/](https://bookclubs.scholastic.com.au/)"

Our School Assembly is held every Friday morning at 9.10am

PYP Corner

#3 Transdisciplinary Themes: A Holistic Approach to Education

One of the key aspects of the PYP that sets it apart from traditional educational approaches is its focus on transdisciplinary themes. These six themes provide the framework for a wide range of engaging, relevant, challenging, and significant inquiries:

1. Who we are
2. Where we are in place and time
3. How we express ourselves
4. How the world works
5. How we organise ourselves
6. Sharing the planet

Each theme is addressed each year through Units of Inquiry, which integrate traditional subjects such as math, science, and language arts. For instance, while exploring the theme "How the world works," students might learn about scientific principles, geography, and cultural perspectives on the natural world, all in an interconnected way.

By linking subject areas, the transdisciplinary approach provides a more realistic, relevant, and comprehensive understanding of the world, helping students make connections between their learning and the real world. In the PYP, the learning journey is not confined to separate subjects but is seen as an interwoven tapestry of knowledge, skills, and understanding.



PYP CORNER



SUPPORTING THE LEARNER PROFILE AT HOME

Developing Knowledgeable Students at Home

This week's Learner Profile attribute is "Knowledgeable." A knowledgeable student explores concepts, ideas, and issues that have local and global significance, gaining in-depth knowledge and developing understanding across a broad range of subjects.

Below are some activities that you can take part in with your child/ren to help develop their understanding of being knowledgeable.

1. *Fact of the Day*: Share an interesting fact with your child each day. Encourage them to share a fact they have learned too.
2. *Map Exploration*: Explore a map or globe with your child. Talk about different countries, their cultures, and landmarks.
3. *Animal Cards*: Make simple flashcards of different animals. Talk about their habitats, food, and characteristics.
4. *Storytelling*: Use storybooks to introduce new ideas and issues. Discuss these with your child.
5. *Virtual Museum Tours*: Take virtual tours of museums around the world. Discuss the exhibitions and their significance.
6. *Book Club*: Start a family book club. Read the same book and discuss it together.
7. *Global Cuisine*: Cook a meal from a different culture. Research the country, its customs and traditions.
8. *Current Events*: Discuss a current event. Encourage your child to express their understanding and viewpoint.

By engaging in these activities, we can encourage our children to become knowledgeable learners, equipped to understand and navigate the world around them.



Keysborough
Gardens
Primary



STEM

Our Term 3 Prep STEM sessions have seen Duplo forests, jungles, beaches destroyed in the Green screen room! By using Dash Bots and Ipads the Preps acted out how this may have occurred. Year 1 students are creating eMovies

(emotional movies) using iMovie that will make you laugh and frown within minutes. Year 2 students have created collaborative Lego models to demonstrate food

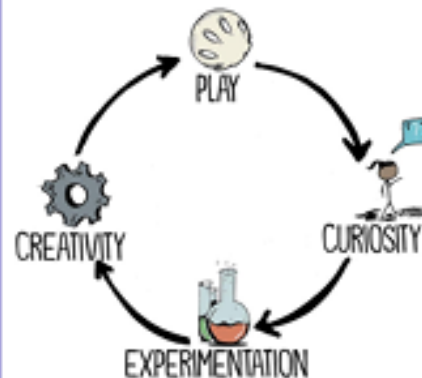


POST SHARED ON 2 AUGUST
BY KEYSBOROUGHGARDENSPS

sustainably from the farm to the fork. These models will give LEGOLand a run for its money! Year 3/4 students have physiologically delved into the depths of the brain

across many species, impressively explaining their understandings like neurologists and psychologists. Lastly, our Year 5/6 students have been creating art that makes Dali's artwork appear less bizarre by making music from succulent petals, bananas... just about anything they can get their Makey Makey alligator clips on!

- Ms Pillay, STEM Teacher



SPORT

From PE Teachers- Miss Anderson & Ms King

Congratulations to all students from Year 3-6 for participating in the inaugural Athletics Carnival last week! Thankfully the weather held out and we saw lots of fantastic running, jumping and throwing from all students. All students competed in the 6 events across the day - long jump, triple jump, discus, shot put, 100m & 80m hurdles and have earned points towards their House! A number of students now have the opportunity to represent KGPS at the Noble Park District Athletics Competition on Monday 28th August.

We were especially pleased to see so many students cheering each other on and providing encouragement to one another. It truly was a great day of sportsmanship, excellence, empathy and gratitude.

A special thank you to all of the staff, volunteers and family members who showed their support and helped to make the event a massive success!

Well done to everyone!

Miss Anderson & Ms King



Introducing Peaceful Kids to Keysborough Gardens PS!

In Term 4, we are excited to be starting the program 'Peaceful Kids'. Peaceful Kids is a wellbeing program with a focus on mindfulness and positive psychology. The program is run by Lisa Webber, an experienced Primary School Teacher. She has been a Peaceful Kids Facilitator since 2019 and is also an Art Therapist. Her passion for children, education and wellbeing has led her to teaching children about mindfulness and how important it is to look after their mental health. As a mum of 4 young children, Lisa understands the importance of giving children the knowledge and power to regulate their emotions and to be able to help themselves (or ask for help) when in times of stress or uncertainty. Students from Foundation - Year 6 can enrol in the program, which consists of one 50 minute session each week for 8 weeks.

Please refer to the attached flyer on Compass for pricing information and contact details in enrolling your child in the 'Peaceful Kids' program.

Printed copies are also available at the school office.



SCOUTS & SCHOOLS

MONSTER RAFFLE

1st
Hyundai Venue
Valued at \$27,190
(incl. on-road costs)

2nd
3-Day Uluru
Adventure including
flights for two.
Valued at \$3,900

3rd
AquaPlanet Max
stand up inflatable
paddle board kit.
Valued at \$999

\$2
Per ticket

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Over 100 prizes to be won!

Buy a ticket and not only could you win big, but you'll also be supporting youth to gain skills for life and help develop the next generation of leaders in your community!

Help young people in your local community.
www.scoutsvictoria.com.au



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scoutsvic.raffletix.com.au/keysboroughgardensps

big CHILD CARE

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT **O.S.H.C?**

WE'VE JOINED THE VIC KIDS EAT WELL MOVEMENT

FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST STUDENT FREE DAY

We are open from 6:30am-6:30pm. Please make sure to book your children in via the app or work phone. For cancellations, please give us 48-hour notice. The app **does not** change ASC to Curriculum Day automatically.

NEXT WEEK
MONDAY: Soccer / Spin Drums
TUESDAY: Healthy Muffins
WEDNESDAY: Sock Bunny
THURSDAY: Make your own Scratch Art
FRIDAY: DIY your own Puzzles

HOLIDAY CARE

For our upcoming holiday program, any suggestions regarding activities and general program planning, please do not hesitate to share some ideas with us. We would love to have community voice in our program.

Furthermore, on the 27TH of September, we are doing foods around the world! If you have any recipes or food ideas that you think the children might like, please share it with us, or, if you can, come and teach us! Please be mindful that we are a nut free service and any recipe ideas that you have must be provided to us prior to the session commencing.

REMINDERS

For any bookings or cancellations please notify us via text message on 0421 897 819 or make booking changes directly on the Xap app.

Please ensure that you are signing in and signing out children correctly. If you do not remember your code, please send us a text message with your name so we can text you the code.

Any donations including books, cardboard boxes, toys, containers and jars that can be given a second life would be greatly appreciated 😊



WINTER DOG WALK

AAPS MUTT STRUT

 **Saturday 26 August, 11 AM - 1 PM**

 **Australian Animal Protection Society,
26 Aegean Court Keysborough 3173**

**Celebrity MC MAFS star Charlene Perera,
competitions, demonstrations, vegan nibbles &
drinks, bootiful doggos, & more!**



**WITH CELEBRITY MC,
MAFS STAR CHARLENE PERERA**

**PURCHASE \$15
ADULT TICKET
HERE"**



***More ticket packages available**



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Community Event Details

Little Day Out

Sunday 17 September 11am-4pm

Ross Reserve, 9 Memorial Dr, Noble Park VIC 3174

<https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/major-events-and-celebrations/little-day-out>