



From the Principal- Mrs Jenkins

Dear KGPS Families,

A warm welcome to the many new students (100!) and their families to our growing school community, and a warm welcome back to all our current families.

I hope you have had a restful break and enjoyed the time with your children!

We commence our fourth year of education at KGPS with 390 students, 18 classes, 27 teaching staff and 10 education support/admin staff. I would like to thank the many staff who began preparation for the 2023 school year during their holiday break.

The children have settled in beautifully and even our newest members to primary school have done an amazing job learning the routines and expectations of school - well done Preps!

Communication at KGPS

Over the first few weeks of this term, two important parent/teacher events are conducted to facilitate early communication between classroom teachers and parents.

1. **'Introductory meetings'** are being held on Wednesday 8th February (next week), from 1:10pm-6:30pm. These meetings provide the opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher on a 1:1 basis, enabling the exchange of information to assist with a smooth start for all. *If you were not able to make it to a meeting this week, please see your child's teacher to arrange a catch-up next week.*

Please note we have an **early finish at 1pm** on this day to accommodate these meetings. Big Childcare will offer an afternoon program for those requiring childcare. Please see the attached flyer.

***Please book your meeting via Compass.**

2. Parent/Carer Curriculum Information Evening- for Prep families and families new to the school

This year we will be running an information session for our Prep families and families new to the school on Tuesday the 21st February, 5:30pm-6:30pm. The session will give you an overview of our curriculum programs as well as general information about the school.

This session will be similar to the Parent Curriculum Information session we held at the beginning of last year.

A pre-recorded Curriculum Information video will be shared with **all** families as well as the KGPS Handbook after this session. An overview of the events/programs that are specific to each year level will be included in our Learning Community news.

Please note- if you are an existing family and you would like to hear the information again you are more than welcome to attend.

Assemblies

Another form of communication is our weekly assembly. These are held at 9:10am on a Friday morning in the gym. We would love our families to join us! Tomorrow will be the Preps very first assembly and we will be announcing the name of our Wellbeing dog after tallying the votes from 2022!

Welcome Picnic and Year 6 Leaders Badge Presentation- save the date!

On Friday 3rd March, 5pm-7pm is our Annual Welcome Picnic. This event provides an opportunity to connect with our community and for you to meet other KGPS families. Our Year 6 leaders will also be presented with their leadership badges at this event. Keep an eye on the newsletter for further information.

2nd February 2023

ACTIVE TRAVEL and PICK UP and DROP OFF REMINDERS

This year we will be continuing to promote walking, riding or scooting to school. We have again partnered with Greater Dandenong Council to promote Active Travel in our community. Our SRC team will be working on this initiative with the Council and some of our teachers over the year- watch this space!!

Parents/carers are encouraged to come onto the school grounds for pick up and drop off. This means you can park your car at Woolworths or in the surrounding streets and meet your child at their class exit point (see the map on our Pickup and Drop off at KGPS document). You may arrange to meet your child in another area of the school. We strongly encourage you to discuss with your child how and where you will be picking them up from.

If you decided to use the Kiss and Go Zone, please refer to the 'Pickup and Drop off at KGPS' document for directions for a smooth arrival and departure at school.

Please DO NOT park and leave your car in the Kiss and Go zone. Local Laws are currently patrolling, and you will receive a fine.

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

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Application Form 2023

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families who have a valid means-tested concession card. Such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Healthcare Card, Pension Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for a payment that assists with school excursions/incursions, camps and sporting events. Applications are open now for 2023.

Payment for 2023 is \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to school camps, excursions/incursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

*** Please note:** if you received CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application for this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the 2023 payment, please complete the form attached with a photo of the associated card and email it to:

keysborough.gardens.ps@education.vic.gov.au
or return it to the office.

2023 PARENT PAYMENTS

School fees and contributions were distributed at the end of 2022. To assist us with budgeting, building projects and student supplies we would appreciate payment of your contribution by the Friday 3rd March. Thank you to the families who have already logged onto Compass to process their payment and for your support and cooperation with these contributions. These payments will collectively enable the ongoing development of our school grounds and programs.

Kind Regards,

Sherri

Sherri Jenkins | Principal

SunSmart



Did you know sun protection is recommended when the UV index is 3 or above? At the moment the UV index during the day is between 9-11+ (Very high to Extreme). Check out our UV widget on our website to view the daily UV rating. <https://www.keysboroughgardensps.vic.edu.au/>



We are a SunSmart School, and our broad brimmed school hats are **compulsory** from the start of the year until the 30th April and then from the 1st September until end of school year.

Please ensure your child has a named school hat at school every day.



2023 Classes	Teacher
Prep A	Ms Rebecca Matlock (Leader)
Prep B	Miss Georgia Furmedge
Prep C	Miss Elizabeth Matthews
Prep D	Mr Lewis Maclean
1A	Ms Adele Crawford (Leader)
1B	Mrs Kimmie Allott
1C	Mrs Michelle Drummy
1D	Mrs Maisie Fairweather
2A	Miss Vivian Phan (Leader)
2B	Miss Kristen Harly
2C	Ms Stephanie McGorlick
3/4A	Mr Simon Gliddon (Leader)
3/4B	Miss Maddi Grandy
3/4C	Mr Jack Capicchiano
3/4D	Miss Sophie Tanner
5/6A	Mr Ryan Serpanchy (Leader)
5/6B	Miss Jordyn Emmett
5/6C	Mr Garin Sandler
Principal:	Mrs Sherri Jenkins
Assistant Principal:	Mr Steve Gammon
Education Admin Manager/Community Liaison:	Mrs Deanne Barrie / Mrs Teresa Baker
Visual Arts:	Miss Fiona Grace
Physical Education:	Ms Steph Anderson/Ms Jaiden King
Performing Arts:	Mrs Laura Main
Chinese Mandarin:	Mr Tong Sha
STEM:	Ms Sanny Pillay
Learning Specialists- Wellbeing/Instructional Leaders:	Mr Simon Gliddon and Ms Rebecca Matlock
Teaching and Learning Support:	Miss Molly Nugent (term 1 only) & Mrs Jess Shattock
Learning Enhancement Program:	Mrs Jacinda Hocking
Business Manager:	Mrs Dee Smith
Office/Admin:	Mrs Selen Asi & Mrs Bonnie Stewart
Education Support:	Miss Britt Smith, Ms Sharon McBean, Ms Alba Gomez, Mrs Rachel Condon, Mrs Raffaella Lawson, Mrs Caroline Bond & Mrs Chum De Silva
Handyperson/Gardener:	Mr Russell McLeod
Canteen Manager:	Mrs Chum De Silva

DIARY DATES 2023

February 2023

Wednesday 8 th	Wk3	Early dismissal at 1:00pm Parent Intro Meetings: Prep- Yr6 (1:10pm - 6:40pm)
Wednesday 15 th	Wk4	Yr 3-6 Bully Zero Incursion
Thursday 16 th	Wk4	Yr 3/4 Hockey Victoria Clinic Yr 5/6 Interschool sport (home) School Council meeting 5:30pm
Tuesday 21 st	Wk5	Prep & new families Parent/Carer Info Evening- 5:30pm-6:30pm
Thursday 23 rd	Wk5	Yr 5/6 Interschool sport (Clayton South)
Monday 27 th	Wk6	Prep commence full week

March 2023

Thursday 2 nd	Wk6	Yr 5/6 Interschool sport (Westal)
Friday 3 rd	Wk6	School Photos Welcome Picnic
		Yr 5/6 Interschool sport (St Elizabeths)
Friday 10 th	Wk7	Curriculum Day (no students)
Monday 13 th	Wk8	Labour Day (no students)
Thursday 23 rd	Wk9	Yr 5/6 Interschool sport (Silverton)
Thursday 30 th	Wk10	Yr 5/6 Interschool sport (Home)
	Wk11	Yr 5/6 Interschool sport finals (Silverton)

***Assembly every Friday at 9:10am -families welcome!**



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 organise a regular pick up point with your child/ren.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF OPTIONS

Walk, ride or scoot if you live close by!

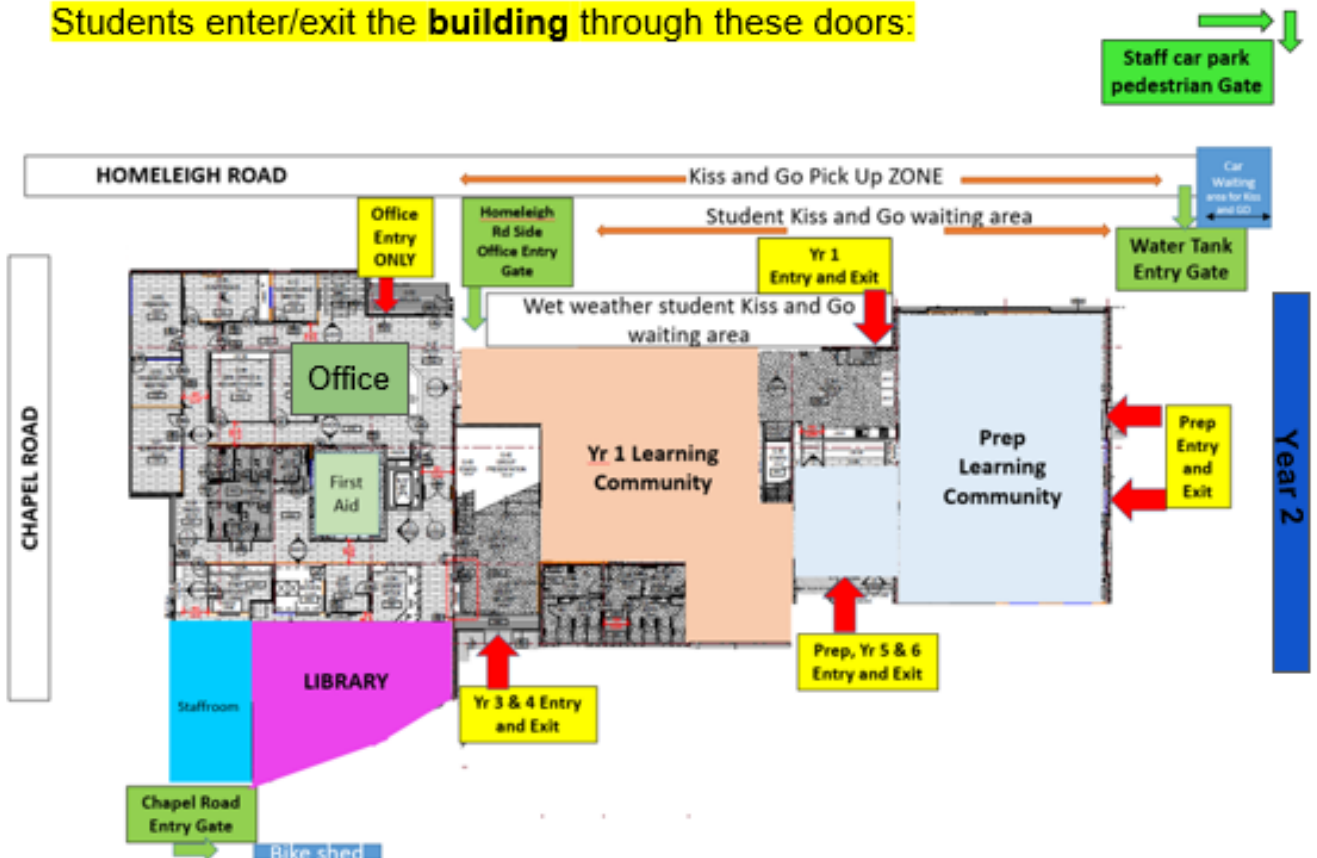
Park at Woolworths or in the surrounding streets.

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

Organise a place to meet your child/ren after school

Some 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– DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR!

- 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. **Do not leave your car.**
- Students wait inside the fence in their year levels. Older students will wait with younger brothers/sisters.
- Teach your child to recognise your car and number plate.

