

15th May 2025

From the Acting Assistant Principal - Rebecca Matlock



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 4

We have nearly reached the midway point of Term 2, and it's been a pleasure to visit different learning communities throughout the week. Our students are settled, engaged, and clearly enjoying their learning. It's also been wonderful to welcome several new families into our KGPS community. We are so pleased to have you join us and look forward to getting to know you more over the term ahead.

Deepening Our Practice: Staff Curriculum Day

On Monday, all teaching and education support staff participated in a full day of professional learning focused on the new Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0. This day provided time for teachers to collaborate, reflect, and continue refining the way we plan and deliver learning across the school. Days like this are so important for ensuring consistency and excellence in every classroom. Thank you to our community for supporting us in this important work.



New Courts Coming Soon!

If you have walked past our basketball courts recently, you will have seen a big transformation taking place. The Grassports team has been working hard to upgrade this space, and we are thrilled with the progress. We are now in the final stage of completion, with the temporary fencing expected to come down in the next few days. Once open, this vibrant and refreshed area will be a fantastic space for our students to enjoy during recess, lunch and PE lessons



2026 Enrolments Now Open

On Wednesday night, Miss Furmedge, Buddy and I visited Great Beginnings to meet some of our 2026 families and support the transition from kindergarten to school. It was a great chance to answer questions and share information about our enrolment process.

If your child is turning 5 before 30 April 2026, please make sure you have completed your enrolment forms and returned them to the school office. Submitting your form early ensures your child is included in all upcoming Ready Set Prep and transition sessions.



Junior Cross Country - What a Day!

Last Friday, our youngest students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 took to the oval for our Junior Cross Country event - and what a fantastic day it was! Students cheered one another on, gave it their all, and proudly crossed the finish line with big smiles. Every child received a certificate and ribbon to celebrate their effort, and our top 5 runners from each year level were recognised for their achievement. A big thank you to our families who came along to support, and of course to Mr Blundell for organising such a positive, inclusive event. Even Buddy the wellbeing dog joined in on the fun, keeping spirits high along the way!



School Review: Day One Next Week

We are preparing for the first of three School Review days, beginning next week. As part of the Department of Education's school improvement cycle, every school undergoes a review every four years. This process helps us evaluate our achievements, identify areas for growth, and develop a School Strategic Plan for the next four years. We are proud of what we have achieved so far and are excited to share the learning and progress happening in every corner of KGPS.



KGPS Shines in State Schools Spectacular

We are very proud that Keysborough Gardens Primary School has been selected to participate in the Victorian State School Spectacular as part of the Mass Dance group. Our dedicated Year 5 and 6 students have been rehearsing regularly and recently travelled to Oakleigh South Primary for a full-day rehearsal with students from other schools. It was a fun and energising day that allowed our students to practise their routines with props and performance elements. They represented our school beautifully. The next rehearsal will take place on June 16th. Please refer to Compass for all relevant details.

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

SPECTACULAR

Musical Milestones at Assembly

Last week at assembly, we celebrated a very special moment as two of our talented students, Josephine and Maninsha, were awarded Freemasons Music Scholarships by the Freemasons Foundation Victoria! We are so proud of their achievements and can't wait to see them continue to grow and shine as young musicians. Congratulations!



A Friendly Reminder: No Roasting at School

Recently, we have noticed an increase in students participating in 'roast battles' – a form of joking where people take turns making playful but often unkind remarks about each other. While this type of humour is common in some media and online spaces, it's not appropriate in a primary school setting. Children at this age are still developing their understanding of boundaries, intent and impact. At KGPS, we promote a culture of respect, kindness and inclusion. We have spoken with students about this, and we appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home.



Need Translation Support? We Can Help

Communication is an important part of every child's learning journey, and we want to make sure all families feel confident and supported. If English is not your first language and you would like assistance communicating with your child's teacher, we can organise a translator to assist – either in person or over the phone. If this would be helpful, please speak to the office or your child's teacher, and we will be happy to support you.



Student Reports: Opt-In for a Printed Copy

Student reports for Semester One will be published via Compass and available to families through their child's portal in Week 11. This online format ensures easy access and ongoing availability. If you prefer to receive a printed version of your child's report, please complete this [Google Form](#) by Friday 20th June. For those new to Compass, [helpful guides](#) are also available here to support you in accessing your child's information.

It has been a busy few weeks, and we are so grateful for the support, positivity and involvement of our families. Whether you are cheering at cross country, helping your child with reading at home, or simply greeting each other in the yard with a smile – thank you for being such a valued part of our school community. Wishing everyone a safe, happy and restful end to the week.

Warm regards,
Rebecca

Rebecca Matlock | Acting Assistant Principal

2025 Cross Country



Wednesday April 30 saw our Year Three to Six students head to Tatterson Park for our 2025 **Senior House Country**. The weather was magnificent, students raced over a 3 km or 2km track (dependent on age), putting their preparation from PE lessons into action. We saw some exceptional running and outstanding finishing times. It was fantastic to see so many people wearing colours of their houses to make the event so bright and colourful.

This Thursday (May 15) sees our District Team take on the best runners from across the Noble Park District. It is hopefully that some of the forty one KGPS team, then make it through to the next stage which is the Greater Dandenong Division.



Our Junior Cross Country was held on Friday 9th May, students from Prep to Year Two had preparing for this day in recent PE lessons, learning about simple running technique, how to run at a steady pace and how our body responds to exercise.

It was great to see our Junior school students give it their all as they raced around the track, cheered on by their peers and plenty of parents.

A special thank you to all the parents who assisted and thank you to all our wonderful teaching and educational support staff and House Captains who helped at both events!

The final standings of our House Competitions are below...

| Senior Results | |
|----------------|----|
| YINGABEAL | 93 |
| KEYS | 78 |
| BUNURONG | 76 |
| HOMELEIGH | 51 |

| Junior Results | |
|----------------|----|
| YINGABEAL | 88 |
| BUNURONG | 80 |
| KEYS | 75 |
| HOMELEIGH | 75 |

| Cross Country Final Results | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| YINGABEAL | 181 |
| BUNURONG | 156 |
| KEYS | 153 |
| HOMELEIGH | 126 |

STEM News

STEM Material Collection

Ms Kancachian needs **MILK BOTTLE LIDS** in the STEM centre. They make great wheels, and would help with engineering products with a wheel and axle. If you can help, place your collection in a bag and send them with your child to the STEM centre. Any support would be greatly appreciated!

Nature Designs with Year Prep

Prep students have been learning about the differences between **natural and manmade objects**. They explored how manmade items often originate from **natural resources**, leading to some interesting discussions! To deepen their understanding, students went on a nature hunt around the school, collecting items like stones, sticks, flowers, gumnuts, and bark. Using these natural items, students got creative! First, they made faces, then moved on to creating their own imaginative designs. They added chalk to emphasise their pictures. Take a look at the beautiful nature-inspired designs they created.



Turning an 'Itch into Innovation' with Year 2

Year Two students tackled a fun design challenge: helping a character, Jessie, with her problem. She couldn't reach an itchy spot on her back! Using the **LAUNCH Process**, students designed a solution and built back-scratchers that met specific **criteria** - they had to reach the middle of the back, not break when force was applied, include a handle, and have a way to hang it when not in use. Students discovered a backscratcher is more than just a helpful tool. It is also a **lever**, one of the six simple machines. They explored how **levers use a fulcrum**, the turning point that helps apply **push or pull forces** more effectively. They observed how the length of the handle and the position of the fulcrum influenced the efficiency of their back scratchers.



DIY Greenhouse with Year 5/6

Our Year 5/6 students have been **risk-takers while** applying themselves to a whole new experience. They have explored how greenhouses help control environmental conditions to **support plant growth**. They investigated how **sunlight transmits** through glass to generate heat energy. Students have been planning their own greenhouse models. Using detailed drawings, labels, and material choices, they designed their structures based on **specific criteria**. They are now **working collaboratively** to bring their DIY greenhouses to life. Stay tuned to see their innovative final creations!



Carol Kancachian STEM Teaching and Learning

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible.

A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. Means-tested concession cards must be valid on the first day of Term 1, 2025 (Tuesday 28 January 2025) or Term 2, 2025 (Tuesday 22 April 2025).

A student aged 16 years and over who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card is also eligible to apply.

Eligible families will receive a payment of \$154 per year for primary school students. The funds will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 9792 6800 and ask for an application form. Please return completed application forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Sherri Jenkins



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

Keep it up!



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| • Maninsha G | • Alara S | • Kingston S |
| • Ben D | • Tiffany W | • Isaac W |
| • Kyzer L | • Lana D | • Yav R |
| • Dev N | • Kaia B | • Edward Z |
| • Grace R | • Juniper L | • Eugene L |
| • Saad H | • Aaradhya S | • Zenith F |
| • Abbey O | • Nicole T | • Dev N |
| • Amelia H | • Jessie W | • Mariam H |
| • Pranit J | • Garvyodh D | • Hazel W |
| • Alexander T | • Tahlia J | • Terrance L |
| • Mitchell C | • Natalie J | |



Gratitude

We are so grateful to the following parents for helping this week:
Michelle, Mona, Mahenti, Adeline, May, Amali & Taryn.

2025 Terms

Term 1
30th January
to
4th April

Term 2
22nd April
to
4th July

Term 3
21st July
to
19th September

Term 4
6th October
to
18th December

Student Free Days & Public Holidays:

Semester 1

- Monday 9th June (Kings Birthday)

Semester 2

- Wednesday 30th July (Student Led Conferences- 1pm Dismissal)
- Friday 8th August (Curriculum Day)
- Monday 3rd November (Prof. Practice Day- Curriculum Day)
- Tuesday 4th November (Cup Day)



Second hand uniform will be open on:

- Friday 16th May 3:15- 3:45pm
- Tuesday 20th May 8:45- 9:15am



STEM Collection

Ms Kancachian is in need of milk bottle lids in the STEM centre. They make great wheels and would help with engineering products with a wheel and axle. If you are able to help out, place your collection in a bag and send them with your child to the STEM centre. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

School start times- Student safety

We have observed an increasing number of students arriving at school early, prompting us to address the importance of student safety during these times. Please be aware that students arriving before 8:30am will be directed to Team Kids for Before-school care. For those arriving before 8:45am, it is crucial that they have supervision from a parent or carer.



These measures are in place to prioritise the safety of all our students. Classroom doors will be open at 8:45am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and at 8:30am on Wednesdays.

E-Scooter Safety Reminder

In Victoria, riders must be aged 16 years or older to legally use an E-Scooter. They are only permitted on shared paths and roads with a speed limit of 60km/h or less.

Please help keep our community safe by following the rules and having age-appropriate conversations with your children about E-Scooter safety and responsibility.

E-Scooter riders MUST

- Be aged 16 years and over
- Not exceed the maximum speed of 20kph
- Ride only on shared paths and roads that have a speed limit up to 60kph
- Wear a helmet at all times
- Follow all traffic rules
- Be visible at all times

E-Scooter riders cannot






- Ride on the footpath
- Use a mobile phone while riding
- Ride while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Carry passengers or animals or ride in tandem
- Ride a high-speed e-scooter, one capable of more than 20kph
- Ride on roads that have a speed limit over 60kph



Keyzie Kids are Global Kids

Matrix of Expectations

At Keysborough Gardens Primary School, we encourage all community members (students, staff and families), to use our core values of Kindness, Empathy, Gratitude, Respect and Excellence to guide their daily interactions.

| | All Spaces | Classroom | Yard | Digital Citizenship |
|---|---|--|---|--|
|  Respect | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I look after learning spaces, materials and equipment • I follow instructions and directions • I keep my hands, feet and body to myself • I wait and take my turn • I walk around the school quietly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I use Whole Body Listening and follow The Group Plan • I use a positive tone and body language • I value the opinions of others • I let others learn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am inclusive of others • I keep our school clean • I use toilets in the right way and at the right time • I think about other people's games | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I get permission before filming/taking photos of others • I use my own login details • I post in a positive way • I value others' privacy and work • I follow the ICT User Agreement |
|  Kindness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I use positive language • I am inclusive of all people and their differences • I am a good role model and represent my school well | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I offer help to others who may be struggling with a task | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am a good sport • I can pick up litter and help keep our community clean | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can ensure that my language online is positive and appropriate at all times • I can be an active upstander by reporting inappropriate sites, unsafe use and bullying comments |
|  Empathy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I help when someone is sad or upset • I listen carefully when someone is talking • I try to make others feel happy and safe • I consider the feelings of others • I am kind and friendly to people I meet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I try to cheer up others when they feel down • I celebrate others' accomplishments and feel happy for them | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I play fair and share with everyone • I can be an upstander • I work together and play nicely with others • I give positive feedback to others in an activity • I reflect on the impact of my actions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I tell an adult if someone is being mean or hurtful online • I am careful of how my behaviour online may impact others |
|  Gratitude | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I say thank you when someone helps me or gives me something • I am happy for the things I have • I like myself and am proud of what I can do | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I thank my teacher and my friends for helping me learn • I enjoy learning new things and ask questions • I use my time and things carefully and do not waste them | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have fun and respect the plants, animals, and things around me • I help others who are hurt or need a friend | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I say where I got the information and ideas from when I use them in my work • I keep my personal information private and do not share it with strangers online |
|  Excellence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I always give my best effort • I keep trying, even when things are challenging • I learn from my mistakes and try again • I help others do their best by encouraging them | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I ask for help when I need it to do my best • I complete my work to the best of my ability • I respect myself, my teacher and classmates by doing my personal best | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I play with enthusiasm and energy • I help my friends when they need it during games • I have fun and do my best when playing sports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I do my best to learn and explore when using the computer or iPad • I strive to use technology to learn and create positive things |

Diary Dates - 2025

May 2025

- Friday 16th May - Education Support Day
- Monday 19th May - **Education Week - Celebration of Cultures**
- Wednesday 21st May - Children's Advisory Group
- Thursday 22nd - Year 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports
- Tuesday 27th May - **Reconciliation Week**
- Wednesday 28th - Prep Parkdale Library Excursion
- Thursday 29th - Year 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports
- Friday 30th - Year 5/6 Queen Victoria Market Excursion

June 2025

- Thursday 5th - Year 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports
- Monday 9th - **King's Birthday (no school)**
- Wednesday 11th June - Children's Advisory Group
- Thursday 12th - Year 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports
- Wednesday 18th - Year 4 Supreme Incursion Team Building
- Wednesday 18th-20th - Year 5/6 Camp Woorabinda
- Thursday 19th - Year 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports
- Wednesday 25th June - Children's Advisory Group

July 2025

- Tuesday 2nd - Reports available on Compass
- Friday 4th - Last day of term 2

Whole School Event

No School

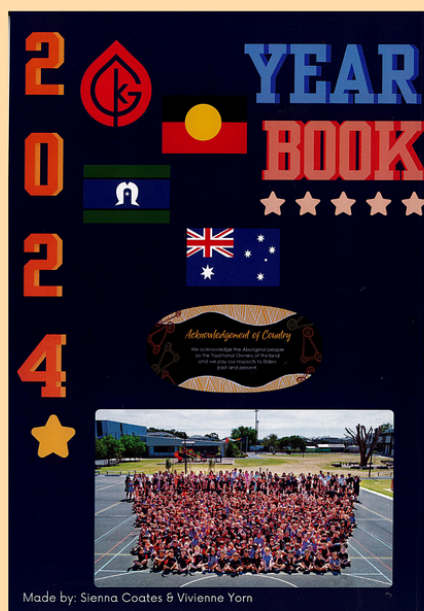
Our School Assembly is held every Friday morning at 9:10am

Beanie Sale



Special discounted price of \$12.00!

Order through Compass Canteen module by selecting 19th September.



**School Year Book- Our first 5 Years
sale \$12.00!**

Order through Compass Canteen module by selecting 19th September.

NEWSLETTER

Team
Kids

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

This week, the children have continued developing their TeamKids groups. Each group will receive a display book, which they will decorate and use to store prompts and document their work throughout the term.

The children also enjoyed contributing to our "Where in the World Are You From?" display by adding photos, drawings, and their names. This activity sparked rich conversations about cultural backgrounds, with children discovering connections—whether from the same country or places overseas.

One of our goals this term is to encourage children to try new group games. This week, What's the Time, Mr. Wolf? was a big hit! The game helped develop gross motor skills and provided a fun opportunity to explore concepts like turn-taking and fair play.

We're also introducing a new monthly question for families, located on a clipboard at the sign-in/out area. These questions are designed to gather your feedback and help shape a program that reflects our community's voice. We look forward to hearing your thoughts!

IMPORTANT DATES



Tuesday 20th May | World Bee Day



Tuesday 27th May - Tuesday 3rd of June | Reconciliation Week



Thursday 5th June | World Environment Day

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

MONDAY

BSC:

ASC: STEM

TUESDAY

BSC:

ASC: Lego Masters

WEDNESDAY

BSC:

ASC: Cooking

THURSDAY

BSC:

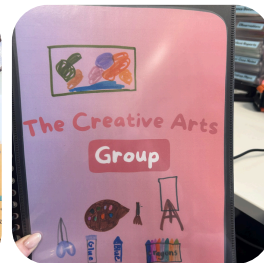
ASC: Art Zone

FRIDAY

BSC:

ASC: Mindfulness

BSC: BEFORE SCHOOL CARE | ASC: AFTER SCHOOL CARE



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Communication with school staff

Our staff now have the right to enjoy their evenings and weekends without being expected to respond to messages or emails.

Teachers and Education Support staff are not required to reply to phone calls, emails, or Compass messages from parents or students after 5pm or on weekends.

We ask that families understand and respect these boundaries.

Any non-urgent communication will be answered within 2 working days, and urgent matters will be addressed within 24 hours or the next working day.

For urgent matters please call the school between 8:30am and 4:00pm

Thank you for your understanding and support!

Mobile Devices

All phones bought to school must be switched off and given to teachers for safe keeping.

This includes any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as a smart watch.

Smart watches must have their internet connectivity switched off during school times.

When a student is not complying with this mobile phone policy, we will be required to follow a process in line with our existing student engagement policies.

Mobile phone Policy.



Facebook

Please like our Facebook page. This page is used by the school to share events and updates at the school.

KGPS Facebook and Instagram.

Any other Facebook pages are not officially authorised by representatives at the school.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am at the Canteen.

Come along!



School start on Wednesdays

School starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3:00pm every Wednesday.

Please remember to be here on time.



Early Arrival at school

There is NO supervision for students before 8:40am.

For your child's safety

- Stay with your child until 8:40am
- Or, book them into TeamKids



Student Safety

Medication

If your child requires medication during the school day, a Medication Authority form must be signed by the parent/carer. Please contact the office.

Students cannot administer medication themselves (except older students requiring Ventolin).



Contact Details

It is important the school has your most current phone, home and email details.

If you change any details please tell us as soon as possible.



KGPS Community Pantry

Our KGPS Community Pantry is located next to the Lost Property cupboard in the front office. The pantry operates with a simple message: *take what you need, give what you can.*

The pantry is stocked with essential non-perishable items. Families are welcome to take items when needed.

We kindly invite donations of non-perishable items to help keep the pantry running.

If you have items at home you won't use, your contributions would be greatly appreciated.

We would like to express our gratitude to Foodbank and families who have already donated.



Uniform Reminders

The wearing of uniform is compulsory at Keysborough Gardens Primary school.

All our uniform can be purchased at PSW, Unit 1, 9-11 South Link, Dandenong South, 3157 or online [click here](#)



polo shirt



long sleeve shirt



jumper



zip up jacket



bag



shorts



pants



skort



summer dress



broad brim hat



school beanie



winter tunic



white skivvy



navy or white socks



navy tights



black shoes or runners

These items are not permitted as part of our uniform

