

10th October 2024

From the Acting Principal - Mr Gammon



Dear KGPS Families,

Welcome to the final term of the year! We hope you had a relaxing break and are energised for an exciting term filled with learning and enriching activities. There is so much to look forward to, and we are thrilled to share some highlights of what Term 4 has in store:

Performance Fortnight

This term, our much-anticipated Performance Fortnight brings some incredible shows to our stage:

- **Preps and Year 1's** will perform *Chasing Stars: A Dreamer's Tale*, while the **Year 2's and 3's** will present 'The Weather Report' on **Thursday 17th October**.
- **Year 4's, 5's and 6's** will take the stage for *Aladdin Jnr* on **Tuesday 22nd October**.

Tickets are available at: [TryBooking](#). Tickets are selling fast, so secure yours soon!

Colour Run Fundraiser

Our annual KGPS Colour Run fundraiser is launching next week. Stay tuned for more details coming your way soon.

'Up Days' (Transition Sessions)

These sessions help students transition smoothly to their next year level, giving them the chance to familiarise themselves with new settings and routines.

Kinder-Prep Transition Sessions

We also have special transition sessions to help our youngest learners settle into Prep, giving them the best start for their learning journey.

Year 6 Graduation

Our Year 6 Graduation will be a proud celebration for our senior students as they prepare for secondary school and reflect on their achievements.

SunSmart Reminder

As a SunSmart school, the wearing of hats outside is compulsory. Please ensure your child wears their school broad-brimmed hat whenever they are outdoors. We also encourage students to bring their sunscreen and sunglasses as the weather warms up. Don't forget to label all personal belongings.



Staffing Update

We warmly welcome Veronica Mitroudou to our Education Support Staff team. We are thrilled to have her join our school community. Veronica has previously worked at Southern Austistic School and is currently undertaking studies in media and communication.

Planning for 2025

As we look ahead to 2025, it's important to plan for the upcoming school year. If your child is in Prep through Year 5 this year and you are planning to move out of the Keysborough Gardens Primary School community, we kindly ask that you let us know as soon as possible. Please provide this information in writing via email to keysborough.gardens.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

This will help us ensure a smooth transition for all students and families and allow us to make the necessary arrangements for the coming year. We appreciate your cooperation and support in this matter.

Important Dates for Term 4:

- **Monday 4th November:** Modified program day. Many of our teachers will be acquitting the Time in Lieu they have earned throughout the year, allowing us to continue offering school camps and out-of-school hours events. As many staff will be absent, a modified learning program will be provided at school for students attending on this day. For those students who will be absent, an (optional) remote learning program will be available.
- **Tuesday 5th November:** Cup Day Public Holiday - school closed.
- **Thursday 12th December:** Year 6 Graduation
- **Friday 13th December:** Final assembly and Meet Your 2025 Class/Teacher 'Up Day'
- **Thursday 19th December:** Clean-up day (attendance optional)
- **Friday 20th December:** Forward Planning Day (no students)

We are excited for a productive and rewarding final term. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. Let's make this term one to remember for our students!

Warm regards,

Steve

Steve Gammon | Acting Principal

Diary Dates

October

- Thursday 17th - Prep - Year 1 Concert 5:00pm
- Thursday 17th - Year 2 - Year 3 Concert 6:15pm
- Tuesday 22nd - Year 4-6 Aladdin Jr. Musical 6:00pm
- Friday 25th - [World Teachers Day](#)
- Tuesday 29th - 2025 Prep Family Information session 6-7pm
- Tuesday 29th - Year 1 Edithvale Wetlands Excursion

November

- Friday 1st - Year 2 Melbourne Museum Excursion
- Tuesday 5th - **Cup Day (no school)**
- Wednesday 6th - Prep Wildlife Xposure Incursion
- Thursday 7th - Year 3/4 Silent Disco Incursion
- Thursday 7th - School Council 5:30pm
- Thursday 14th - Prep Transition Session 1:
Group 1: 8.30-9.15am / Group 2: 9.30-10.15am
- Thursday 21st - Prep Transition Session 2:
Group 1: 8.30-9.15am / Group 2: 9.30-10.15am
- Friday 22nd - [Colour Run](#)
- Thursday 28th - Prep Transition Session 3: Teddy Bears Picnic 9.30-10.30am
- Friday 29th-ABC Music End of Year Student Music Performances 9am-2pm

December

- Tuesday 3rd - [Up Day #1](#)
- Thursday 5th - School Council meeting 5:30pm
- Tuesday 10th - Year 6-7 Statewide Transition Day
- Thursday 12th - Year 6 Graduation
- Friday 13th - [Up Day #2](#) (Final assembly)
- Tuesday 17th - Yr 6 Big Day Out
- Thursday 19th - **Last Day of Term 4**

Whole School Event

No School



**CURIOUS KIDS
PLAYGROUP AT
KEYSBOROUGH GARDENS
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**9:30AM – 10:30AM IN THE
LIBRARY**

**ALL WELCOME NO
BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

**COMMENCES
TUESDAY 15TH
OCTOBER 2024**



**Enquiries on 03 9792 6800
10 HOMELEIGH ROAD
KEYSBOROUGH**



NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Welcome back to school everyone! We hope you had a fantastic spring holidays with your family and friends. TeamKids opened on the first day of school holidays and we ran an exciting school holiday program with a huge variety of incursions and excursions to support the children's learning. There were so many highlights from the school holidays, but we wanted to share the most popular! We ventured to Activate Hardrock in Moorabbin and explored all the climbing challenges. This encouraged children to build confidence, persistence and improve their gross motor skills. We went on an excursion to Moorabbin Air Museum where the children learnt about the history of aircrafts and toured through old aircrafts. Lastly, we had a visit from Queen Elsa from Frozen and the children engaged in a range of frozen themed games.

This week the children will be focusing on voting on the TeamKids Clubs they would like to run this term. Some of the clubs include cooking, mindfulness, lego, art, STEM and culture. The 5 clubs with the most votes will be run for the remainder of the term during after school care. The children will work with educators to brainstorm activities they could do for each club, and this will be implemented at the program.

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

MONDAY

BSC: TBC

ASC:

TUESDAY

BSC: TBC

ASC:

WEDNESDAY

BSC: TBC

ASC:

THURSDAY

BSC: TBC

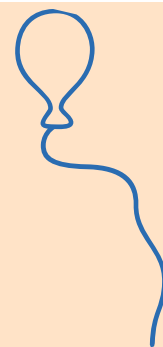
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FRIDAY




BSC: TBC

ASC:

BSC: BEFORE SCHOOL CARE | ASC: AFTER SCHOOL CARE



IMPORTANT DATES

-  Monday 14th of October | TeamKids Gingerbread Term Challenge Launches!
-  Monday the 21st of October | World Wombat Day
- Friday the 25th of October |
-  World Teacher's Day & World Pasta Day!



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PYP Corner

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Reflective Practices in PYP

Reflection is a cornerstone of the Primary Years Programme (PYP) at Keysborough Gardens Primary School. It is through reflective practices that students deepen their understanding, evaluate their learning, and make informed decisions about their next steps.

What is Reflection?

Reflection involves looking back at experiences, understanding what was learned, and considering how to apply that learning in the future. It is a deliberate and structured process that helps students internalise and make sense of their experiences.

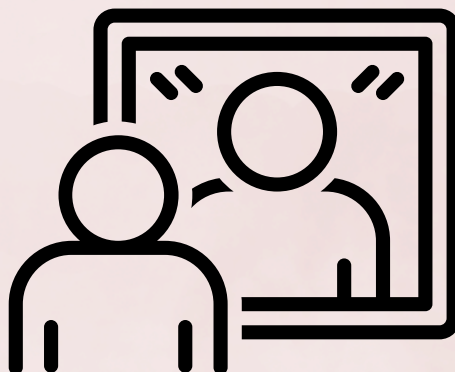
Reflective Practices in Action:

- **Journals:** Students keep learning journals where they regularly write about what they have learned and how they feel about their progress.
- **Peer Feedback:** Students share their work with peers and provide constructive feedback to each other.
- **Teacher Conferences:** One-on-one discussions between teachers and students help personalise reflection and set goals.
- **Portfolios:** Students compile portfolios showcasing their work and reflecting on their growth over time.

Benefits of Reflection:

- **Self-Awareness:** Students become more aware of their strengths and areas for improvement.
- **Goal Setting:** Reflection helps students set realistic and achievable goals.
- **Deeper Learning:** By thinking deeply about their learning, students gain a better understanding of the material.

Encouraging reflective practices at home can further enhance your child's learning. Simple questions like "What did you find interesting today?" or "How could you do this differently next time?" can prompt meaningful reflection.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

HERE AT YOUR SCHOOL

At ABC Music, we're passionate about nurturing well-rounded students, and our music program plays a key role in that mission. From learning to play the guitar to mastering the piano, our students are immersed in the wonderful world of music, and the benefits are truly remarkable. Research shows that music education can significantly enhance a child's cognitive development, academic performance, and overall well-being. When students engage with music, they sharpen their focus, improve their memory, and develop enhanced problem-solving skills – qualities that undoubtedly translate into academic success.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS



We provide a range of musical instruments to learn, but this will differ from school to school. However, Keyboard and Guitar lessons are offered in all the schools we teach.

- Students can enrol for group, paired or private lessons
- Lessons are 30 min long every week during the school term
- We supply keyboards/guitars/drums for lessons (other instruments to be supplied by the student)
- Students progress reports are provided in term 2 and term 4
- Students concerts/performance run in term 4
- YES *We can prepare students for AMEB Exams!
- New students are required to purchase a music book on enrolment, the book will be delivered in class
- Instrument hire or purchase is available via our website
- Enrolment is on a subscription basis, and fees are charged every 3 months (once per term) via direct debit

ABC Music Group

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Enrol Online on our Website www.abcmusicgroup.com.au/enroll-now/




More important Details

Communication

Keysborough Gardens Primary School recognises the importance of the partnership between schools and families to support student learning, engagement and wellbeing.



Your child's teacher will offer you a range of opportunities to communicate with them including:

-  Compass
-  Formal meetings
-  Before/After school chats

Canteen Volunteers

The canteen is on the lookout for volunteers to help run our school canteen, all you need is a valid working with children's check and a few hours to spare on a Wednesday or a Friday.

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.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fHr-Wh1HHOzdnfN_aLMH5OD6bhJdD8G8_KfI4nNcvys/edit

Grandparents welcome too!
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.

Mobile Devices

In line with the Department of Education's Mobile Phone Policy, all phones bought to school must be switched off and given to teachers for safe keeping.

For the purpose of this policy 'mobile phones' refers to 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.

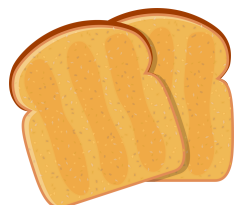
[Mobile phone Policy](#)



Breakfast Club

Don't forget breakfast is available for all students on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30am.

Everyone is welcome, just come to the canteen!



Lost Property

Please make sure all uniform items are clearly labelled, as many items in lost property have no name!



Student Supervision

Our school grounds are supervised by school staff at the following times:

- Before school from 8:45am until 9am (Wednesday from 8:30am)
- Throughout recess and lunch
- After school from 3:30pm until 3:45pm.

Do NOT leave your child alone at school before 8:45am. Book them into TeamKids!



Thank you for arriving at school on time!



Prep Enrolments 2025

Enrolments for Prep 2025 are now closed!
Please contact the office if you have not enrolled yet.

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.



Out of School Hours Care

TeamKids is our new Before & After School Provider.

The hours of operation are:

Before School Care: 6.45am to 8.45am

After School Care: 3.30pm to 6.30pm

After School Care: 3.00pm to 6.30pm (Wednesday)

Holiday Programs run each term holiday

You can book on

<https://www.teamkids.com.au/venues/keysborough-gardens-primary-oshc/>



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



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

