

From the Principal - Sherri Jenkins



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy start to the term, with our major building project now well and truly underway! This project is being led by the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA), unlike many of our smaller, school-led projects.

A large number of stakeholders are involved, including the Department of Education's Planning Department, architects, engineers, builders, quality surveyors, and the Bunurong Land Council. I have been attending fortnightly meetings since the initial stages of this project in 2023, and our KGPS School Council have also been kept informed of concept designs and plans along the way.

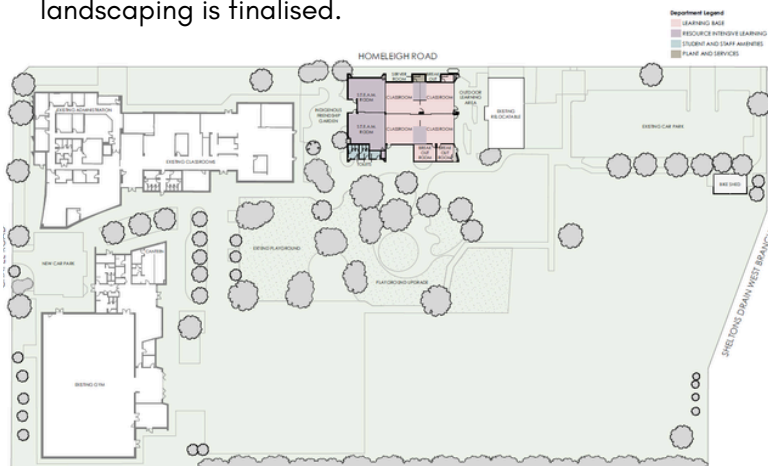
Previously, we held focus groups with parents, students, and staff. The feedback gathered was collated into an Assessment Management Plan, which outlined the school's educational direction, desired outcomes, and future learning opportunities. This document was essential in the development of our school's master plan.

We are thrilled to share that Stage 1 of our master plan is now being delivered. This stage includes:

- New gardens and main entry
- A STEM/Art building
- A new four-classroom building
- New car parking facilities
- A new bike shed
- New play equipment (including a big sandpit!) and sporting facilities

We are excited about the new bike shed, as many government schools do not have one, given that they are not a formal requirement. As shown in the architectural drawings, the bike shed will be located near the school oval.

The project will continue throughout this year and into early next year, with building works completed before the landscaping is finalised.



Keysborough Gardens Primary School
Site plan - ground level

*Artist impression only and subject to changes



Mother's Day Events - Next Week

Next week we are excited to be celebrating Mother's Day with a number of events:

Mother's Day Stall

- Tuesday afternoon: Open for students in Prep & Year One
- Wednesday morning: Open for students in Year Two - Six

Students will be allocated a time to purchase gifts.

If you would like your child to purchase something from the stall, please ensure they bring their money in a named envelope or wallet.

Please note: there will be universal gifts available suitable for any special person (not just for mums) as well as gifts for nanas and grandmothers.

A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers who busily packaged many gift bags on Thursday morning.



Mother's Day Biennial Activity Afternoon

Next Wednesday 7th from 2:00pm, we invite all mums and special people to join us for a celebration afternoon.

Families are welcome to visit classrooms and join in a range of fun activities across the school.

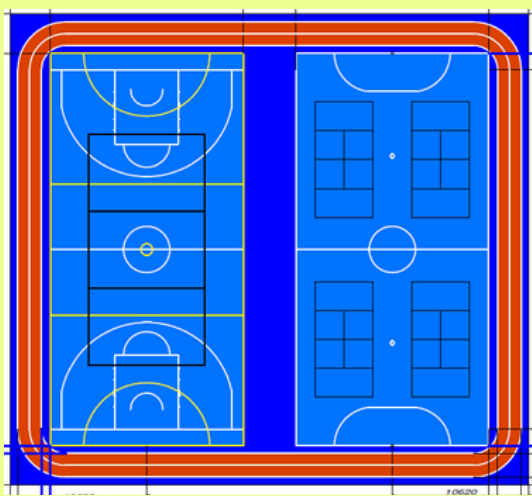
We look forward to seeing many of you there!

School-Led Building and Facilities Projects

Next week, our basketball courts will be resurfaced with an artificial surface. The courts will also be line-marked for volleyball, netball, basketball, tennis, and soccer, allowing for multi-sport use.

Additionally, a two-lane running track will be installed around the court area.

Please note that this area will be out of bounds for a couple weeks while the work is completed. However, we will be opening the gym for lunchtime activities during this time to ensure students continue to have active play opportunities.



School Council

At our March meeting, we officially welcomed the 2025 School Council. Office bearers and Subcommittee Convenors were finalised at this meeting.

We would like to thank and acknowledge the following members for taking on these important roles:

- President: Nina Kelly
- Vice President: Sharna Woods
- Treasurer: Kevin Heri

SC members: Sherri Jenkins, Simon Gliddon, Rebecca Matlock, Dana Ember, Caitlin Ryan, Varun Sharma
Minute taker: Dee Smith

Council Subcommittees:

- Education Committee Convenor: Simon Gliddon
- Buildings and Grounds Convenors: Rebecca Matlock, Dana Ember, and Varun Sharma
- Fundraising and Community Events Convenors: Teresa Baker and Deanne Barrie

If you would like to join any of the School Council Subcommittees, please email the school office. New members are always welcome!

Year 3 - 6 Cross Country

On Wednesday, it was fantastic to see all of our Year 3-6 students excitedly heading off to Tatterson Park to participate in the our Cross Country event. Our students truly demonstrated our school values throughout the day, showing resilience, sportsmanship, and care for one another. Every student gave their best effort and showed excellence by having a go, encouraging their peers, and pushing themselves to achieve their personal goals. A big thank you to Mr Blundell for his excellent organisation of the event, and to all of our teachers, support staff, and volunteers for helping to make the day such a success.

School Hats



School hats are no longer required for outdoor play. However, we do still encourage students to wear their hats on warmer days when the sun is out. Please note that hats will be required again from 1 September as part of our SunSmart policy. In the meantime, hats can now go home for a well-deserved wash!

Warm regards,

Sherri

Sherri Jenkins | Principal



**MOTHER'S
Day and Special Person's
Stall**

PREP AND YEAR ONE: TUESDAY 6TH MAY

YEAR THREE - SIX: WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY

**GORGEOUS GIFTS TO BUY-
STARTING FROM \$2**

**BRING YOUR MONEY IN A NAMED WALLET OR ZIP
LOCK BAG!**

Traffic Around Our School

As many of you are aware, traffic conditions around our school continue to present challenges as our school grows. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, I will be meeting again with the City of Greater Dandenong Council, traffic engineers to continue reviewing the traffic situation.

Here's a quick update:

Parking and Drop-Off Feedback

Thank you to everyone who has shared their feedback via [**Google Form**](#) regarding the parking changes at the front of the school. We know that drop-off and pick-up times can be stressful with busy schedules and young children.

Traffic Congestion- removal of the Kiss and Go

Previously, long queues blocked surrounding streets, prevented neighbours from accessing their driveways, and caused significant gridlock at the Homeleigh Road traffic lights.

The "Kiss and Go" system also required up to 10 staff members each day for supervision, significantly impacting essential school operations.

Additionally, it is important to note that our staff are not qualified in traffic management and therefore are not authorised to supervise road traffic, including running a Kiss and Go zone. This posed serious risks and liability concerns.

For these reasons — traffic congestion, the heavy impact on school operations, and the safety and legal limitations regarding staff roles — the Kiss and Go zone was removed.

Changes Implemented

Following an independent review funded by the City of Greater Dandenong Council, and in consultation with our School Council, the area has now been changed to 2-hour parking.

This has greatly reduced afternoon congestion, with the area now clearing within around 10 minutes.

Ongoing Challenges

We recognise that morning drop-offs remain challenging, as quick drop-offs are not as easy. Unfortunately, we have received reports of unsafe practices, including double parking and children exiting vehicles mid-road, which places everyone at risk.

We continue to work closely with traffic engineers to explore both short- and long-term solutions to improve safety and traffic flow.

Helpful Tips for Families

Please note that there are staff on duty inside the school grounds at the following times:

- o Morning duty: From 8:45am (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) and from 8:30am (Wednesday)
- o Afternoon duty: From 3:30pm–3:45pm (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) and 3:00pm–3:15pm (Wednesday)

If you are planning to use the Homeleigh Road carpark, we recommend arriving a little later for pick-up – around 3:40pm (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) and 3:10pm (Wednesday) – when traffic is dramatically lighter.

Important Reminders

We have been advised by both Victoria Police and the City of Greater Dandenong Council that our school staff are not authorised to supervise traffic on Homeleigh Road, as they do not hold the required traffic management qualifications. We kindly ask that all parents and carers follow road rules respectfully. Staff deserve to feel safe and respected while carrying out their supervision duties within the school grounds.

If you have suggestions for improving morning drop-offs, please share them via this [**Google Form**](#), and we will pass them on to the City of Greater Dandenong.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and for working with us to ensure every child arrives at school safely and calmly.



Visual Arts Article

In Visual Art this year, our Year 4 students have been inquiring into Aboriginal art styles, focusing particularly on the traditional technique of dot painting. As part of their exploration of the transdisciplinary theme 'How the World Works', students reflected on how Aboriginal artists use symbols, patterns, and storytelling to share knowledge and connect to Country. Using native Australian animals as their inspiration, learners demonstrated creativity, appreciation of culture, and a strong sense of connection to the world around them. Throughout the process, they showed the Learner Profile attributes of being open-minded and reflective while developing their artistic skills and understanding of Indigenous perspectives. Fantastic start Year 4's.



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

With the growing popularity of E-Scooters, it is important our community understands the rules around their use. 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



Keysie 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

Sensory Explosions!

AT TEAMKIDS
MONDAY 12TH MAY
Curriculum Day

Get ready for a super fun, full-on sensory experience where children get to explore the world through their five senses

— touch, sight, sound, taste, and smell — all day long!

**Nature
Sounds
Walk**

Sustainable Slime

**Glitter
Painting**

**Guess the
Scent
Stations**

Plus much more!

Our day will be themed around sensory experiences but we will have other experiences on offer as well! Breakfast, Morning Tea & Afternoon Tea are provided, please bring along a nut free lunch. Bookings are required.



Casey Priddle Dancers

OPEN DAY

+ COME & TRY WEEK!



OPEN DAY

Sunday 4th May
11.00am-1.00pm

- Meet our Teachers
- Studio Tours
- Sausage Sizzle
- Bake Sale
- Displays & Demonstrations



COME & TRY

Monday 5th
Sat 10th May
Come and try as
many classes as you
like **FREE** of charge!

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Diary Dates - 2025

May 2025

- Tuesday 6th - Mother's Day Stall Prep- Year 1
- Wednesday 7th - Mother's Day Stall Year 2- Year 6
Mother's Day Afternoon 2pm - 3pm
- Thursday 8th - Year 3 Scienceworks Excursion
Year 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports
- Friday 9th - Prep - Year 2 Cross Country (at school)
- Monday 12th - **Curriculum Day (no school)**
- Thursday 15th - Year 5/6 Interschool Sport 9:15am-11am
District Cross Country
Year 2 Billycarts Incursion
- Thursday 22nd - Year 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports
- Wednesday 28th - Prep Parkdale Library Excursion
- Thursday 29th - Year 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports
- Friday 30th - Year 5/6 Queen Victorian Market Excursion

June 2025

- Thursday 5th - Year 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports
- Monday 9th - **King's Birthday (no school)**
- Tuesday 10th - Year 4 Team Building Incursion
- Thursday 12th - Year 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports
- Wednesday 18th-20th - Year 5/6 Camp Woorabinda
- Thursday 19th - Year 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports

Whole School Event

No School

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

NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Welcome to Term 2!

We had a blast over the Autumn holidays engaging the children in a range of excursions and incursions. Highlights included heading to Rush HQ where the children explored an indoor inflatable centre, and having the slime incursion where children had the opportunity to make two different types of slime!

This week at TeamKids the children finalised our Children's Rights display, which will be displayed by the end of Week 2. The children have participated in learning about these rights and our display includes pictures and words completed by the children to reflect their understanding. We have continued to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders perspectives in our program through a range of craft, cooking and active experiences.

At the start of the term., we have brainstormed a new menu with the children! We are now serving egg and toast cups and waffles for breakfast, and for afternoon tea we are having pita pizza, Asian noodle soup and San Choy Bow.

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

MONDAY

BSC:

ASC:

TUESDAY

BSC:

ASC:

WEDNESDAY

BSC:

ASC:

THURSDAY

BSC:

ASC:

FRIDAY

BSC:

ASC:

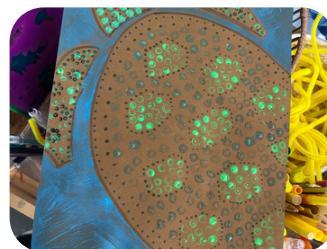
BSC: BEFORE SCHOOL CARE | ASC: AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We are in the process of club sign up and will commence brainstorming in Week 2, with clubs scheduled to start from Week 3.

IMPORTANT DATES



Friday 2nd May | Harry Potter Day



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Service Email: KeysboroughGardensPS@teamkids.com.au

Head Office Email: info@teamkids.com.au

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!



Lost Property

Please name all clothing so we can return it to you if it ends up in Lost Property.



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

