



UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

Monday 20th February	Meet the teacher 11.00am – 6.00pm
Monday 13th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 14th March	Curriculum Day – Please organise childcare arrangements
Wednesday 15th March – Monday 27th March	NAPLAN Year 3 Year 5
Thursday 16th March	KPS Fly High Family Kite Night 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Friday 17th March	Cross Country
Thursday 23rd March	Volunteer's Induction 9.15am – 10.15am
Monday 27th March	Volunteer's Induction 2.30pm – 3.30pm

A MESSAGE FROM MISS LOREN

17th Feb, 2023

Dear Families,

As a community we would like to extend our deepest sympathy and best wishes to all the people in our community with loved ones who have been impacted by the earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Our thoughts are with you and your extended families and friends.



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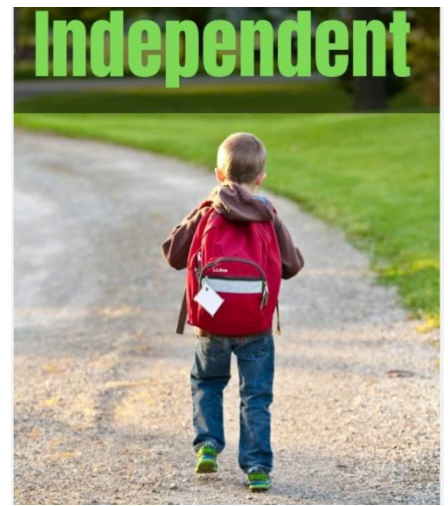
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Our Preps have settled into life at KPS. We would like to congratulate them on their smooth transition into the start of their school lives. We are promoting independence at KPS and I have been very excited to see that most parents/carers are not carrying the students' bags for their learners. Well done everyone. You will reap the rewards in the future.



Fly High Night

Will be held on Thursday 16th March 5:00pm – 7:00pm. This year the School Community Association will be running the event. Please see the fliers attached to the Newsletter. We hope to see you all there.

Meet the Teacher

Monday 20th Feb. 11am – 6pm.

Yr 1- 6 Children are expected to attend the session with their family. This meeting is a chance for your child and you to provide the teacher with an insight into your child. This is not a progress meeting; we do ask that families complete the form which has been sent to you for this meeting. Schools Out is offering care on this day for families who need care.

Prep children will have a normal day of school on Monday 20th Feb 9am – 3:30pm.

Curriculum Day Tuesday 14th March

Student Free day, staff will be engaged in Professional Learning offsite. It is our 3rd day of Berry Street Training. School's Out is available on this day, make bookings now.

NAPLAN

For Yr 3 and 5 students. Please see your classroom teacher if you do not want your child to participate.

Wednesday 15th March – Writing

Thursday 16th March – Reading

Monday 20th March - Language Conventions

Tuesday 21st March- Numeracy

NO PHOTOS at school events

We are a Child Safe School and this means that families are unable to take photos at events, assemblies etc that involve other children, as you have not sought permission from their families to do so. We ask that everyone respects each other's rights to privacy and safety. You are more than welcome to take photos of your child only but when it is suitable considering how the event is organised. We would also at this time like to remind families to be safe when posting photos of your child online, especially in uniform, as this can provide information to all viewers of the school your child is attending. Please think safety first.



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Volunteer Induction

This year we will be running 2 volunteer induction sessions for carers and parents who wish to help out school or with school activities like excursions, sports days etc

Dates: Thursday 23rd March 9:15am – 10:15am OR Monday 27th March 2:30pm – 3:30pm.

All volunteers must obtain a current WWCC, apply via

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply-1> and attend the induction session. Please book in for only **one** session

Home Learning

Attached to this newsletter is our Home Learning Guidelines document. We are not a school that sends home worksheets for homework. We believe home learning should be authentic and enjoyable for our learners. There is no research that indicates that homework in the primary years of school makes a difference to learning outcomes for children. We believe in reading each evening, practising spelling, and learning number fact games. We also believe children should be allowed to be children and that they should spend their out of school hours playing outside and exploring new pursuits such as team sports, judo, learning an instrument, dance etc. If you are wanting your child to be involved in skill and drill repetition activities, there are many websites you can access. But please, do not turn your child off learning. We want to foster their curiosity and desire to grow.

School Council

Thank you to all the people who have now nominated for School Council, we will be holding an election. You will be sent voting forms in the coming week with details of the candidates. We would like to say a special thanks to Nicole Guadalupi for being the inaugural School Council President and being on school council for the first 2 years of the school. Nicole, your work in setting up the School Council for KPS has been invaluable. Thank you.

Long Service Leave

I will be taking LSL from the 1st – 18th March. I will see you all on the 20th March. In my absence Sam Birrell will be Acting Principal.

Keep being a learner alongside your child,

Loren Peavey



Suggested reading for Parents and Carers

<https://schoolhouse-daycare.co.uk/blog/why-you-should-encourage-independence/#:~:text=Independence%20is%20important%20because%E2%80%A6&text=It%20fosters%20self%2Dreliance%2C%20allowing,for%20contributing%20to%20the%20world>



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REMINDERS

School Parking

We ask that families work with each other to provide a safe place for drop off and pick up for our KPS families. We do not want a bad name in the community.

School gates open at 8:45am so being early helps. Children can be left in the yard to play before school from this time as they are supervised. Neighbourhood doors open from 8:50am for soft start.

Please do not:

- Park in the disabled car parks unless you have a permit
- Park in the 2 driveways at the front of the school
- Use the staff carparks
- Drop children off while you are stopped at the crossing
- Double park
- Cross the double lines when changing direction, please use the roundabouts at either end of the school grounds.

We are very lucky and have a beautiful parkland across the road from the school which you can park your car around and then access the crossing.

Families can also access the school via the gates in Ventura Way. There is plenty of parking in this street.

Traffic inspectors will be patrolling over the coming days; they will be fining people who break any of the road laws.

KPS VALUE AWARDS

CHEER Values Recognition

Each week students will be awarded certificates for demonstrating the school values, these awards are presented at assembly and are a surprise for our learners. The awards will not be tokenistic, and we will not be running through a list across the year.

CHEER Recognitions from 10th February 2023.



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WELLBEING

WELLBEING with Lauren



attendance

We ran this info page late last year, but as we enter a new year, it is always good to revisit the importance of attendance.

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school - each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

what can we do?

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness - There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

"Day off" - Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates - every day counts.

Truancy - This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If your child is absent for any reason, please communicate this through Compass or discuss with your child's mentor teacher.

getting in early...

Attendance patterns are established early - a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day - even in the early years of primary school.

In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.



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KPS FLY HIGH FAMILY KITE NIGHT



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Thursday 16th March 2023
5.00pm – 7.00pm

Welcome to 2023 and our first school fundraiser where the whole family can be involved!!

We will be holding our **annual Fly High Family Kite Night to kick off our year** – with much fun to be had. There will be:

- Sausage Sizzle
- Ice Cream sale
- Kite flying competition; with a prize for the highest flying kite!

We welcome all families to participate in a picnic dinner; either BYO or by purchasing from our **sausage sizzle** with prices as follows:

- Sausage in bread - \$2.50 ea
- Cans of drink - \$1.50 ea
- Zooper Doopers - \$1.00 ea

Competition in previous years has been fierce and we look forward to seeing the friendly rivalry continue this year!

Families are welcome to build their own home made kites or purchase through our **kite fundraising portal** (details over page)

**Prizes
to be
won for
the
Highest
Flying
Kite!!**

We look forward to
seeing you there!



GIRLS' CRICKET CLINIC

Cricket Victoria Clinic commences next week after school for \$30
A great way to develop skills through small drills and games. Each participant gets a bag, bottle and ball.

Dates: 21/2 ,28/2, 7/3 & 14/3
Location/ address: 1 Blossom Dr, Greenvale VIC 3059
Time: 3.45-4.45pm
Location and meeting point: Oval

If you would like to enrol please use the link below:
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/a0c2d7>

Use the discount code in the flyer to reduce the cost to \$10



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