



UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

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
Tuesday 21st March	Harmony Day – Wear something orange
Thursday 23rd March	Volunteers' Induction 9.15am – 10.15am
Friday 24th March	Prep – Yr 6 Performing Arts Incursion National Ride2School Day
Monday 27th March	School Photo Day Volunteers' Induction 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Tuesday 28th March	GRIP Young Leaders Conference
Thursday 30th March	Year 4 Incursion Year 5/6 Excursion
Thursday 6th April	End of Term 1 - 2.30pm finish

A MESSAGE FROM SAM

3rd March 2023

Dear Families,

KPS Fly High Family Kite Night

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

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to families who attended, this was a valuable part of our home-school partnership. Please be reminded that if you have other burning information for your child's teacher, you can email them via Compass.

Parking

Last week, eight of our families received parking infringements for double parking, parking in the disabled car parks and for parking on the crossing. I implore the community to think safety first when parking. It is unfortunate that fines need to be issued for people to park correctly.

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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

Wednesday 15th March – Writing assessment Yr 5 Online and Yr 3 hard copy

Thursday 16th March - Reading assessment online Yr 3 and 5

Monday 20th March – Language Conventions assessment online Yr 3 and 5

Tuesday 21st March – Numeracy assessment online Yr 3 and 5

It is important that on these days, families maintain their normal schedules at home. The assessments are designed to demonstrate student capacity and growth in the areas listed above. Over emphasis on these tests is not necessary and we encourage everybody to go about their business as usual. We also remind students and families that these tests only measure a small part of what makes each student the exceptional and unique person that they are. The tests do not measure caring and kindness, curiosity, or resilience. They do not demonstrate how well students sing, paint, dance or collaborate. These are all attributes which we, at Keelonith Primary School, value and know you are working towards developing as part of your whole person.

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school on the day of an assessment, we are able to run catch-up assessments for a short period. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.

Volunteer Induction

This year we will be running two 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. You can 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** KPS induction session as it is the same information presented in both. Use the following link to book in <https://compastix.com/e/amxy71cpu9>

Cross Country

Cross Country is taking place on **Friday 17th March**. Prep and Yr 1 children will be running onsite and Yrs 2-6 will run in the reserve across the road. Families are encouraged to attend and even run the course if they would like to. Please refer to the upcoming Compass post for more information regarding approximate event start times etc. We are running the event early this year to avoid Ramadan.

School Council

We are in the middle of School Council Elections. Each parent/carer should have received a hardcopy ballot paper. Each ballot must be returned in its own envelope with your address and name on the back. Deadline 4pm 17th March. New school councillors will be announced in the following week once the ballots have been counted.

Sam Birrell



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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 17th & 24th February 2023.



A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's that time of the year, when we are asking for your support to make our annual Easter raffle a huge success by donating easter eggs, chocolates or easter arts and crafts. Donations can be left at the office and baskets will be made up as prizes. Funds raised will go towards improving our school.

The more donations, the more prizes will be drawn!

Thank you for your support
KPS SCA team.



EASTER RAFFLE



Prizes drawn at assembly
on Last Day of Term 1;
Thursday 6th April 2023



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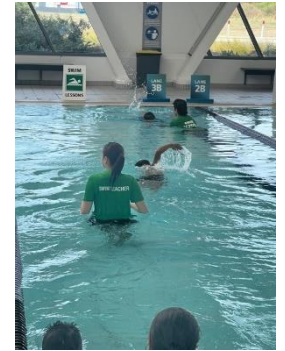
KPS SWIM PROGRAM



During Week 4, the Year 3 and Year 5 students went to 'Splash' to improve their swimming skills. We had an amazing time.

Amelia (456C): I enjoyed the kicking because I was learning to improve my kicks.

Sarah (456B): I enjoyed going into the deep end because it is better to be able to swim properly and you can do exercise under the water because it is so deep. It was fun, and I really enjoyed it. I think next year, the Year 3 and Year 5 students should get to go too.



INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Last Friday, KPS hosted our first ever round of Interschool Sports! Our students in Years 456 were able to compete against Greenvale Primary School in Basketball, T-Ball, Volleyball and Kanga Cricket. Our students performed exceptionally well for their first round of competitive sports for the year. All KPS students upheld our school values and showed terrific respect by congratulating Greenvale Primary for their overall win on the day. Well done to all our students who participated in this event, and we look forward to the remaining rounds of Interschool Sports in Term 1.



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VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

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reading
challenge



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IT'S ON AGAIN!

Between 1st March and 8th September join other Victorian students and get reading. If you would like to sign up to be part of this event, first check out the link below and inform yourself about the rules and guidelines.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge rules

The rules and guidelines you need to follow to complete the Challenge.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge-rules>

What YOU need to do!

Use COMPASS and email me with your child or children's names and which class they are in. I will respond with your child's username and password, as soon as possible. I am at KPS Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays only.

Kind regards,

Kerry Hurley (Ms. Hurley) 😊



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