



## UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	District Cross Country
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Prep Info Session @ 6.00pm Education Support Appreciation Day
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 3 iNaturalist incursion
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Year 2/3 Zoo Excursion
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Prep & Year 1 Incursion
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Gala Day
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Prep Safari Dressup Day
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Year 1 Author Visit
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	King's Birthday Public Holiday
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day. Please make care arrangements
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	End of Term 2 – 2:30pm finish

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS LOREN

11<sup>th</sup> May 2023

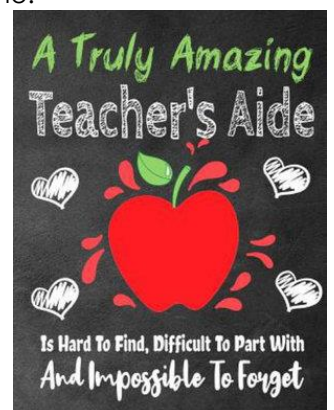
Dear Families,

Last Tuesday I had the pleasure of waving off 10 of our Yr 5/6 students as they headed to Somers Camp. Please read the accounts of their 9 days away in this edition of the Fly High Fortnightly. What a fun place to attend. Somers Camp will be available again in 2025 for our Yr 5/6 students at that time.

Today we had 30 students participate in the Regional Cross County event. The team had a great day and Adhya placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the 11/12 age group.

### ES Appreciation Day Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Our Education Support (ES) staff are the glue in this outfit and at KPS, we are blessed to have some of the best in this field. As a community we should never underestimate their value to us as teachers, to our parents and most of all to all of our students. So, from the KPS team of staff, families and students, we say a very big thanks to our ES staff for their hard work and dedication to our school community. We will be celebrating our ES on this day, if you would like to make a card, send a message etc to show your appreciation, this Tuesday is the day.



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## Absences

Covid and a number of other illnesses are currently plaguing our community and impacting our staff numbers. Replacing teachers and ES staff at this time continues to be an ongoing concern not only for us but across the state of Victoria. We are having to split classes on a regular basis in order to provide supervision for our children. This is not what we want to do but what we have to do in order to provide supervision for all of our children.

## Mother and Special Persons' Stall

Thank you to the SCA volunteers for again running a successful stall. It is always a pleasure to watch the children agonise over the right gift for their special person. Enjoy these thoughtfully selected tokens of love.

## Parking

In the last 2 weeks I have had to speak to a number of families who are parking illegally at the front of the school. It is not a pleasant task for me but it is a matter of safety for our community. There will never be enough space for everyone to park directly at the gate just before the start of the day, at times families will need to park and walk a small distance to the school. I implore families to think about everyone in the community and plan the morning knowing that we can never have 350 children all with prime parking positions. Parking inspectors do patrol the area and fines will be issued.

## Raising Concerns

Can I please remind families of the processes for raising concerns. Schools are busy places, and it is imperative that families follow these processes so that concerns are dealt with by the right people at the appropriate time. The first person to contact via email, phone call or in person at an appropriate time, is your child's mentor teacher. Teachers are not available for long meetings before school as they are supervising soft start. They are however available at this time if you have a quick piece of information to pass on i.e, death of a relative, pet, or a change at home that may impact the day or if you have a question about a lost item etc. If you feel that your concerns are not being addressed by the mentor teacher, please then contact:

- Mary in Prep
- Sam in Yr 1
- Brooke in Yr 2/3
- Lauren Walker Yr 4/5/6

If you need to speak with any of the leadership team as listed below, about an important matter, please contact the office to make an appointment. The leadership team members are engaged in yard supervision before and after school and are unavailable for in depth meetings at this time.

Leadership Team areas of responsibility:

- Wellbeing concern - Lauren Walker (Leading teacher)
- Curriculum/Wellbeing concern – Sam (Assistant Principal)
- Ongoing matters of concern - Loren Peavey (Principal)
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## Unisex Toilets at KPS

KPS has always had unisex toilets alongside male and female toilets and all ability toilets in the blue and green buildings. We have had a few questions about this recently. The only difference now is that we have new permanent blue signs on the toilets, in the past we have had temporary signs on the unisex toilets. In these toilets the cubicles reach from the floor to ceiling. Every tour of the school from our opening has included viewing and discussion about the toilet options at KPS. We are an inclusive school and as such support all of our children in their toileting preferences.

## Treasured items at school

We do not encourage children to bring toys, items or money to school that if lost or damaged will cause great distress. We do encourage families to label items so that ownership of any item can be determined easily.



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### School Garden Volunteers wanted.

We are still looking for a group of volunteers who are able to support us in the garden to undertake some weeding. This can take place during or outside of school hours please email the school if you are keen to help. We really do need your help.

Have a wonderful Mother's Day celebrating the wonderful women or special people in your lives.

Miss Loren



### Recommended Reading

This week I have included the link to an article that is recommended for all families around supporting all learners. I hope families will read this article as it answers questions some members have in our community.

<https://unconditionalllearning.org/2023/02/01/what-about-the-other-kids-in-the-room/>

## REMINDERS

### Family Concerns

Please be reminded that parents **should never** approach other children or families in the yard over a concern. Please ensure you follow our protocol of speaking with the teacher, Lauren Walker, Sam or Miss Loren. We are a Child Safe School, and these behaviours are not safe for anyone. In my many years of experience this rarely if ever has a positive outcome. Please, trust in our staff and speak with us only.



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# KPS HOUSE CAPTAINS

Introducing the KPS  
house captains for the  
year 2023

Congratulations



# 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 28<sup>th</sup> April & 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023.



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# SOMERS CAMP

On the 7 of May 2023, 10 of the students from Keelonith Primary School went to Somers School Camp. Somers School Camp is a school camp in which children from 5% went on for 9 days. Camp featured a lot of fun activities like boating, rock climbing, archery, abseiling and bush craft. These activities were challenging but extremely fun.

Breakfast was mostly toast and pancakes. Lunch was noodles, pasta and hotdogs. Dinner was butter chicken and more.

At camp we made friends with people from different schools and we all had to use teamwork to pass different challenges. There was one challenge where we had to use tiles and we had to work as a team to get to the other side. It was such a fun experience and we are grateful we had the opportunity to go.

A report from Yug and Ayaan



# DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Some images from District Cross Country. Congragulations to Adhya on placing 8<sup>th</sup> and getting selected to the next level!



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