



UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

Monday 29th May	Prep Safari Dressup Day
Thursday 1st June	Year 1 Author Visit
Monday 12th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 13th June	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day. Please make care arrangements
Friday 23rd June	End of Term 2 – 2:30pm finish
Monday 10th July	1 st day of Term 3 – 9.00am start

A MESSAGE FROM MISS LOREN

26th May, 2023

Dear KPS families,

This week the students have been fully immersed in their inquiries about animals and their habitats. The Yr 2/3 students visited Werribee Zoo on Tuesday and the Prep and Yr 1 children were engaged in the Wild Action incursion on Thursday. Please see photos. These are valuable and exciting experiences for our children which bring their inquiries to life.

This week we have had further COVID cases in the student body and 2 staff members also diagnosed. This information is just to keep you updated. The CRT shortage continues and so we continue to split classes to provide supervision. I ask that families do not complain to leadership or teachers about grade splits as we are doing the best we can. It is frustrating for us too and we are trying our hardest to support our children.

Bingo Night

We hope many of you take the opportunity to attend the SCA Bingo Night on Thursday 15th June. Please see the attached flier and Compass notifications to assist you in purchasing tickets. Have fun and help the school raise funds at the same time.

BYOD Bring Your Own Device

As a new school we have been working with School Council to develop policies and procedures for how we use family-owned devices at school. Currently we have been BYOD for Yr1 and up. Moving forward from 2024, we will be BYOD from Year 2-6 and in 2025 we will BYOD from Year 3-6. The years that are not BYOD will be supported with the banks of iPads and Chromebooks that the school provides. Can we please remind students who have their own device to bring them fully charged to school each day. We do not have enough devices for every child every day.

Attitudes to School Survey

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Next week the Yr 4-6 children will be taking part in the survey which is conducted every year to provide data to the school on the wellbeing of our learners, and the strength of their connections to school and their peers. Please contact Lauren Walker if you have questions.

Play Supervision.

At school we constantly remind the children to speak to play support staff (yard duty) and mentor teachers if an incident occurs in the yard. I ask that parents also remind children about this. We have 5 people out in the yard during play times in high visibility vests so there is plenty of supervision. I would like to remind families that our staff always take concerns seriously and if we are notified by a child that an incident has occurred, it is followed up. In many cases children will tell you they could not find an adult but this is not the case. Often children will not seek out the support as it will interrupt their play time, or if an adult is not within 5 metres they will not look further. I ask that when families contact us about an incident that they feel has not been followed that you do not immediately jump to the conclusion that staff are not doing their job. Our staff all work tirelessly to support all of our children and I implore parents to trust us and approach staff about concerns with respect and from the standpoint of exploring what may have taken place. It can be distressing as a parent to hear and see your child being upset but as we all know, there are always 2 perspectives, if not more, to every event.

3 Way Conferences

In Term 3 we will be conducting our 3 Way Conferences on Monday 17th July, 11am – 7pm. On this day there are no classes. The children are expected to attend their conference time with their families and their attendance for the day will be marked at this time. Bookings can be made in the first week of the holiday break- a link will be sent to all families via Compass. Childcare needs to be arranged for this day if you require supervision for your children throughout the day. Schools Out is available- please book in with them.

Stay warm and well,
Miss Loren



Recommended Reading

A great article on how early to support children in knowing that their body is *their* body and consent. We need to start with young children and not wait until children in the later years of primary school.

https://www.janetlansbury.com/2012/05/please-dont-handle-the-children/?fbclid=IwAR0ulzAZO7tI4_O_Q7rgd88XzQ43smsau0E1mHTx9XGRzHfeksEbw7VgB8o&mibextid=Zxz2cZ



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REMINDERS

Upcoming events

Tuesday 13th June- Pupil Free Day- Teacher Professional Learning Offsite final day of Berry St Training. Please arrange for childcare on this day.

Friday 23rd June- Last day Term 2, 2:30pm finish.

Monday 10th July – Thursday 13 July Year 1 Swimming

Thursday 10th July – First Dance Incursion, whole school

Monday 17th July, 11am – 7pm, 3 Way Conferences- no classes children attend their conference time. Child care needs to be arranged for this day

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 12th & 19th May 2023.



PREP & YEAR 1 WILD ACTION INCURSION

This week, the Preps and Grade 1s had a visit from Wild Action! They learnt about so many different Australian animals. It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience where they got to touch and hold the animals. They met reptiles, marsupials, and mammals. Some of the animals they saw were a kangaroo joey, freshwater crocodile, sugar glider possum, black headed python and green tree frog. They had so much fun!



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Phoebe 25/5/23
 on thursday, I had a
 wildlife incursion at the
 wildlife incursion, I got to
 have a picnic with a beetrose.
 there were 5 Animals, A snake,
 a
 a frog, a crocodile, a lizard,
 a owl, and a kangaroo.
 the kangaroo was a joey,
 the crocodile was a baby,
 the frog was a green tree frog.

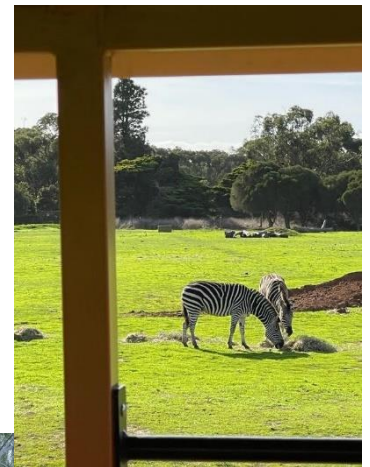


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 kangaroo
 lizard

YEAR 2/3 ZOO EXCURSION



The year 2/3 are on an excursion to Werribee Zoo as a part of their Term 2 Habitats Inquiry Unit. They have been learning what makes a good habitat and what adaptations animals have to help them survive. We were also lucky to ride the safari bus and get up close and personal with some of our favourite animals.



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...more photos from
the Zoo



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