



UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

Monday 14th – Friday 18th August	Science Week
Monday 21st August	Year 4/5/6 Orienteering Incurion
Friday 25th August	Book Week Dressup Parade
Wednesday 30th August – Friday 1st September	Year 5/6 Camp
Wednesday 30th August	Fathers' Day Stall
Friday 1st September	Hot Shots Day
Thursday 14th September	Dance Showcase
Friday 15th September	End of Term 03 - 2.30pm finish Footy Colours Day

11th Aug , 2023

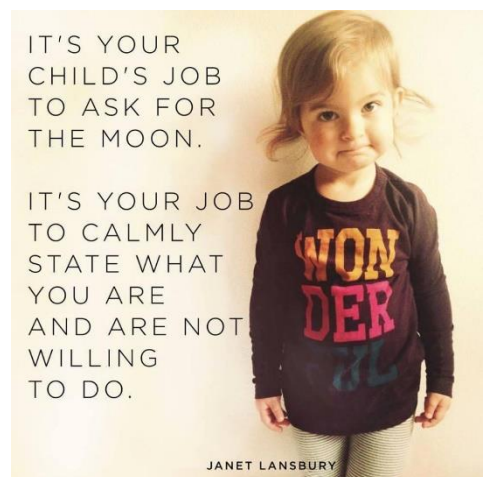
Dear KPS families,

What a busy 2 weeks since our last Fly High edition. Yr 1 visited the Zoo and our Preps rode on Puffing Billy. The excitement as both groups boarded the buses was electric. We were very proud of how our children represented the school on both excursions and we were thankful for the help of our volunteers. These days are authentic experiences that help to anchor the learning for our children and they are also loads of fun for everyone. Our Preps in this time also celebrated their 100 days at school with activities related to the number 100 and creating their own 100 days t-shirt as a keepsake of the day. Great job on your 100 days Preps and we hope you enjoyed your celebrations.

A reminder to families that jewellery is not to be worn to school, and that hoods and clothing with branding such as ADIDAS, Nike etc are also not to be worn. Nail polish and make up are also not for school days. Please refer to our Uniform Policy on our website [KPS Uniform Policy](#) .

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is now open we hope all families will participate; your survey link has been sent your email via Compass. We hope that families contribute both positive and constructive feedback to support us as we continue to grow and develop. Many times, only those who are unhappy complete surveys so we encourage families to also let us know what we are doing well so these things are continued and developed further. Your feedback is extremely valuable.

Currently we are recruiting for 2024, we ask that families let us know if you are moving in the lead up to the new year. Recruitment in the current



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climate is challenging and securing the right number of staff is an important job. We also remind current families to make sure they have enrolled their younger children if they are beginning Prep in 2024.

Sam (AP) will be taking Long Service leave for the final 4 weeks of the term, Sam's teaching role will be filled by Emily White. In Sam's absence Lauren Walker and I will be filling her contact role with families. We wish Sam a restful and well deserved leave period. We look forward to seeing her back at the start of Term 4.

This week I have included a quote and image from Janet Lansbury <https://www.janetlansbury.com/>, I highly recommend her podcasts and articles to support your parenting. Setting and holding boundaries, the message in this image, is one of the toughest jobs for parents and carers but once mastered is one of the most valuable. Saying no is ok.

Miss Loren



REMINDERS

This year's **Book Week** theme is "Read, Grow, Inspire".

We will be having a dress up day this year and a **parade at 9:15am, Friday 25th August**, Week 7 of the term. Families are invited to attend, **there will not be an assembly on this day**. (For future reference we may not always dress up in this week or conduct a parade, please wait for communications before working on costumes etc.).

Children may choose to dress up on this day related to theme or as their favourite book character. We encourage families to be creative and make costumes using items already in the home or use the ops shops or cheap \$2 shops to support. We do not want families to spend large amounts on costumes. Making costumes together can be great fun.

Parent Opinion Survey

The Department of Education 'Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey' is an annual survey that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. At KPS, all families are invited to participate in the survey. The survey will be conducted online, it only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Payments for excursions, incursions and camps

When organising events that involve costs, such as excursions, incursions and camps, our school needs to meet the requirements of the venues in relation to final numbers and invoice payments. To ensure the school can meet these requirements, we set a payment cut-off date that is included on the permission



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note. Once this date passes, we confirm final numbers with venues/service providers and organise payment to them. **Late payments cannot** be accepted, as the venue, provider and school close off the systems based on payments received and confirmed attendance numbers. All notes with payment due dates are sent out via Compass.

Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school.

The Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents/carers of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs. Parents/carers can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

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 4th August 2023.



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BOOK WEEK



CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
#CBCA2023
19 to 25 AUGUST

READ
GROW
Inspire

KPS BOOK WEEK
DRESS UP DAY
Friday 25th August
Parade at 9.10am
Come dressed up as your favourite book character

The graphic features a vibrant illustration of children riding a green dragon through a sky filled with clouds, butterflies, and birds. The text is overlaid on this illustration and a background of an open book.

DANCE PROGRAM SHOWCASE

The Dance showcase on Thurs 14th Sept (Week 10).

The whole school will be involved at the same time so that parents come once, and the different year levels can see the others perform. Things you need to know...

- The showcase will be held in the gym.
- Students who have not participated in dance will be part of the audience and sit as a group, not with the students who are performing.
- The showcase will aim to start at 9.15 and should be complete in under an hour.
 - It's a normal school day, students in uniform.



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PE

A few images from our District Athletics event of students who qualified and were invited to represent Keelonith Primary School. Big win for KPS today, and we also have a few athletes to represent the Divisionals!

Students participated in:

- Shot Put
- Discus
- Long Jump
- Triple Jump
- 100m
- 200m
- 800m
- 1500m
- 4 x 100m relay



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