



## UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Council
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Prep / Year 1 Responsible Pet Program
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Prep 2024 Transition #1 - 9.30am – 10.45am
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Curriculum Day – <b>Pupil free day.</b> Please make care arrangements
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Prep 2024 Transition #2 – 9.30am – 10.45am School Council
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 3/4 Camp – Gundiwindi Lodge
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 2 Sleepover
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 2/3 Fun Day
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Prep 2024 Transition #3 – 9.00am 12.00pm Transition Day – Whole State
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 6 Graduation
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last Day of Term 4 – 1.30pm finish

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2023

Dear Families,

In the coming weeks, we will be involving the children in activities to support their transition into 2024. The children will have 3 sessions focussed on next year. We ask that families let us know if any children are becoming anxious about 2024 and need additional support.

### **Remembrance Day- 11<sup>th</sup> Day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month**

Today at school we conducted our own Remembrance Day service as part of our assembly. Our school leaders led us in commemorating the sacrifices of our service personnel which enable us to live in a free, safe and prosperous country.

### **Family Summer Holiday Picnic and Songs evening Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec**

The SCA is running an evening to celebrate 2023. All families are invited to attend and enjoy each other's company and some Holiday and Christmas songs performed by our students.



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#### **CHILD SAFETY- STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT**

Keelonith Primary School is a child safe organisation which welcomes all children, young people, and their families. We are committed to providing environments where our students are safe and feel safe, where their participation is valued, their views respected, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

Let's all keep our fingers crossed for good weather. SCA will provide more details soon, please save the date.

### **Reports and 2024 Mentor teachers**

Students will receive their 2024 classroom placement on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec and 2023 final report on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. Class placement work begins this week, if you have information around class placement that you would like to pass on to your teachers or the leadership team, please do so in writing by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. Please be reminded that we do not take requests for mentor teachers.

### **Yr 6 Graduation Dinner and Ceremony**

Graduation takes place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. This year we will be farewelling 25 students. All of the graduants will add their fingerprints to our KPS tree which is on the wall in the school Library.

### **Last day of the year**

The last day of the school year is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. On this day we will farewell our Yr 6 students and the whole school community will be involved in our farewell archway. School is dismissed at 1:30pm on this day.

### **Parent Payments 2024**

2024 parent payments will be the same as this year, \$230. Payments will be open from 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. you can also request a payment plan. Please see the office staff.

Miss Loren



### **Suggested Parent Reading**

Developing your child's independence, our biggest role.

<https://www.parents.com/kids/development/little-things-you-can-do-every-day-to-make-your-child-more-independent/>

## **REMINDERS**

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Curriculum Day**

Student free day . On this day staff will be planning for 2024. Schools Out will be open for the day.

### **Lolly and Party bags**

We again ask that families do not send treat bags or food to share at school to celebrate your child's birthday. This puts a great deal of financial pressure on some families and many children have allergies. We do not share food at school unless it is a school activity.

### **SunSmart Term- No hat , no play!**

KPS is a SunSmart school, please make sure your child has a broad brimmed hat or SunSmart hat. Children without a hat will be required to stay under the shade sails near the canteen. No hat , no play. Caps are not allowed as they are not SunSmart. Caps with neck cover can be worn.

### **Transition Days for 2024 Preps**

Session 1 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov, 9:30am – 10:45am

Session 2 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9:30am – 10:45am

Session 3 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:30am – 12:00pm (Bring snack and hat)



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## Preparations for 2024

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec, the whole school will step up into their new mentor class. Our Year 6 children will spend the whole day at the secondary school they will be attending in 2024.

In the weeks prior<sup>2</sup>, the children will also have 2 x 1 hour sessions where they will be involved in internal activities to support their transition into their new mentor group for 2024.

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> November are pictured.



## FUN FACTS BY ISLA

Did you know there's a golden record floating in space?? It's been floating in space since 1977. It will last another billion years and has already travelled 11 trillion light years away from Earth!



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Support the Keelonith Primary School

# End of Year Raffle

★ \$1.00 per ticket ★

## CALLING FOR PRIZE DONATIONS

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As part of our school fundraising efforts, the SCA are seeking donations toward prizes that families can utilise over the holiday break (details over page).

For families keen to contribute, please drop your donations into the office no later than

**Friday 8th December 2023**





## How to contribute:


To ensure a diverse, fun and expansive collection of prizes, we encourage families to donate items in line with the following themes, and in accordance with your child's year level:

**Prep:** **Outdoor & water fun, picnics, sports,**  
(i.e. backyard games, balls, picnic accessories, drink bottles, sun screen, torches, beach toys, water play )

**Year 1:** **Arts, crafts & books**  
(i.e. colouring books, story books, pencils, textas, crayons, slime, paint, chalk)

**Years 2/3:** **Puzzles & games**  
(i.e. board games, family games, playing cards, puzzles, outdoor games)

**Years 4/5/6:** **Sweets, treats & pampering**  
(i.e. chocolates, lollies, biscuits, bath bombs, hand creams, candles)



A book of 10 raffle tickets per child will be sent home with students from Monday 20th November; with additional tickets available from the office on request.

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**Raffle drawn at assembly on  
Wednesday 20th December**

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