



## UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

<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 24<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2023

Dear Families,

We are now entering the final 3 ½ weeks of school for 2023. This time is a busy time for families with many gatherings happening. We encourage families to try and maintain good sleep schedules in this time as we still have 18 days of learning to take place. This is an exciting time of the year and we want everyone to have a great end of the school year.

### Transition Preparation for 2024

On Tuesday this week the students all stepped up to their new areas of the school for 2024. The children were involved in activities to support their transition. They are in mixed groups and not necessarily the mentor group they will be in for 2024. 2024 mentor class teachers will be announced on the 12<sup>th</sup> Dec, our final transition session. These 3 sessions are designed to support our learners as they transition to the next year level of the primary years. Our Yr 6 children are also involved in transition sessions with their secondary schools for 2024.

Our 2024 Preps had their first transition session Tuesday and they were amazing. While they were learning so were their parents at our Mathematics Information Session. Please see attached photos of the parents and carers playing maths games they can play at home with their children. Our next session on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec we will be discussing supporting literacy development.

This podcast is generally for autistic children but is a great resource for every family to assist children in their transition to the next year. <https://suelarkey.com.au/top-tips-for-transition-for-every-age-and-stage/>



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

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## Cybersafety and family responsibility

I hate to be a nag, but we continue to have families coming to us with unkind and dangerous online behaviour that is taking place out of school hours between students. Firstly parents and carers need to make sure that they are constantly monitoring their child's behaviour online. Families are also responsible to be across the age limits for the apps their children are accessing. Tik tok, Instagram and Snap Chat are some apps that we know our children are using and they all have 13+ age limits. This means that most children at our school are too young and are lying in order to be on these apps. It is not the school's responsibility to monitor your children's online out of school hours behaviour. This week I have reported online chats to the police and they too are frustrated with underage children being on these apps with parent permission. These apps have age limits because primary aged children have not developed enough mentally to manage the responsibilities that come with this type of online communication. I implore families to educate themselves on the consequences of the devices that they are putting in the hands of their children. The longterm consequences of parental ignorance can be devastating. Resources to support families:

<https://www.digitalthumbprint.com.au/parent-resources/>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

## 2024 Portable Building

This week the works began for the portable which will be delivered onsite in the next couple of weeks. The 2024 Yr5/6 students will be learning in this building next year. The workers have been of great interest to many of our students and we appreciate families revisiting the purpose of safety fencing.

## Final Curriculum Day for 2023

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023, please make sure you have made arrangements for child care on this day.

## Drinks at School

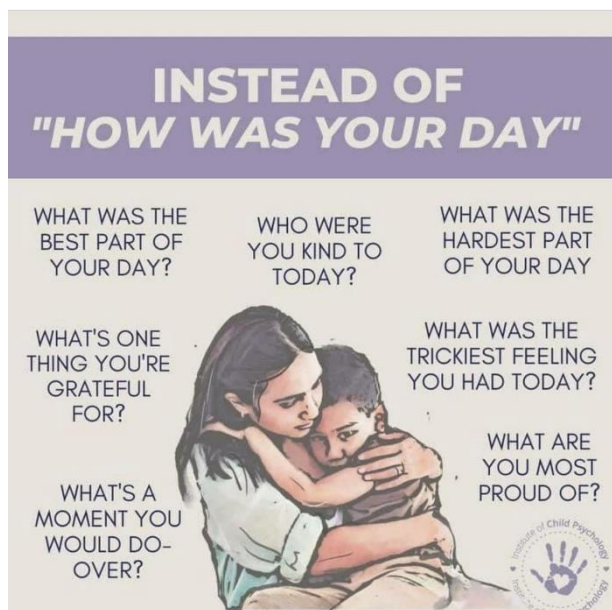
Just a reminder for families that we drink water only during learning time. Soft drinks and energy drinks i.e., Prime, PowerAde, Monster, etc are not allowed. If these drinks come to school they will be stored for the day and returned at the end of the day.

## Image

This week's image is a support for families on how to talk to children about their day at school. We also suggest you leave your conversation until your child is ready for a conversation.

Have a great weekend.

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/>



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# REMINDERS

## School supervision hours

Children should not be dropped at school unsupervised before 8:45am each day. Staff are on duty from this time to supervise our students. In the afternoon supervision finishes at 3:45pm. If families require supervision outside of the school supervision hours please contact School's Out.

## 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.

## Reports and 2024 Mentor teachers

Students will receive their 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 onto your teachers or the leadership team, please do so 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.

## Transition Days for 2024 Preps

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 a snack and hat

## 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 the children will also have 2 x 1 hour sessions where the children will be involved in internal activities to support their transition into their new mentor group for 2024.

# MATHEMATICS INFO SESSION FOR PARENTS



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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 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November are pictured.



# KPS VISUAL ART OPEN NIGHT



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YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR OPEN STUDIO

Come celebrate the Visual Art created in 2023.

THURSDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Keelonith Primary School  
Parents/caregivers and families welcome.

We have some very talented artists who are keen to share  
their work and the art studio with you!

3:45pm - 6pm

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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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