



## UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Prep 2024 Transition #3 – 9.00am 12.00pm Transition Day – Whole State
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KPS Family Picnic 5.00pm – 7.00pm
<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
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	Office opens from 9.00am – 4.00pm
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024</b>	First day of Term 1 for Year 1- 6 9.00am start. No Preps
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	First day for Preps. 9.00am – 1.00pm – Wednesday to Friday
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Preps full time

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2023

Dear Families,

It has been a busy week at KPS with the Yr 3/4 Camp and the Yr 2 Sleepover and Fun Day. The Campers will have returned by the time you receive this newsletter and we are looking forward to hearing all about their adventures. The Yr 2 Sleepover last night was also successful and a great deal of fun was had over the Fun Day. Please check out the photos. I would like to thank the staff and parent volunteers who have given up their own family time to ensure these events take place and are successful. You are all amazing!

### Transition Support

This week we also had our 2<sup>nd</sup> transition session in preparation for 2024. This session involved all Prep – 6 students for 2024. On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec (next week) the children will be with their 2024 mentor teacher and group. Your child's 2024 mentor teacher will be shared with you at the end of the day. Our expectation is that the mentor teacher and group will not change but I preface this by saying that unexpected enrolments and staffing changes may result in a change in these groups over the school holidays. If changes are made they will be communicated with you before the start of the school year.

Over the last few weeks we have supported our students' year level to year level transition with:

- 3 transition sessions 2 x 1 ½ hrs and 1 x 3 hrs.
- Letters from new neighbourhood teachers to the children and their family.
- Transition forms from 2023 teacher to 2024 teacher, accompanied by a face to face handover meeting.
- A letter from students to their 2024 teacher "Things I want my teacher to know about me".
- Social stories for children who require them.



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We believe all of these strategies combined should provide every child with ample support to transition well. This does not mean that children will not experience some feelings of worry. We cannot and must not eradicate all emotions, we can not "mow down" all hurdles our children must face. It is important that we experience all emotions with support and learn how to self manage and regulate our own body's response to events in life (there will be many). This is all a part of the learning and growing experience.

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/>

## Reports

Reports will be released on the Compass Portal on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec around 4pm.

## Natalie on the Crossing

Unfortunately, Natalie has broken her arm and will be absent from the crossing for the rest of the school year. The council will be trying to find a replacement for her so please take care around the crossing if a replacement is not found. Natalie has sent her best wishes for the festive season and asks that you all stay safe and well and she looks forward to seeing you all in 2024. I have passed our best wishes back to her on behalf of the whole community.

## 2024 Portable Building

The commissioning of the portable is on schedule and at this stage will be ready mid-January for the start of the 2024 school year. Our Yr 5/6 children will be charged with naming the building in which they will be spending 2024.

## Last day of the year

School finishes at 1:30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. Our expectation is that **every child** will attend school on this day. We will be wrapping up the year with a final Assembly and farewell to leaving students and staff. This day is very important for every child as it is a time for reflection on the past year and resetting for the next year of learning. On this day children will be rounding out their year with their current teachers and co-learners and they will be preparing the spaces for those who will follow them, it is an important day. Each neighbourhood will have their class picnic and activities on this day as communicated to the families by each mentor team.

We invite all Yr 6 family members to attend their child's final Primary School assembly at 9:15am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. School is dismissed at 1:30pm on the final day and at this time the community will be involved in our farewell archway for the students who are leaving the school. This year we do not have any staff leaving the school. Ms Rebecca and Ms Lisa will be taking leave without pay for 2024 but will be returning to us in 2025.

School's Out will be providing care from 1:30pm on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you have secured your booking for this day if required.

Enjoy the final 8 days of the year.

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

## 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.

## 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.

## Transition Days for 2024 Preps

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. The majority of our Year 6 children will spend the whole day at the secondary school they will be attending in 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 24<sup>th</sup> November is pictured.



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# YEAR 3/4 CAMP – GUNDIWINDI LODGE



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# YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER & FUN DAY



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# **KPS VISUAL ART OPEN NIGHT**

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**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR OPEN STUDIO**

Come celebrate the Visual Art created in 2023.

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**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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# KPS FAMILY PICNIC

**KEELONITH PRIMARY  
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH  
5-7PM**

**dance party,  
chalk drawing,  
& fun activities!**

**temporary  
tattoo  
station  
50c each  
(CASH ONLY)**

**Bubble  
tubes  
\$1.00  
(CASH ONLY)**

**Sausage sizzle \$2.50  
cans of drink \$2.00  
zooper doopers \$1.00**

**Enjoy coffee & tea  
from The Coffee Mill  
(prices starting from \$4)**

**Come dressed in your festive  
outfits!  
What does the end of year  
mean to you?**

**Don't forget your picnic rug &  
food if you wish to bring your own.**

**Whilst you're here, visit the KPS Open Art Studio Exhibition  
located in the visual arts space!**

**PLEASE BYO GARBAGE BAGS. TO TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME WITH YOU**



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# End of Year Raffle

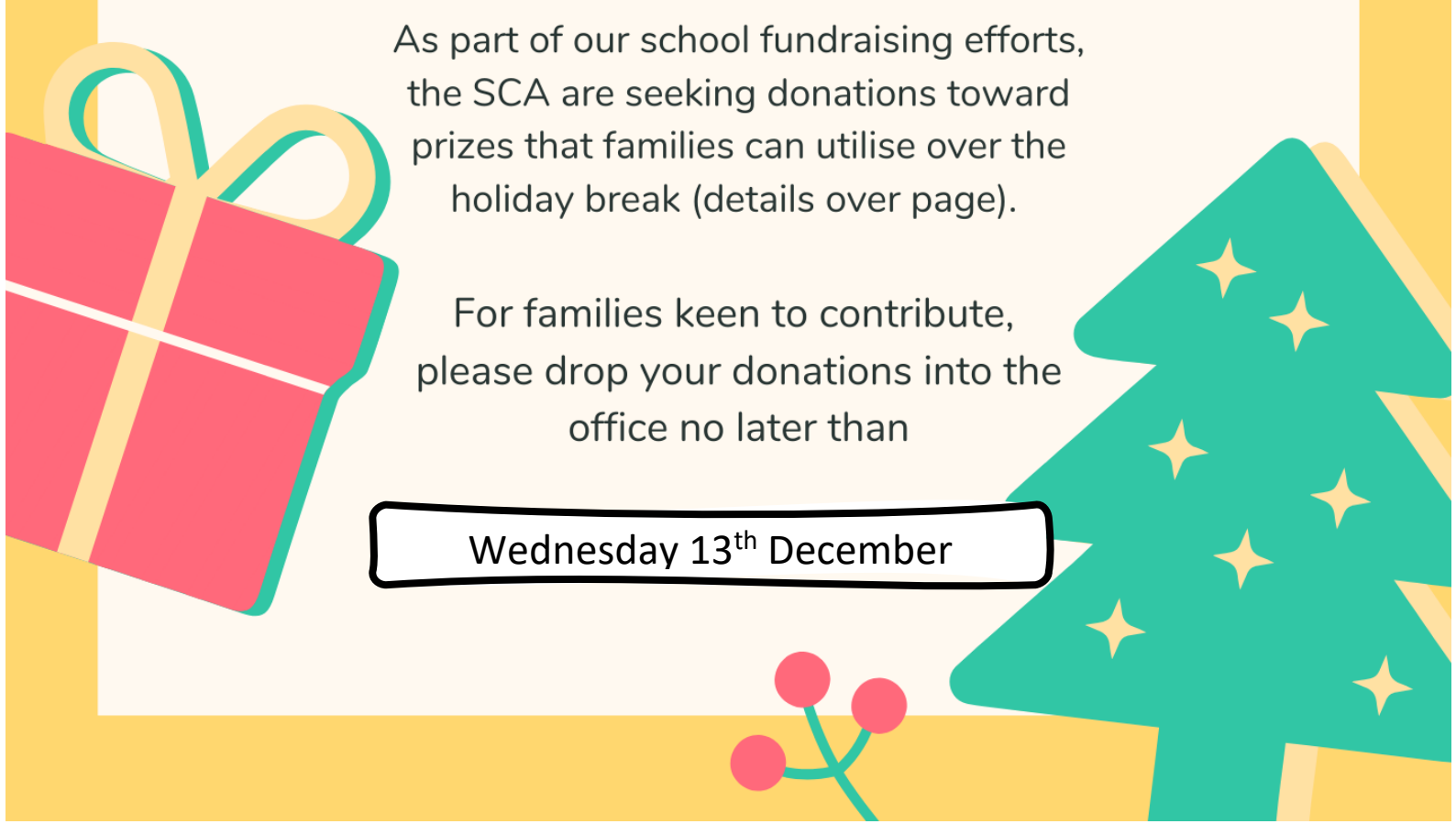
★ \$1.00 per ticket ★

## CALLING FOR PRIZE DONATIONS

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

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December








## 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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