



## UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Day 1 for Prep students 1pm finish
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Day 2 for Prep students 1pm finish
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Day 3 for Prep students 1pm finish
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Preps fulltime 9am – 3:30pm
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 3 – 5 Swimming @ SPLASH
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Meet the teacher 3.45pm – 6.30pm
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School Council
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Fly High Night
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	KPS Cross Country
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Labour Day Public Holiday
<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	NAPLAN
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School Photos
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School Council AGM
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last day of Term 1

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS LOREN

2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024

Dear Families,

We hope the holidays have provided you all with time to reconnect with family and friends and rejuvenate ready for the 2024 school year.



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The first 3 days have been very smooth, and our learners have slipped straight back into the routines of school without much fuss. This is due to the background work families and staff have put in to preparing our children for the year to year in school transition. I would like to acknowledge that the sessions staff provided at the end of 2023 set our children up very successfully for knowing where their learning would take place and with whom. Families have then also worked hard using the social stories and information provided to set children up for the new year. Next Wednesday our 2024 Preps will be starting with us. To date we have 362 children enrolled in 15 mentor groups.

All our neighbourhoods have been establishing their learning routines and developing the ways they will learn and play together. Each neighbourhood will be sharing their Term Learning Overviews with you in the next week.

The Yr5/6 have settled well into their new home the portable. They are enjoying having their own space.

Today we had a welcome morning tea with our new Prep families, it was lovely to see them all and hear how excited about starting next week on Wednesday.

Keelonith PS is focussed on developing independent learners who can advocate and support themselves. We know this is what you also want for your child. Part of this development is families allowing their children to be responsible for their own bags and belongings, this starts by packing their bag and carrying them to and putting them away in their neighbourhood each day by themselves. Children as young as Prep are more than capable of these simple tasks. We remind families to not enter the neighbourhoods in the morning unless it is for contact with the teacher that cannot wait. Too many adults in the spaces overwhelms other children and staff are engaged in Soft Start and supporting all learners to start the day. If you need to let teachers know about something, please email them and they will contact you with in our 2 working days timeframe. If something is urgent though, please make sure you let us know.



## STAFFING 2024

### New staff in green.

We have been successful in filling all classroom and specialist positions to start the school year. Across the state and particularly in our area of Victoria this is not common. Many schools have started without teachers in front of every learning group. This is no mean feat in this very challenging time of recruitment



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Australia wide. Thank you to the staff who have worked with me over Term 4 to recruit and fill all our positions.

#### Prep -

- PA - Jess Weir (Team Leader)
- PB - Seda Duman
- PC - Georgina Kaloutsakis

#### Year 2 -

- 2A - Natalie Taylor (Team Leader)
- 2B - Sam Birrell (M,T) / Madeleine Toscano (W,Th,F)
- 2C - Robert Cann

#### Year 5/6 -

- Nicki Bilby (Team Leader)
- Jayden Spudvillas-Powell

Visual Arts - Brooke Wolsley

Performing Arts - **Jenny Farrelly**

PE – **Paul Munro**

Digi tech- **Wayne Gibcus**

STEM- Paula Gaughan

Intervention- Brooke Slopak fulltime and Emily

Nolde (1 day per week)

Auslan - Cherry

#### Admin -

Lauren Sabato

Bree Pringle

Gwen Pringle (Tues- Thursday)

Maintenance - Terry

Assistant Principal Wellbeing- Jane Black

Assistant Principal Curriculum - Samantha Birrell

Principal- Loren Peavey

#### BYOD

Please make sure your Yr 2-6 children are bringing their devices to school charged each day.

#### Timetable

Please take note of our daily timetable. We ask that if families need to collect students during the day that you arrange times at the start of the school day so we can have children ready. If you arrive unexpectedly during break times you may need to wait until the end of the break to collect your child as it is very hard attracting their attention via the PA at these times. We do remind families that children should only miss school for medical appointments or emergencies, celebrating birthdays etc should not be a reason for missing learning time.



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#### Year 1 -

- 1A - Amanda Trandis
- 1B - Lillian Fry-McBean (Team Leader)
- 1C - Gizem Yurt

#### Year 3/4 -

- 3/4A - Michelle Galea (Team Leader)
- 3/4B - Cassandra Neofotistos
- 3/4C - Lauren Walker/Olivia Guzman
- 3/4D - Penny Vissariou

#### Allied Health -

Speech

- Sophie Rosewarne (Team Leader)
- Anna Riley
- Isabella Gomez
- **Nadine Pohl**
- **Surabhi Budhiraja**

Social Worker - Ben Montfort

Occupational Therapist - Meg McIntosh

ES – Jenn

- Anmol

- Carolyn

- Cathy

- Emily E

- Tijen

- **Nisa**

- Kylie

- Kira

- Kate

- Karen

- Sarah B

- Lakmini

- Leesa

- Marko

- Nes

- Ozlem

- Olivia

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Business Manager - Rebecca Bogalho

Timetable 2024	
Before School 8:45 – 9am 8:57am	Soft Start Music
Session 1 9 – 10 am	
Session 2 10-am- 11am	
Session 3 11am - 12noon	
Eating Time 12noon - 12:10pm	Bell
Play 1 1st half 12:10pm - 12:30pm	Bell
2nd half 12:30pm -12:50pm	Music 12:47pm. Bell 12:50pm
Session 4 12:50 – 1:50pm	
Play 2 1 <sup>st</sup> half 1:50 – 2:10pm	Bell
Play 2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2:10 – 2:30pm	Music 2:27pm. Bell 2:30pm
Session 5 2:30pm -3:30-pm	Bell 3:30pm
After School 3:30 – 3:45pm	Staff yard supervision

### **Nude Food and Fruit/Vegetable Break**

We ask that families provide the children with fruit/veg that can be eaten while working in sessions 1-3, bananas, apples and vegetables that are cut up, cheese cubes in containers, no sticky items, packaged foods, sweets, and cakes can be eaten at this time. We also ask that nuts not be sent to school to support our anaphylactic students Every child should also have a labelled water bottle with only water in it. Sugary drinks are not to be consumed during learning time; we suggest they are not suitable for school at all.

As the first eating time is the main eating break at 12noon we suggest that families work with their children in knowing what foods can be consumed at which break.

We are a nude food school, and we ask that you reduce the packaging you send your children with. Any packaging you send to school with your child will be sent home for disposal at home. This supports the school and encourages families to take note of their impact on the environment.

### **No Hat, No Play- Sun Smart School**

Every child must have a broad brimmed hat for both break times and outdoor activities. Children without a hat will need to sit in the shaded area near the canteen and not be engaged in the play. No exceptions will be made.

### **Yard Supervision hours**

The school yard is supervised from 8:45am in the morning until 3:45pm in the afternoon. Families with children in the yard unsupervised outside of these hours will be called to come and collect their children. It is an offense to leave Primary School aged children unsupervised and ongoing issues will lead to DHHS involvement. We



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understand that emergencies occur and, in these circumstances, please call the office and we will support you. Please call before 3:20pm if you know you will be late. It is very challenging to find children at the end of the school day after the bell has rung.

### **Meet the Teacher**

2 Meet the Teacher nights are being held this year. **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 3:45pm – 6:30pm.** Miss Taylor will be meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. Please make sure you book in for your 10 min session with your new teacher for 2024. Families who do not book in will be called and a time arranged. Please complete the "Knowledge Board" that is attached to the email invite for the sessions. This meeting is a time for you to tell your new teacher what they need to know about your child. This is not a time for the teacher to report on your student. We hope to see all families over the Meet the Teacher sessions.

### **Fly High Night**

It is with great excitement that we announce our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fly High Night. It will be held on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 5pm – 7pm.** This year the School Community Association will be running the event. Please see the fliers attached to the Newsletter. We hope to see you all there.

**Label** all belongings, clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes etc.

### **Unwell Children**

Please keep unwell children home. Sharing illness across the school greatly impacts the learning of others and the wellness of our staff team.

### **Teacher Meetings**

Take place generally on Tuesday and Wednesday after school and on these afternoons are only available for urgent matters. We ask that teachers are your first point of contact if you have questions or concerns. The Leadership Team (Jane Black and Sam Birrell) and Principal (Miss Loren) are your contact for more serious matters.

### **Assemblies**

Take place every Friday at 3pm in the gym. All parents and carers are invited.

### **Crossing Supervisor**

Unfortunately (for us) Natalie has retired, I have wished her the best from our community. We are awaiting news on a permanent replacement.

Have a great weekend!

Loren Peavey



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# KPS FAMILY KITE NIGHT

## Keelonith Primary's Annual **FLY HIGH FAMILY KiTE NiGHT**

5pm - 7pm, Thurs 29 February 2024

Prizes to be won for the  
highest flying kite!

Plus sausage sizzle,  
zooper doopers and  
plenty of family fun!

Bring your own kite, or  
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2. Click the Order Now button
3. Select **Keelonith Primary School** from the drop down menu, and select **OK** when a pop-up box appears
4. Register for an account by providing your email address and a password
5. Select your Kite(s) and 'add to cart'.
6. Click on Proceed to checkout. Enter your details.
7. Authorise Payment

**Orders Close: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Kites will be delivered to KPS for you to collect. More information on collection will be published closer to the time.

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Register

School (Keelonith Primary School)

Email address \*

Password \*

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# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## OPEN NIGHTS 'NEW MEMBER OFFER'

MONDAY 05 FEB - SATURDAY 10 FEB

WANT TO KNOW MORE  
ABOUT TAEKWONDO?

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Check us out at OPEN NIGHTS & SATURDAY.

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**VISITING TIMES:**

MONDAY 05 FEB - THURSDAY 08 FEB: 4pm - 7pm  
and SATURDAY 10 FEB: 9am- Noon

**PROGRAMS TO SUIT EVERYONE**

- Benefit from more than 40 years of consistent HALL'S TAEKWONDO success.
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**CLASS HIGHLIGHTS:**

- See Taekwondo students in action
- Check out timetables
- Participation optional
- Instructor & Facility Q & A's

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## GREENVALE FOOTBALL CLUB



### JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY

### NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

Under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18.5 BOYS  
Under 12, 14, 16, 18.5 GIRLS

### SUNDAY 11TH FEBUARY

### 9:30 to 1:00pm

Upstairs in Social Rooms  
Section Road Greenvale

Any queries contact:  
Ken Hutchinson 0418 582 902  
Joanne Stillman 0499 208 135





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