



## UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School Council
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Fly High Night
<b>Thursday 7<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

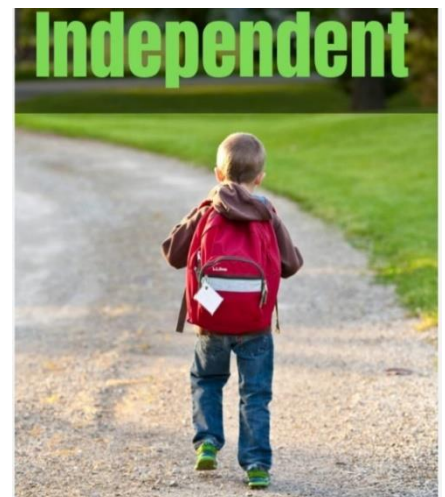
## A MESSAGE FROM MISS LOREN

16<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

Dear Families,

This week we welcomed our Preps fulltime; they have done a superb job of settling into their school life. They also alongside the rest of the school were troopers during the windstorm on Tuesday. We are very proud of them, and we are excited to watch them grow as independent learners.

The rest of our neighbourhoods are now winding up the Start Up program for the year and our learning routines for 2024 are in place. It was exciting to see so many brain caps being worn around the school, this activity was supporting our learners to understand their brain and how it works to help them be the best person that they can be.



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Congratulations everyone on a very settled and enjoyable start to 2024. Let's keep up the great enthusiasm and focus on being an ongoing learner.

Thank you, families, for your efforts in getting the children to school before 8:50am and for adults being out of the school yard by 9am. This has made the morning routines for our learners much more settled and has allowed our children who need to be outside to settle to do so without many people around and without gates open as escape routes. Our morning circles start right on 9am and they are very important in setting your child up for success each day. We know the traffic is bad but unfortunately this is beyond our control, and we cannot delay the start of the school day. If we lose 10 mins each day over the term, we lose 8.5 hours of teaching time which equates to 1.5 days of learning lost per term, 6 days of learning per year. Every minute counts in our learning time.

### **Fly High Night.**

We are getting excited as the Fly High Night is only 13 days away, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 5pm – 7pm. The School Community Association is coordinating the event. We hope to see you all there, it is a highlight in our school year. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that the weather is fine, with enough wind to support kite flying.

### **Term Overviews**

Learning overviews have been sent to all families via Compass. If you missed them, they are also held on our school website.

### **NAPLAN**

NAPLAN is taking place in March this year for our Yr 3 and 5 students:

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Writing
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Reading
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Conventions of Language
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Numeracy

Some make up days will be provided for children who are absent. If families do not want their child to take part in NAPLAN, please contact Sam Birrell. These tests are a snapshot of your child's development in the above 4 areas, they do not capture everything about your child as they cannot measure many other skills you value such as Care, Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking and Character. We ask families to maintain normal routines on the days of tests and do not over stress children about them.

### **Soccer Goals**

The soccer goals which the children have been requesting over the last 3 years have finally arrived, our budget at the end of 2023 allowed for this purchase. The children have been having a wonderful time with them.

**Volunteer Induction.** This year we will be running 2 Volunteer Induction sessions for carers and parents who wish to help at school or with school activities like excursions, sports days etc.

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2:30pm – 3:15pm OR
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 9:15am – 10:15am



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Volunteers **must** be re-inducted every year; this is a Department of Education requirement. If you were inducted last year, you must be inducted again this year.

All volunteers must obtain a current WWCC, apply via <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply-1> and attend the induction session. Please book in from the following link for only **one** session only. <https://compassix.com/e/zv91d2xkmy>

### **SchoolsOUT**

SchoolsOUT an external provider for out of school care, they are a separate business from the school. All contact with them must go through their communication channels. We suggest families book in as casual users in case you are held up and cannot pick your child up on time.

### **Emergency Management Plan KPS**

Tuesday afternoon's weather event had different levels of severity across the state. KPS was hit by extreme winds around pick up time. In these kinds of events responsibility for the safety of anyone who is on site becomes the responsibility of the principal. On Tuesday the decision to lock down the school was made for the safety of all people onsite including families and members of the public. In any emergency event our safety plan will be communicated to families as soon as we are able, according to the event that is taking place. Compass is our only means of communicating with over 300 families at the same time in the event of an emergency. Please ensure you have your Compass App set to receive notifications, if you have muted communications from Compass and only check emails you will not be able to receive emergency communications. On Tuesday communications were hampered by the loss of power and the patchiness of the 4/5G network. We appreciate this can be frightening and frustrating for families but please trust in our capacity to keep your children, and you safe. We carry out drills regularly and are prepared as much as is possible for an emergency event.

### **Meet the Teacher**

Wednesday's Meet the Teacher sessions went very well with the majority of booked in families attending. Teachers will be in touch with families who missed their session. Bookings are now open for families who were impacted by the cancellation of Tuesday's meetings, new date Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### **Who do I contact at school?**

Most of the time when you have a question or concern about your child's academic social or emotional progress the first person to speak to is their **mentor teacher**, who you will have met at the Meet the Teacher sessions. They spend the most time with your child and are best placed to share information with you and develop plans to support your child.

If you need further support about complex student well-being needs our new Assistant Principal, Jane black is the person to contact. She will work in conjunction with the mentor teacher, families, and the student to find out what is going on for your child and develop a plan of support.

Sam Birrell is our Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning, and her role is focused on Educational Leadership. This includes the academic progress of our students and leading the implementation of evidence-based best teaching practise with our teachers.



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If you have a concern about school policy, procedure or feel an issue you have raised with the mentor teacher, Jane or Sam has not been resolved, please make an appointment to see me.

### **Student Support Group (SSG) meetings**

SSG meetings will take place in Weeks 6 -7 for children with an IEP (Individual Education Plan). Meeting times will be sent to families in the coming week.

### **User agreements**

ICT User agreements are now overdue, please return these to mentor teachers immediately.

Keep being a learner alongside your child, the world is a wonderful place to be curious about.

Loren Peavey



## **REMINDERS**

### **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 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.

### **Safety in School grounds**

KPS is a broad and inclusive community and as such we have many different mobility needs of the people who access our school grounds. For the safety of all we request that all children/teenagers/adults regardless of age not ride scooters, skateboards, or bikes etc in playgrounds. We hope everyone can respect this safety requirement.

### **No Photos at school events**

We are a Child Safe School, and this means that families are unable to take photos at events, assemblies etc that involve other children, as you have not sought permission from their families to do so. We ask that everyone respects each other's rights to privacy and safety. You are more than welcome to take photos of your child only but when it is suitable considering how the event is organised. We would also at this time like to remind families to be safe when posting photos of your child online especially in uniform, as this can provide information to all viewers of the school your child is attending. Please think safety first.



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## Birthday treats

It is school policy that we do not share food, please do not send cupcakes, lollies, gift bags etc to celebrate your child's birthday at school. Gift bags without food are also not for distribution at school as these put financial pressures on families who cannot afford this type of recognition. Mentor classes celebrate birthdays as part of our morning circles and as a school we celebrate at assemblies each week.

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> February is pictured.



# SCHOOL VALUE AWARDS – WEEK 2

<b>1A</b>	Efekan	<b>1B</b>	Hugo	<b>1C</b>	Alessio
	Kaan				
<b>2A</b>	Arbi	<b>2B</b>	Alijah	<b>2C</b>	Shivika
	Amani		Nicholas		Arkin
<b>34A</b>	Mira C	<b>34B</b>	Ela	<b>34C</b>	Cohan
	Dion		Adrin		Rose
<b>34D</b>	Eda	<b>56A</b>	Ibrahim	<b>56B</b>	Klaudia
	Isabella		Sienna		Denuary
<b>PE</b>	Daniel 34B	<b>STEM</b>	Ziyad 34C	<b>Visual Arts</b>	Taylan 2B
	Bilal 56B		Belle 2B		James 56A
<b>Performing Arts</b>	Qure 1B		Saad 56B		Arbi 2A



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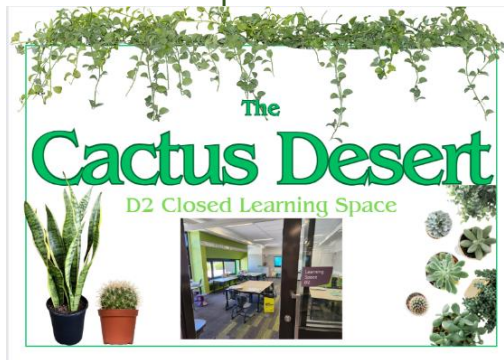
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# YEAR 1A

## WHO ARE WE?

We learn at the back of the green building.  
Our mentor space is called ...



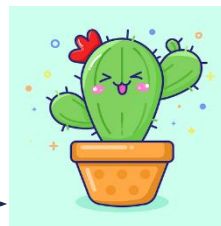
We are little things, and our teachers are helping us grow!

## WE ARE 1A!!!

We planted seeds and we spoke about how all seeds need different things to help them grow and how they all grow differently... just like US!



Knock knock!  
Who's there?  
Cactus.  
Cactus who?  
**CACTUS MAKES  
PERFECT!**



Why did the cactus  
cross the road?  
Because it was stuck  
to the chicken!



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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!

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  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**

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Password \*

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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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## Join the KPS School Community Association (SCA)

A message from the SCA President

Dear KPS parents and guardians,

As the new school year begins, we would like to welcome you all to our school community and invite you to join the School Community Association (SCA). The SCA is a group of volunteers who work together to support the school's mission, vision, and values. We organize events, fundraisers, and activities that enrich the educational and social experience of our students and families.

The SCA is open to all parents and guardians of KPS students. We meet once a month to discuss and plan our activities and projects. We welcome your ideas, suggestions, and contributions to enhance our school community.

If you are interested in joining the SCA or learning more about it, please email your name and phone number to [keelonith.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:keelonith.ps@education.vic.gov.au).

Thank you for your interest and support. We look forward to working with you to make this school year a great one for our children and our community.

Sincerely,

Lexie, SCA President



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