



UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

Monday 4 th March	Volunteer Induction
Thursday 7 th March	KPS Cross Country
Monday 11 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
13 th – 25 th March	NAPLAN
Friday 15 th March	School Photos
Tuesday 19 th March	School Council AGM
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of Term 1 - 2.30pm finish

A MESSAGE FROM MISS LOREN

1st March, 2024

Dear Families,

Our 4th Annual Kite Night was another amazing event, it has become a highlight in our event calendar. Thank you to the SCA for their organisation of the evening, you did a great job. We counted over 100 kites in various stages of flight over the evening. The persistence and resilience shown by those who were new to kite-flying was wonderful to observe and a great learning opportunity for your children. I would also like to thank the staff who attended and gave up their family time to be at this event. We raised \$1,383.11 for the SCA. Congratulations to Aahir Kumar from Prep B for the highest-flying kite.

Interschool sport has been going well. We have competed on 3 different Fridays now, one of which was an away game. Next Friday is our last session and we have another away game for the morning.



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Thank you for Voluntary Contributions!

Thank you to all the families who were able to pay for their child/ren's book packs and some or all of the voluntary contributions. We know it's a tough financial time for everyone, and we appreciate your contributions. We have had 53% of families purchase book packs, filled with the books and materials their child uses for their learning this year. We had just on 45% of families pay for some or all of the voluntary contributions. Your contributions are intended to be distributed to the advertised school programs, as follows:

Program	Budget Allocation
Art – consumables (clay, paint, paper, chalk, glue etc)	\$6,000
Auslan – resources	\$1,000
Maths – consumables, classroom resources (dice, counters, paddle pop sticks etc)	\$5,000
English – consumables, take home readers,	\$10,000
Performing Arts – instruments, music, repairs	\$5,000
STEM – consumables and equipment for science experiments	\$4,000
Library – books, barcodes, consumables, replacement of lost books	\$12,000
Classroom resources – consumables for inquiry-based learning, resources, art and craft supplies, ingredients, experiment supplies	\$18,000
Book Packs – stationery supplies	\$30,000
TOTAL REQUIRED	\$91,000

As you can see in the total required to meet the budget above, we require \$91,000. Currently, we have received \$51,260, leaving close to a \$40,000 shortfall. School Council, along with Leadership, will need to adjust future purchases of resources to bring the budget back into line with the payments received.

Soft Start

A reminder that the neighbourhood doors are open at 8:50 am for soft start, where children can come in and get ready for the day of learning. At this time staff are busy supporting students to settle, if you need to see a teacher and the matter is not urgent, please send an email. All urgent matters can be addressed at this time.

Cross Country: We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the Cross-Country next Thursday 7th March. Details have been sent out on Compass today. Children who do not have the Local Excursions consent form completed will not be able to attend the event.

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Volunteer Induction Sessions We still have vacancies in the upcoming Volunteer Sessions. Volunteers must participate, commencing Monday 4th March 2:30pm - 3:15pm, Friday 8th March 9:15am - 10:00am & Tuesday 12th March 2:30pm - 3:15pm. Please book into a session via this link <https://compasstix.com/e/zv91d2xkmy>

Coffee, Cake, and Conversation

On Tuesday 5th March at 2:30pm I am going to be hosting our first Coffee, Cake, and Conversation session. In this session parents/carers are invited to attend an informal session with me to discuss the going-ons at Keelonith Primary School. It is a chance for people to raise questions in a relaxed setting. I look forward to sharing some cake and coffee/tea with you.

Loren Peavey



REMINDERS

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.

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.

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.

Jewellery

Jewellery, permanent jewellery (bracelets without clasps) and long earrings are safety risks at school. They can easily be caught and cause damage in many situations. Our School Policy clearly outlines that children cannot wear these at school. <https://keelonithps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/KPS-Uniform->



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We ask that families remove all jewellery prior to the start of the school day.

Families who have religious reasons for jewellery must put this in writing and address to the email to Miss Loren (Principal).

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 16th and 23rd February are pictured.



SCHOOL VALUE AWARDS – WEEK 3

PA	Logan S	PB	Hamza	PC	Thomas
1A	Henry	1B	Rocci	1C	Kip
2A	Yousif	2B	Zahra K	2C	Isla
	Jovian		James		Kaya
34A	Eslem	34C	Zakaria	DIGI TECH	Daniel G 2B
	Mikhail		Taha		
56A	Elyna	56B	Ayda	Performing Arts	Logan S PA
	Havannah		Johan		Dustin 1C
PE	Melissa 56B	STEM	Kubra 34D	Vis. Arts	Elyna 56A
	Oliver C 34C		Logan R PC		Havannah 56A
	Henry PA		Sienna 56A		Nour 34A



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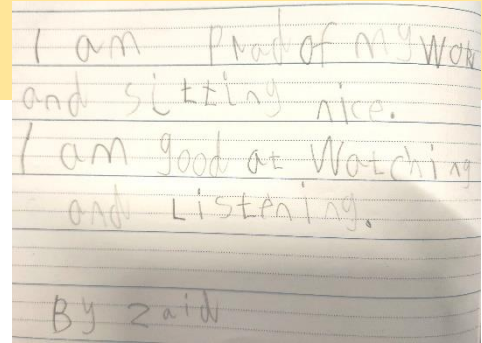
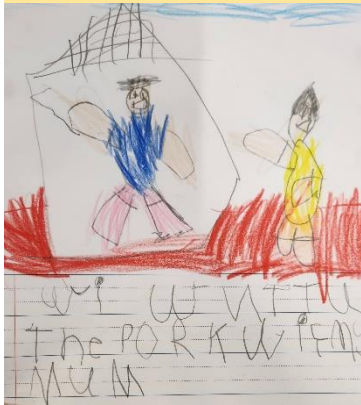
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YEAR 1B

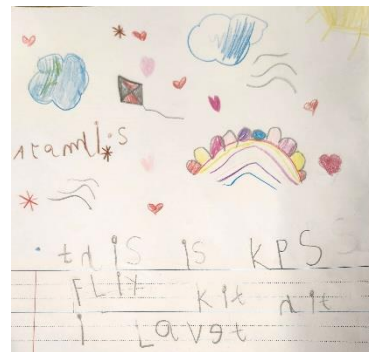
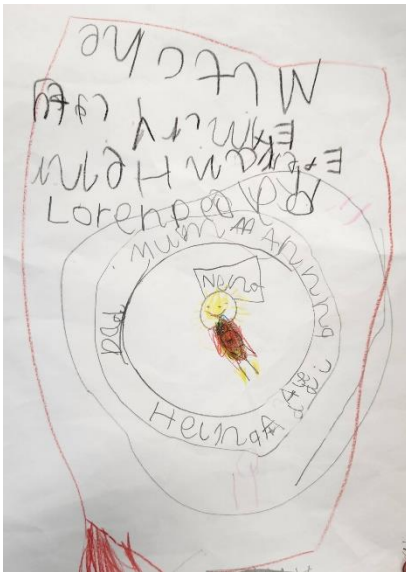
We are 1B in Neighbourhood D!

On days when everyone is present, we call ourselves the AWESOME 30 because we have 29 kids and 1 mentor teacher. We are so proud of ourselves because we have already EIGHT days of being the AWESOME 30! Our goal is 10 days this term!

Here is some work that we are proud of:



We love Fly High Kite Night, check out our drawings:



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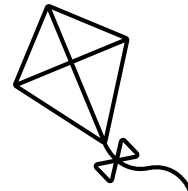
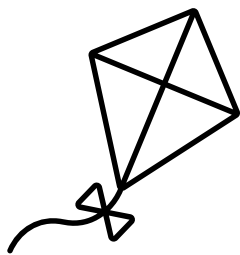
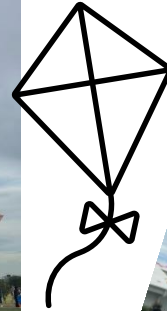
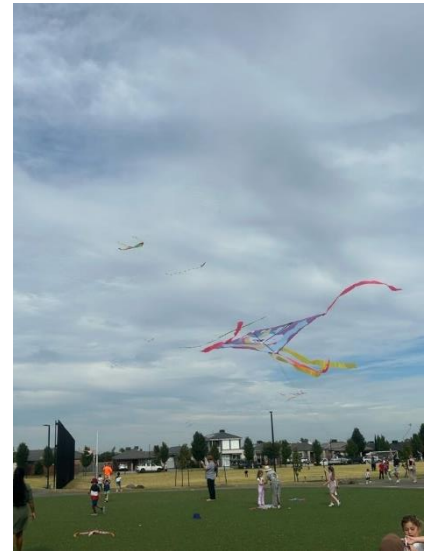
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM FLY HIGH FAMILY KITE NIGHT



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SCA

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.

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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