



UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

Monday 15th April	First day of Term 2 – 9.00am start
Tuesday 23rd April	Prep Info Session 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 24th April	Prep Info Session 9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday 25th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 30th April	School Council
Friday 3rd May	District Cross Country
Wednesday 8th May – Friday 10th May	Year 3/4 Camp – PGL Campaspe Downs

A MESSAGE FROM MISS LOREN

28th March, 2024

Dear Families,

Term 1 has been a very busy term: Meet the Teacher, Fly High Night, Interschool Sports for Year 5/6 students, Cross Country, CCC, Volunteer Induction Sessions, NAPLAN and a whole school focus on the brain and how it helps us to learn and regulate our emotions. Schools are certainly busy places. The children have been moving in their learning and we encourage families to keep reading and playing games over the holiday break. Ongoing use of our skills is important to maintain our learning growth curve.

Over the school holiday period, preparations will commence for the installation of two relocatable classrooms, they will be positioned near the rubbish shed at the back of the school. We expect the portables to be delivered in the first weeks of Term 2. The buildings will be used as classrooms in the near future. These will support a broader strategy of redeveloping some of our teaching and learning spaces within our permanent buildings. Our school is diverse, which is an asset of the Keelonith PS community. The



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redevelopment of our learning spaces will ensure we can better support the diverse learning needs of our students.

We are currently working with our colleagues in the department on learning neighbourhood design. The plans are conceptual at this stage. We will endeavour to share the more detailed plans with the community once they are finalised. This is an exciting development for the school which will provide greater teaching and learning flexibility for our students and teaching staff.

Over the break you will also see a compound set up at the end of the front staff carpark, this is the area in which the building company installing Air Conditioning to our school will be housed for several months.

Both projects will create some disturbance to parking around our school, please be mindful of this as we enter Term 2 and make plans to work around the decrease in parking around school that this will create. I suggest people park around the edges of the park opposite and utilise a nice stroll through the park and across the crossing when dropping off and picking up children.

Volunteer Induction Sessions

Thank you to the people who have participated in the Volunteer Induction sessions. A survey will be sent to all participants to gather their availability to support across the school. Please make sure you have provided your WWCC to the office. Your card will be copied and retained.

Attendance Notifications

All families are contacted to provide a reason for unexplained absences. Attendances need to be up to date so please ensure that they are for your child/ren. If you have any concerns regarding any dates or times, please contact the school office.

School Council AGM

Tuesday 19th March was our School Council AGM.

2024 Members and Roles:

President – Tulin Kormaz

Vice President- Daniel Wright

Treasurer- Roxy Cohan

Parent/Carer Members: Krishnakumar Narayanan, Danielle Cerra, Fatima Tassone and Isha Rao

Staff members: Samantha Birrell and Brooke Slopak.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN for 2024 is now complete. We have been so impressed with the way our Year 3 and 5 students engaged with the tests and demonstrated their confidence and positive mindset towards them. A big thanks to the teachers for all their organisation and to you as parents, for the support you have given your students during the NAPLAN testing time. NAPLAN is just a snapshot in time and is more valuable at a school level and system level than individually. Results will be sent to families once they are received at the school. We have not been advised as to when this date will be, we will keep Year 3 and 5 families informed.

Coffee, Cake and Conversation (CCC)

The next session will now take place at 9:10 am on Tuesday 7th May (changed from the 23rd of April), I hope to see you there.



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April 13 is Auslan Day! Every day at KPS is Auslan Day where we celebrate our language – Auslan. Auslan Day celebrates the rich history, culture, community, and language of the Australian Deaf community by honouring the date of first publication of the Auslan dictionary. For more information about Auslan Day visit <https://deafconnect.org.au/community-resources/auslan-day#:~:text=April%2013%20is%20Auslan%20Day,on%20our%20activities%20for%202024.>



Today we say farewell to Karen Masterton, she is taking up an ES position very close to home. We wish Karen all the best for the future and thank her for her time at KPS.

Have a great holiday and enjoy the break from the 9am – 3:30pm school routine. I wish you all the best over the next 2 weeks and hope that you find joy in your family traditions if celebrating Easter and Eidal-Fitr.

See you all bright and chirpy on the 15th of April.

Loren Peavey



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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. Please utilise SchoolsOUT, our onsite out of hours care provider.

Jewellery

Jewellery, permanent jewellery (bracelets without clasps) and long earrings are safety risks at school, they can easily be caught and cause harm 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-Policy.pdf>

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 22nd & 28th March are pictured.



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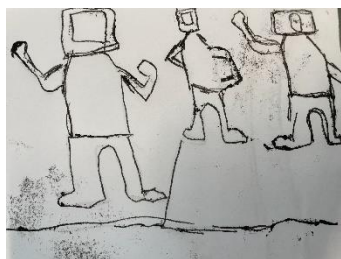
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VISUAL ARTS



It has been a busy and productive term across all year levels in Visual Art. We have focused on printing with stamps, stencils, foam, and mono printing. Students have been inspired by the art of David Shrigley, were encouraged to try new things, and continue to build their drawing skills. There have been lots of opportunities to collaborate with each other and emphasis on how we can demonstrate the school CHEER values within the art space.

I would like to make a special mention to the grade 2 students who worked for most of the term on their Mario themed Learning Pit now hanging in their space. It has been a privilege to work together with the students and their teachers and watch them take ownership and pride in their creation. I hope it can be a constant reminder of how we can achieve great things when we work together and don't give up even when we feel like we're at the bottom of the pit. Next term there will be a new addition of Bowser and Princess Peach as the students are determined to complete these pieces. Well done Kaya in contributing your excellent drawing skills and teamwork.



Our preps have been engaging well in the Visual Art space and already have some excellent cutting and drawing skills. Each week they grow in confidence, and I plan to keep encouraging them to try new things and express themselves in their artworks.

Our grade 3 & 4s have made some excellent mono prints currently hanging in their space. They patiently did many tests and trials which lead to them gaining an excellent understanding of the process. Grades 5 & 6 made some unique layered artworks which combined stencils, stamps and mono prints together currently displayed in the Visual Art space. I am looking forward to an exhibition later in the year where they can celebrate their work and progress. More info to come!



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YEAR 1 NEWS

On Tuesday the Year 1 students celebrated learning about the 6 C's:

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Critical Thinking
- Character
- Citizenship
- Creativity

They engaged in a variety of activities and had so much fun!



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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prospective parents and students are invited to attend the **Elevation Secondary College**

SHOWCASE EVENING Year 7, 2025

Monday 29th April 2024

Sessions will run at:

Session 1 – 5:00pm

Session 2 – 6:00pm

Bookings are essential.



Scan the QR code to book your tickets

Principal School Tours 2024

Can't attend the Showcase Evening?

Book a Principal School Tour instead. Limited tours available in early Term 2. Please scan the QR code for more details.



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OPEN NIGHT

Thursday 18 April 2024

Information sessions commencing at 5.00pm & 6.30pm

Bookings required for our Open Night and Regular Tours. Visit our website for more details.

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