



Aiming for Excellence

KEILOR HEIGHTS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Thursday February 2nd, 2023



DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1

Wednesday February 8th
Cyber Safety Day
All Students

Friday February 10th
New Families
Coffee & Cake 8.15am

Friday February 10th
Whole School Assembly
3pm

Friday February 10th
Y5-6 Interschool Sport

Meet The Teacher Week
February 13th—February
17th

Friday February 17th
Y5-6 Interschool Sport

Tuesday 28th March
Foundation-Y4 Allergy
Awareness Session

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year

Welcome back to our existing and new families. I hope that everyone enjoyed the beautiful Summer weather over the Christmas period and were able to spend some time relaxing and catching up with family and friends. Talking to our students it seems like spending time at the beach was quite a popular activity.

I would also like to welcome two new staff members to KHPS, Emily Carden in Year 1/2 and Bridie Dailey in Year 5/6. Amanda Hollway who was initially sharing a class with Rosie Valentine is no longer available and so initially Rosie will be taking 5/6 C fulltime.



Emily Carden 12B



Bridie Dailey 56B

We also have a new school chaplain, Riley McDowell. Riley will work Wednesdays and every second Thursday, beginning next Wednesday. Riley will share a little bit more about himself in next week's newsletter.

2023 School Year

We are all very excited about 2023 and are already planning various events and opportunities for our whole school community to come together throughout the year. Some of these will include Coffee and Cake mornings, Art Show, various whole school sporting events, Grand Opening of our oval, Open Mornings/Afternoons and various dress up and themed days.

Over the Christmas holidays we received several new enrolments, bringing our current enrolment number to 348. Tuesday was also the first day for our new Foundation students and it was so nice to see how confident, happy and ready they were. I would also like to acknowledge our older students across the school, especially the Year 5/6 students for making sure the Foundation students were looked after during recess and lunch time.



The first few weeks all students will participate in our whole school 'Start Up' program, where social and academic expectations are revised and explicitly taught, guided by our school values of **Aspire, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience**.

All classes will begin and end each day with a Community circle which comes from our Berry Street Training and helps set the students up for a successful and positive day and help them to connect with the class. This is one of the reasons why we emphasise the importance of punctuality and being on time. Often students who are late feel anxious or unsure of what the daily expectations are. Students are expected to be in class ready for learning by the time the 9.00am bell rings. All students who arrive after the 9.00am bell need to go through the office to sign in using Compass Kiosk and receive a late pass. This is very important for legal reasons and our duty of care and thank you in advance for your support with reinforcing this.



Holiday Works

Over the holidays we had several trades people completing works around the school. Classrooms in Building A (Administration and Senior Classes) and the Chill Out room were painted, roof repairs to Building A were completed as well as the usual grounds maintenance and whole school cleaning.



You may have noticed that works to the oval were halted, as unfortunately when 'Reliance' removed the soil required, it was still found to be wet and unstable. Further investigations have been carried out and they will be using a stabilisation process recommended by the new soil report. While it is disappointing that works have been delayed slightly, it is better in the long run to ensure we get the best outcome for our oval.



The final completion date for the oval is May 19th and we look forward to organising a whole school community Grand Opening.

Coffee and Cake



Next Friday 10th February and Monday 13th February we would like to invite parents and carers to join us between 8.15am – 9.30am for 'Coffee and Cake'.

The school will be organising and providing a Coffee Van and cakes and hope it might be a chance for parents to get together for our new parents to meet new families.



Communication

All communication, newsletters, student reports, permission and payments for excursions and incursions is through Compass. It is very important that parents can access this, so you do not miss any important information. If you are not sure how to use Compass, or need assistance, please come and see Kelly in the Office. Currently, classroom teachers use See Saw to share more day to day things and student work, however we will be transitioning to do this through Compass also throughout this year.

Last year, Ben spent a lot of time working with a provider updating our school Website. This is still a work in progress, however we also hope to share and use this more effectively as a communication tool with our families and broader community. We are currently working through the process of purchasing and installing a digital sign which will be situated on the Corner of Ronald Grove and Henry Street.

Classrooms will be open from 8.45am for students to unpack their bag and say good morning to their teacher. This is an opportunity and we encourage parents, where they can, to look at the work their child has been doing with them. Teachers are often busy preparing for the day and we ask parents to make a suitable time after school to discuss any concerns they may have. This will allow teachers to have sufficient time to address your concerns properly and privately. Teachers can be emailed through Compass and will respond when they have the opportunity. Please allow a day for teachers to respond as they attend meetings etc after school.



Canteen and Lunch

During Term 4 last year School Council advertised for the canteen position. We have received several Expressions of Interest and will be organising to meet and appoint someone during Term 1.

We will continue to pursue the company who can provide healthy choices to align with our school values and vision. I am always impressed with the healthy brain food students bring and thank families for supporting this.

Beginning immediately students will be required to finish eating all food inside, including at recess time. This is to help make sure students are eating their healthy food, reduce the rubbish in the yard (we encourage nude foods) and also reduce the risk of students sharing food and putting those students with allergies at higher risk.

Please encourage healthy lunches and limiting the amount of sugary foods you pack in your child's lunch. If you need to bring your child their lunch, please bring it to the office and we will ensure they receive it.

We have several students throughout the school who have severe and anaphylactic reactions to some foods. While we cannot and it is not recommended that we 'ban' items, we do ask you to be aware of the foods that have a higher risk of causing anaphylaxis such as: all nuts, eggs and milk and not include them in your child's lunch.

If you have any further questions please contact the office on 9336 1739.

Enjoy the weekend

Victoria Graham

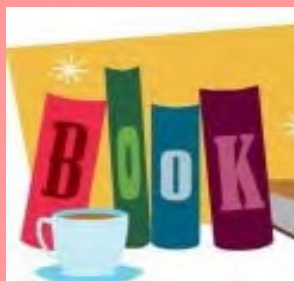


Term 1—SUNSMART is back

The school hat must be worn at all times during play in Term 1.



REMEMBER: NO HAT,
NO PLAY!



BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 1 Catalogue has been distributed,

If you are interested in placing

an order please do so by

THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER, 2023

Using Scholastic Book Club LOOP online

ORDERS ARE NOT TAKEN THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE



FOUNDATION DAY 1





Inter-school Swimming 2023 (Years 3-6)

This year's Buckley District Interschool Swimming Carnival for students in Years 3-6 will be held on Monday 27th of February, at Queens Park Swimming Pool, Essendon.

On that day, participants will be asked to make their own way with a parent/guardian and arrive at Queen's Park Swimming Pool to be signed in with Mr Matton between 9.30-9.40 am, and be picked up from the venue at 1.30 pm. Your child will be supervised by KHPS staff at all times. Parents/Guardians are welcome to stay and spectate if they choose.

In order for students to qualify for this event, we will need to hold KHPS 50m swimming trials at the East Keilor Leisure Centre, Quinn Grove, Keilor East, on Monday the 13th of February after school between 3.45-5.00pm.

It is expected that students wishing to trial are competent in their stroke and are capable of swimming a competitive time. Generally these are students who swim in squads or have many years of swimming experience.

There will be a cost of \$5 for students to participate in the trials. If you wish for your year 3-6 child to take part in the trials on Monday, February 13th, please contact either the office or Mr Matton in person, or through Compass no later than 5.00 pm, Monday 7th of February to express your child's interest. You will then be sent a permission form for the trials via Compass.

All events at the carnival are 50m and students are able to qualify for two individual events (out of Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly) as well as the Freestyle relay (this is the only relay option available and is subject to having enough swimmers to put a team together) in the age groups as follows:

Boys 8/9/10 year olds (born 2013/2014/2015)

Girls 8/9/10 year olds (born 2013/2014/2015)

Boys 11 year olds (born 2012)

Girls 11 year olds (born 2012)

Boys 12/13 year olds (born 2010/2011)

Girls 12/13 year olds (born 2010/2011)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about either of these events.

Mr. Matton

PE and Sports Co-ordinator



**CYBER
SAFETY
PROJECT**

LIVE ONLINE VIA ZOOM

On-demand rewatch
available

**LIVE
WEBINARS
AT 7:30PM**

(AEDT/AEST)

PARENT & GUARDIAN WEBINAR SERIES 2023



Plan, Prevent, Protect

THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

Learning, connecting and playing online can be positive and safe. Learn how to create a safe online environment at home with practical advice for raising young people in a technology-rich world.



Safety on the Socials

TUESDAY 9TH MAY

Uncover the world of social networking through the lens of a child and teenager. Understand the risks and discover techniques to prepare kids to be safe and responsible on the socials.



Gaming and Your Family

WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY

You can learn a lot through gameplay. Help the young people in your home get the most out of gaming experiences and learn strategies to build healthy gaming habits.



Digital Balance and Wellbeing

TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER

Technology plays a vital role in our world but it's easy to lose control. Finding a balance is a crucial 21st century skill. Discover simple tools and settings to manage screen time and thrive in a digital world.

FREE REGISTRATION

cybersafetyproject.com.au/webinars





Instrumental Music Lessons - on school campus
Places available for Term 1, 2023



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on campus – with lessons typically during and outside school hours
- Only \$20.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Online lessons (after hours) are also available direct to your home – contact us to find out more
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

P: 1300 362 824

E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au

www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

FOR YEARS 1—YEAR 6 ONLY



ALLERGY AWARENESS SESSION



**FUN,
EDUCATIONAL
AND
INTERACTIVE**

Jackie Nevard, author and creator of My Food Allergy Friends is coming to our school! Educating young students in a fun, interactive way. Allergy education for students.

WHAT WE COVER IN OUR SESSIONS:

- One in 10 infants have allergies, we discuss the most common allergens
- The symptoms of an allergic reaction
- The importance of having an EpiPen or Anapen
- Reinforce YOUR school allergy policies
- We explain the importance of washing our hands and why we don't share food or drinks at school
- We help students to become 'Food Allergy Smart'
- We discuss ways we can help our friends with allergies by including them and informing a teacher if they become sick
- Every student receives a certificate for attending our food allergy session
- We read a story and have activities for younger students available*
- Each school receives our School Allergy Poster Pack

*Please note all craft cut outs, colouring pages and school quiz will be emailed to your school to print out before the day

See you Soon!

**1 in 10 infants will develop a food allergy
Education is the key to managing food allergies**

www.myfoodallergyfriends.com



The Go & Grow Lunch Box

1 + 2 + 3 GO

Strength food

Energy food

Colours



For more info: foost.com.au/blog

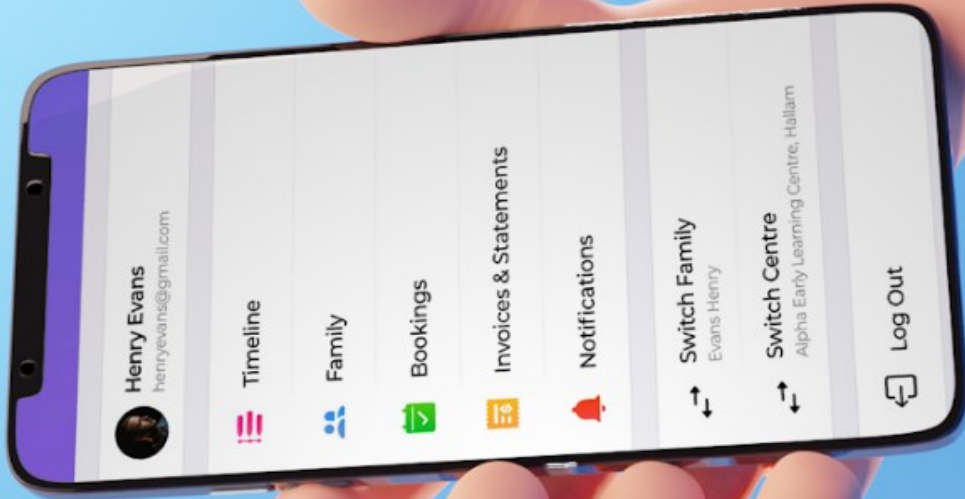


Our new App

- + Make bookings
- + Record absences
- + Make payments
- + Access all invoices

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for term 1**

bigchildcare.com/enrol





parent.cos.net.au

**FOUNDATION,
YEAR 1 & YEAR 2
ONLY**

Back to School

Find and order your child's school pack in less than 4 minutes!



Username: keilorheightsprimary@cos.net.au
Password: PARENTS-23

THIS LOGIN INFORMATION IS FOR FOUNDATION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ONLY

1300 79 27 85

parentportal@cos.net.au



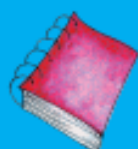


parent.cos.net.au

**FOR STUDENTS IN
YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6
ONLY**

Back to School

Find and order your child's school pack in less than 4 minutes!



Username: keilorheightsps@cos.net.au

Password: PARENTS-23

THIS LOGIN INFORMATION IS FOR
YEAR 3 - YEAR 6 STUDENTS ONLY

1300 79 27 85

parentportal@cos.net.au



Parents and Friends

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED
JOIN US

- Connect the school community through events
- Raise funds for the school
- All family members & carers are welcome to join
- Be a part of the committee for monthly meetings or join the volunteers email list



Contact breecheesehansen@hotmail.com to join the committee or to be placed on the volunteers email list

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/carer details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)
 - - - **OR**
 Foster parent under a temporary care order* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes No

Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____/____/____

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – General eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one
 - on the first day of Term two
- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards **OR** be a temporary foster parent, and;
- b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Special Consideration

A special consideration category exists for

- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility>

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carers concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2023) or term two (24 April 2023).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents/carers so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.
 Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
 If you are claiming as a temporary Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
 If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2023 closes on the 23 June 2023.