



Aiming for Excellence

KEILOR HEIGHTS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Thursday February 23rd, 2023



DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1

Friday February 24th
Y5-6 Interschool Sport—
AWAY

Friday February 24th
Whole School Assembly
3pm

Tuesday 28th March
Foundation-Y4 Allergy
Awareness Session

Thursday 30th March
SchoolPix Photo Day



Tuesday 4th April KHPS
House Cross Country

Thursday 6th April
Last Day of Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely this week having the time to get into classrooms and chat with students about what they are learning and see how well they are working independently and co-operatively in groups. This year we will be having a strong focus on Student Agency, where students are more proactive with knowing where they are at with their learning and what they need to do to work towards the next stage. Being able to articulate this is very important and a great way for you to share with your child/ren what they have been doing throughout the day.

School Council Elections – Annual General Meeting

School Council is an important regulatory/governance body that supports and tracks our school against our priorities and targets, develops and endorses whole school policies and events. This Year we will be having our school review, which occurs every 4 years. Part of this process will be enabling our school community opportunities to provide specific feedback about the last 4 years and what direction they would like to see in the future. School Council will play an important role during this process and is a great opportunity for parents and carers to have a voice in the future direction of the school.

At Keilor Heights Primary School, we are allowed to have 13 members on school council, consisting of 9 parent representatives and 4 staff representatives.

We are always looking for new members and encourage you to join. It is always great to have people with a range of experiences and skills on council. If you would like to know more about the role and commitment please come and speak to me or you can access material on the new Department of Education (DE) website at the following link:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/get-involved-at-school.aspx>
School Council elections opened Monday 13th February and nomination forms will be available from the office.

Nominations close Friday 10th March at 4.00pm



NAPLAN

This year NAPLAN will be held earlier than it has been in previous years. NAPLAN tests will be completed online except for the Year 3 Writing component which will still be done by paper.

There is a 2 week period where NAPLAN tests will be carried out, March 13th – March 27th.

**Canteen**

Over the last few weeks, School Council have met with several people who have expressed an Interest in running our school canteen. We are very close to being able to appoint someone and hope to have the canteen running early term 2. We thank everyone for your patience while we work through this process.

**Junior Playground**

I am happy to say that we have been able to have the section of our Junior Playground repaired and it will be back in use after next Wednesday. Upgrading our Junior and Year 3/4 playgrounds has been raised through PFA and School Council and we plan some of our fundraising activities will go towards this so we might have new playgrounds in 2024 and 2025.

Walking School Bus

This week I met with Lisa from Moonee Valley Council who oversees the 'Better Moves Around Schools' initiative. This year we intend to promote some of these great ideas and participate in activities such as 'Walk to School Month' and begin our own 'Walking School Bus'. Please stay tuned for further information and how you can become involved.

**Hot Weather**

We have experienced some extra hot days over the last week and just as we have 'Wet Day Time Tables', we also make changes to our usual Time Table on other extreme weather days. This might be changing our lunch and recess around or keeping students inside during the hottest part of the day.

Please be reassured that our classrooms are quite comfortable and students are encouraged to drink plenty of water and undertake quieter activities. I am aware that several children either stayed home or were collected early on these hotter days, but would like to reassure you that they will not be outside in extreme conditions and it is important that they attend school unless they are unwell.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Victoria Graham



2023 CSEF Applications

Camp, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) application forms for the 2023 school year are now available from the school office.

If you are a parent/foster parent/guardian, and you hold a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card (in your name) that is still valid then you are eligible to apply.

Lost Property

Over 60 items have landed in lost property since the beginning of the year.

Of these items, less than 10 have been returned to their owners. These items were labelled with the students' names.

It cannot be stressed enough that all items, clothing and otherwise, need to be labelled clearly so as the swift return to their owners can occur.

A reminder that all lost property items have until the end of each term to be claimed. After this time, items are either binned, moved onto the uniform shop or donated to charity.



Cyber safety Project

Thank you to families who have registered for the Cyber Safety Project parents and guardians webinar series.

Last Thursday was the first of four webinars and it was great to see some of our families join and develop an understanding of the world in which our children are living.

We highly encourage families to join the next session.

Safety on the Socials - Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7:30pm.

The information shared by the cyber safety project is invaluable and it is vital that we continue to work together as a team to ensure the safety of our children online.

For those who missed the session you can watch the first webinar below.

www.cybersafetyproject.com.au/webinars



KHPS Website and Policy Updates

A reminder to check out our new website. <https://kheights.vic.edu.au/>

The Keilor Heights PS website was updated at the end of 2022 and we are really happy with the way it now looks and its easy to navigate platform.

We would love to hear from our community about the new website and any additions we can make to it.

We are also in the process of updating our School Policies. To see all updated policies please click on the below link.

<https://kheights.vic.edu.au/our-school/policies/>

Policies which have been added recently include:

- Mobile phone and wearable device policy
- Sun Smart policy
- Asthma policy
- Anaphylaxis policy
- Photographing, filming and recording students

Mobile Phones and Devices @ KHPS



This is a reminder that all students who choose to bring one of the following to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours at the office.

- mobile phones (all brands)
- wearable devices (such as smart watches, Apple watches etc)
- portable devices other than school Bring Your Own Devices

Any student who does not hand their device to the office, will have the device confiscated until a parent comes to collect it from the office.

We understand that students require devices for traveling to and from school, but families who need to contact their child, can contact the school and all information will be passed on to the child directly or to their child's teacher.

To find out more about the mobile phone and device policy please refer to the Department of Education website <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/students-using-mobile-phones/policy>



**120
chocs
for
\$30**



Limited stock available from the office

The drop off and pick up zone



Woolworths NetSetGo 'Come and Try day'



Netball Australia's Official
Introductory Program

🔍 Woolworths NetSetGO

and register today!

Saturday 18th March 12-1pm

**Riverside Tennis and Netball Centre, Newsom St,
Ascot Vale**

All boys and girls 5-10 welcome!

Register at netsetgo@essendondna.com.au

Winter NetSetGo season starts: 29th April

10 weeks of fun, ball skills and great coaches

See www.essendondna.com.au/netsetgo





Essendon Keilor College

28 March 2023

College Open Night

6:00pm Essendon Campus

Campus Open Day Tours

Tours on this day will
take place at 10:00am
and 1:30pm at all
campuses by appointment



Term 1 Weekly School Tours

Please contact the
appropriate campus
to book in a tour.

EAST KEILOR Campus (Years 7-9)

82 Quinn Grove, East Keilor VIC 3033

P 8331 0109

NIDDRIE Campus (Years 7-9)

19 Peters Street, Airport West VIC 3042

P 9375 8400

ESSENDON Campus (Years 10-12)

286 Buckley Street, Essendon VIC 3040

P 9319 1300

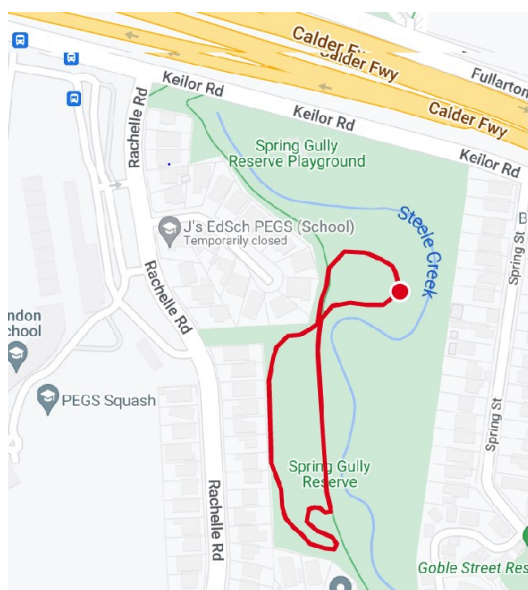


ekc.vic.edu.au



KHPS House Cross-Country/Buckley District Interschool Cross-Country Trials (Years 3-6)

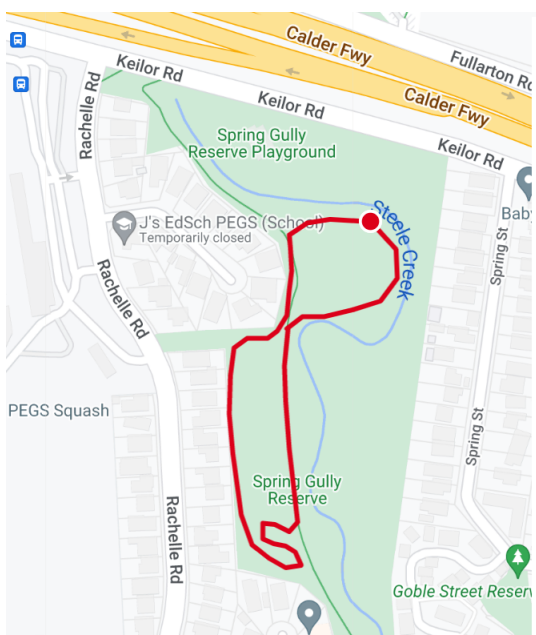
This year's KHPS House Cross-Country/Buckley District Interschool Cross-Country Trials for students in years 3-6 will take place on Tuesday, April 4th (last week of term 1). On this day, all students and teachers in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will walk down to Steele's Creek/Spring Gully Reserve in Keilor East (near Valley Lakes) to complete either the 2km run (10 years old this year and younger) or 3km (11 years old this year and older).



Students turning 10 years old or under in 2023 (born 2013, 2014 and 2015) will complete 3 x laps of approximately 670m (2km).

Every lap completed of the circuit shown will earn house points which will go towards awarding the House Cross-Country Shield for 2023.

The event is also a qualification opportunity for students (top 6 in each age group/gender) who are keen runners and have ambitions to represent KHPS at the Buckley District Cross-Country Event which will be held in Term 2, Week 2 at Brimbank Park.



Students turning 11 years old in 2023 (born 2012) and students turning 12 or 13 years old in 2023 (born 2010 or 2011) will complete 4 x laps of approximately 750m (3km).

Students may have different goals on the day but the focus will be on having fun, being active, and doing their best to run/walk as many laps as they can in the allocated time.

For those students who are keen competitors and wish to qualify for the interschool cross-country team and take it right up to other schools in our sports district, they may wish to start training (with parent/guardian supervision) on the courses shown left.



Student	Class	Being For
Aria S	FA	Showing Good Manners
Inka C	FB	Displaying Beautiful Manners & Learning about Respect
Ryder N	12A	Having a Positive Start to Year 2 & Aspiring Learning
Aria K	12B	Portraying Responsible Behaviour in the Classroom at all Times
Jonathan M	12C	Always Displaying the School Values
Isobel D	12D	Aspiring to do Her Best
Emma F	34A	Being Reflective in Her Learning & Achievements
Adem M	34B	Demonstrating Responsibility by being a Strong Role Model
Inara B	34C	Demonstrating Responsibility by Assisting & Helping Others
Hibiki L	34D	Displaying the School Value of Aspire
Keerthi T	56A	Participating in All Lessons & Aspiring to be Her Best
Nathaniel B M	56B	Always Being Respectful to Staff & Willing to Help
Dean R	56C	Resilience—Confidently Starting the Year in a New School
Aiden D	56C	Responsibility—For Welcoming New Students in to Class
Artemis K	56D	Able to Respond to Challenging Situations in a Positive Way
<u>SPECIALIST AWARDS</u>		
Whole Class	34A	Excellence in Physical Education
Addison R	34B	Excellence in Visual Arts

Uniform Shop



Friday 24th February
3-3:45pm

**BRAND NEW
UNIFORMS
FOR ONLY
\$5 PER ITEM**

*Sizes 4-18
available*

*2nd hand
for a
gold coin
donation*



**Cadbury chocs available to buy
120 for \$30**

**Located in the small brown brick building
next to the foundation/1 playground**



Visit us at

THE FUNDERDOME

at Highpoint Shopping Centre

Located next door to Hoyts!

Children welcome Mon-Sun 10am - 8pm



Head to our website at funderdome.com.au to make a booking or birthday party enquiry.



*Sunday Funday,
EKCC
Pink Stumps Day!*

Jane McGrath Charity Match

Under 12s & 14s girls play their Mums & female significant others!
Bring your Mum, Sister, Auntie & Girlfriends!

EVERYONE WELCOME

1pm Sunday 26th February

Wear a splash of pink!
A percentage of funds raised
will go to the Jane McGrath Foundation

The bar will be open,
sausage sizzle &
entertainment for the kids.

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Foundation
COMMUNITY
FRIEND

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ALL ABILITIES

PARTICIPATION SOCCER PROGRAM



**6 WEEKS
6 SESSIONS**

DATE: 26 FEB – 02 APR

TIME: 9 AM – 10:30 AM

**Avondale Heights Reserve
1a Doyle Street, Avondale Heights.**

For more information, visit www.avondalefc.com.au/all-abilities-program



East Keilor- \$20 Discount

When:

- U8's – Friday 5pm
- U12's – Friday 6pm

Where:

- Keilor Heights PS Hall, Ronald Grove, East Keilor

Duration:

- 1 hour per session.

Cost:

- \$20 per session GST & Booking fee Inc.

Interested?

Learn all the specialised skills, while having fun with your friends.
Spots are limited, Be Quick!!!

Apply coupon code at checkout **KH20** to receive your \$20 discount.
Book at www.soccerproacademy.com.au/book to secure your spot.



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



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