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# KEILOR HEIGHTS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Thursday February 9th, 2023



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Term 1

Friday February 10th &  
Monday February 13th

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—  
AWAY

Tuesday 28th March  
Foundation-Y4 Allergy  
Awareness Session

Dear Parents and Carers,

Students have settled in very well and fully engaged with our Start Up Program. I would like to congratulate students on their punctuality and showing responsibility and school pride by keeping our yard, classrooms and corridors neat and tidy. Our students in Years 3-6 have begun House Yard Duty to also help ensure our yard is kept free from rubbish. In the next few weeks, Andrew and Dolores will support our students with composting and making sure we are working towards being more environmentally friendly. Last year our gardening group started a worm farm, and we hope that it won't be long before we can use this to help fertilise our new gardens.

### Coffee and Cake

We would like to invite our new families to come and share coffee and cake with Ben and I and staff tomorrow morning, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February between 8.15am – 9.30am. We hope this will be a good opportunity to meet new families and chat informally about any questions you might have.



### 2023 School Captains

Towards the end of last year, our senior students went through the process of applying for leadership roles, including School and House captains. Students were required to write a response to criteria and if short listed present a speech in front of the whole cohort and were rated against a criteria sheet from a panel of teachers and their peers. Short listed applicants were then interviewed by the panel. I would like to congratulate all students who were part of this process, all demonstrated a mature approach demonstrating all of our school values. All teachers involved were extremely proud of the students.

The successful students were announced and awarded their badges at assembly last year, but I would like to introduce and congratulate the students on their positions as School Leaders for 2023, all are listed on page 3 of the newsletter.

In the coming weeks we will be running similar processes and opportunities for other leadership positions across the school.



### **Drop Off and Pick Up Zones**

I have received communication from frustrated school community members about parents who are not using the 'Drop Off' zone correctly. I am also deeply concerned about this, as it often means parents are unable to find a car park to drop their children off safely. I have spoken to Avondale Police who will help re-enforce safe and legal parking laws.

Parents who wish to walk their children inside must park in permitted areas, **not** the Drop Off Zone.

I thank you in advance for your support of this and for the safety of our students and in consideration of our school community.



### **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 open Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February and nomination forms will be available from the office and on our website: <https://kheights.vic.edu.au/parents/school-council/>

Nominations close Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 4.00pm

### **Meet the Teacher**

Next week we are holding 'Meet the Teacher' sessions.

You should have received communications on times your child/ren's teacher are available and how to book a spot. We strongly encourage all of our families to make a time, even if you already know the teacher as we really value the partnership between home and school.



Teachers will have a few guiding questions to lead these sessions, as they are intended as an opportunity for you to tell us a little more personal or specific things about your child. Parent Teacher Interviews that are held after the first Semester reports are published are where more the teacher will talk about academic and/or social and emotional development.

We encourage ongoing and open communication between school and home, so please contact your classroom teacher as the first point of call if you have anything you would like to raise in between formal interviews.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine

Victoria Graham

# KHPS SCHOOL & HOUSE CAPTAINS



LAYLA W



COOPER L



GEORGIA O



DIYA K



THOMAS B



AMIEL C



CHLOE H



SCARLETT S



ALEXANDRA G



ALISON C



EZEKIEL B M



LOUKIA K



AVA Y



ROWAN W



EMMA Z



EMMANUEL K-M



MONISHA G



CYNTHIA K-M



MIHIR T

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 FEBRUARY, 2023**

**Using Scholastic Book Club LOOP online**

**ORDERS ARE NOT TAKEN THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

## Being SunSmart at KHPS

It is important that all staff and students at KHPS exhibit sun protection behaviours to minimise the risk of health problems from sun overexposure, including skin cancer.



### Students are reminded to:

- apply SPF30 (or higher) broad spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen to clean, dry skin before school.
- re-apply sunscreen every 2 hours when outdoors or more frequently after swimming or sweating.

KHPS has a supply of SPF30 (or higher) broad spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for staff and students to access and this can be found in our school first aid room.

It is highly encouraged that all students have access to their own SPF30 (or higher) broad spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen, to ensure that any skin allergies or sensitive skin are looked after.

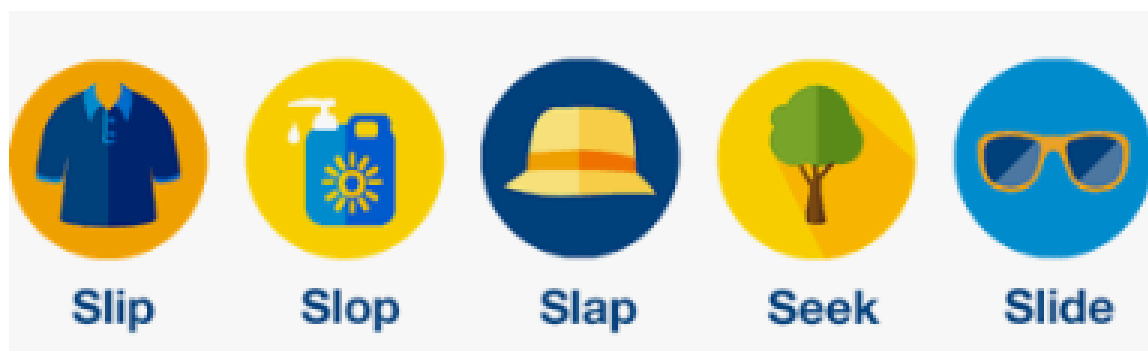
Students and staff should not rely on sunscreen as a sole line of defence against UV. It should be used together with the other sun protection measures such as:

- wearing of wide brimmed hats when outdoors
- wearing sun protection eyewear
- spending time in shaded areas during recess and lunch
- drinking lots of water

### Sunscreen reaction or allergy

The risk of allergies and cross infection from sunscreen use is very low. But where a student has experienced a reaction to sunscreen, parents or independent students should be encouraged to try a sensitive or alternative formula, consult their doctor or seek a referral to a dermatologist to understand what may have caused a reaction and gain advice on ingredients that should be avoided in the future. Other sun protection measures should be followed when sunscreen can't be used.

It is a fun and enjoyable time of the year and we all enjoy being outside and feeling the sun on us, but we need to be vigilant at all times when outside.



# You might have noticed our pink signage and line markings for our drop off and pick up zone. This zone is not for waiting in.

Carers should always drop off or pick up their child/ren from the designated area and, in this zone:

- ask your child to head straight to the pick up zone once the bell rings – they will then be ready and waiting once you arrive
- plan to arrive after the bell rings, not before, as you cannot wait in the zone
- remain in your vehicles at all times
- move forward to join the queue so that other vehicles can get into the zone
- use the hand brake and put the vehicle in park when it is stationary
- do not double park
- do not park across a pedestrian crossing
- do not undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.

Students should:

- keep your seat belt on until the vehicle has stopped in the zone
- have your school bag and other items in a safe position on the floor and ready for you to take with you when the vehicle has stopped
- always get in and out of the vehicle through the safety door (the rear footpath-side door).

## What does the no parking sign mean?

It means that you cannot park in the zone during the times identified on the sign as it is to be used only as a pick up or drop off zone during those times.

You can only stay in this zone for two minutes. If you overstay this time limit, you could receive an infringement.



## Moonee Valley Language Line

العربية	Arabic	9280 0738	Ελληνικά	Greek	9280 0741	Español	Spanish	9280 0744
廣東話	Cantonese	9280 0739	Italiano	Italian	9280 0742	Türkçe	Turkish	9280 0745
Hrvatski	Croatian	9280 0740	Somali	Somali	9280 0743	Việt-ngu	Vietnamese	9280 0746

All other languages 9280 0747





National Relay Service 13 36 77 or [relayservice.com.au](http://relayservice.com.au)

This publication is available in alternative accessible formats on request.

## Moonee Valley City Council

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[mvcc.vic.gov.au](http://mvcc.vic.gov.au)



## 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](http://www.soccerproacademy.com.au/book) to secure your spot.

# Cyber Safety Project Day

Yesterday we were lucky enough to have Kiah from the Cyber Safety Project attend KHPS and speak to all of our students in 3 separate incursions. Our year 1/2's, 3/4's and 5/6's were engaged in an hour long session each where they learnt about how to be safe whilst occupying the online world we all live in.

After school all staff also participated in a cyber safety session and it was great to learn about being safe online.

At KHPS we also deliver the Cyber Safety Project Curriculum which sees 16 sessions taught across the year.

Next Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 the Cyber Safety Project will be offering the first of four online sessions to parents and we strongly urge you to register for the event. All of our students and your children, access the internet in one form or another, and it is vital that we as adults in their lives understand the world they are trying to navigate through.

Information can be found on the cyber safety flyer included in this newsletter on page 9.

## 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>



**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](https://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](mailto:admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au)

[www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au](http://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](http://www.myfoodallergyfriends.com)



# The Go & Grow Lunch Box

1 + 2 + 3 GO

Strength food

Energy food

Colours



For more info: [foost.com.au/blog](http://foost.com.au/blog)

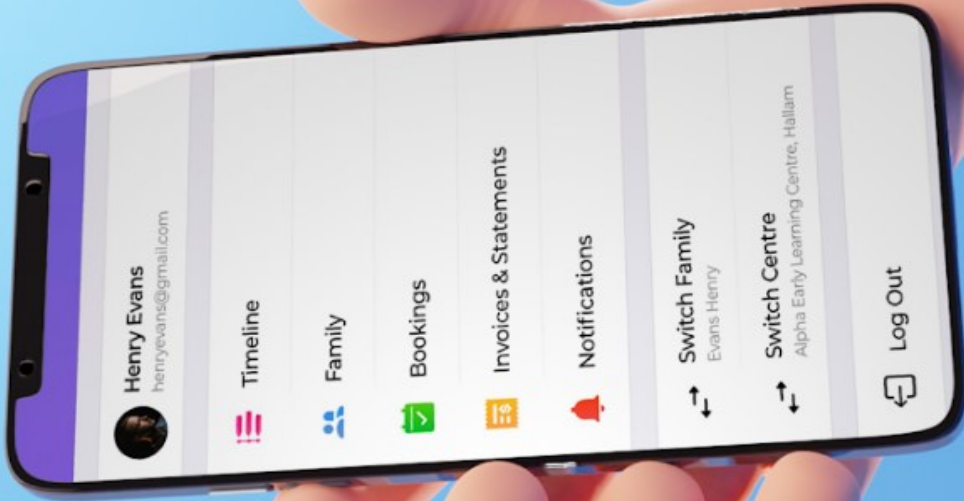


# Our new xap App

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

**Enrol now  
for term 1**

[bigchildcare.com/enrol](http://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



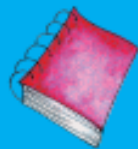


parent.cos.net.au

**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](mailto: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](http://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.