



Aiming for Excellence

KEILOR HEIGHTS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Thursday February 1st, 2024



DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1, 2024

**Friday 2nd February - 3pm
Whole School Assembly**

**Meet the Teacher
Date to be Confirmed**

**Thursday 21st March
SchoolPix Photography**

**HATS MUST BE WORN FOR
TERM 1**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2024!

Welcome back to our existing and new families. I hope that everyone enjoyed a lovely Christmas break with family and friends and feeling refreshed, ready for the year ahead. I would also like to welcome back Prue Haggerty (Y 5/6), Sandra Robinson (Y 2) who have been on leave and new staff member, Romina Fazzolari (Y 3/4) and Rosie Valentine in her new role as Assistant Principal.

The year has started positively, with students already well settled into their new classes. Our Foundation students started today and I enjoyed spending time with each F/1 class this morning, already impressed with their confidence, listening skills and eagerness to try new things.

For the first three weeks of the Term, all classes follow our whole school Start Up Program which is based around our school values, Aspire, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility. Students and teachers work together to establish expected behaviours inside and outside of the classroom so that everyone feels safe and has the best learning opportunity.

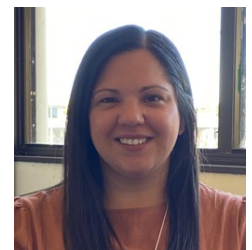
Similarly, staff spent Monday and Tuesday participating in Professional Learning, looking at our own norms and protocols and how they align with DET and school values. It is important for our whole community to uphold these values so that we can all work together in a respectful way to achieve the best possible outcome for our students.



Prue Haggerty



Romina Fazzolari



Keilor Heights Primary School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet and learn together, the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, and we recognise their enduring connection to the land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



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Healthy Eating and Allergies

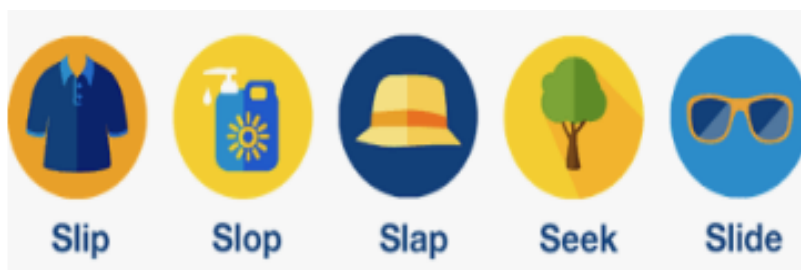
Everyday at 10.00am students have 'Brain Food', which should be a piece of fruit or cut up vegetables. It should be something that students can eat easily while they are still working, listening to a story or being introduced to the next lesson. We also encourage 'nude' food to reduce the amount of rubbish and take onboard our responsibility for caring for our environment.

We also ask you to reinforce with your children that they are not to share food at school. We have a number of children in our school who have anaphylaxis and can have life threatening reactions to certain foods. If you would like to bring in something for the class to celebrate your child's birthday, please check with the classroom teacher first. We also encourage treats that are not food, such as stickers, small stationary items etc.



Sun Smart

All students are required to wear a school broad brimmed sun smart hat during Term 1 and part of Term 2 for all outdoor activities. Students who do not bring their hat are required to stay in the designated shaded area or unable to participate in outdoor activities, such as PE or sports days.



School Attendance and Punctuality

It is crucial for your child to attend school every day, unless they are sick. When students are away they miss out on essential teacher instruction and learning, opportunities to develop and maintain friendships and can often feel anxious that they have missed out while away, making it harder to return.

It is just as important for your child to be at school on time. The earliest students can arrive in the morning is 8.30am,

however yard supervision does not start until 8.45am. Side gates will be opened at 8.40am and locked at 9.00am. If your child arrives after 9.00am, you are required to come through the office and sign them in using the Compass Kiosk. Being on time, establishes good work habits and ensures they are present for the beginning of the day to participate in the Morning Circle and be made aware of the time table and any other important news.

Could we also ask that parents don't come on site before 3.15pm for pick up as this disrupts children's learning .



Communication

The school uses Compass for our main communication tool. A weekly newsletter will communicate any important information or dates you need to know, as well as keeping informed what has been happening in the classrooms.

Your classroom teacher is your first point of call if you have any concerns or questions about your child's academic or wellbeing needs. All teachers will be in their classrooms from 8.45am to say hello and have a brief chat. If you have something that you need to discuss in any detail, please make a convenient time with your child's classroom teacher. Teachers have staff meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday after school.



We are looking forward to a great year ahead and will send out communication next week with confirmed dates for 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, whole school picnic and Year level Information Sessions. We will also be sending out the Year's Calendar of Events so that you can plan ahead and save many important dates!

Enjoy the sunshine

Victoria Graham



Buckley District Inter-school Swimming (Years 3-6)

This year's Buckley District Interschool Swimming Carnival for students in years 3-6 will be held on Monday 26th of February, at **Oak Park Sports and Aquatic Centre, Pascoe Vale**.

On that day, participants will be required to make their own way with a parent/guardian and arrive at the pool to be signed in with Mr Matton between 9.30-9.40 a.m, 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 12th 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.

Please note that there will be a pool entry cost of \$5 for students to participate in the trials, payable to the school office. If you wish for your year 3-6 child to take part in the trials, please contact either the office or Mr Matton in person, or through Compass no later than 5.00 p.m, by Wednesday 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 2014/2015/2016)

Girls 8/9/10 year olds (born 2014/2015/2016)

Boys 11 year olds (born 2013)

Girls 11 year olds (born 2013)

Boys 12/13 year olds (born 2011/2012)

Girls 12/13 year olds (born 2011/2012)

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

Mr. Matton

PE and Sports Co-ordinator





DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR BOOKPACK THROUGH COS IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY.

FOUNDATION - YEAR 2 USE THE FOLLOWING CODES

WEBSITE: parent.cos.net.au

USERNAME: keilorheightsprimary@cos.net.au

PASSWORD: Parents-24

YEARS 3 - 6

WEBSITE: parent.cos.net.au

USERNAME: keilorheightsps@cos.net.au

PASSWORD: Parents-24

Please contact the office if you are having difficulty.



East Keilor- \$30 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:

- \$22 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 **KH30** to receive your \$30 discount.
Book at www.soccerproacademy.com.au/book to secure your spot.



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 school hours
- Only \$22.00 per child per small group lesson (5 students max 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!

Mobile Phone Policy

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobile phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year.

The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state.

This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

Further information:

Exceptions: For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact Victoria Graham if you would like to discuss this.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

School mobile phone policy: A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is available here:

<https://kheights.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/KHPS-Mobile-Phone-and-Wearable-Devices-Policy-2023.pdf>

Parent support: The Mobile phones in schools webpage provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.

If you have further questions, please contact the administration office.

Victoria Graham





2023 COLOUR RUN

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The whole School Community wishes to **THANK YOU** for all the support you gave in 2023

KHPS IS NOW IN FIRST PLACE FOR THE REGION

LET'S STAY
ON TOP

THE PANCAKE PARLOUR

School rewards



- Upload the Pancake Parlour app
- Register KHPS in school rewards
- Dine at any Pancake Parlour and earn points for the school
- Earn prizes for the school just by eating at the Pancake Parlour



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





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Please see below for 2 fantastic opportunities being provided by AFL Victoria at Keilor Heights Primary School during Term 1.



Superkick

AFL SUPERKICK CENTRE IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN TERM 1!

Introducing the AFL's newest product to your school in 2024!

What is AFL Superkick?

- AFL Superkick is a modified version of AFL that focuses on skill development for 8 to 12 year olds.
- Tackle free and highly social, great for those new to the game!
- \$50 for a 5 week program delivered by AFL Victoria staff.
- AFL Victoria to manage all registrations on PlayHQ platform.

TERM 1 SUPERKICK AT KEILOR HEIGHTS!

DATE: 20TH FEBRUARY 2024 (FOR 5 WEEKS)
 TIME: 3:35PM-4:35PM
 LOCATION: KEILOR HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

AFL Victoria are committed to child safety, ensuring that all staff delivering the program hold a valid WWCC. We hold the appropriate public liability insurance and safety measures are in place to make the program safe for all participants and families involved.



REGISTER NOW



NAB AFL AUSKICK IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN TERM 1!

AFL Victoria will be running NAB AFL Auskick Programs in Term 1 at Primary Schools and we want to invite your school to take part!

WHAT IS NAB AFL AUSKICK AT SCHOOL?

- An Introductory Auskick clinic delivered by AFL Victoria at your school for your students aged 5-8, held before or after school.
- \$50 for a 5 week program.
- Students in Prep - Grade 3 (up to Grade 6 if required).
- AFL Victoria to manage all registrations on PlayHQ platform.

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