

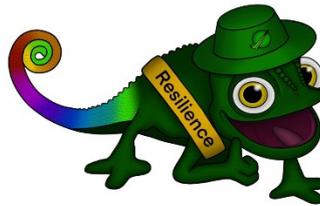


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KEILOR HEIGHTS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Thursday 19th December, 2024



**Term 4
Hats must
be worn**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4

Friday 20th December
Last day of Term School
Assembly 12.45pm
Finish @ 1.25pm

**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO
ALL**

**SEE YOU BACK HERE
Thursday 30th January**



Dear Parents and Carers,

It really is hard to believe that another year has gone by and tomorrow we will be having our final assembly for 2024, farewelling our Year 6 Graduates and other families and staff who are moving on from KHPS.

Assembly will be at 12.45pm and dismissal is 1.25pm. Our Year 6 students will be performing two of their graduation songs and dances, as well as our Year 2 students leading the whole school in some Christmas Carols.

We will also be presenting our 2025 School and House Captains.

Year 6 Graduation

Last Friday evening we held our Year 6 Graduation in our gym which was magically transformed, thanks to our Year 5/6 staff and ES team. There were a lot of mixed emotions, but above all, one of pride for our young graduates. The evening was one of reflection and celebrations and several of our students were recognised for their additional achievements by being presented with awards. Congratulations to all of our students and the thing that I was most proud of, was the genuine happiness the students had for each other when awards were presented.

We wish all graduates the very best for the next stage of their schooling and years beyond. Thank you to Rayana for providing a lovely meal for our graduates and all staff who were involved with the preparations, leading up to and on the evening to make it such a special occasion. I would also like to acknowledge the following businesses who generously provided awards for the ceremony; Keilor East RSL, Keilor East Rotary, Keilor East Bendigo Bank and Nelson Alexander Real Estate Keilor East.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS EXITING KHPS THIS YEAR DON'T FORGET TO
DOWNLOAD THEIR SCHOOL REPORTS BY FRIDAY 20TH
DECEMBER OTHERWISE YOU WILL LOSE ACCESS TO THEM.**

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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Colour Run

On Tuesday we had our annual Colour Run. Thank you to PFA and especially Anna for organising the event and to the parent helpers on the day (although, I think they were having far too much fun dousing students and staff in colour – it took three washes to get the colour from my hair)! It was the perfect weather and always seems to get a lot of laughter and fun. Thank you to Harcourts Real Estate Keilor East for their sponsorship of this event. (Photos on Pages 8 & 9)

Thank you

I would like to thank the whole school community for their support throughout the year, so that we have been able to provide the best learning opportunities and extra-curricular activities and events for our students.

Last night, teachers reflected on and celebrated the various achievements we have had throughout the year and have had planning time in their new teams for next year. We are all very excited about what is ahead with some additional areas that we will be introducing and expanding. Thank you to School Council members, Parents and Friends and all families who have volunteered their time to help throughout the year and we look forward to your ongoing support in 2025.

Once again I would like to wish our families and staff who are moving on the very best and hope that everyone has a lovely Christmas and holiday break.

Happy Holidays

Victoria Graham



Health News



Any families that have medication/Epipens/Asthma pumps at school can I please ask that it be picked up on your child's last day of school.

I will have Medication Authority forms along with Asthma Action Plan and Anaphylaxis Plans available for pick up so plans can be renewed over the holidays ready to go in 2025.

When having these forms completed please ensure there is a current photo of your child attached.



**DID YOU LOOK IN
YOUR DESK**

**FOR THAT LOST
LIBRARY BOOK?**

**WE HAVE
OVER 100
OUTSTANDING
BOOKS
PLEASE RETURN
TOMORROW!!**

Learn Italian with Signora Di Sipio



Buon Natale to all our wonderful families at KHPS.

See you all next year



il Natale

Babbo Natale

il regalo

la candela

l'albero di Natale

il pupazzo di neve

la renna

l'agrifoglio

la calza

la ghirlanda

la pallina

la letterina

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VHAP Term 4

This term the Department of Education and Training (DET) offered an extension program for Year 5 and 6 students. Known as the Victorian High Achievers Program (VHAP), it involves extension in either English or Maths.

Term 4 saw three of our Year 5 students and three of our Year 6 students selected to participate in the online Maths Extension classes, with an educator from DET. The VHAP program ran for 9 weeks and was streamed online every Friday morning this term.

Our Year 5 students who participated were Thanh V, Alannah P and Dario B.



'VHAP was quite challenging, but finding out other cultures' ways of saying numbers was fun. Overall, I liked it a lot.' **Alannah**

'I've enjoyed VHAP a lot and learning new things was such an amazing experience. I loved doing coding and figuring out new codes with new people and even making my own. Being in VHAP was so much fun and a true honour. I hope in the following years I use the things that I learned.' **Thanh**

'I really enjoyed VHAP because we learned a lot of different things in Maths that I never knew existed.' **Dario**

Our Year 6 students who participated were Albert P, Jack F and Kayra B.



'VHAP has prepared me for Secondary School very well, teaching me more about Roman Numerals, coding and solving puzzles.' **Jack**

'I learned what Roman Numerals were. It felt kind of weird to go online learning again, but overall it was good.' **Kayra**

'I enjoyed doing VHAP because I liked learning new things.' **Albert**

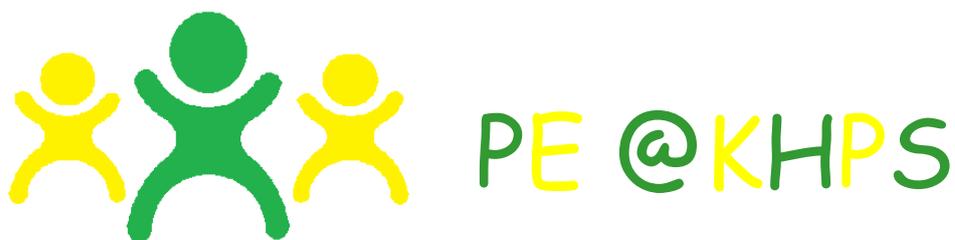
We congratulate Thanh, Alannah, Dario, Albert, Jack and Kayra for completing the VHAP Maths course for 2024.

Alicia Murphy

Melissa Cowling

Patricia Pozenel

VHAP Practice Leaders



Inter-school Swimming 2025 (Years 3-6)

Next year's Buckley District Interschool Swimming Carnival for students in years 3-6 will be held on Wednesday 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 as there is unlikely to be any staff from KHPS attending.

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 17th 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 pool entry cost for students to participate in the trials. If you wish for your year 3-6 child to take part in the trials, please contact either the office or Mr Matton, through Compass no later than 5.00 p.m, by Wednesday 12th of February to express your child's interest. At that time, 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 2015/2016/2017)

Girls 8/9/10 year olds (born 2015/2016/2017)

Boys 11 year olds (born 2014)

Girls 11 year olds (born 2014)

Boys 12/13 year olds (born 2012/2013)

Girls 12/13 year olds (born 2012/2013)

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

Mr. Matton

PE and Sports Co-ordinator





**2025
THE YEAR THAT WAS!!**





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Student	Class	Being For
Whole Class	F1A	A Wonderful Year of Learning & Making New Friends
Ella B	F1B	Building Her Resilience & Being a Respectful Member of F1 All Year
Holly Y	F1B	Completing Her First Year of School in a Respectful & Responsible Manner
Edward C	F1B	Helping Clean & Organise the Classroom Ready for the End of the Year
Scarlett W	F1B	Building Her Resilience & Being a Responsible Student All Year
Gigi K	2A	Showing Great Leadership Whilst Taking on More Responsible Tasks
Isobel D	2A	Displaying All the Traits that a Good Friend has, Kindness, Compassion & Great Empathy
Millie D	2A	Showing Great Leadership Whilst Taking on More Responsible Tasks
Aria K	2B	Showing the School Values Throughout 2024
Cruz G	2B	Working Hard to Become a Responsible Learner Throughout the Year
Stacie S	2B	Being a Responsible Learner Throughout the Year
Henry P	34A	Hard Work on Improving Handwriting
Alisa O	34A	Creativity in Designing iPad Presentations
Adem M	56B	His Positive Attitude in All Learning Areas this Year & Consistently Completing Home Reading
Toby K	56B	His Consistent Effort in All Learning Areas & Completing Home Reading All Year
Baxter R	56C	Demonstrating Perseverance with Set Tasks
Mason S	56C	Being a Responsible Learner
Clarabelle S	56D	Writing an Informative Biography about Her Classmate

SPECIALIST AWARDS

Joshua J	F1B	Excellence in Performing Arts
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