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# KEILOR HEIGHTS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Thursday 13th February, 2025



**Term 1  
Hats must  
be worn**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Term 1

Wednesday 19th, 26th February  
NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS AT  
SCHOOL

Friday 14th February  
Year 5/6 Inter-School Sport  
BYE

Monday 17th February—  
Swimming Trials @ EKLC

Wednesday 19th February  
Parents & Friends Meeting  
5.15PM @ School  
ALL WELCOME

Monday 10th March—LABOUR  
DAY—NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 12th March—  
Monday 31st March—NAPLAN

Thursday 20th March—  
SCHOOLPIX—SCHOOL PHOTOS

Friday 4th April—Last Day  
of Term—Finish @ 2.25pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Meet the Teacher

Thank to families who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions earlier this week and although it was quite warm, we hope that you enjoyed a coffee. We had some really positive feedback from the afternoon and look forward to continuing to build on these partnerships between home and school. You may have discussed some specific goals with your child's teacher, which may be further developed into an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) across this term.

## Arts and Crafts – Milleara Mall 23<sup>rd</sup> February March 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am – 12 noon

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March between 10.00am and 12 noon, Ms Papal, Miss Valentine, our School Captains and I will be down at Milleara Mall doing some Arts and Crafts. We would love to see some of our junior students come and participate and please extend the invitation to any new or young families you may know.

Next Term, we will also be having regular 'Story Time' and 'Music Fun' in our library for any pre-school students and toddlers.

## External Allied Health Workers

Many of our students receive additional support through external services that have been organised by their families. We recognise that sometimes, the only time these sessions can occur is during the school day and if this is the case, approval needs to be sought by the Principal. It can be quite disruptive when students are taken out of class and can impact on the student's learning as well as social connections.

There are multiple factors that we need to take into account when allowing external professionals onsite and many schools do not allow it to occur. I will always try and accommodate where we can, but request for a full discussion to take place prior to me granting permission.



*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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### **School Council Elections – Annual General Meeting March 11<sup>th</sup>**

School Council is a great opportunity for you to be involved in your child/ren's schooling. Next Tuesday will be our final meeting with our current councillors and are looking for any parents/carers who would like to join for the upcoming year. We hold meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 6.00pm. We appreciate that everyone is quite busy so happy to have you attend via Webex if it makes it easier. School Council oversee policies, help to drive goals from the four year Strategic Plan and represent families so they have a voice in the future direction of the school.

If you would like to know more about the role or would like to nominate yourself, please come and see me or collect a form from the office. Nominations will close Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March.



### **Parents and Friends – PFA**

Parents and Friends (PFA) is another important group and way that families can be involved with their child/ren's schooling. PFA is largely responsible for organising a variety of fund raising events and activities that run throughout the year. PFA meetings are usually held the Wednesday before School Council. If you are interested in becoming involved in PFA please contact me or leave your details with Kelly in the office.

Victoria Graham



## **BOOK CLUB**

Book Club **Issue 1 Catalogue** has been distributed,

If you are interested in placing  
an order please do so by

**Friday 14th February, 2025**

**Using Scholastic Book Club LOOP online**

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

# KEILOR HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Arts & Craft Morning!

*for current and prospective Preps, and their friends!*



*Come along and join us in some fun  
Arts and Craft Activities!*

*Meet our School Captains and other  
students*



*Meet our Principal, Assistant  
Principal, and Foundation Leader.*



*Bring a buddy and have some fun  
with us!*



See you at...  
**Milleara Mall**  
Sunday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>  
&  
Sunday Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>  
10:00am - 12:00pm

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#### **UPDATE ON MINOR HEAD INJURIES AT SCHOOL**

The policy on contacting parents/carers on head injuries at school as changed slightly and you will not always receive a phone call from the school if your child has attended sick bay due to a head injury.

Following assessment and First Aid care, we will send a First Aid notification via Compass so you are aware your child had a head injury but it has been assessed as minor and concussion is not suspected. You will then be able to monitor at home if the condition changes.

If you receive a notification via Compass and a phone call this is because concussion may be suspected or there is a visible mark or bruise, you may be asked to pick your child up or they may stay at school and be monitored, if they return to First Aid we will then call for pick up.

This information is in line with the department's [First Aid for Staff and Students](#) policy.



# STARTING UP IN YEAR 1/2

# WELCOME BACK

We have enjoyed learning with Sound Waves, working with our new teacher, getting to know each other and BUDDIES!



Specialists have been fun with lots of new things, paper airplanes were fun in Art and we enjoyed working with our Sound Wall.

We have enjoyed PE and working together with our friends. Writing has been fun and we have been trying to make sentences. We got to talk about our memories. We used beads in maths to make patterns which was cool.







DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



# Somers School Camp

**A nine day residential outdoor and environmental experience for Year 5 & 6 students**

**Focusing on developing the Victorian Curriculum Capabilities**

- Personal & Social
- Ethical
- Intercultural
- Critical & Creative Thinking

**Experience  
FOR  
a Lifetime**



**Inspiring optimism and developing the consciousness and care of  
SELF, OTHERS and the ENVIRONMENT**

Years 5 & 6 Students from Schools in your area will be participating in the Somers Camp.

From: Tuesday 22nd July 2025 To: Wednesday 30th July 2025

**FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SENT SOON**

[www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au](http://www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au)

## Learn Italian with Signora Di Sipio



### Lesson 2: Feelings

When we want to ask someone 'how are you?' we say **Come stai?**

We can answer in the following ways:

**Benissimo / Molto bene** -very good

**Bene**- good

**Così così** -OK

**Male**- bad

**Malissimo** – really bad

Come stai?



Benissimo!



Bene!



Così così!



Male!



Malissimo!

...grazie, e tu?



# TECH SAFE PARENTS

## 2025 WEBINAR SERIES

Looking to stay informed about your child's online safety but juggling a busy schedule? The Cyber Safety Project has got you covered!

- ✓ Stay informed on the latest online safety trends
- ✓ Join live sessions and engage with experts
- ✓ Need flexibility? Watch the recordings anytime!



**TUE 18  
MAR**

### ONLINE SAFETY ESSENTIALS: KEEPING YOUR KIDS SAFE IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

Tips and techniques to protect your family from online threats—learn about parental controls, safe browsing habits, and essential digital safeguards.

**WED 2  
APR**

### CYBERBULLYING UNCOVERED: EMPOWERING PARENTS TO PROTECT KIDS' WELLBEING

Learn to identify signs of cyberbullying, start meaningful conversations, and create a safer online environment for your child.

**TUE 3  
JUN**

### THE SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDE: WHAT EVERY PARENT NEEDS TO KNOW IN 2025

From privacy settings to healthy habits, we will arm parents with tools to help children use social media responsibly, including navigating the impact of Australia's social media ban.

**WED 13  
AUG**

### AI DEEPFAKES & MISINFORMATION: UNDERSTANDING AI'S IMPACT ON YOUR KIDS

Explore how AI is influencing young minds, its benefits and risks, and learn how to teach children to use AI tools responsibly.

**THU 23  
OCT**

### SAFE GAMING FOR KIDS: BUILDING BOUNDARIES FOR POSITIVE PLAY

Explore practical strategies to manage gaming habits, set boundaries, and ensure your child has a healthy relationship with online games.



**REGISTER NOW**

[cybersafetyproject.com/parents2025](https://cybersafetyproject.com/parents2025)

**OR  
SCAN  
HERE**



**CYBER  
SAFETY  
PROJECT**

Gain expert  
insights,  
practical  
advice, and  
peace of  
mind

All live  
webinars  
commence  
at 7.30pm  
AEDT/AEST



# ***Join KHPS Parents & friends***



**HELP TO CREATE WONDERFUL MEMORIES  
FOR YOUR CHILD AND THE SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY BY JOINING KHPS PARENTS AND  
FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

**ORGANISE  
SCHOOL  
EXPERIENCES**

**RAISE  
FUNDS**

**CREATE  
SOCIAL  
EVENTS**

***Next meeting  
Wednesday 19th  
February  
5:15pm***

**SEEK  
SPONSORS  
&  
PRIZES**

**SHARE  
SKILLS**

**CONNECT  
THE  
COMMUNITY**

**ATTEND  
MONTHLY  
MEETINGS**

**If you have any questions or would like to join, please  
contact Tania on 0426176980**





# The drop off and pick up zone



# 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.



\*At all times, please



## Moonee Valley Language Line

|          |           |           |          |         |           |          |            |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| العربية  | Arabic    | 9280 0738 | عربي     | Greek   | 9280 0741 | Español  | Spanish    | 9280 0744 |
| 廣東話      | Cantonese | 9280 0739 | Italiano | Italian | 9280 0742 | Türkçe   | Turkish    | 9280 0745 |
| Хрватски | Croatian  | 9280 0740 | Сомали   | Somali  | 9280 0743 | Việt-ngh | Vietnamese | 9280 0746 |

All other languages 9280 0747

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

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# Come to... KEILOR HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## We offer:

- ✓ High-quality Literacy and Numeracy Programs including:
  - Support & Extension groups
  - Soundwaves Phonics Program
  - Hands-on Problem Solving
- ✓ High-quality Wellbeing Programs including:
  - Student Leadership
  - Buddies and Peer support
  - Cooking / Gardening
- ✓ Camps, Clubs and Extra-curricular Activities
- ✓ BYOD Program and Apple TVs in every classroom
- ✓ Brand New Oval, Quality Netball Courts and Full-Sized Gymnasium
- ✓ On-site Before and After School Care
- ✓ Variety of Specialist Programs:
  - Physical Education
  - Visual Arts
  - Performing Arts
  - Italian
  - STEM



**And so much more!**

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**School Tours!**

Every Tuesday  
at 9:15am

Starting Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 2025





## 6-WEEK PROGRAM

Are you aged between 4 - 12 years old?



Come along and give football a go in a fun, inclusive environment, no previous experience required.

**Mondays**  
**17th February - 31st March 2025**

Location: Flemington area

To register your interest, scan the QR code below:



VICTORIA POLICE



FOOTBALL  
VICTORIA





# SUMMER ENCOURAGEMENT SWIM MEET

**Get Swimming  
Race Practice!**

**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

**KEILOR EAST LEISURE CENTRE Quinn Grove, Keilor East**

| 9 AM START |                            |      |
|------------|----------------------------|------|
| Girls      | AGE / DISTANCE / STROKE    | Boys |
| 1          | Open 100 m Backstroke      | 2    |
| 3          | 7 /Under 50 m Backstroke   | 4    |
| 5          | 8 Yrs 50 Backstroke        | 6    |
| 7          | 9-10 Yrs 50 Backstroke     | 8    |
| 9          | 11 Yrs 50 Backstroke       | 10   |
| 11         | 12/Over 50 Backstroke      | 12   |
| 13         | Open 100m Breaststroke     | 14   |
| 15         | 7 /Under 50 m Breaststroke | 16   |
| 17         | 8 Yrs 50 Breaststroke      | 18   |
| 19         | 9-10 Yrs 50 Breaststroke   | 20   |
| 21         | 11 Yrs 50 Breaststroke     | 22   |
| 23         | 12/Over 50 Breaststroke    | 24   |

| Girls | AGE / DISTANCE / STROKE | Boys |
|-------|-------------------------|------|
| 25    | Open 100 Freestyle      | 26   |
| 27    | 7 /Under 50 m Freestyle | 28   |
| 29    | 8 Yrs 50 Freestyle      | 30   |
| 31    | 9-10 Yrs 50 Freestyle   | 32   |
| 33    | 11 Yrs 50 Freestyle     | 34   |
| 35    | 12/Over 50 Freestyle    | 36   |
| 37    | 200m Individual Medley  | 38   |
| 39    | 7 /Under 50 m Butterfly | 40   |
| 41    | 8 Yrs 50 Butterfly      | 42   |
| 43    | 9-10 Yrs 50 Butterfly   | 44   |
| 45    | 11 Yrs 50 Butterfly     | 46   |
| 47    | 12/Over 50 Butterfly    | 48   |

**Warm Up from: 8:15am | Racing Commences 9:00am**

**Entries Close: Sunday 23 February at 5:00pm** ENTRIES MAY CLOSE EARLIER THAN ADVERTISED

The Encouragement Meet will give swimmers invaluable racing experience in a 50m pool. Swimming Australia rules of disqualification will not be applied at the meet. Times will be recorded but will not be official.

#### Entry Information

- Fee: \$10.00 per event.
- Registered Swim Club swimmers enter via Swim Central, non registered swimmers enter and pay Via Trybooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/CXVZZ>

#### For Parents and Swimmers:

- Seating: There is lots of shaded space at Keilor East Leisure Centre, please bring your own chairs or picnic blankets.
- BBQ and Raffle:
- Sausages in bread will be available to purchase. The Leisure Centre also has a great Kiosk!
- The Club will be holding a fundraising raffle with lots of great prizes!

#### Ribbons and Medals:

- Events: Ribbons will be awarded for all events.

#### Additional Information:

- The club may cancel or change events if necessary.
- Refunds: No refunds will be given – even in the event of inclement weather.
- Late Entries: Accepted at \$15 per event if space allows.
- Admission: KELC spectator admission included
- Enquiries: Email queries to [info@essendonaquatic.org.au](mailto:info@essendonaquatic.org.au)

**elite**  
SWIMMING



### Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

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

### Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible\* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one; or  
on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder; or
- b) Be a temporary foster parent; and
- Submit an application to the school by the due date.

\* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](#)

Mature minors or 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 one of (a) or (b) above.

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

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not navable to students' attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

## Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (see [Campus, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\). Policy/Education.vic.gov.au](http://Campus.SportsandExcursionsFund(CSEF).Policy/Education.vic.gov.au)).

### 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.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the policy for the current rates.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](#)

**Foundation and Year 7 government school students** who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, 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/LEGAL GUARDIAN 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 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.
2. Complete the **STUDENT/S DETAILS** section for students at this school.  
Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name  School REF ID

## School Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/legal guardian details

Surname \_\_\_\_\_  
 First name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

-  OR

☐ Foster parent\* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

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

### Student details

[illegible]

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

understand that

- understand that:
- DFHH or Centricare will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status. I understand that I may wish to withdraw my consent to DE 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 DFHH and provide it to my child's school 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 DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFHH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services to confirm my eligibility for assistance.
- I understand that my personal information that I have provided to DFHH and/or State Schools Relief may be used to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

**Signature of applicant**

Date      /      /



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# START YOUR FOSTER CARE JOURNEY TODAY

Have you been thinking about becoming a Foster Carer?

Are you able to provide Aboriginal children with a positive and nurturing family life?

Are you excited to support a child's cultural and emotional needs?

VACCA is seeking carers who are open to a journey that is both challenging and rewarding.

If you've ever considered becoming a foster carer, now is the time to start your foster care journey.



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