



Aiming for Excellence

KEILOR HEIGHTS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Thursday 30th January, 2025



**Term 1
Hats must
be worn**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1

Friday 7th February
Year 5/6 Inter School Sport
HOME v St Peters

Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th,
26th February
NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS
AT SCHOOL

Friday 7th February
Whole School Assembly 3pm

Tuesday 11th February
Meet the Teacher

Monday 17th February—
Swimming Trials @ EKLC

Monday 10th March—
LABOUR DAY—NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 12th March—
Monday 31st March—
NAPLAN

Friday 4th April—Last day of
Term—School finishes 2.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new 2025 school year! I trust that everyone had a lovely Christmas and hopefully was able to enjoy some special moments with family and friends.

As always, it was great catching up with students and families, hearing their holiday news and welcoming our new Foundation and other new pupils to KHPS. All students appeared to settle quickly and most were excited to be back. For some students, we recognise that the beginning of the year can be quite an anxious time for them and we endeavor to support them as best as we can, so they feel comfortable in their new classes.

We find that the optimum arrival time is around 8.50am. This allows students time to unpack and settle before the school day begins at 9.00am. Music plays three minutes before the bell goes and we ask parents to say goodbye at this time, if they haven't already. Students can then go into their classroom and begin the day in their morning circle. Arriving on time is very important to help students feel settled and prepared for the day. Often anxiety can increase when students arrive late. Arriving on time also helps establish good routines for future years.

Over the next couple of weeks, our School Leadership Team will be creating a one-page summary of our Annual Implementation Plan to share with the community. One of our goals and also a Department goal, is to improve attendance and raise awareness about the importance of strong attendance. We acknowledge that children should not be at school when they are too unwell and there may be times when it is necessary for students to be away, but ask for parents to carefully consider when they are making appointments, taking holidays and long weekends.



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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On Tuesday 11th February, we will have our 'Meet the Teacher' day, which will provide an opportunity for parents to provide teachers with any little or big things we may need to know more about. Teachers have all had a thorough handover with the previous year's teacher to share information, but it is always nice to hear more from you.

Over the next few weeks, there will be a lot of information shared through the newsletter and additional Compass news-feeds. We ask you to please read these and take note of important notes in your diaries. We always aim to provide as much notice as possible about school events and next Friday 7th February cohort newsletters will go out to families, outlining more specific information about each cohort.

Food Allergies

We have a number of students in our school who have allergies, some of them are quite severe and can cause anaphylactic reactions, which can be life threatening. To minimize the chance of students having contact with foods that they can have these reactions to, we do not allow students to share food and discourage food to be brought in for birthdays, preferring other options, such as stickers, bubble wand etc. If you would like to bring something in to celebrate your child's birthday, please see your classroom teacher first. There are also a number of other precautions that we take, but ask for your assistance by also having these conversations with your children at home too.

On the teacher's first day back, we completed our First Aid training, which includes CPR and Anaphylaxis.

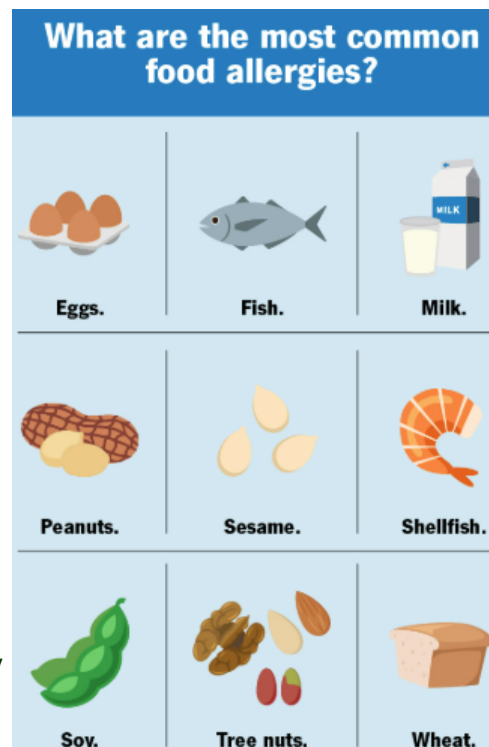
If your child has any allergy or is asthmatic, we require your plans to be up to date and a copy provided to the school please. It is also essential that medical history is complete and updated with us on Compass. We will be asking all parents to check that their address, contact details and children's medical history are correct. Please speak to Kelly in the office if you require any further information.

First Day Pictures

Below are some pictures of students in their new classes today. Some of our Foundation students were engaged doing some colouring, drawing, puzzles and Lego, while our Year 1/2 students were super excited to be unpacking their book boxes. Students from Years 3-6 began their day in their Morning Circle and did some activities that helped to learn more about each other. Our Year 6 students proudly collected their new tops at recess and lunch time and certainly look very smart.

Welcome Back!

Victoria Graham





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Inter-school Swimming 2025 (Years 3-6)

This 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 will not 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)

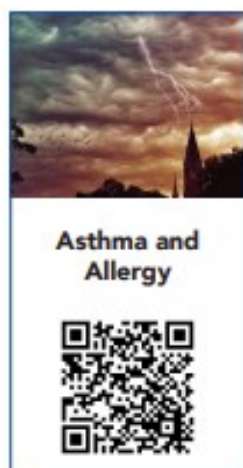
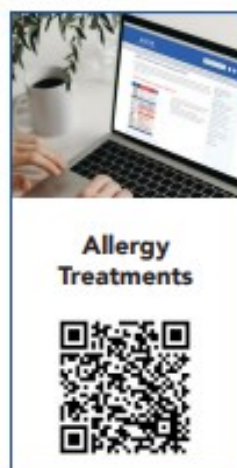
Girls 12/13 year olds (born 2012/2013)

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

Mr. Matton

PE and Sports Co-ordinator

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Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

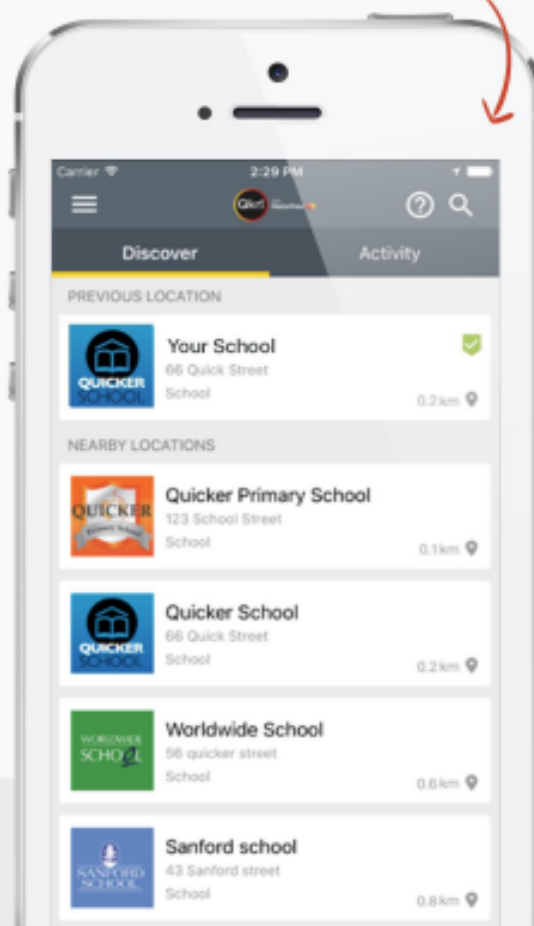
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'





Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select
'Add student profile'



Add each
child's details



Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles



Purchase school items

Select a menu
from our school



Select child
you are
ordering for



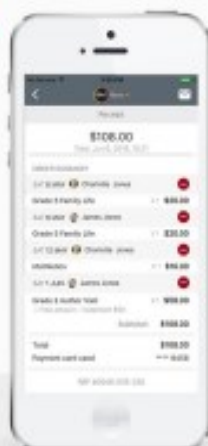
Select your items

Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay



Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you
can continue to the home page, or
view your receipt.

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.



Moonee Valley Language Line			
العربية	Arabic	9280 0738	9280 0744
المغربية	Cantonese	9280 0739	9280 0745
المغربية	Croatian	9280 0740	9280 0746
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المغربية	Greek	9280 0742	9280 0748
المغربية	Italian	9280 0743	9280 0749
المغربية	Somali	9280 0744	9280 0750
المغربية	Spanish	9280 0745	9280 0751
المغربية	Turkish	9280 0746	9280 0752
المغربية	Vietnamese	9280 0747	9280 0753

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National Relay Service 13 36 77 or relayservice.com.au
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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

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VICTORIA





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