

3rd June 2021

From the Principal- Mr Anthony

Dear Parents/Carer's,

As you will know by now, the 'circuit-breaker' lockdown has been extended for a further 7 days, now concluding at midnight on Thursday 10 June.

Students will therefore continue to learn from home for this period.

Our initial 4 day Remote & Flexible Learning program for this week has consisted of a daily live check in on Webex, with hard copy learning packs provided for all classes. We will now move to a more comprehensive remote program, as detailed later in this newsletter by Mrs Jenkins.

Student Progress during Remote and Flexible (R & F) Learning

Some items continue to appear in the media, expressing concern that the quality of education and learning outcomes will/have/might suffer long term impact during R & F learning. I understand this view but do not share these concerns and wish to allay the anxieties this might create.

The 2020 R & F program provided at KGPS led to very pleasing student outcomes by the end of 2020. Our very own Learning Lab provided intensive 'catch-up' learning as required.

The 2021 teachers at KGPS have again shifted smoothly to R & F Learning and will be focussed on the continuity of learning during and immediately after this latest phase. Importantly, as always, the wellbeing of our students and families and our staff and their families, remains at the core of our plans and actions as we continue to navigate our way through these times, both professionally and personally.

Supervision at school

Across the state an average of approx 3% of Government school students have attended on-site school supervision during past R & F (lockdown) phases. Here at KGPS the figure has been similar.

An application for supervision for Friday 4/6 and Monday 7/6 to Thursday 10/6 was sent out on Compass yesterday afternoon, soon after the Acting Premier's announcement. Please refer to that post for details.

A positive mindset

We find ourselves once again in some challenging times. A positive (growth) mindset is one where we believe that personally, and as a community, we will successfully work together to manage our way through this latest lockdown. We know the collective action taken over the past year and a half has been effective, and that life and schooling will get back to 'normal' soon. Still, we also know these times can be frustrating and test our patience. Whilst

as adults we understand that these emotions are pretty normal, let's remember the influence we have on those around us, especially our children.

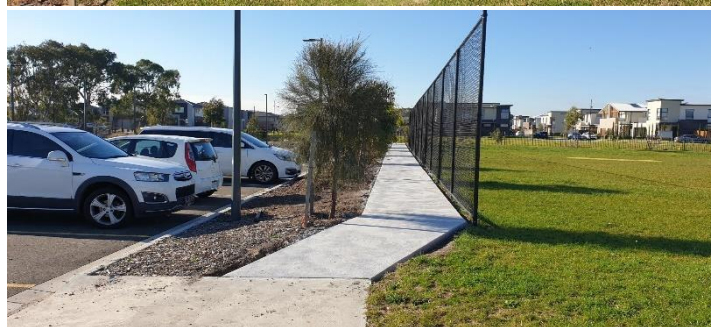
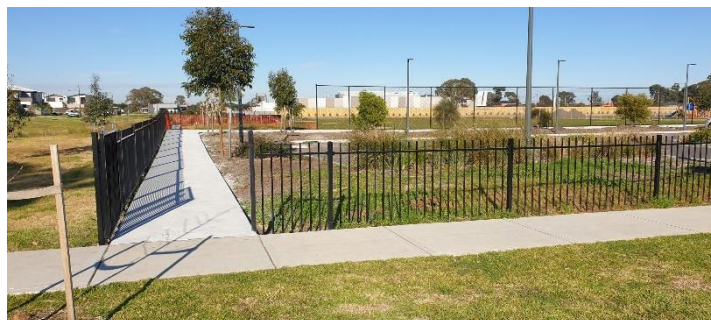
Resilience

As challenging as these times are, they also present an opportunity to model and influence our children in a way that will stand them in good stead for future challenges in life. *That is, when experiencing change and challenging times, practicing the ability to remain optimistic and positive. Talking about things, developing personal and family strategies to cope.*

As we all know, at some time fairly soon, we will again collectively experience a positive outcome and recognise that our coping strategies have helped us through. A best hope for our children is to create a lasting positive memory of these times, **that individually and collectively, we faced change and adversity and managed our way successfully through the ups and downs.**

This is resilience.

New Internal Footpath



We continue to devise strategies to manage school foot and car traffic on Homeleigh Rd.

To ease the congestion on the external footpath along Homeleigh Rd towards Abercrombie Ave, we have constructed an internal footpath around the inside of the staff carpark, leading to the far corner of our school property.

THEREFORE IF YOU ARE ENTERING OR EXITING SCHOOL ALONG HOMELEIGH RD, TO/FROM ABERCROMBIE AVE, PLEASE USE THIS NEW INTERNAL PATH INSTEAD OF USING THE PATH NEXT TO THE 'WATERTANK' GATES.

Thank you for your cooperation with this latest improvement.

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I look forward to being in touch again next week.
Please stay safe and happy as we all stay at home.

Kind Regards,

Phil

Phil Anthony | Principal

Remote and Flexible Learning

From the Assistant Principal- Mrs Jenkins

The Learning Program

Thank you for your support as we have returned to Remote and Flexible Learning from Monday of this week. Student engagement has been high, with over 90% of our students participating in online class meetings via Webex and undertaking set learning tasks.

Next week we will be adding 'live' lessons as part of the daily program. These live lessons will occur via Webex. Webex morning meetings ('Check ins') will continue and learning tasks will be set on Seesaw (Prep- Year 2) and Google Classroom (Year 3-6).

An additional **Prep (paper) learning pack** has been created to support the Prep Remote Learning Program for next week. This will be available for pick up between **9am and 2pm on Friday (tomorrow)** from the front entrance of the school. **PREP FAMILIES- PLEASE PICK UP THESE PACKS TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS READY FOR LEARNING ON MONDAY MORNING.**

Prep to Year: Seesaw

Our Prep- Year 2 students will be using Seesaw. Seesaw is an easy-to-use online platform that allows students "show what they know" using photos, videos, drawings, text, PDFs, and links. Our teachers have been busy posting a range of interactive tasks with verbal/video instructions for the students to complete through Seesaw. Instructions on how to install and log into Seesaw will be sent out to parents before Monday.

Years 3 to 6: Google Classroom

Our Year 3-6 students are already accessing their learning through Google Classroom. Google Classroom is a streamlined, easy-to-use online tool that allows teachers to post learning tasks using video, web links, and slide show presentations as well as through a range of other G suite tools.

Both Seesaw and Google Classroom also allow students to submit work and teachers to provide feedback. In these platforms you will also be able to view the suggested daily schedule. Please note the schedule is flexible and you may arrange your day to suit your family circumstances.

Staying Connected- Webex

We know that during these times student wellbeing is so important. Research shows students who feel anxious or unsettled will find it harder to learn. As part of our remote learning wellbeing program our teachers have set up daily **video conferencing via Webex** as well as providing support via emails and phone calls to ensure our students are managing the learning and to see if they need further support.

Attendance during Remote and Flexible Learning

Please note the roll is marked during Webex morning meetings. If your child is unable to attend these meetings, please let your child's classroom teacher know via an email through Compass. We are also able to mark a child as present if they are completing some of the set work. The completion of set work is flexible and can be submitted at a time the suits your family circumstances.

Technical issues

Please contact your child's classroom teacher via Compass if you are having difficulties with WebEx, Seesaw (P-2) or Google classroom (3-6).

Kind Regards

Sherri

Sherri Jenkins | Assistant Principal

From the PE Teacher- Mr Hayward

A big thank you to parents from the working bee and our handyman Ken for finishing off the work on our new junior basketball nets. Thanks to a successful funding application they are now available for the junior school to experience basketball that is suitable to their age and size.

Mr Hayward | PE Teacher



STAFF MEMBER IN PROFILE:

BILLIE KARAC- 3 / 4 TEACHER

Hello, my name is Biljana Karac, but most of you know me as Mrs K. I am excited and so happy to be the 3/4 teacher for the remainder of 2021. I have been working as a casual relief teacher since I graduated in 2019 and am really excited to finally begin my teaching career here at KGPS. I live in the South East suburbs with my husband, daughter (12) and two sons (9 and 6). I also have a 'fur-child' Rocky (Moodle) who is also a well loved and spoiled family member. There is nothing more I love doing in my spare time than reading and cuddling on the couch reading to my children. Please say 'Hi' when you see me!



ELISE NEVILLE- SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBER

My name is Elise and I am a volunteer Council member for our school this year. I am mum to Sophie who started Prep this year in Miss Nugent's class, and Sophie's furry big sister Bella. We have lived in the area for nearly 10 years after deciding to build in this area as it was halfway between both of Sophie's grandparents. Sophie also has another set of grandparents that live in Tasmania in the last town before Antarctica 🐼. We love spending time outdoors and going away on mini adventures, are passionate animal lovers too so the Zoo's a favourite place of ours. We also adopted a koala after the terrible bushfires in 2019.



DIARY DATES 2021

June 2021

Friday 4 th to	Wk 7	Remote & Flexible Learning Program- continues
Thursday 10 th	Wk 8	Remote & Flexible Learning Program- ends
Monday 14 th	Wk 9	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 15 th	Wk 9	Excursion Cranbourne Gardens Yr1 & 2
Wednesday 16 th	Wk 9	Mini Maths Yr 5 Monash School Council Meeting 5pm
Thursday 17 th	Wk 9	Final Interschool Sports Yr4-6 (Away) All day SSS rehearsal
Friday 18 th	Wk 9	Reports- sent home
Tuesday 22 nd	Wk 10	Student-led Conferences 3:45pm- 7:15pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Wk 10	Student-led Conferences 3:15om- 4:45pm
Thursday 24 th	Wk 10	Whole School Photo & SRC photos Yr 6 Graduation photo
Friday 25 th	Wk 10	Parents PaCS Graduation 9am END OF TERM 2- Dismissal 3:30pm

July 2021

Monday 12 TH	Wk 1	START OF TERM 3
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- Assembly every Friday at 2:55pm



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