

From the Principal- Mr Anthony

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 3. I hope our school families and staff enjoyed the much needed holiday break and have re-charged the batteries for an action-packed Semester 2.

International Baccaureate

As an official candidate school for the Primary Years Programme (PYP) of the IB, teaching teams have planned their term 3 Units of Inquiry with the whole school theme being "How The World Works".

The next important step is to conduct an Information Evening for parents, to share more detail and clarify the program and rationale for aiming to become a 'world school'. The date for this evening, to be held near the end of term 3, will be published in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

New Website

This week students and staff have been involved in a number of photo shoots for our new website.

Our current website was always a temporary one, with Covid-19 delaying its replacement with a highly professional state of the art website befitting our developing school.

We look forward to going live with the new website in late term 3.

Enrolments in Prep 2022

In-zone enrolments increased quite dramatically in the second half of term 2. Enrolments for prep 2022 have now closed, with 4 prep classes of approximately 20 now enrolled for next year. This follows 3 prep classes this year, confirming the expected growth trend for our new school. Unfortunately, we have been unable to accept any of the many out of zone enquiries at this stage.

School Review

Later in term 3 through to mid-term 4 we undergo a school review which will inform the creation of a 4 year, 2022-2025, Strategic Plan for our school. Please see the special information circular attached to this newsletter for details.

Book Club- Issue 5

Orders due Friday July 30th- www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Student -Led Conferences- next week

Our Student Led Conferences will be held next week **Tuesday 20th July 3:45pm-7:30pm** and **Thursday 3:45pm-5pm** These student-led sessions, which also involve the student's teacher, expand upon the written report, providing some examples of your child's work and achievements.

Information on how to book and secure your time was distributed earlier this week via our COMPASS communication platform. We look forward to seeing you and your child/ren at the conference.

What's the difference between a Student-led Conference (SLC) and a 'Parent/teacher meeting'?

A SLC is an opportunity for your child to lead you through their learning journey so far this year, acknowledging progress, celebrating successes and noting the 'next step' in their learning. Teachers and students have prepared guidelines, portfolios and activities for this 15-minute session.

A parent-teacher meeting is an opportunity for parents and teachers to sit down together to discuss your child's progress as well as any concerns or issues parents or the teacher may have. Teachers are always available for this throughout the year.

The **SLC** session is not intended to be a parent-teacher meeting. It is centred on and led by the student. If you wish to discuss or raise anything with your child's teacher, please contact them to make a separate time to meet. Thank you.

Sharing the play equipment

From the beginning of term 3 the prep students will have exclusive use of the play equipment every Thursday at recess and every Friday at lunchtime. At other times the preps continue to play in their designated zone. I'm sure all students are looking forward to the installation of a second playground later this year, for Prep & Year 1 students.


Kind Regards,

Phil


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DIARY DATES 2021

July 2021

Monday 19 th	Wk 2	Yr 5- 6 Swimming (1 week) Prep excursion- Zoo
Tuesday 20 th	Wk 2	SSS Rehearsal (all day) Student Led Conferences 3:45-7:30pm
Wednesday 21 st	Wk 2	School Council Meeting 5:15pm
Thursday 22 nd	Wk 2	Student Led Conferences 3:45-5pm
Friday 23 rd	Wk 2	Pyjama Day 
Monday 26 th	Wk 3	Yr 1/2 -to IMAX & Melb Museum
Friday 30 th	Wk 3	Curriculum Day- no school

August 2021

Monday 16 th	Wk 6	Dental Van (onsite approx. for 1wk)
Monday 23 rd	Wk 7	School Review - Parent Forum 6:30-8:30pm
Wednesday 25 th	Wk 7	Yr 5-6 Living & Growing Parent Information Session 5:30-6:30pm
Friday 27 th	Wk 7	School Disco's - Prep to Yr 2 & Yr 3 to 6 
Monday 30 th	Wk 8	Book Week Incursion Prep- Yr 6

- **Assembly every Friday at 2:55pm – Only parents of award participants are able to attend assembly.**



School Review ~ Semester 2 2021 Information for the School Community

Background: All schools in the Victorian Education Department undergo a school review every 4 years, during the fourth and final year of a School's 4 Year Strategic Plan. At this time the School, the Education Dept, and an external Reviewer, conduct a review of school performance against the goals and targets in the Strategic Plan. The process begins with a phase of self evaluation, followed by the review itself, leading into the formation of the next 4 year Strategic Plan.

New schools commence with a slightly different process. Initially, *annual* goals and targets are set by school leadership and Council, with a 4 year Strategic Plan formulated as soon as possible after opening. The global pandemic has delayed this process slightly at KGPS and all other schools which opened in 2020.

We at KGPS are now commencing a review process, reflecting on the first 1½ -2 years of school operations and achievements, leading into the first official 4 year School Strategic Plan for the period 2022 to 2025.

Self Evaluation

The process of school self-evaluation provides an opportunity for our school community to reflect on our achievements, our strengths, and areas where improvement is needed. It is critical to our school's continued success in improving student learning, student engagement and wellbeing, and our productive use of all resources- financial, human and physical.

After we have completed our self-evaluation (late term 3) an external reviewer will work with us to offer independent and expert advice on our progress to date and identification of the most effective strategies for us to continue to improve into the future. Two experienced principals from other schools are also involved, along with a Senior officer at regional level.

"Schools are partnerships, in effect, between teachers, legislators, parents, students and community members...a shared vision effort in school should begin by calling people to come together to think and act, with the power they already have, about the things that are important to them." (Senge, Schools that Learn)

The School Council, Leadership Team, staff, parents and students are all consulted during the self-evaluation process, which commences in week 3 with a staff workshop day on Friday 30 July.

The next phase, **student consultation** takes place in the weeks 5 & 6, with **parent consultation** planned for week 7, Monday 23 August, when an evening Parent Forum evening will be held. At this forum discussion groups will consider the following questions:

- What do we do well at Keysborough Gardens PS?
- What can we improve at Keysborough Gardens PS?
- Why did we achieve/not achieve the targets set out in the initial 2020/2021 Annual Plans?
- How well are we managing our resources to achieve these targets & outcomes and improve our school?
- What should be considered in the future directions of the school? (ie the next 4 years)

The self-evaluation and the review process will provide a powerful information base from which we can develop our strategic directions for the inaugural KGPS four-year school strategic plan, 2022- 2025

Our aim is to:

- Adopt a 'futures perspective' of the needs of our students and school community;
- Agree on the outcomes we are striving to achieve for our students;
- Choose the most important strategies that are critical to our continued success.

Further information will be provided regularly in the newsletter from now on, as we move into a very important time of celebrating our initial successes, identifying our improvement areas and setting the future directions for our school.

Regards,
Phil

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CURRICULUM DAY

ITALIAN DAY

big
CHILDCARE

JULY
30
6.30 AM - 6.30 PM



Come and enjoy this Italian themed day and level up your cooking skills with some of our favourite Italian dishes and delicious desserts! We will also have our MEGA party mode on with our centre's favourite Italian brothers: Mario, Luigi and friends!

Please bring snacks for morning / afternoon tea/ lunch, water bottle and a hat for outdoor activities. Call the OSHC Centre number below for further details, potential rebates and how to enrol.

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0421 987 819

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Keysborough Gardens Primary School

Benefits of learning music:

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- uses every part of the brain...
- develops physical skills. ...
 - cultivates social skills. ...
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 - boosts self-esteem. ...
- introduces children to other cultures
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Students are tutored in one-on-one drum lessons during school time.
No driving around after school to take your child to their lessons, it is all done for you.

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Study for leisure or study for exams

Lessons include the following:

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preparation for AMEB exams

All lessons include basic music theory

instrument hire available

half hour lessons one-on-one: \$35.20 per lesson, payable by the term

Piano, violin, guitar and flute lessons also available

for private and group lessons. Private: \$35.20 per half hour and Group: \$13.20 per half hour.

Keyboards, flutes, violins and half size guitars that are small and comfortable for young children available to hire for a small fee.

Call Carol 0411 402 102 to enrol

Or email carol@orangetreemusic.com.au