

# NEWSLETTER

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Respectful  
Collaborative  
Powerful Learners

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As you have probably seen, our **Outdoor Learning Area** is very close to completion. When it is completed, the fence will remain in place for a couple of weeks to enable the turf to settle before students walk on it. *(see progress photos on page 4)*

Everyone is very excited about using it and we will have an official opening as soon as we are able to.

**Retaining Walls:** We have been informed by the DfE, that work will finally commence to replace our retaining walls in 2023.

**On Track Evaluation** In September, our school worked with the External School Review team to analyse how we are tracking against the 3 directions that our school is working towards. The outcome was very positive, as can be seen by the feedback below.

*During the on-track evaluation the panel was provided with detailed documentation of strategic planning, the processes and practices for implementation and a variety of examples of how impact is being measured. Through the panel processes staff, students and parents were able to confirm their actions in each of the directions and how teaching and learning had been improved. Classroom visits provided additional evidence of consistency of practice across the school. The school should be commended on the change in culture resulting in greater collaboration, improvement to student learning outcomes and the achievements in each direction over a relatively short period of time.*

**Pupil Free Day** This Friday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, teachers will spend the day analysing our student data and working in teams to plan for improvement. Looking forward to continuing our work to support our students to achieve their best.

*Carol Farnworth*

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This year's theme is Article 27 from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: 'Children have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have their basic needs met. They should not be disadvantaged by inability to do what most children can do.'

A big congratulations to Kane S, who was awarded the Children's Week Special award that recognises a young person who shows courage, strength, perseverance and a positive attitude in daily living. This award will be presented to Kane at a special CW award ceremony this week.

A special thanks to the staff and students who did an amazing job of welcoming our guests and creating the art display that showcased this year's theme.

### Our Special Guests:

- The Hon. Blair Boyer MP**, Minister for Education, training and skills.
- The Hon. John Gardner MP**, Shadow Minister for Education, training and skills.
- Mrs Rhiannon Pearce MP**, Member for King
- Mrs Margie Berlemon AM** President of the Children's Week Association.
- Ms Liz Scarce AM**, Children's Week Ambassador.
- Children's Week Committee members
- Ms Helen Connolly**, the Commissioner for Children and Young People SA
- Ms Carrie Johnson**, Chairperson Community Children's Centre'
- Ms Eleanor Behrens**, Vice Chairperson Community Children's Centre.
- KFPS Governing Council Chairperson, **Mr Darren Walker**
- KFPS Governing Council Deputy Chairperson, **Mr Bernie Toonen**
- Keithcot Farm Children's Centre



# Year 6 Camp



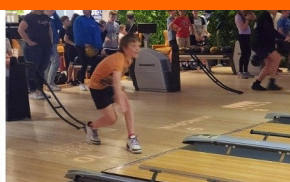
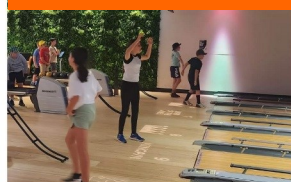
## Adelaide Oval Tour

## Year 6 Camp

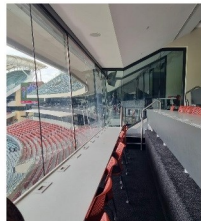


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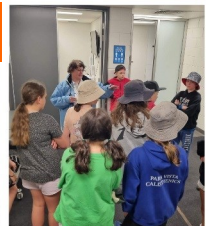
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Adelaide Oval Tour



# OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA



## Outdoor Learning Area Update



# Sports Day 2022



SPORTS DAY

A fantastic day for everyone.



Congratulations Borrowdale



- Blue : 267
- Green: 265
- Yellow: 250
- Red: 248



Our Pod 3 parents getting in on the action.



# Year 1 & Year 2 Swimming Week

(October 31st - November 3rd)

All smiles when the water is lovely and warm!



Thumbs up for swimming!



## 2022 Hiragana Competition

(Hiragana is the basic Japanese phonetic alphabet. It represents every sound in the Japanese language.)

Last week our school competed in the Hiragana Competition. We managed to come away with an impressive 2nd place and were then invited to participate in the State Competition held this week. Unfortunately we were knocked out after the 3rd round. Thank you to Wallace Sensei for organising and giving our students the opportunity to take part in this competition.

Well done to Tegan B, Chloe D, Chieri I and Jay S!



## Happy World Teachers' Day

28/10/2022

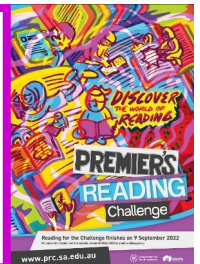
We are lucky to have an amazing group of educators to recognise and thank for their care and dedication to our students learning and wellbeing as well as just being a fantastic bunch of inspiring human beings. We are truly blessed with the best at KFPS.



## Children's University Graduation is coming up!

The Graduation Ceremony is being held on Wednesday the 9th of November at Bonython Hall on the grounds of the University of Adelaide. Students must arrive at 5.15pm for 6pm start. We have 17 students graduating in 2022.

**Premier's Reading Challenge 2022** is now complete with certificates and medals sent out to students via the classroom. Well done to the 308 students who completed the program.



The Rory's Parent Helpline number is: **(08) 7084 1801**. Just a quick reminder that all lunch orders can be placed via the QKR! App up to two weeks in advance, or even as late as up to 8.30am on the day you need the lunch order.

## VOLUNTEER



If you would like to volunteer at KFPS please make contact with our volunteer coordinator, Deb in the front office to discuss the role and how to obtain the required documents. Ph: 8289 1133



**NEW DATE!!!**

**Friday 18th November**  
**Don't forget to bring a**  
**white t shirt.**  
**\$10,000 raised**

THE KFPS FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE PRESENTS  
**KEITHCOT FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**DISCO**

*Bring your dancing shoes  
for a fun night*

**Thursday November 3rd**

Tickets \$10 via QQR includes entry, water, popcorn and lollipop.

**F - 2 - 5.30PM TO 6.30PM**  
**3 - 6 - 7PM TO 8.30PM**

We ask that no parents enter the hall as students will be supervised by staff.

THIS EVENT IS TAX COMPLIANT



**MOBILE FOOD HUB**  
**WYNN VALE SUPPORT**

**Thursday the 10th of NOVEMBER 2022!**

For those on a low income - referrals delivered on site

**LOW COST**  
**GROCERIES**

**FREE** FRUIT & VEG  
AND BREAD

Payments via EFT or Basics card



WE ARE A SHOP - ON WHEELS!

**99 WYNN VALE DRIVE, OVAL CARPARK**  
**THURSDAY 10/11/22 (and every TWO WEEKS after)**  
**10:00am TO 11:00am**

What we have:

Fresh meat & dairy  
Frozen Meat & vegetables  
Pantry Staples - breakfast, lunch, dinner,  
snacks Hygiene & Personal Products  
Baby Food & Animal Food + more

\*This service is offered to provide food relief to those in need. Those accessing this service will need to have a Food Hub referral from a Foodbank supporting agency. Limits may apply. Some products may be past best before date. Any questions contact 8351 1136 or email [sereenah@foodbanksa.org.au](mailto:sereenah@foodbanksa.org.au)



**ROYAL LIFE SAVING**  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Holiday**  
**Swim**

**THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SWIM & SURVIVE**  
**PROGRAM YOU KNOW AND LOVE!**  
**COMING THIS DECEMBER & JANUARY!**  
**BRING YOUR LOGBOOKS AND GET READY**  
**FOR A WEEK OF FUN!**

**ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW!**

[www.holidayswim.com.au](http://www.holidayswim.com.au)







# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Minutes late per day	Learning time lost in a year
5 minutes	3½ days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10 ½ days
20 minutes	14 days
30 minutes	21 days

## Absences

It is a requirement for us to log the reason for your child's absence. If you contact the school as early as possible to let us know that your child will be absent (via phone or text) we ask that you provide the reason. This does not need to go into great detail, it can be as simple as family reasons or illness. If a reason is not provided they will be marked as an unexplained absence and a text message will be sent. This is also to make sure you are aware of the absence. If there is no response to the text message the class teacher will make contact with the family.

## Partial Absences

If your child has an appointment and is going to be late or needs to leave early, we require a parent or authorised adult to accompany the child to the front office to sign them in or out. This is the same for picking a child up from the sickroom.

## Exemption Forms

If your child is going to be away from school for 3 days or more (eg: family holiday etc) you will need to fill in and return an exemption form (one for each child). This form must be approved by the Principal prior to the dates required and once approved the form will be kept in your child's file.

**Please feel free to contact our office staff if you have any questions or require a form to be sent home.**

## Enrol Now for 2023



KEITHCOT FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Do you or someone you know have a child or children wanting to start at KFPS in 2023?

Enrolments are now open.

Please contact the Front Office on 8289 1133 to enrol and/or book a tour.

**We welcome you and your family to join us.**

5 Keithcot Farm Drive, Wynn Vale

# WANTED

## ALL OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

As the end of the year approaches we would appreciate families having a good look around the home and car for any library books that have been misplaced. Overdue slips will be sent home regularly this term to inform you of any books that your child has borrowed and are still outstanding. If they are lost please contact the library to discuss a replacement.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 4

Disco  
Thursday 3rd November

★ Pupil Free Day ★  
Friday 4th Nov

Children's University  
Graduation Ceremony  
Wednesday 9th November

PE WEEK  
WEEK 5 (14th - 18th Nov)

COLOUR EXPLOSION  
FUN RUN  
Friday 18th November

Year 6 GGHS Transition Day  
Thurs 8th Fri 9th December

End of Year Concert  
Monday 12th December

Year 6 Graduation  
Wednesday 14th December

Final Day of 2022  
Friday 16th December  
(Early Dismissal 2.05pm)

Absentee SMS:  
0408 482 972

SMS your child's name and the  
reason for their absence.  
(Reason can be family/illness etc.)



Find us on  
**Facebook**

### KEITHCOT FARM PS COMMUNITY PAGE

A closed group for parents to communicate and connect with the school & other parents & caregivers. Stay up to date with news, events and information for the whole school.

### KEITHCOT FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL PAGE

This public page is for the broader community, family and friends, old scholars to see what we get up to at KFPS.

### KEITHCOT FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL 2ND HAND UNIFORM 2ND HAND GROUP

This is a public group for all posts regarding 2nd hand uniform only.

### KEITHCOT FARM PS SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP

This closed group is a support page for parents and caregivers of KFPS Special Needs Students.

### Keithcot King's OSHC

We service the Keithcot Farm and King's Baptist schools for before and after school care and vacation care programs.

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### SCHOOL LOCKER UNIFORM SHOP

\*\*\*\* New Opening Hours \*\*\*\*

**8.00am - 10.45am**

**Tuesdays Only**

**Any queries email the team on  
[keithcotps@theschoollocker.com.au](mailto:keithcotps@theschoollocker.com.au)**