

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2023 School Year!

Welcome to a new year of learning, challenges and exciting events. We look forward to working with you and your child/children throughout this year.

Staffing Changes

Welcome to the new teaching and support staff to our school;

- Yasmin Alesci in P3B teaching a year 5/6 class
- Georgina Palmer in P1D teaching a year 3 class
- Taylor Wachtel teaching Year 2's in P2D
- Catherine Cunningham in H1B teaching a foundation class
- Janette Lovegrove has returned from maternity leave to teach Year 2's in P2D
- Maddie Grivell, Kristin Bloffwitch and Kayla Arnold, who are all New School Support Officers at Keithcot Farm PS.

Governing Council

Governing Council had their first meeting on Monday night and congratulations to Bernie Toonen who was elected as chair person for this year. Welcome to a new Governing Council member, Brian Monger, whose daughter is a foundation student.

Acquaintance Night

We held Acquaintance Night last Tuesday night and it was well attended. The changed format offered parents the opportunity to meet their child/children's teacher, the Specialist teachers, the Resource Centre staff and the Office staff.

It had a relaxed feel and we all enjoyed the community atmosphere.

Thanks for your support for a good start to the school year.

Carol Farnworth

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ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT 2023



On Tuesday the 7th of February we held our acquaintance night with a difference . This year we decided to have the children show their parents around by collecting stamps from the various locations around the school grounds. It was an enjoyable way to involve the students and their siblings. After the treasure hunt children could hand in their maps and receive a zooper dooper. Families gathered on the lawns to have a picnic and catch up with friends and mingle with staff. It was a fantastic evening!





I'M A KEITHCOT KID NOW



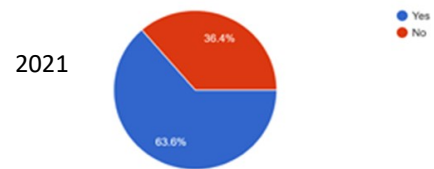
Welcome to all our new families

Problem Solving Disposition Data

To achieve our Maths goal of increasing the number of students in the high bands of maths, we are working to build a positive maths disposition in our school community.

To support this we are collecting data on student's attitudes towards maths. We would like to share some results from our primary students.

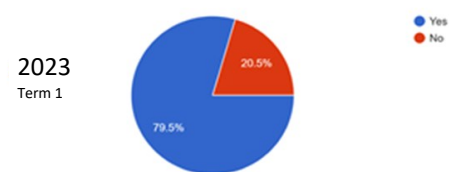
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187 responses



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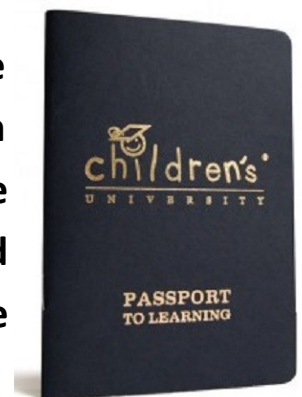


I like problem solving in Maths lessons
156 responses



2023 Children's University

If your child is in year 4 - 6 and would like to be part of the Children's University Program, could you please send in the signed expression of interest forms to the front office as soon as possible. A meeting will be held soon and membership and consent forms will be sent out to those who return these expression of interest forms.



Our Fundraising Committee has donated the money towards 6 large bench tables to go in the pod 3 area of the yard. This will form part of our outdoor learning upgrades.

Thank you to our committee and community for supporting our fundraising events.



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Is your child taking up the Challenge in 2023??

If so, please ensure they fill in their student reading records as they read their books, get them signed off as they go and please make sure your child hands it in to their teacher or the staff in the library by: Friday 8th of September.

2023 is the 20th year of the Premier's Reading Challenge!

To celebrate, we are offering students the opportunity to read 20 books instead of the usual 12 to receive a 20th Anniversary Certificate. This is an optional, voluntary challenge. Students who complete the 20-book challenge will have also completed the usual 12 book challenge hence will receive their usual PRC award.

Enjoy the Challenge!



There are 14 awards to collect

- **First year** – Certificate
- **Second year** – Bronze medal
- **Third year** – Silver medal
- **Fourth year** – Gold medal
- **Fifth year** – Champion medal
- **Sixth year** – Legend medal
- **Seventh year** – Hall of Fame medal. Students can elect to have their name appear on the Premier's Reading Challenge Hall of Fame Honour Roll
- **Eighth year onwards** – Hall of Fame Reader for Life certificate reflecting the number of years participated.



Awards will arrive in November 2023 and will be distributed to all students who complete the challenge.

2023 Governing Council

Bernie Toonen - Chairman

Darren Walker - Treasurer

Kelly McDonald - Fundraising

Nicole McKenna - Fundraising

Kent Andrews / Melissa Malone

Sian Schneider / Paul Saliba

Vince Perre / Brian Monger

KFPS Staff

Principal - Carol Farnworth

Assistant Principals

Travis Braithwaite /Jaye Turnbull

Teacher Rep - Kris Batsiokis

Community Rep - Ali Nelson

2023 Student Voice - Term 1

H1B - Parker R & Tilly T

H2A - Amalika M & Aydin B

P1A - Charlie P & Ruby B

P1B - Darcey D & Hayley R

P1C - Kimani F & Eliana A

P1D - Carlo C & Emily WG

P2A—Ashlee W & Seth S

P2B - Scarlet A & Rami G

P2C—Max B & Evie M

P2D—Amrin C & Divyam G

P3A - Lily H & Jacob F

P3B—Rhylee SR & Hudson C

P3C—Thomas W & Mia C

New Daily Schedule

Start Bell 8.55am

Lesson 1 - 9.00—9.50am

Lesson 2 - 9.50—10.40am

Lesson 3 - 10.40—11.30AM

A fruit/ movement break will occur during the first 3 lessons

Lunch Eating - 11.30—11.40am

Lunch Play - 11.40—12.10pm

Lesson 4 - 12.10—1pm

Lesson 5 - 1—1.50pm

PM Recess - 1.50—2.10pm

Lesson 6 - 2.10 - 3.00

Dismissal 3.05pm

Last Day of each term is Early Dismissal at 2.05pm

2023 Fundraising Committee

Susan Toonen

Kelly McDonald

Nicole McKenna

Jamie Gregson

Nicola Wehrman

Lisa Katschner

Kent Andrews

Amanda Kent

Kate Huitema

Danielle Cooper

Staff Rep - Deb Whittington



Chess Club is back with Mr B for 2023. Every Monday in the library and Every Wednesday in P3A at lunch play.

OUR NEW SENIOR JUMPERS ARRIVED NICE AND EARLY TO HELP ON THE COLDER MORNINGS



WANTED
ALL OVERDUE
LIBRARY BOOKS



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



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



If your child requires medication to be administered at school. We must have a signed medication form and all medication must be stored in the first aid room. Please talk to Deb in the front office regarding medication for your child. If your child is unwell please keep them home to prevent the spread of illness.

COMMUNITY NEWS BULLETIN



AVANT BALLETT STUDIO

Kinderballet 3-5 YEARS • Toddler Class 2-3 years
Ballet (Cecchetti Method) • Tap
Jazz • HipHop • Contemporary
Petit Theatre Ballet Company
Reasonable Fees

Classes held at Tea Tree Gully Primary School,
Ph Robbyn Garrett-Doyle Ph: 7220 6941 M: 0412 956 328
Email – avantballet@adam.com.au
 LCBA CICB Bach Education www.avantballet.com.au

Learning Together
 Communities –
 Central Adelaide Hub



Learning Together

play group

A supported playgroup with a 'learning through play' focus

Supported playgroups focus on supporting the development and wellbeing of both parents and children by providing opportunities for parents to meet and share experiences, and for children to play, learn and socialise.

WHERE: Keithcot Farm Children's Centre
5 Keithcot Farm Dr, Wynn Vale SA 5127
WHEN: Tuesdays 9.30-11a.m.

- WHAT TO BRING–**
- A hat for you and your child
 - A drink bottle of water
 - A healthy snack
 - An extra pair of clothes, in case

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
Nicole (Playgroup Teacher) on 0407 279 562
To register your interest, please email Nathan at: nathan.mcguinness3@sa.gov.au



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

Stacey Hall
stacey.hall@thesmithfamily.com.au
 0417 048 689

DELIVERED BY



Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1

21st February
Festival of Music Choir Rehearsal

3rd March
SAPSASA Swimming

13th March
Adelaide Cup Day P/H

21st March
Harmony Day

Week 9
Interview Week

31st March
SAPSASA (G) Netball (B) Football

6th April
Pupil Free Day

7th April
Good Friday P/H

10th April
Easter Monday P/H

11th April - 14th April
F - 5 Swimming Week

14th April
Last Day of Term
Early Dismissal 2.05pm



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.

PH: 8289 2649

Mobile : 0401 121 583

Email: oshc.keithcot2@schools.sa.edu.au

www.keithcotkingsoshc.com

Pupil Free and School Closure Days for 2023

Thursday April 6th (Easter PFD)

Friday June 9th (PFD)

Monday July 24th (PFD)

Monday Sept 4th (SCD)

Friday Nov 3rd (PFD)

Absentee SMS:

0408 482 972

SMS your child's name and the reason for their absence.

(Reason can be family/illness etc.)

SCHOOL LOCKER UNIFORM SHOP

8.15am - 10.45am

Tuesdays Only

Any queries email the team on keithcotps@theschoollocker.com.au

Orders can be placed by

<https://theschoollocker.com.au/schools/keithcot-farm-primary-school/uniforms>