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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

New Beginnings

My first three weeks at Keithcot have whizzed by and I can't believe we're nearly at the end of Week 3 already. I already feel proud of our school and am looking forward to leading Keithcot into the future. I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to you – the school community – for making me feel so welcome. It's been great to meet so many of you out on the yard and at Acquaintance Night. Making these connections is really important.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the parents of our 44 reception students to our school. They're all new like me and, although they may be a little smaller, I have felt like the new kid at school a few times too. All the students across the school have settled back into school routines really well and learning programs are in full swing. This is what we're about – providing quality learning in every lesson, every day.

I am really looking forward to a wonderful and exciting year in which our students will participate in many wonderful learning experiences. We have had a fantastic start to the year and we look forward to sharing our progress and student learning through our online media platforms. I would like to welcome Niall Dowdall (Year 4/5) to our school and look forward to him adding to the learning culture and quality teaching and learning taking place at Keithcot Farm.

Teachers are learners, too!

My message to staff at the beginning of the year was about high expectations and standards, and have used the mantra "The standard we walk past is the standard we accept". This will continue to frame an ongoing commitment to continual improvement, striving for quality in everything we do. Learning is central to this and we are always improving our teaching by building teacher knowledge and understanding. Future newsletters will provide more information about how we are going about this.

Little things can make a difference...

High standards can also be about small things like keeping our school clean and tidy or keeping our uniform standards high. I've noticed that Keithcot Farm students do pride themselves on students wearing our school uniform. Please note that jewellery should be kept to a minimum - studs or small sleepers are fine for earrings, but no bracelets or necklaces. Make-up and nail polish are not permitted. This ensures students can participate in all physical and play activities safely. Students need to wear school hats outdoors, (which are in good condition, without graffiti or writing on them) in every season with the exception of winter. Students need hats during recess, lunch and relevant outdoor activities. Please ensure that all items are named.

We have had a great start to the year and are all looking forward to a wonderful year ahead that has lots of exciting and wonderful learning activities planned.

Regards

Derek Gallamore
KFPS Principal

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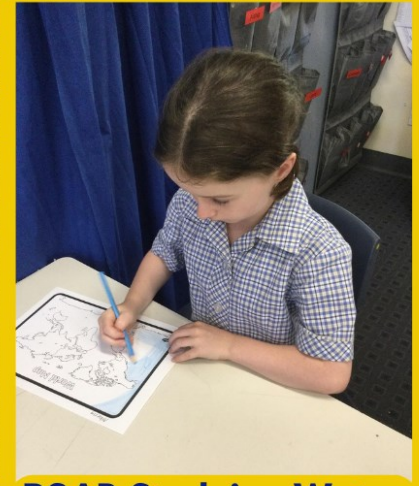
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P2AB Studying Water



P2D School Value Award Recipients



P2AB Studying Water



P1B Self Portraits



We are
**Powerful
Learners**



Art with P1D



P1D project planning



P2D Maths Games



**The Art Inside my Head
by P3D**



Maths Chats in H1A



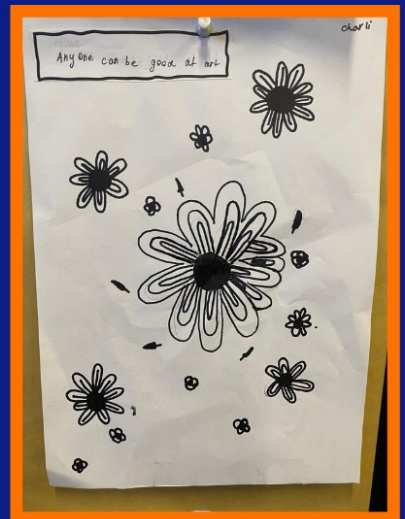
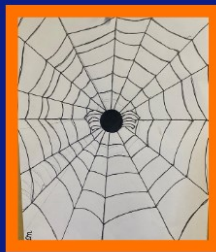
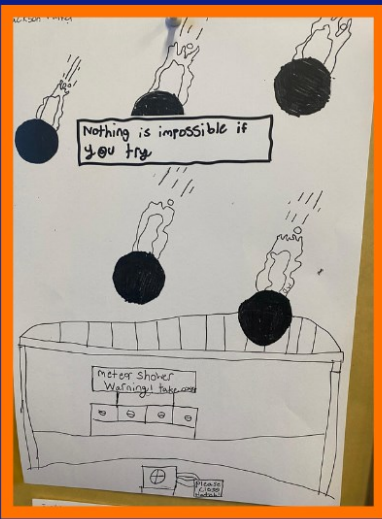
**P1B School Value
Award Recipients**



**Acknowledgement
of Country by P1D**



**P1D Growing broad beans
in soil and cotton wool**

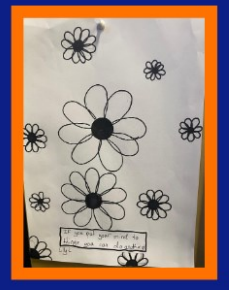
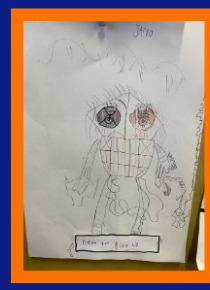
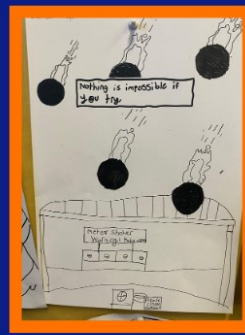
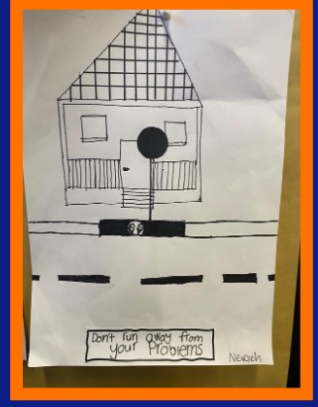
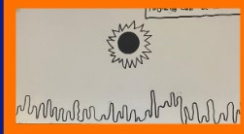
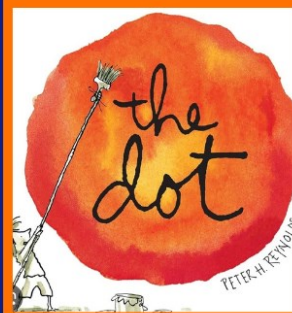
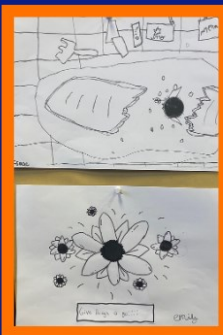
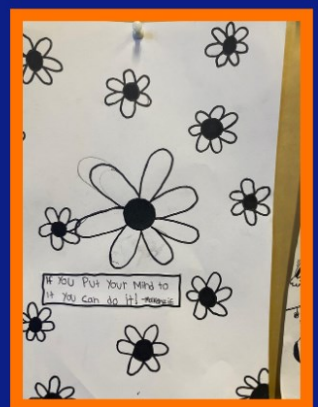


P3B



We read the book 'The Dot' by Peter Reynolds. The child in this story dislikes art class because she is convinced she can't draw. Her teacher gently encourages her to begin with a single dot and her creativity takes off. The story celebrates the creative spirit in everyone.

You can't become better at something that you don't do. So, make your mark and see where it takes you!



Student Achievement



During the holidays Tyler R put up his hand to clean the school grounds, so his Dad, Ian assisted him in making it happen. Tyler is a Scout (doing Cubs with Golden Grove). While cleaning, he saw the ANZAC memorial by the OSHC was not looking well maintained and the names were overgrown with the ground shrubs. So through the school clean-up, maintaining the ANZAC site, amidst other ANZAC activities, he has earned his

"Their Service - Our Heritage" badge.

His younger brother Patrick, who is now a KFPS Foundation student, assisted with the school clean up. Congratulations and thank you Tyler and thank you, Patrick and Ian.

Keithcot Farm Primary School is an Allergy Aware School.

This means that:

- Teachers will notify families in their class when there are food allergies present among their students, so they can avoid sending food that contains that ingredient.
- Students are monitored by staff during lunch eating time.
- Students are not allowed to share food, regardless of whether there are food allergies in their class or not.
- Staff are trained in anaphylactic response as part of their regular first aid courses.
- Students are encouraged to wash their hands after they finish eating.
- Teachers educate their classes about allergies and allergy—aware practices.
- Parents should keep the school informed of student allergies and ensure plans, EpiPens and medication are all up to date.

Attendance Procedures

As per Department regulations, teachers are required to enter a code or reason each time a child is absent or late. We therefore ask parents to send a message via Class Dojo to the class teacher or to contact the front office before 8:30am. If you require your child(ren) to have an extended time away for any reason, an exemption application form can be completed. This is available from the front office.



The school day begins at 8:55am. Students benefit greatly from being part of the morning routine and should be present from this time. A yard duty teacher is on duty from 8:35am. If your child arrives late (after 8:55am) please ensure they are signed in via the Front Office so roll codes can be recorded. Families who need to collect their child(ren) earlier than 3:05pm are asked to sign them out at the Front Office before collecting them from the classroom.



Qkr App

Please download the QKr app on your mobile telephone or smart device. This app will allow parents to pay school fees, excursions / incursions and even school lunches from the Rory's canteen (The menu is available on the app). Please see the front office if you require further information.

Communication strengthens students learning

This year all classes will continue to use Class Dojo to communicate with parents and families. New parents to our school should have received instructions of how to download the Class Dojo app onto a mobile or computer device. Teachers will use this platform to share and communicate with parents throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to use Class Dojo to communicate with their class teacher. We ask that teachers be given 24 working hours to respond to parents' questions. If you require an answer sooner, please contact the front office.



Student Voice



H1A
Bronte C
Timothy T

H1B
Asmin T
Ari Bowden

P1B
Casey J
Teresa K

P1C
Alexa S
Harlen M

P1D
Indi D
Jackson K

P2A
Emily G
Jordan S

P2B
Athena G
Zak B

P2C
Zoe F
Brinix H

P2D
Leo T
Lucas P

P3A
Alex M
Lilly K

P3B
JJ
Larissa J

P3C
Nate D
Charlotte W

P3D
Tsai W
Harper C

2024



Acquaintance Night

Thankyou



to our Governing Council and Fundraising Committee Reps

We had an amazing turn out at our Acquaintance Night and it was beautiful weather to enjoy a BBQ and chat with teachers and leadership. Thank you for coming and making our community a great one to be a part of.



KFPS AGM

**TUESDAY 20TH
FEBRUARY
HEDLEY BEARE LIBRARY
6PM**

Nomination forms went out last week and are available in the front office.

•• KFPS •• Governing •• Council •• Needs You



**Join us at our
AGM**

Tuesday 20th
February

6pm

Hedley Beare
Library

JOIN US AND LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

Contact our Community Liaison Officer, Ali Nelson on 8289 1133 or email:

Alison.Nelson655@schools.sa.edu.au if you wish to become part of our fundraising committee.

We have roles that may suit your availability.

Fundraising Committee Member - attend meetings and contribute ideas and assist with planning events.

Event Helper - Assist with events by volunteering your time to help with preparation/set up days or on event days.

•• KFPS •• FUNDRAISING •• COMMITTEE •• Needs You



**Join us at a
Meet n Greet**

Friday
16th Feb

2.15pm

Front office



Enrol Now at

KEITHCOT FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

JOIN US IN 2024 - BOOK A TOUR NOW

-  Call us on 8289 1133 **NEXT TOUR**
Friday 15th March @ 9:00am
-  Email us on dl.1847_info@schools.sa.edu.au
-  Visit our website on <https://www.keithcotps.sa.edu.au/>
-  5 Keithcot Farm Drive,
Wynn Vale SA, 5127



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NEW ENROLMENTS AND SCHOOL TOURS AVAILABLE

If you have a child at Keithcot Farm Primary school and they have a younger sibling yet to start, please come in and see our front office staff to grab an enrolment form so they are enrolled and ready to start their learning journey at KFPS.

If your child is due to start school in 2025 and you wish to book a tour please contact our front office team on 8289 1133 to arrange a time and date that is suitable. We would love to welcome you to Keithcot Farm Primary.

We have a new foundation class starting in Term 3 2024. Book in Now!

New Daily Schedule

Class starts at 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

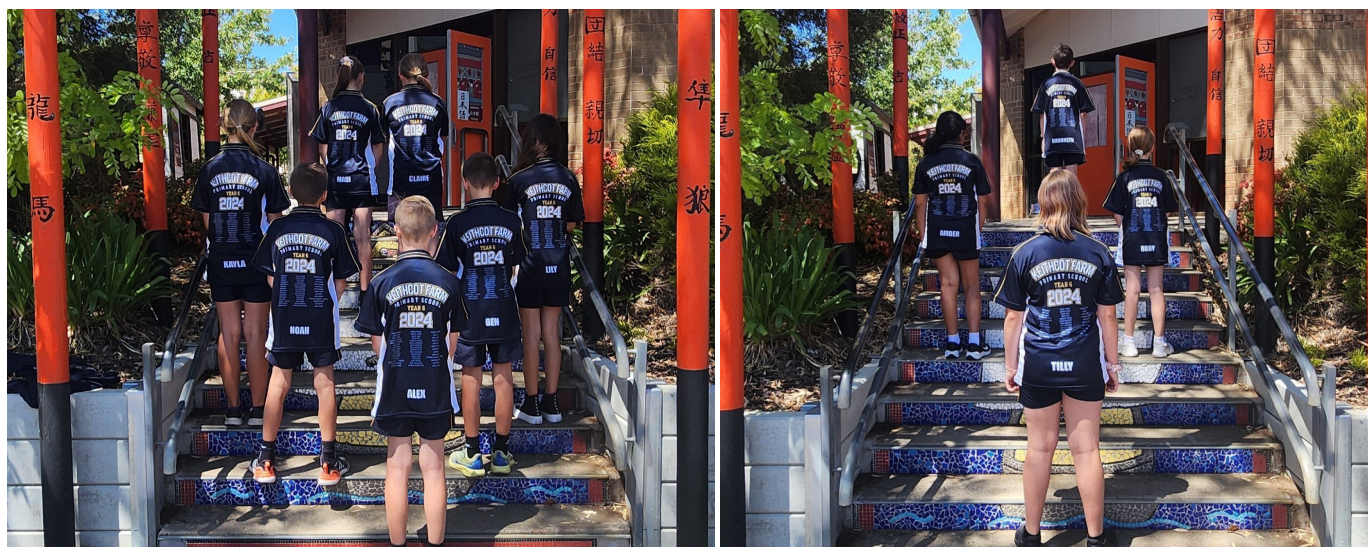
- Lunch Eating - 11.30-11.40am**
- Lunch Play - 11.40-12.10pm**
- Lesson 4 - 12.10-1pm
- Lesson 5 - 1-1.50pm
- PM Recess - 1.50-2.10pm**
- Lesson 6 - 2.10-3.00pm
- Dismissal - 3.05pm**

Last Day of each term is
Early Dismissal at 2.05pm

Drakes Community Dollars

Download the Drakes app and select
Keithcot Farm Primary School in the
Community Dollars section to support our
school.

Class of 2024 Senior Polos have arrived!



Parents can pay on Qkr now! Windcheaters are coming by the end of term 1.

School Locker's last day is Tuesday 27th February 2024

DEVON CLOTHING WILL TAKE OVER ALL CURRENT STOCK. THIS WILL TAKE TIME BEFORE STOCK IS TRANSFERRED OVER SO PLEASE BE PATIENT.

ONCE STOCKED ITEMS ARE EXHAUSTED DEVON WILL START PRODUCTION OF NEW ITEMS(SAME COLOURS WITH NEW LOGO)

DEVON IS OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK AND LOCATED AT CLOVERCREST SHOPPING CENTRE...WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED WHEN NEW INFORMATION COMES TO HAND



Discontinued items will be:

ONCE CURRENT STOCK IS EXHAUSTED SKORTS, DRESSES AND SCHOOL BAGS

Take a minute and **DO A LAP!**

REMINDER ABOUT SAFE DRIVING AROUND THE SCHOOL

DO NOT double park or queue at the round about or kiss n drop zones.

Keep our school community safe

REPORT REGO TO POLICE



LOOK OUT FOR STUDENTS



KFPS LUNCH CLUBS

- The Premier's Reading Challenge and Be Active Challenge will return to KFPS in 2024. These programs are open to all students from Foundation to Year 6. Look out for information coming home soon. Forms need to be returned to Mrs P and Ali in the library.
- We will be calling for expressions of interest from students in years 4 to 6 who wish to participate in Children's University. Mr Braithwaite will send information home with the students who are interested.
- Lunch Clubs will also be returning and will be up and running soon.

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1

AGM

Tuesday 20th February

SAPSASA Swimming

Friday 1st March

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Monday 11th March

School Tour

Friday 15th March

(bookings required)

Harmony Day

Thursday 21st March

3 Way Interviews

Week 9

Pupil Free Day

Thursday 28th March

Good Friday Public Holiday

Friday 29th March

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Monday 1st April

3 Way Interviews

Week 10

SAPSASA Boys AFL/ Girls Netball

Friday 5th April

Swimming Week

Mon 8th April - Fri 12th April

Last Day of Term

Friday 12th April

(Early Dismissal 2.05pm)

Pupil Free Day

Monday 29th April

First Day of Term 2

Tuesday 30th April



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.

Absentee SMS:

0408 482 972

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

(Reason can be family/illness etc.)

2024 PUPIL FREE AND

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

THURSDAY 28th MARCH (PFD)

MONDAY 29th APRIL (PFD)

MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER (SCD)

TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER (PFD)

MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER (PFD)