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KEITHCOT FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MY BACKGROUND

I've worked at Redwood Park School for the last five years as Principal but Deputy currently working as Principal at Wynn Vale School in a shortterm role for this term. I have over 20 years of experience in education. I moved to Australia from England with my family 10 years ago, where I worked in two schools in Leeds. I've worked at Elizabeth Grove Primary School, Banksia Park Primary School and Redwood Park since moving to Australia. My background has given me valuable insights into the needs of students, teachers, and parents.

MY VISION

- Students are at the centre of everything we do. Every child matters.
- High expectations and standards for all.
- A learning environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally

MEET THE NEW PRINCIPAL!

- NAME: DEREK GALLAMORE
- INTRODUCTION:

I am excited about joining the Keithcot Farm community and leading the school forward. As we begin this new chapter together, I wanted to take a moment to share a little about myself and my vision for our school...

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

A friendly face! I am approachable and like to build good relationships with people, fostering a culture of teamwork and respect. I'm looking forward to building on the excellent work that Carol has undertaken during her time at Keithcot Farm. I've already visited the school and know Carol well through our local school Portfolio. I will work very closely with her over the next few months to handover and ensure a seamless leadership transition for the school. We will continue to build upon the strengths of Keithcot Farm next year and strive for excellence and high standards in all that we do.

OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT ME

Outside of the school, I enjoy cooking, travelling and sports. I play tennis for Hope Valley Tennis Club and coach soccer at Tea Tree Gully Soccer Club. I live in Highbury with my wife Anna and two children - Amelia (aged 20) and Sam (aged 17).

FAVOURITE SUBJECT: Maths

Soccer team: Barnsley FC







Our Book Week Parade did not disappoint this year with so many students and staff getting into the spirit and dressing up as their favourite character. We enjoyed opening up our classrooms for parents and caregivers to come and share time with their children in the classroom. It was truly a joyful day with special memories made.



Japanese

For Book Week we have been looking at the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. She is 94 years old and is also known as the 'Princess of Polka Dots'.

The students made their own 'Obliteration' piece of art work! It's great to see how different their art work turned out.

By Wallace Sensei & H2A









Pod 1 have had the pleasure of hosting Shelly, the long necked turtle and Misty, the rabbit from the Nature Education Centre as part of their science Program. The students have enjoyed observing and caring for Shelly and Misty.

IN THE GARDEN

with P3B

P3B recently received a \$1,000 Woolworths Landcare grant for some new fruit and vegetable plants to go in our garden. They have spent time clearing the weeds, turning over the soil and replenishing the nutrients. We look forward to seeing their progress on the project.

'Gardening feeds the soul, grows the spirit and gathers friends like flowers'



















SAPSASA
Boys Soccer
Girls Football

Our yr 5/6 girls participated in the District AFL Football carnival. Some girls had never played before but wow, they played really well as a team! In fact the girls remained undefeated taking out Division D! I am very proud of the girls in the way in which they persisted all day, supported one another and their behaviour was exceptional!

Thank you to the wonderful parents who helped with transport and also cheered on our team.

A great team effort and here's one very happy PE Teacher!

Kym Stocker PE Teacher

Our 5/6 boys participated in the District Soccer carnival. I'm incredibly proud of the team and how well they represented Keithcot Farm today. The team ended up with 3 wins and 1 loss. Coming 2nd overall, which is an amazing result! Over the 4 games, they scored 16 goals and only conceded 2. This was an incredible effort and a great demonstration of their teamwork. I would like to give a big thank you to all the parents who helped out with transport and those that came to cheer the team on. We appreciate your support.

Kris Batsiokis Pod 3 Teacher / Acting AP

We are now accepting donations.



We are accepting 2nd hand uniform items in good clean condition. If you have any items you haven't been able to sell and you would like to donate please send them to the front office.

- Ø Jackets
- Jumpers
- Pants
- Shorts
- ⊗ Hats



We thank you for your generosity and helping our school community

BE SUNSMART



When the UV is forecast to be 3 or above it is our policy that

All students must wear a sunsmart navy hat.
NO HAT, NO PLAY

ANY STUDENTS WITHOUT A HAT WILL BE DIRECTED TO PLAY UNDER THE SHADED

KFPS Fundraising Committee presents







Gold coin donation to

WEAR YOUR TEAM COLOURS

Friday 29th September









This event is tax compliant

New Retaining Walls are finished and look great!











New general, organic and recycling waste bins have arrived and have been placed in all learning

areas and around the grounds.











Student Achievement Recognition

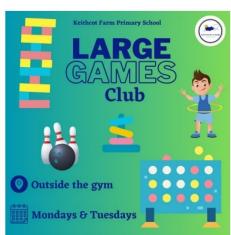
Our very own Zara K from P1B competed in the State Gymnastics Championships. Zara came 3rd on the beam and came 4th overall in the State. Well done Zara, we are all very proud of your efforts and fantastic achievements. *Congratulations!*

If your child has had an achievement outside of school please let us know so we can celebrate their achievement.

Email our Community Liaison Officer on Alison.Nelson655@schools.sa.edu.au

KFPS Lunch Play Clubs















ALL Children's University Passports are due to be handed up!



ALL CU passport activities need supporting documents need to be handed up to the front office to be verified and stamped as completed. Students only have till the end of week 9 (22nd September) to qualify for graduation.

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

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 2024 and you wish to book a tour please contact our front office team on 8289 11 33 to arrange a time and date that is suitable. We would love to welcome you to Keithcot Farm Primary.

Mid year intakes start from 2024



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.



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



For all your graduation needs click the link to access With Love Formalwear. Our very own Joss and Rose along with their team of volunteers do an amazing job to provide formal wear free of to all students who are graduating in charge 2023 and beyond. They have so much to choose from.

Strengthen skills. Build savings. Take control.



Save \$500 and ANZ will top up your bank account with another \$500.

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ROYAL LIFE SAVING

ENROLMENTS OPEN

GET IN QUICK!







MODBURY

9:00AM-12:00PM



Get ready for muddy fun on Friday 6 October

Roll around in the mud, make potions and seed bombs, build a cubby, become a next generation pollinator and immerse yourself in everything the great outdoors has to offer

Other children's entertainment and educational stalls will be on site as well as multiple food vendors to cater to all your snack, coffee and lunch needs.

This free, family friendly, mud play event is conducted in partnership with Nature Play SA.

Event time: 10am-3pm



Join our playgroup - it's FREE

MONDAY 10am - 12.00pm (School term only)

Keithcot Farm Children's Centre 5 Keithcot Farm Dve Wynn Vale

Call Kate R: 0456 898 937

Children's



2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Modbury, SA

Swim

SURVIVE



Free workshop

Holiday

Swim





Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.





18th and 19th October 2023 9.30am - 2.30pm



Sferas Park Suites & Convention Centre 191 Reservoir Road neservoir adbury 5091

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided

- · The diversity of autism
- Understanding sensory
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.







IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3

Festival of Music Concert Pod 1 Gorge Wildlife Excursion Tuesday 19th September

Hiragana Competition Thursday 21st September

Children's University
Final passport submission day
Friday 22nd September

SAPSASA Tag Rugby Friday 22nd September

Final Day of Term 3
Friday September 29th 2023
Wear Your Team Colours
Early Dismissal 2.05pm

** Sports Day ** Friday 27th October 2023

** Pupil Free Day **
Friday 3rd November 2023

Fundraising with Drakes Supermarkets

Download the Drakes app to support our school fundraising efforts.

myDrakes.

Absentee SMS: 0408 482 972

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



KEITHCOT FARM PS COMMUNITY PAGE

A <u>closed group</u> 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 <u>public page</u> 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 <u>public group</u> for all posts regarding 2nd hand uniform only.

KEITHCOT FARM PS SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP

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

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