

KEITHCOT FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Community Engagement

Last year when we conducted the annual Parent Survey, one of the highest responses indicated that parents felt that their opinions weren't taken seriously.

The previous year we did a Kids Matter survey for parents which highlighted a need for us to "Build a more positive school community with a sense of belonging."

This really struck a chord with us, as research has shown that educating our children is best achieved through strong relationships between parents and carers, and their child's school.

Parent engagement is a priority focus for us and to help achieve this we have:

- Engaged Alison Nelson as our Community Liaison Officer to increase our connection with our school and school community.
- Commenced fortnightly 'Coffee and Chat' sessions after assembly where parents are invited to come and chat with the leadership team while enjoying a coffee and morning tea.
- Increased our transparency with what is happening in our school by communicating on a regular basis through our Newsletters, Skoolbag, emails and facebook.

Volunteers at our school can also bring our community together. We are fortunate to have many wonderful volunteers who support us through; Fundraising, Governing Council, School Banking and the many areas of Classroom Support. We could not function successfully without our volunteers.

We are constantly seeking more volunteers for all of the roles above. No experience is necessary. If you want to know more about what is happening in our school, or want to have more of a say, please consider becoming a volunteer.

The benefits of becoming a volunteer include; having more input into your child's school, meeting new people, developing real life skills and knowing you are making a difference. We do value parent opinions and we are passionate about building a more positive school community with a sense of belonging. However we need your help to do that.

Please contact the school if you would like to register your interest for any of our volunteer roles.

Staffing News

We would like to congratulate Kris Batsiokis who was successful in winning a permanent teaching position at Keithcot Farm Primary School.

Our Assistant Principal role is in the selection process and you will be advised of the outcome as soon as it becomes available.

Carol Farnworth

WE NEED YOU!
TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

RESILIENCE EFFORT SAFETY PERSISTENCE EMPATHY CREATIVITY TEAMWORK



INNOVATIVE AND ENGAGING LEARNING

Keithcot Farm Primary School is committed to innovative and engaging teaching and learning.

This commitment has resulted in many new programs being trialled and implemented across the school R-7.

Here are some programs being run in different classes;



Genius Hour affords students the opportunity to study what they are passionate about for an hour a week. It teaches problem solving, inquiry and research skills. Some problems and questions currently being investigated by our students include;

Problem- Cars use fossil fuels, which are bad for the environment.

Question- Can I build a magnetic car that doesn't use fossil fuel? Tom. K

Problem- Some people are scared of flying and can't visit overseas.

Question- Can I create a road to connect every country together so they can drive? Noah E

Problem- Some dog foods are expensive and unhealthy.

Question- Can I create a new cheap, healthy dog food? Beau K

We look forward to seeing what the students present at the end of their research.



Teachers from year 3-5 have been attending training being run by Mathematics expert, Tierney Kennedy.

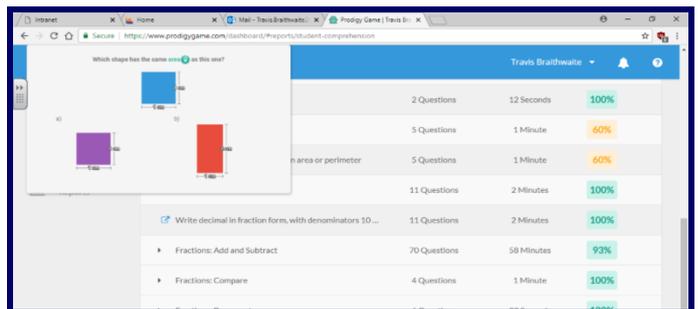
The training has focused around correcting student misconceptions and engaging all students with a problem solving approach.

Although the program is relatively new, we have seen some tremendous success in the participating classes (between 2-5 years growth for some students and classes).



Many students have joined up to an online mathematics program called Prodigy Maths. Prodigy Maths is an engaging program that requires maths fluency and problem solving in order to progress through its levels. It has been adopted by many classrooms as part of their homework routine or implemented as part of a balanced maths program.

Teachers can see what problems students are attempting and what they need support with. In addition to tracking their personal achievement (aligned with the national curriculum), it also allows teachers to set assignments and focus on topics they are studying at school.



Thank you for your continued support

Travis Braithwaite - KFPS Coordinator

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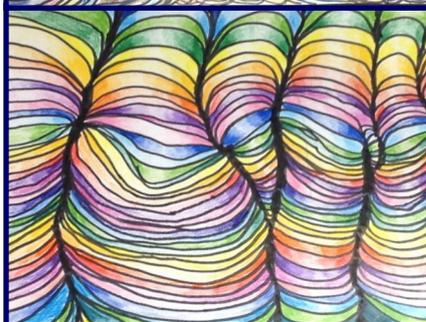
Reading:
The students have been busy achieving their reading certificates.



Book week:
The children had a great day dressing up as their favourite book character.



Japanese drumming:
The class enjoyed the visiting drummers.



Art: We have been investigating patterns and 3D drawing.

Assembly: P2D hosted the assembly in our pyjamas. The whole school raised \$800 for Back Packs 4 SA Kids to buy pyjamas for kids in care.



H3A's Reception Class

H3A have been learning about living and non-living things. We have been observing and investigating what living things need to survive.



Comparing garden worms with lolly worms



Meet Isabel and Fred—Our class pets. They are spiny leaf insects and are helping us learn about the needs of animals.



Planting seeds
We can't wait to watch them change and grow



Scientific drawings of our spiny leaf insects

Science Technology Engineering Maths

In Terms 2 and 3 in STEM, students have learnt to build and program the Riley Robots using algorithms to program simple movements (forward, back, left and right), then add sensors to provide the robot with information from the surrounding environment (Ultra-Sonic for distance, Colour/Light, Touch and Gyro/ Sound Sensors). Students work in groups to support and learn from each other and then document their progress while having a fun time learning .



SPORTS REPORT

SAPSASA Netball - Our 2 girl's netball teams participated in our District Netball Carnival on Friday 24th August. Both teams finished 2nd in their divisions. Congratulations to the girls and Mrs Clayton for their efforts.

SAPSASA Boys Soccer - On 30th August our year 6/7 boys played in the District Soccer carnival. Mr Batsiokis who coached the team was so proud of the effort from our boys, often playing against boys that were much taller. The boys came away with a draw and they should be proud of their efforts on a testing day. Thank you to the fantastic parents that supported the team on the day.

SAPSASA Girl's Football - Our year 6/7 girls played in the District Football Carnival on 30th August. Some of our girls had never played football before. After a slow start, the girls started to hit form often kicking into extreme wind. In the end the girls ended up with 2 wins and 3 losses which is a fantastic effort. Many thanks to Mr Rowland who helped out with coaching and also thank you to the wonderful parents that helped with transport for both the boys and girls teams.

Saturday morning football team - Our year 4/5 football team had a presentation night at King's on Monday 27th August. Students were awarded trophies on the night. A huge thank you to Clive Williams and all the parents for their support this year. Please email me, Kym.Stocker655@schools.sa.edu.au if your child is interested in playing school football on Saturday mornings in 2019. We are also on the look out for new football coaches.

Sports Day is in the last week of this term, Thursday 27th September. We have finalized all the Sports Day teams. Parents, if you are unsure which team your child is in, teachers have put up the lists in the classroom windows for all to see. Don't forget siblings are in the same team and students can wear a plain t-shirt in your team's colour. Students must wear a school hat or wide-brimmed hat on the day.

Sports Day is one of the biggest and best days of the year on the school calendar and we would love to see many people there on the day!

Kym Stocker - PE Teacher

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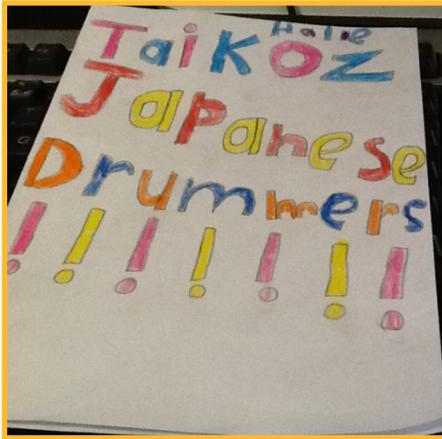


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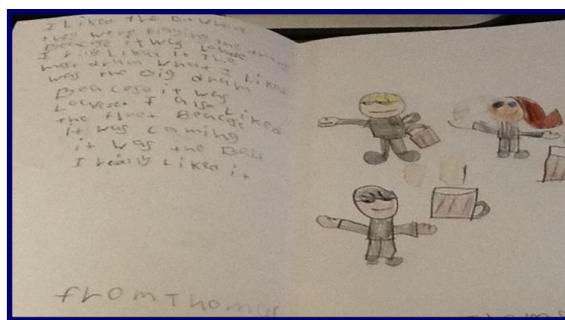
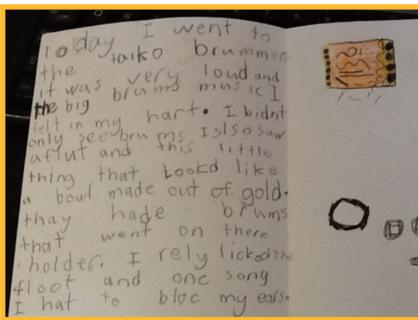
TAIKOZ DRUMMERS

On the 28th August we had a group of Japanese Drummers called Taikoz visit Keithcot Farm Primary School. These 3 performers were vibrant performers who got all the students and teachers up dancing. Some students were even lucky enough to play the drums or cymbals .

P2A and P2B have done some fantastic writing and drawing for about Taikoz.



TAIKOZ



WAKAKIRRI PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to our Wakakirri Performers who represented our school at the Entertainment Centre on August the 15th. We came away with some fantastic feedback and won the best environmental story award, best set and props and other accolades.

Well Done to all involved! Fantastic Teamwork!



DAILY TIME TABLE

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| HOME ROOM | 8.55 - 9.00 |
| LESSON 1 | 9.00 -9.50 |
| LESSON 2 | 9.50 -10.40 |
| RECESS | 10.40 - 11.00 |
| LESSON 3 | 11.00 -11.50 |
| LESSON 4 | 11.50 -12.40 |
| LUNCH EATING | 12.40 - 12.50 |
| LESSON 5 | 12.50 - 1.40 |
| LUNCH PLAY | 1.40 - 2.10 |
| LESSON 6 | 2.10 - 3.00 |
| HOME ROOM | 3.00 - 3.05 |

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 20th September
Festival Choir Performance

Tuesday 25th September
Japanese Hiragana Competition

Thursday 27th September
Sports Day

Friday 28th September
Last Day of Term 3
Early Dismissal 2.05pm

Monday 15th October
First Day of Term 4

KFPS SPRING FAIR
OCTOBER 27TH 11am - 4pm



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KEITHCOT FARM PS COMMUNITY PAGE

A closed page for parents to communicate and connect with the school & other parents / caregivers. It is also a place to buy and sell 2nd hand uniform.

KEITHCOT FARM PS SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP

This closed page is for parents and caregivers of KFPS Special Needs Students. It is there to ask any questions, share information and connect with other parents and somewhere to help you know you are not alone when you walk through the gates of KFPS.

KEITHCOT KING'S OSHC

All bookings for the upcoming school holiday vacation care program need to be made by Friday the 21st September.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Our Keithcot Farm Community Members are invited after each assembly to come and have a coffee in the Children's Centre Community Room.

Catch up with friends or make new ones while our senior students entertain your little ones. Meet with leadership and find out what is happening in your school.

COME AND JOIN US!



UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

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School Tour



You're Invited

Please join our school tour followed by the opportunity to meet our Principal, Nigel Gill, for refreshments and a conversation about your child's education in a relaxed atmosphere on

Wednesday 12th September 2018 from 9:00am to 10:15am

Are you looking for a **leading school** for your child as they enter Year 8 schooling?

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Bookings are essential. Please book online at <http://theheights.sa.edu.au/tour> or contact Dani Camillo 8263 6244

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