

# KEITHCOT FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I have almost come to the end of my first year as Principal of Keithcot Farm School and I have really enjoyed all that has been achieved in 2018. Some of our highlights have been:

- Completing and having a special opening for our new playground areas.
- Having a successful Spring Fair which showcased our unified school community.
- Our NAPLAN results have continued on an upward projectory.
- Having regular 'Coffee and Chats' with parents and staff.
- The implementation of bullying and well-being audits in Week 5 of every term to give all students a voice - our student Engagement and Well-being Surveys demonstrated that all forms of bullying have decreased this year.
- Implementing a regular Newsletter to improve our communication – Thanks Alison Nelson.

I thank all staff, students and parents for their support in ensuring that 2018 has been a great year for me. I look forward to many more years of working together to create the best possible learning environment for your children.

*Have a wonderful Christmas and safe New Year. Enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2019.*

### Staffing News

Congratulations to Alison McGill who has won our permanent Performing Arts teaching position as Anne O'Dea has won a teaching position at Ardtornish Primary. Our SSO Penne Currie has also won a position at Mawson Lakes Primary for 2019. Anne and Penne will be missed by our school community, but we wish them all the best at their new schools. We also wish Georgia Clayton all the best for her maternity leave and the birth of her first child in 2019.

*Carol Farnworth*

**RESILIENCE EFFORT SAFETY PERSISTENCE EMPATHY CREATIVITY TEAMWORK**

# YEAR 6/7 AQUATICS CAMP 2018

On Monday the 19th to Wednesday the 21st of November the year 6/7's went on our Aquatics camp at Encounter Lakes in Victor Harbor. On the first day we went body boarding and surfing which was a great way to escape the heat and fun to splash around with our friends. That evening we went on a hour and half night walk along the beach. The following day we went for a short walk to a cafe and participated in other aquatic activities such as kayaking and surf rescue drills. The weather was really up and down for Tuesday. It was wet, windy and freezing. Later that night we all engaged in a talent show where Mr B dressed up as Stavros speaking in his Greek accent making everyone laugh. On Wednesday everyone had an early start to the day ready to go home but we still went snorkelling and watched movies. It was a really fun time. We wished that it could have been more than just 2 nights and even though the weather wasn't great we all had a really great time.

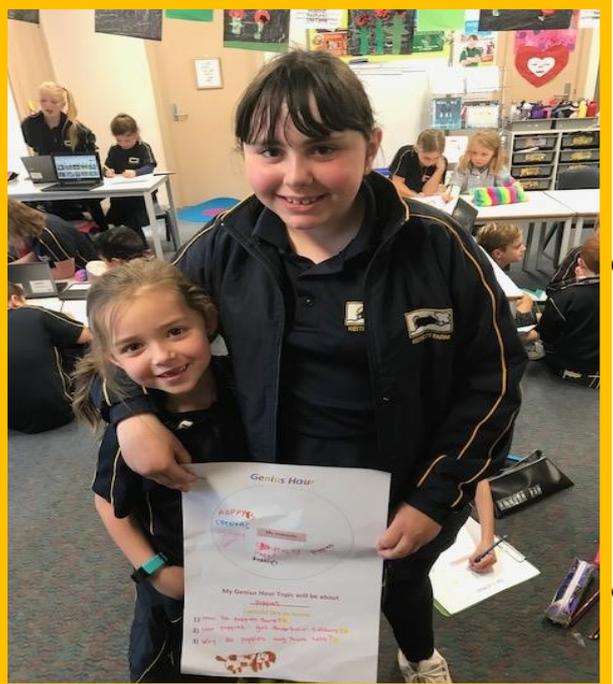
By Katie Story from P3C



# G3n1u5 HOuR Buddy Class

By P3D

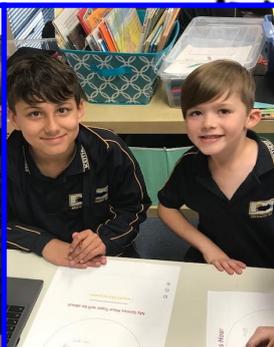
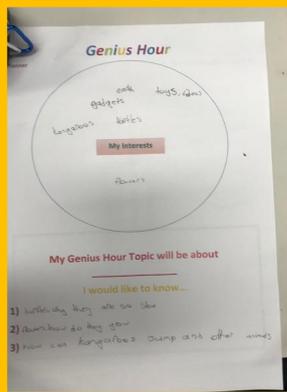
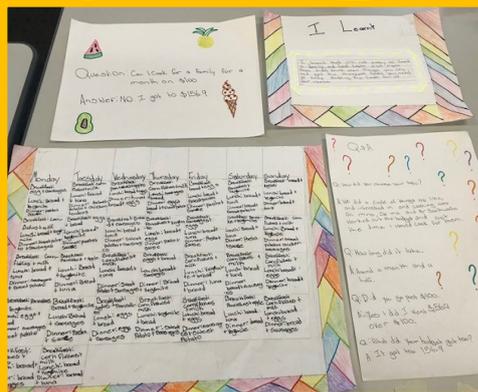
Students in Pod 3D and H3A have been doing Genius Hour projects. The foundation students researched into a topic they wanted to learn more about. The Pod 3D students worked independently on theirs, while supporting the younger students with their work. Everyone did a fantastic job. Here are some pictures of us working together, stretching and growing our brains. Our big ideas and research will be on display soon.



What do I want to learn about?

What problems do I want to solve?

What creative ideas do I have?



# Congratulations to our Volunteers of the Year



**Bridie Barker**



**Wendy Eddleston**

At our week 6 assembly we presented two wonderful women with Volunteer of the Year Awards. Bridie Barker, the head of our 2018 fundraising committee was presented the KFPS Volunteer of the Year award by our Chairman Darren Walker. Wendy Eddleston, our netball coordinator and fundraising committee member was presented the Wright Volunteer of the Year award by Mr Blair Boyer MP.

**We thank you both for your commitment to the KFPS Community during 2018.**

## Volunteer Morning Tea

On Tuesday the 27th of November the staff provided a thank you morning tea for all our wonderful volunteers who have done an amazing job assisting us throughout 2018.



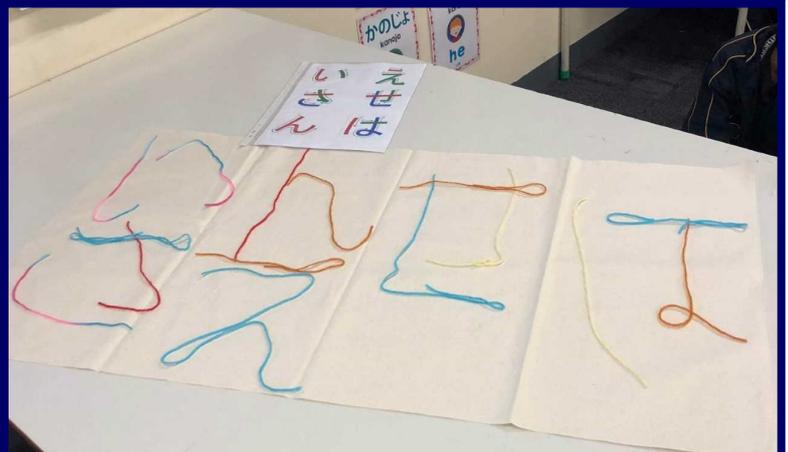
# JAPANESE CHARACTER RECOGNITION

In Japanese H1B and H2A students had some fun while learning by having a treasure hunt in our dry creek bed. The students had to find stones with Japanese alphabet on them and make words from the characters they collected. A creative way to learn character recognition while making use of our fantastic outdoor space.



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THE CLASSES ALSO MADE  
JAPANESE CHARACTERS  
OUT OF WOOL



# WELL DONE



Leveled Literacy Intervention



Our students who participated in our numeracy and literacy intervention programs have been presented with their certificates at the week 6 and week 8 assemblies. We are so proud of all of their effort in moving closer to or achieving their goal. Well Done to all of them and also to the parents and caregivers for supporting them in their learning.

## \*\*\*\* NEW School Improvement Plan \*\*\*\*

A new school improvement model has been developed to support the growth of every child and young person in our education system. This includes the development of a Site Improvement Plan at each school in consultation with teaching staff, leaders and our Education Director.

A copy of our newly endorsed Site Improvement Plan can be viewed on our website in the about section school documents or by clicking on this link : <https://bit.ly/2U7NiR7>

This document will inform you of our current goals, actions and targets in key areas of learning improvement at our school. This working document will focus our direction over the next 3 years. Any questions regarding the Site Improvement Plan can be directed to our Leadership team Carol Farnworth, Kym Dinedios or Helen Dunlop.

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## PE NEWS

Congratulations to James Gray on his selection and participation in the District Cricket team that played at the State SAPSASA carnival.

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who volunteered to help or came out to support our students at various sporting events. Congratulations to all our students on some great sporting achievements in 2018.

**Kym Stocker - PE Teacher**



## Christmas On The Hill

Our Choir once again teamed up with King's Baptist School Choir to perform at Christmas on the Hill. It was another successful event for the King's Baptist Church Community and it is always a pleasure for our school to be a part of a fantastic community event. A big thankyou to Alison McGill for all your work and well done to all the students who participated.



**We wish our  
KFPS Community  
a safe, happy  
Christmas and  
holiday season.**



*Merry Christmas  
from Keith*

You are invited to the



## KFPS End of Year Concert

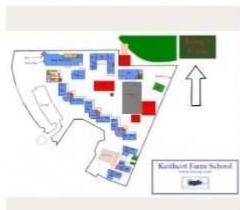
A special night we come together as a school community to celebrate Christmas and the end of our school year with music, song and dance.

**Date:** Monday 10th of Dec

**Time:** 6pm - 7.30pm (approx)

**Location:** King's Baptist Gym

(No food or Drink allowed inside the gym)



**Governing Council will have an information table where our BP4SAK donation tins and raffles will be available prior to the performances commencing.**

### KFPS Giving Tree Project

This year we will be collecting cash donations to go to the charity Backpacks 4 SA Kids Christmas Drive.

**OUR 2 SPORTS MEMORABILIA RAFFLE PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN ON THE NIGHT**



### ADELAIDE CROWS

SIGNED 2018 TEAM FOOTBALL

with Certificate of Authenticity

**RAFFLE TICKETS \$1 each**

Available in the front office until 3.05pm on December 10<sup>th</sup> or at the End of Year Concert where the raffle will be drawn.

(no change available in the office - correct money only)



### Ashes To Ashes

Framed Mini Cricket Bat Signed by Mitchell Johnson

for the 2013/2014 Ashes Series with Certificate of Authenticity

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**Our Governing Council will have a table at the End of Year Concert where you can buy raffle tickets and donate to Backpacks 4 SA Kids.**

**Our Chairman Darren Walker and GC Member Bernard Toonen will represent the Governing Council and are happy to speak to anyone wishing to know more about the role of Governing Council and answer any questions you may have.**

**We Welcome You to Join us on Governing Council in 2019!**

## DAILY TIME TABLE

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**

Dec 10th - End of Year Concert

Dec 11th - Year 7 Graduation

Dec 12th - Year 7's Big Day Out

Dec 13th - P3D & P1B - Waterworld

Dec 14th - Last Day of the School Year  
**EARLY DISMISSAL 2.05PM**

### **2019 DIARY DATES**

**First Day - Tuesday January 29th**

**Pupil Free Day - Monday March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Pupil Free Day - Monday April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Pupil Free Day – Friday August 30<sup>th</sup>**

**School Closure Day – Monday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Pupil Free Day – Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>**



Find us on  
**Facebook**

### **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.

### **SCHOOL BANKING**

**A BIG THANK YOU TO**

**KIRSTY WARWICK, LEXIE LEITINGER  
AND ALICIA HARRISON**

**FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS IN 2018**

### **COFFEE AND CHAT**

**THANK YOU TO ALL**

**THE PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS**

**WHO ATTENDED**

**OUR COFFEE AND CHAT**

**SESSIONS IN 2018**

**COME AND JOIN US IN 2019**



**\*\* UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY \*\***

**\*\* OPENING TIMES \*\***

**9AM–3PM**

**JANUARY 22ND and 24TH 2019**