



Keithcot Farm Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3

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Welcome Back From The Principal

Dear Families,

We have enjoyed a great first few weeks at school. It has been great to see the students settling back into their learning routines. Learning programs are in full swing and this is what we're about – providing quality learning every lesson, every day for our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the parents of our new reception students to our school. If you missed it, we also have a number of new staff starting this year: Emily Gough (Year 1 classroom teacher), Jacob Crowhurst (Year 4 classroom teacher), Maddy Doolin (Year 6 classroom teacher), Natalie Ozella (RAAP Teacher), Tanya Frohloff (Business Manager / Finance) and Cathy Nias (Library SSO). Welcome to all of them, too!

School Learning Plan

As part of the [Strategy for Public Education](#), we have developed a Site Learning Plan for Keithcot Farm Primary School. This plan documents our improvement priorities: where we are at, where we want to get to and how we might get there. It is a continually evolving document and we will be consulting with parents as part of this process.

Our focus as a school is on **Wellbeing** – this is about our learners feeling safe, included, and valued. It is about giving them access to support, experiences, teaching, and resources to build their resilience and social and emotional skills to positively and confidently engage in learning. Within this, we are focusing on **Cognitive engagement**: Learners having the mental capability to engage actively in learning and feel stretched and challenged.

The areas of action in our Learning Plan to support this at our school are:

- **Berry Street Education Model** (Trauma Informed Practice). This model helps educators gain new perspectives, strategies and skills to build safer, healthier and more engaging classrooms for all students. Our Pupil Free Days in Terms 2 and 3 will be focused on this.
- **DFE Scope and Sequence for Phonics**. This is a practical guide to support teaching phonics and reading, as well as building consistency across classes and learning routines.
- **SA Curriculum: Mathematics**. See below for more information.

Pupil Free Day – Friday 14th February Tomorrow we will be holding our first Pupil Free Day of 2025. Teachers are learners, too, and we are always improving our teaching by building teacher knowledge and understanding. In 2024 the South Australian Government released a new **South Australian Curriculum for Public Education** - an adapted version of the Australian Curriculum. The new South Australian Curriculum framework outlines the essential knowledge, capabilities and dispositions in each learning area, with English and Mathematics a key focus, along with Arts and Languages. A short video explaining the new curriculum can be viewed [here](#). As part of a staged roll-out, Maths is the first learning area that all schools will engage in. Our focus in tomorrow's Pupil Free Day will therefore be on Maths. Our teachers will be working with Golden Grove Primary School to explore the new SA Curriculum: Mathematics, and learning about how this can improve their teaching in this critical area. A big part of this is ensuring that all students are **stretched** and **challenged** in maths, building resilience, persistence and enjoyment! This links to our new School Learning Plan focus on building **cognitive engagement** in our students. **Time 2 Play Project** Alongside our local partnership of schools, we are engaging in an exciting new project – Time 2 Play. Time 2 Play is an innovative two-year initiative aimed at transforming learner outcomes through increased unstructured play. This project is influenced by recent research that highlights the benefits of play for enhancing wellbeing, engagement, and learning for children and young people. We'll provide a lot more information about this throughout the year. The current generation of children spend more time on screens and connected to the internet than ever before. A lot of research points to this being potentially harmful to wellbeing and reduces opportunities for unstructured play. It's a fascinating area which we will be learning more about together as a whole community. **High Standards** Following on from my first year, I will continue to expect and promote high standards in everything we do as a school. The mantra "The Standard we Walk Past is the Standard we Accept" continues to frame an ongoing commitment to continual improvement, striving for quality in everything we do. We have had a great start to the year and I don't have to look far to see our high standards in action. We are all looking forward to a wonderful year ahead with lots of exciting and wonderful learning activities planned. Regards

Derek Gallamore Principal

Acquaintance Night

On Tuesday this week we held our **Acquaintance Night** where we welcomed our families into the classrooms to meet the teachers. Thank you to those families who came out in the heat and enjoyed a cool treat with us. We are lucky to have so many beautiful shady trees on our lawn area that provided much needed respite from the sun's rays. We hope you all got to have a chat and look around the learning spaces that your children get to enjoy each day. If you need to

Speak to your child's teacher throughout the year, please make contact with them to make an appointment.



Annual General Meeting

You are invited to join us at our **AGM** next Tuesday the **18th of February at 6pm** in the **Hedley Beare Library**. If you would like to nominate for a position on our Governing Council, please return the nomination form that was emailed out last week or pick up a copy from the front office. Governing Council meet on a Tuesday evening in week 3 and week 8 each term.



KFPS AGM

TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

HEDLEY BEARE LIBRARY 6PM

We are looking for new Governing Council members! If interested, please return the nomination form included in the letter.

Volunteering at KFPS

Volunteering is a rewarding thing to do in your community. At KFPS we are lucky to have parents and caregivers who generously give their time to help us across many areas of the school. We are currently looking for volunteers for our Governing Council and the Fundraising Committee. Other roles include: listening to reading, excursions, camps, library helper, coaching & transport. Contact our admin team to organise a Volunteer Pack. We have included links to the certificates required to volunteer below. [Apply for a WWCC RRHAN Fundamentals Course - via plink](#) [Online General Induction - via plink](#)



Getting Back Into Learning

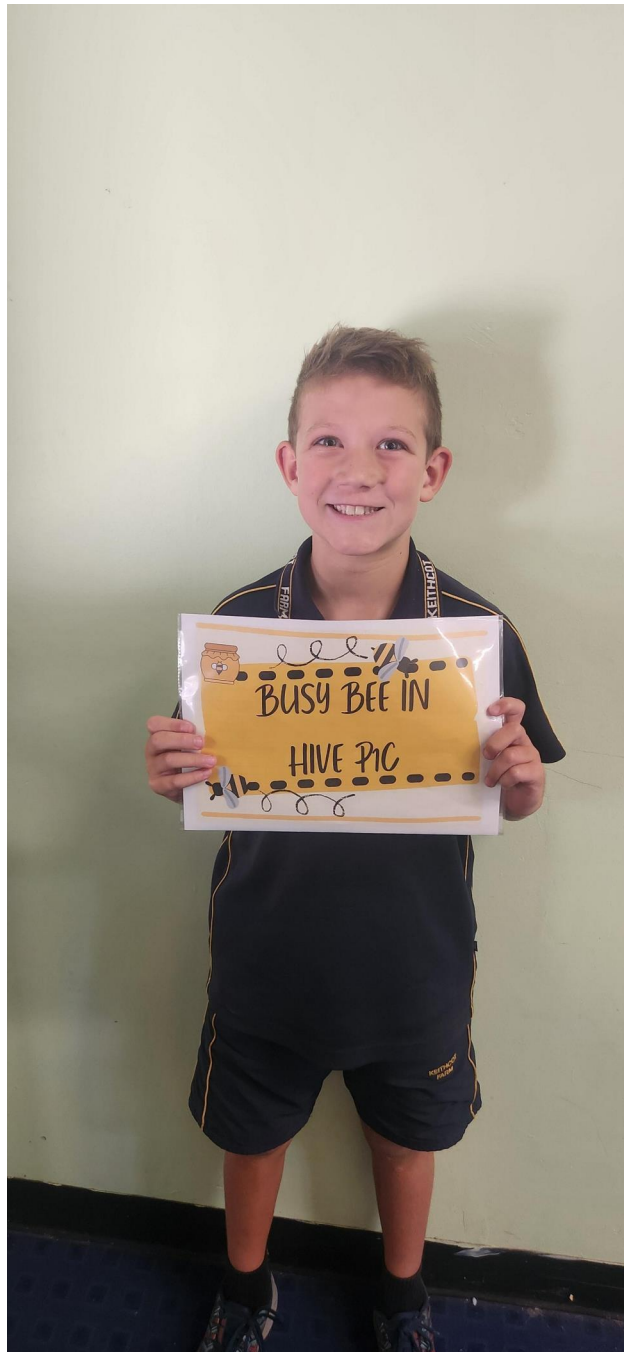
Our classes have re-established routines and expectations to ensure a smooth transition back to regular learning. The students have spent time engaging in activities that promote connection among their peers to ease them back into being in the classroom environment. We have seen lots of smiling faces and we are looking forward to all that 2025 has in store at KFPS. Flip through the photo stack to see the students learning across the school. Check out our year 6 students in their new look Senior Polos. They look very smart!







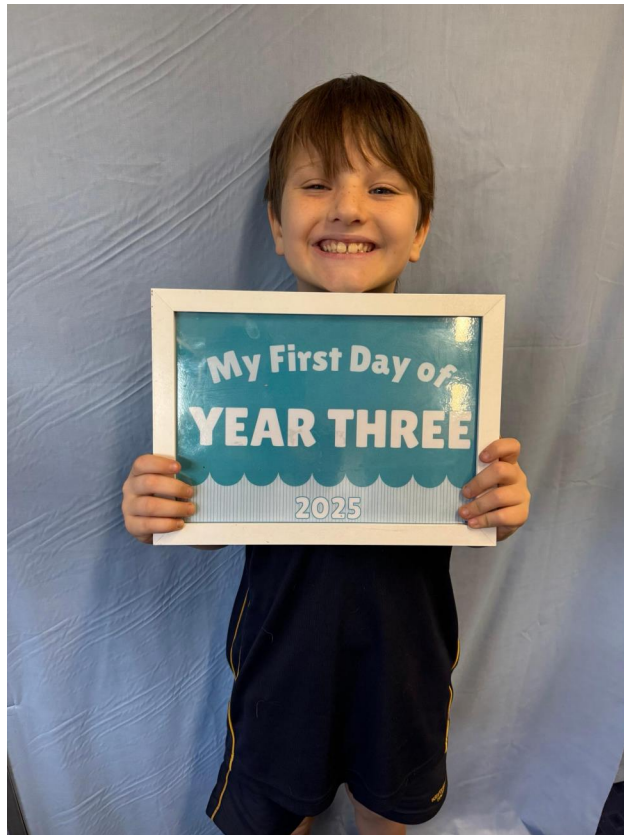


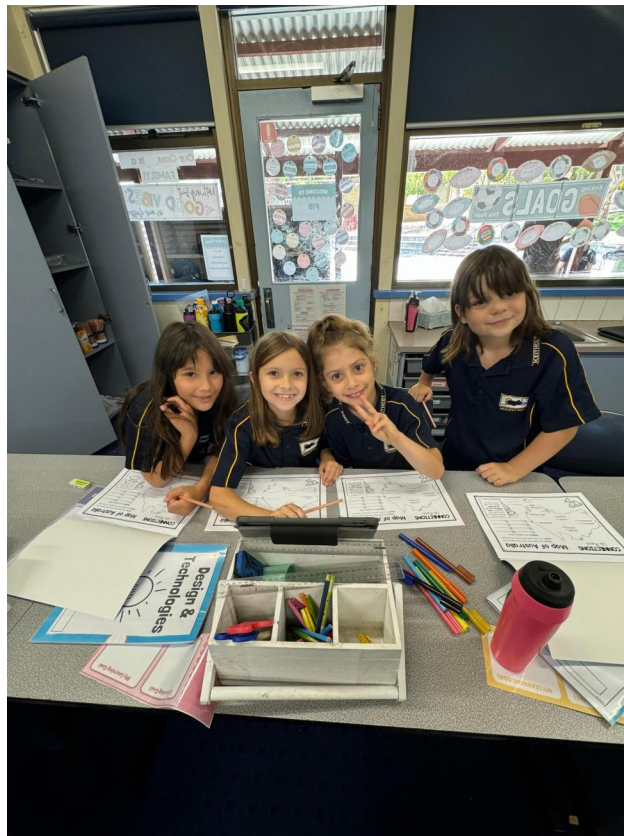


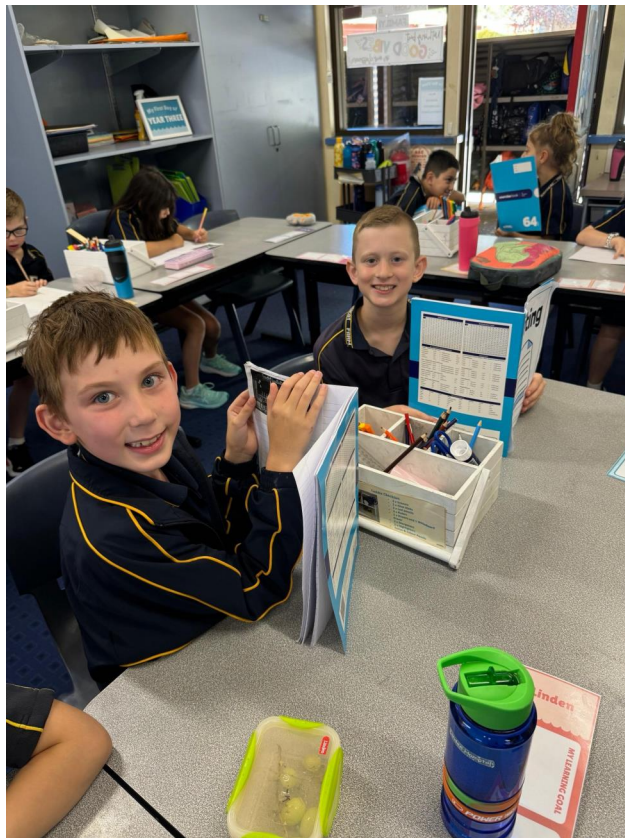
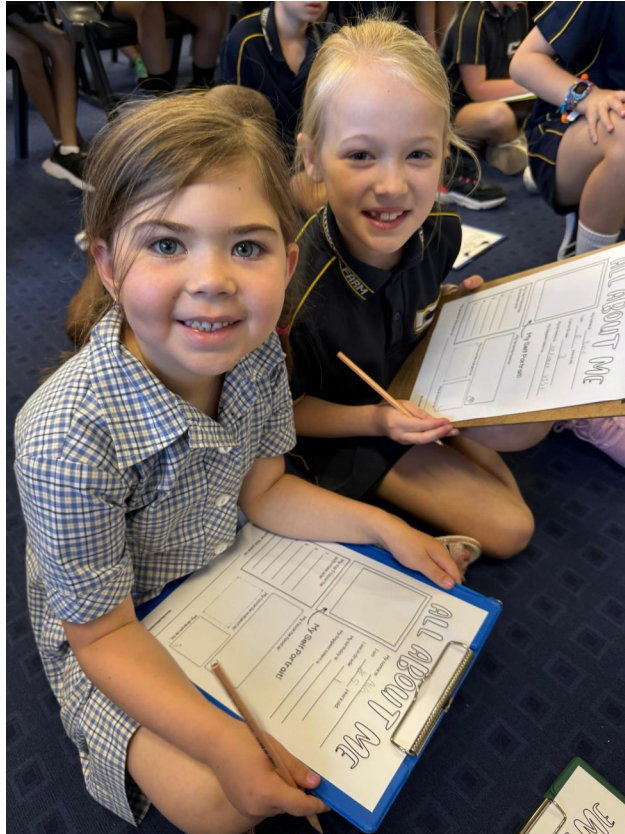


















Premiers' Reading Challenge

The **Premiers' Reading Challenge** booklets have gone home. Classes will visit the Hedley Beare Library each week where we have a huge selection of PRC books for the students to choose from. You can find a list of all the PRC books by following this [Book List](#) link. To qualify, students need to read a minimum of 12 books before the closing date. Once the challenge is complete, please return all PRC booklets to our new Library SSO, **Cathy Nias**. PRC closes on the 5th of September Please Note: Premiers' **Be Active** Challenge Booklets will go out later in term 1.



Important Term 1 Dates

- **Friday 14th February** - Pupil Free Day - OSHC available - 8289 2649
- **Tuesday 18th February** - AGM & GC Meeting from 6pm in the Hedley Beare Library
- **Friday 21st February** - School Tour
- **Monday 3rd March** - SAPSASA Swimming
- **Friday 7th March** - Week 6 Assembly

- **Monday 10th March** - Public Holiday
- **Wednesday 12th March** - NAPLAN starts
- **Tuesday 18th March** - Governing Council meeting
- **Friday 21st March** - School Tour / Harmony Day
- **Friday 28th March** - Week 9 Assembly
- **Friday 4th April** - SAPSASA Boys Football / Girls Netball
- **Monday 7th April - Friday 11th April** - Swimming Week
- **Friday 11th April** - Last Day of Term 1 - Early Dismissal 2.05pm

Reminders

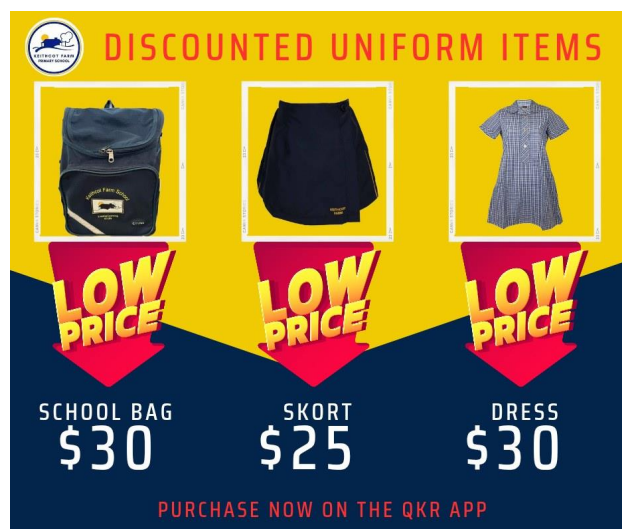
- Please make sure you are connected with your child's **ClassDojo** page to keep up to date with everything happening in their classroom and communicate with the teacher.
- All students who are **late or leaving early** need to be signed in/out in the front office. If your child is late and a parent/caregiver is not present they will be marked as late - **unexplained**. You can text all absences to our admin team on **0408 482 972** or call **8289 1133**. We prefer these methods over email as we receive a large amount of emails and they can get missed during busy periods. All unexplained absences will be sent as a text message to both parents, unless your child signs in at the front office. If your child needs to be picked up early, we required an authorised person to pick them up.
- Please make sure the admin team are aware of any updated **medication plans, custody orders or change of details** to enable us to keep all records current. If you have changed address please be advised that we require proof of residence in the form of council rates notice, rent agreement & bond receipt before our system can be updated. Please return all paperwork handed out in week 1 ASAP to ensure we have your correct details on file.
- If you are planning to travel for 3 days or more an **exemption form** needs to be filled in and returned for processing. These forms can be sent home via the classroom, emailed or picked up from the front office.

- If you need to apply for **school card** please follow this link. [Application Form](#)
- **Discontinued uniform** items are available for sale on the QKR app. Purchases will be sent home via the classroom. Our 5/6 polos (not pictured) are the same as the current polos but with white stripes down the sides. These can be purchased for year 5 and 6 students only. Please Note: some sizes have already sold out. **Stock is limited!**
- **What is Saver Plus? Eligibility applies**

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It is delivered in partnership with
not-for-profit organisations The Smith
Family, Berry Street and BSL.

ANZ and the Department of
Social Services fund it.

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Terms, conditions and eligibility criteria apply.

School Contacts

Keithcot Farm Primary School Website: [Keithcot Farm Primary School](https://www.keithcotfarmprimaryschool.edu.au) **Address:** 5 Keithcot Farm Drive Wynn Vale, SA 5127 **Phone:** 8289 1133 **Absentee SMS:** 0408 482 972 **Email:** dl.1847.info@schools.sa.edu.au **Principal:** Derek Gallamore **Assistant Principal:** Jaye Turnbull **Acting Assistant Principal:** Amy Gray **Business Manager / Finance:** Tanya Frohloff **Administration:** Ali Nelson **Hedley Beare Library:** Cathy Nias



Out of School Hours Care - Keithcot Kings OSHC

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Rory's School Lunches

For all canteen enquiries please call **Rory's Parent Helpline:** (08) 7084 1801 **Menu:** [Keithcot Farm Menu 2025](#) Access the most up to date via the Qkr app. Orders can be placed prior to 8.30am each morning via the Qkr app and up to 2 weeks in advance.



QKR App

School payments can be made using the QKR app. Including lunch orders.



ClassDojo

All our classes use ClassDojo as their communication platform. Click here to log in [ClassDojo](#)



Uniform - Devon Clothing Company

Address: Clovercrest Plaza Shopping Centre,

Shop 24, 429 Montague Road, Modbury.

Phone: 8350 7930

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Opening Hours are:

- Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm
- Saturday 10am - 1pm
- Sunday & Public Holidays - Closed

