

# NEWSLETTER

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Respectful  
Collaborative  
Powerful Learners



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Staff and Student Update:** Our staff for 2024 will remain stable however; we will welcome Niall Dowdall for our year 4/5 class in P3D and Georgia Clayton will return from maternity leave to teach one day a week in a year 5/6 class.

Derek Gallamore, the new principal, has spent a lot of time with me and our leadership team, planning and preparing for next year. He is looking forward to his role as principal at Keithcot Farm Primary School.

Of course, Deb Whittington will also be leaving the school after 25 years of service and we wish her all the best, as she deserves.

Student enrolment has increased to 344 at this stage and could possibly increase further before the end of the year.

Students will be notified of class placements in their reports on Wednesday of week 9 and will visit their new classroom and meet their new class teacher on the Friday.

### Thank you to the Keithcot Farm School Community

It has been an absolute honour and privilege to be part of the Keithcot Farm Primary School Community during the past 22 years.

I applied for this school as a 'School Choice' application and was fortunate to win the position. I taught a year 6/7 class and continued teaching until I won the assistant principal position. In 2018 I became principal of our school. It has been an amazing journey and I don't know how to say goodbye to the vibrant, supportive community that is Keithcot Farm Primary School.

I have come to know so many families and we now have students who are the children of students I taught. I have come full circle and it is now time for me to pursue other exciting adventures and spend more time with my family.

Thank you for my very special 'pink' day yesterday. I felt so honoured coming to school and seeing all the pink on: the boom gate, all the poles, my office, the students, the staff and the parents! What a lovely surprise.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this special community. Thank you for your support and friendship. I will always appreciate and treasure my time here.

*Carol Farnworth*

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!**

**RESPECTFUL**

**COLLABORATIVE**

**POWERFUL LEARNERS**

# Volunteer of the Year Award



In week 6 we announced our Volunteer of the Year recipients. First was Kent Andrews who is part of the Governing Council, fundraising and OSHC committees. Kent was awarded the Member for Wright Award by the Hon. Member for Wright, Blair Boyer. Our Keithcot Farm Primary volunteer of the year was our Treasurer Darren Walker who has been on our Governing Council since 2016. Thank you to all our volunteers who have done an amazing job supporting our school in 2023.



Blair Boyer presented Carol with flowers at the assembly and also acknowledged our SSO, Deb Whittington who will also be retiring at the end of the year after 25 years at KFPS.

## UNIFORM UPDATE

We wish to advise that we are making some changes to our uniform in 2024.

After listening to feedback from our parent community regarding price, quality and availability we have spent some time looking at different options that will suit the needs of our community better.

In consultation with our Governing Council we have looked at alternate uniform where samples were provided that will be longer lasting and higher quality with better pricing.

As a result, we will finish with School Locker at the end of February 2024 and move to Devon Clothing from March 2024.

While going through this process Governing Council also agreed to changing our logo design. We felt it was time to modernise the current logo while keeping the original house design. All uniform manufactured by Devon Clothing will have the new logo (including the 2024-year 6 cohort)

Devon will take over the sale of all current style uniform from March 2024 that will be phased out over a transition period and once the current style is utilised they will start manufacturing stock with the updated logo.

### From March 2024

Devon Clothing is open at:  
Clovercrest Plaza Shopping Centre,  
Unit 24/429 Montague Road, Modbury

### Opening Times

9am – 5pm on Monday - Friday.  
10am – 1pm Saturday

We will no longer have a uniform shop onsite from March 2024.



New Logo



# Pod 3 Camp to Arbury Park





Be Active, Eat Well, Stay Healthy

# PE WEEK



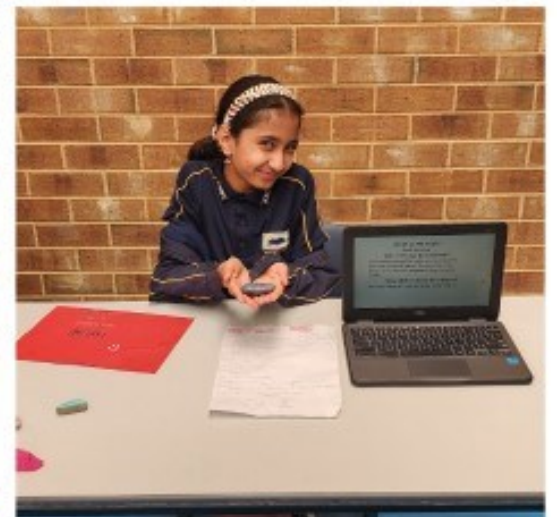
## FINAL SCORES



TEACHERS - 5  
STUDENTS - 8



Pod 3  
Head, Heart, Hands  
Project





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# On Tuesday We Wear Pink!



# We Are Ready To Learn

**House 2  
Foundation  
students have  
had Silk worms  
as class pets  
this term**



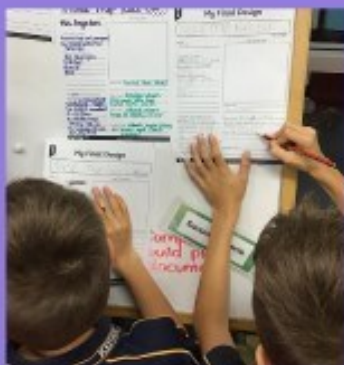
**Year 1/2 Pod  
2AB Maths  
This term they  
have been  
learning all  
about money  
and its value.**

**In Maths our  
year 3's made  
cubes out of  
pop sticks and  
plasticine.**



**Pod 1D have  
been using a  
green (blue)  
screen for a  
project they  
have been  
working on.**

**P3C Year 5/6  
have designed  
their Mouse Trap  
Car s and  
presented them  
to the class**







# PREMIER'S READING Challenge

246

Students participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge in 2023.

This year was the 20th Anniversary and a special certificate was awarded to those students who read 20 books or more.

Well done to all the students who completed the challenge.

# Premier's be active. Challenge

124 students completed the Premier's Be Active Challenge this year.

Congratulations in receiving your medals



## Around The Grounds

**Our groundsman has done the paving around our Peace Pole. The pavers represent the Rotary wheel logo. Rotary are responsible for the Peace Pole project. It will be completed with some plants before the end of term.**

**We are lucky to have a second outdoor learning space go up outside Pod 3. It opened to students this week.**



# BEFORE



Our House 1 garden has had a massive makeover thanks mostly to the hard work of P3B and H1B.

We would especially like to thank Mrs Alesci and her class for getting the grant to make this possible and Amy (a parent from H1B) who has spent hours in our garden



# AFTER

## The Adventures of Keith

Keith has been busy this week after arriving last Friday via the library post box where he was greeted by some very happy students. Keith proceeded to lock himself in the library and took advantage of the photocopier overnight. On Tuesday he helped decorate the school in pink for PINK DAY. On Wednesday Keith hung out in the office and had a meeting with Mrs Farnworth to report back on who had made his naughty and nice lists. On Thursday Keith went offsite to get his graduation outfit ready for next week. Keith will be leaving us next week and you can keep up with Keith's Adventures on our facebook page.



**ALL BOOKS ARE DUE BACK NOW**

Please contact us to discuss lost books, especially students who are leaving the school.

### PLEASE LOOK FOR YOUR OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS!

PLEASE HAVE A GOOD LOOK AT HOME, IN THE CAR AND IN YOUR CLASSROOM AND RETURN ALL BOOKS ASAP.

IF BOOKS HAVE BEEN LOST PLEASE ARRANGE TO PURCHASE A REPLACEMENT COPY OR MAKE A PAYMENT FOR THE BOOK (S). OVERDUE LETTERS/SLIPS HAVE GONE HOME WITH STUDENTS. PLEASE CONTACT THE LIBRARY IF YOU NEED TO DISCUSS.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE FROM THE HEDLEY BEARE LIBRARY TEAM**



## End of Year Concert

Monday 11th December at 6pm

King's Baptist Gym (at the back of the oval)

## End of Year Concert Raffle



1st Prize - Smeg Coffee Machine valued at over \$1350

2nd Prize - Event package for 50 people from Rolling Pizza Oven valued at \$1200

3rd Prize - Stihl Pruner donated by Trent for Rent and hamper from Garden Grove valued at over \$300

4th Prize - Signed Adelaide Strikers BBL Jersey

Plus many more prizes to be won

Tickets: \$2 each - Books need to be returned by Friday 8th Dec  
Winners drawn at the End of Year Concert on the 11th December

This event is tax compliant



Please write the  
ticket holders name  
and contact  
number on the  
ticket stub.

## 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. Our office is closed over the holidays.

Mid year intakes start from 2024.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### **TERM 4**

11th December  
END OF YEAR CONCERT

13th December  
YEAR 6 GRADUATION

13th December  
Pod 1 Beach House

14th December  
Pod 3 WATERWORLD

15th December  
LAST DAY OF THE YEAR  
(early dismissal 2.05pm)



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 tudents.

# FAREWELL

&  
— HAPPY —  
Retirement

TO YOU BOTH



**CAROL**

22 YEARS AT KFPS  
TEACHER  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
PRINCIPAL



**DEB**

25 YEARS AT KFPS  
SCHOOL SUPPORT OFFICER

### Absentee SMS:

**0408 482 972**

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

**FIRST DAY OF 2024**

**MONDAY**

**29TH JANUARY**