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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents in School

It has been great to meet many of you this term as I've settled into life at Keithcot Farm. After the COVID years, it is important to continue to re-build the connection between parents and the school. It has also been great to see more parents in and around school this year, including at assemblies which have been very well attended this term, and whole school events such as our Acquaintance Night.

Volunteering is another great way to be involved with and support our school. This could be a regular thing, or just a one-off such as supporting a class excursion. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the front office so we can explain the process involved.

Next week we hold our Parent teacher interviews. These are invaluable experiences for both teachers and parents to communicate and collaborate on their children's educational progress. Research shows that parent involvement in a child's schooling is strongly associated with their educational success. Celebrate the successes, and together with your child and teacher, work alongside each other to further develop any challenges.

Learning Culture at Keithcot Farm

As we approach the end of the term, it is a very busy time around the school. Our focus on quality learning continues right up until the final bell of the final day. We are proud of our learning culture at Keithcot and it's not only the students who have been learning lots this term.

Teachers are using a new phonics and spelling scope and sequence published by the education department and this has been a lot of new learning for us. This term we have used Week 0 and staff meeting time to continue to upskill teachers with this, as well as provide time for review and consolidation of this new learning. In our pupil free day on Thursday next week all staff will be working together to develop capacity and skills in behaviour management.

We are all learners at Keithcot, and learning is at the centre of everything we do. Our core business. This is who we are and what we are all about.

Yard supervision before school

A reminder that yard supervision starts at 8:35am every morning. Students are not permitted on site before this. If you require care before this time, please contact our OSHC service. The music starts at 8:52, allowing time for students to move to classrooms ready for an 8:55 start. We are monitoring student behaviour before school as we are aware this can be a busy time, especially in front of the pods.

Fundraising

I would like to acknowledge the fantastic work that our fundraising team do. This is an exceptional team of committed, hardworking volunteer parents and you truly make a difference to our school. The recent Zooper Dooper sale raised \$321.80. The Harmony Day sausage sizzle today has raised well over \$500! We have discussed some ideas for using these funds – ideas include new refrigerated water dispensers, re-surfacing the basketball court and purchasing new benches around the school to replace the existing (very old!) ones. We welcome feedback from the school community about what you think or if you have any other ideas. To our fundraising team we say thank you. You are making a difference.

Regards

Derek Gallamore - KFPS Principal

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HARMONY DAY

21ST MARCH 2024



IN JAPANESE, OUR STUDENTS MADE A WREATH USING JAPANESE PATTERNS AND THEY NOTICED THE CONNECTION WITH THE ABORIGINAL CULTURE. JAPANESE PATTERNS ALSO HAVE MEANING.

THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDRAISING TEAM FOR PROVIDING OUR HARMONY DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE. SERVING UP 215 SAUSAGES IN 20 MINUTES IS NO EASY FEAT.

THANK YOU ALSO TO THE PARENTS/CAREGIVERS WHO CAME IN TO SPEAK TO OUR STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR HERITAGE AND CULTURE. MR GALLAMORE SPENT TIME IN CLASS TALKING ABOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM. HE BROUGHT IN SOME MARMITE AND VEGEMITE AND ENGLISH CADBURY CHOCOLATE AND AUSTRALIAN CADBURY CHOCOLATE FOR THE STUDENTS TO COMPARE THE DIFFERENCES AND THEIR SIMILARITIES.

Student Achievement

Eliza H received some very exciting news last week. She has been selected to be a host at the upcoming 2024 Festival of Music Concert Series. For those who have seen Eliza in action you will know she is a natural and will do an amazing job. We are so happy for her and can't wait to see her perform in September.



Congratulations to **Brock S** for coming second place in the 2024 Findon Skid Kids Cycle Speedway Annual Memorial Div 6 Open Championship. Brock was so proud to show off his impressive trophy and we are so proud of Brock whose can do attitude, determination and hard work has certainly paid off. Well done Brock!



P3D IS LEARNING ABOUT MEASUREMENT

Over the last few weeks P3D have been measuring everything around them. They have estimated, investigated and measured the perimeter of classroom objects. They have been learning about area, in particular the area of their shoes using 1cm graph paper. This prompted a lot of discussions about how to calculate the area of irregular shapes. Last week P3D took their learning outside when they made one metre squared tiles out of newspaper and measured the area of the basketball court. What a great visual and engaging way to learn. Well done P3D for thinking outside of the box!



Every day, those working in public education help shape the futures of South Australia's children and young people.

ThankED gives you the chance to celebrate and thank Department for Education employees who make a difference in many ways, every day.

Follow the link below to THANK and ACKNOWLEDGE a KFPS staff member (teacher or SSO) who has made a difference to the school community you are a part of.

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/webforms/thanked>



WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TOY DRIVE

Meet Shaelyn and Indi.

They want your help to support the Women's and Children's Hospital. Starting on March 18th, they will be collecting toys and entertainment gear to support children staying there.

The WCH relies on donations to support children's stays. All donations must be brand-new for health and safety reasons. The WCH is after the toys and entertainment gear listed on this page.

Health and Safety Information

The WCH can't take second-hand gear, wooden toys, choking hazards or toys that imitate weapons.

We are very proud of Shaelyn and Indi for leading this initiative and look forward to seeing our community get behind them

Items Needed

- Fidget and sensory toys
- Teen LEGO, Arts and crafts, notebooks, journals, colouring in for all ages
- Diamond Art, Watercolour paint sets
- Blank canvases, Sticker by numbers
- Paint by numbers for teens
- Card games (UNO, UNO Flip, Monopoly Deal, Skip-Bo, Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza, Exploding Kittens)
- Bluetooth speakers and earphones/headphones
- Power banks for mobile phones
- Game console vouchers, e.g. Xbox or PlayStation credits
- Mindfulness colouring books & gel pens
- Portable DVD players
- LED strip lights, Robotics kits, Novelty USB drives
- Baby toys – esp. light up/music, musical mats, baby books and blocks
- Arts and craft supplies (stickers, sketch books, stationery kits, origami paper, diamond art, dream catchers, mosaic kits, water colour paints and brushes)
- Fidget and sensory toys, squishy toys
- Popular TV character items e.g. Bluey, Paw Patrol, Peppa Pig
- Nightlights/projectors, Hot wheels
- Playdough and slime, dinosaurs, AFL and soccer merchandise
- Musical instruments
- Barbies, Superheroes
- Toy and remote-control cars/trucks
- Cause and effect toys
- Pencils and textas
- Board Games



LUNCH CLUBS

- The Premier's Be Active Challenge has returned to KFPS in 2024. This program is open to all students from Foundation to Year 6. Booklets need to be returned to Ali Nelson in the front office and must be in by the end of term 2. Medals will be presented to students in November.
- The Premier's Reading Challenge sheets have gone out to all students and once completed they must be returned by the 6th of September 2024 and medals will also be presented to students in November.
- Children's University has started. Thankyou to the 30 Students who have paid for and returned their CU paperwork. Passports and portal login information has gone out and we look forward to seeing all the amazing work you do in 2024. All work handed in needs to be completed to a satisfactory standard before hours are awarded. Mr Braithwaite will be coordinating Children's University and passports need to handed in to the front office regularly for stamping.

Check out cuaustralasia.com for more information about Children's University learning destinations .



KEITHCOT FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEGO CLUB

POD 1 CENTRAL
EVERYDAY AT LUNCH PLAY



Book Making Club

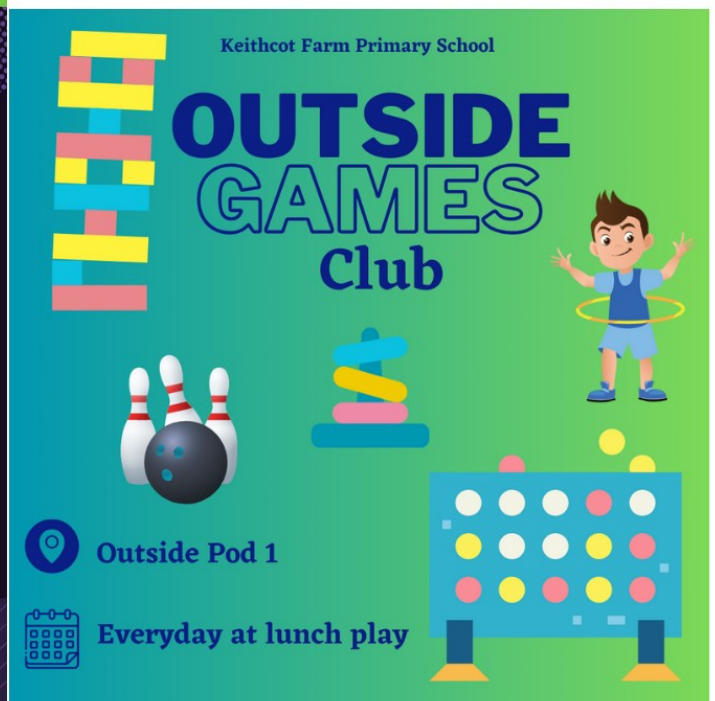
Benches near the creek
Everyday at lunch play



KEITHCOT FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

DANCE CLUB

P1A
EVERYDAY AT LUNCH PLAY



Keithcot Farm Primary School

OUTSIDE GAMES CLUB

Outside Pod 1
Everyday at lunch play



VOLUNTEER



We are so lucky at KFPS to have a large number of volunteers who fulfil so many wonderful roles around our school. Below we have listed the two largest groups of volunteers who come together to make a difference and build relationships within our school community. Please feel free to reach out to them to find out more about volunteering from the people on the front line. We have many other volunteers who do important things like reading in class, sports team coaches, excursion/camp helpers and more. If you would like to volunteer please contact the office to have a volunteer pack sent out to you or drop in for a chat and we will provide you with the information.

2024 Governing Council

Bernard Toonen - Chairperson

Vince Perre - Deputy Chairperson

Kent Andrews - Treasurer /OSHC Rep

Kelly McDonald - Fundraising Rep

Nicole McKenna

Darren Walker

Melissa Malone

Paul Saliba

Brian Monger

Kate Huitema

Nicola Wehrman

Staff Members

Derek Gallamore - Principal

Travis Braithwaite - Assistant Principal

Kris Batsiokis - Teacher Rep

Ali Nelson - Community Rep / Minutes

2024 Fundraising Committee

Susan Toonen - Chairperson

Kelly McDonald - Secretary / GC Rep

Nicole McKenna

Kate Huitema

Nicola Wehrman

Kent Andrews

Jaime Gregson

Amanda Kent

Aimee Lawson

Staff Members

Derek Gallamore - Principal

Ali Nelson - Staff Coordinator

**WE PUT THE
FUN
IN FUNDRAISING**



**JOIN US IN 2024 /2025
CALL US TO BOOK A TOUR**

**Keithcot Farm Primary
at 5 Keithcot Farm Dr
Wynn Vale**



8289 1133

dl.1847.info@schools.sa.edu.au Principal Derek Gallamore

**OUR NEXT PRINCIPAL TOUR IS ON
WEDNESDAY 3RD OF APRIL @ 9AM**

**We have a new mid year
foundation class starting**

**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 term 3 of 2024 or in 2025 and you wish to book a tour, please contact our front office team on 8289 1133 to arrange a time and date that is suitable. We would love to welcome you to Keithcot Farm Primary.

We have a new foundation class starting in Term 3 2024. Book in for the Principal Tour on the 3rd of April Now!

The KFPS Fundraising Committee presents



**WEDNESDAY
8TH
MAY
2024**

**SECOND
CHANCE FOR
PURCHASING
ON THURSDAY
9TH MAY
AT LUNCH PLAY**

**Cards are \$1
Gifts between
\$4 and \$8**



THIS EVENT IS TAX COMPLIANT

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Drakes Community Dollars

**Download the Drakes app and select
Keithcot Farm Primary School in the
Community Dollars section to support our
school.**





DISCOUNTED UNIFORM ITEMS FOR SALE

We have uniform items on sale at discounted rates until they are sold out. These items remain part of the current uniform but will be phased out over the next few years as part of our transition to the new uniform provider. Payment can be made on the Qkr app and uniform will be sent home via the classroom. Please make sure to select the correct size. The white striped polo is only for year 5 / 6 students. All remaining uniform items can be ordered through Devon Clothing as stated in communication that went home to families.

Devon clothing is located at:
 Clovercrest Plaza Shopping Centre
 24 / 429 Montague Road
 Modbury SA 5092
 Ph: 8350 7930

Follow the link below to order online

<https://onlinestore.devonclothing.com.au/shop-by-school/keithcot-farm-primary-school/>

← Keithcot Farm Primary School School Payments			
Payments	Camps	SAPSASA	Uniforms
	school bags school bag	\$30.00	
	Dress Foundation to Year 6	\$30.00	
	Skorts Foundation to Year 6	\$25.00	
	YEAR 5/6 WHITE STRIPED POLO TOP	\$25.00	



Receive up to \$500 from ANZ for your 2025 back to school costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Terms and conditions apply.



saverplus
saverplus.org.au




Being with BIG feelings

Big feelings are a typical part of childhood but can be a very bumpy road for parents and carers to navigate. Come along to this FREE workshop to learn more about the emotional world of your child.

Topics that will be covered include:

- Why Big Feelings happen
- How to support your child with regulating their emotions
- How to support your child with transitions and separation anxiety
- How to strengthen your relationship with your child

The content will be most relevant for children 0-8 years, but any parents or carers most welcome to attend.



WHEN: 26th of March, Creche opens from 9:30. Session starts at 10am
WHERE: Jubilee Community Centre. 7 Jubilee way, Wynn Vale 5127
TO BOOK: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/supporting-childrens-big-feelings-workshop-tickets-557632651347>

Or scan the QR code to go the booking page.



IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1

3 Way Interviews Week 9

**Pupil Free Day
Thursday 28th March**

**Good Friday Public Holiday
Friday 29th March**

**Easter Monday Public Holiday
Monday 1st April**

3 Way Interviews Week 10

**SAPSASA Boys AFL/ Girls Netball
Friday 5th April**

**Swimming Week
Mon 8th April - Fri 12th April**

**Last Day of Term
Friday 12th April
(Early Dismissal 2.05pm)**

**Pupil Free Day
Monday 29th April**

**First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 30th April**



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 students.

Absentee SMS: 0408 482 972

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



Offering Before and After School Care as well as Vacation Care and Pupil Free Day Care.

PH: 8289 2649

MOB: 0401 121 583

Email: oshc.keithcot2@schools.sa.edu.au

2024 PUPIL FREE AND

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

THURSDAY 28th MARCH (PFD)

MONDAY 29th APRIL (PFD)

MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER (SCD)

TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER (PFD)

MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER (PFD)