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# NEWSLETTER

WEEK 8 TERM 4

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

It's hard to believe that this is the last newsletter article that I will write this year. Reflecting on my first year at Keithcot Farm, it has certainly gone very quickly. I have certainly learnt a lot, but that is why I'm here – to grow and develop the school as well as myself. Looking back, we've made some very good progress this year and managed to continue to change and improve the school. This will continue next year; my vision is for Keithcot Farm to maintain and build our high standards, and continue to nurture what is already a fantastic school community.

### 2025 Classes

Staffing for 2025 is almost finalised and you will be informed of your child's class teacher and classroom location on Friday of Week 9. Students will also have the opportunity to visit their new classes on this day and meet their new teacher. We will start next year with 13 classes, with a mid-year reception class again starting in July.

The process to construct classes is a highly complex task and requires a lot of thought and consideration. The decisions about the organisation of classes within the school, including the year levels in each class, the location of classes, and the teacher/s and students within these classes are made professionally by teachers and our school leadership team. We request the cooperation and understanding of our families as these very important decisions are made.

### Staffing Update

The end of the year is stressful and uncertain time for many staff – especially Contract Teachers and SSOs. The process around staffing is complex and is dependent on student numbers, planned class structures and funding. We will share our staff and classroom structure for the whole school in January as part of a 2025 welcome communication.

One piece of staffing news that I am delighted to share again with you is that Travis Braithwaite has been appointed principal of Tea Tree Gully Primary School for Term 1 2025. Congratulations, too, to Amy Gray who will be stepping into his sizeable size 12 shoes!

### VOLUNTEER FAREWELLS

On behalf of Keithcot Farm Primary School, I would like to thank parents Bernie Toonen and Darren Walker for their long-standing service to our Governing Council over many years. This is a significant commitment and has made a very valuable contribution to our school which should not be underestimated.

I would also like to recognise the hard work of our fundraising committee over the last 12 months. The money you have raised as a community makes a difference to every single student at our school. We are extremely grateful for the work that our fundraising committee does to support this. I would also like to individually recognise Sue Toonen, who has worked on the fundraising committee for many years and is also departing with her children this year. Thank you, Sue for everything you have done for our school.

**Derek Gallamore - KFPS Principal**

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# JYANKEN PON

In Japanese our students have been playing Jyanken pon - Rock, paper, scissors.

Each child starts with a necklace and by the end of the game, the last person standing has all the necklaces. The students had a great time playing this game together.

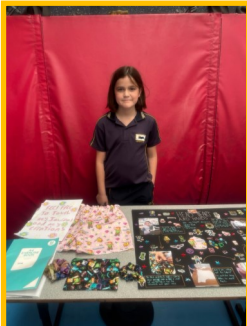


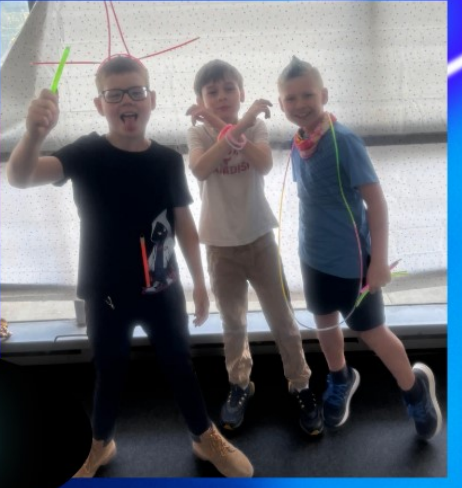
## HEAD, HEARTS & HANDS EXHIBITION

Thank you to all our families who came along to support our Pod 3 students at their Head, Hearts and Hand Exhibition. We had lots of impressive submissions and it

was great to see the students bring their ideas to life and put them on display for everyone.

**Well Done Pod 3!**





# DISCO 2024



**STAFF VS  
STUDENTS**

**11TH - 15TH  
NOVEMBER**

**PE  
WEEK**



**A BIG THANK YOU TO MR STOCKER AND HIS HELPERS FOR ORGANISING A GREAT PE WEEK. WELL DONE TO ALL THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE GAMES. STAFF CAME AWAY WITH THE WIN THIS YEAR BY THREE POINTS.**





Our Children's Uni students graduated at the prestigious Bonython Hall on November 12th. It was fantastic to see them all so proud of their efforts over the year.

Congratulations  
Graduates!

The students who participated in the Premiers' Be Active and Premiers' Reading Challenges received their medals in November. Well done to you all!





TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES AND PEOPLE

The Rolling Pizza Oven and the Perre Family

Cass & Co Conveyancing

Blair Boyer MP

Aimee Lawson

Officeworks

Hoyts

Adelaide Strikers

Fruitabella Ingle Farm

Total Capture Photography

Drakes Supermarkets

The Gully Pizzeria

KFPS Fundraising Committee & anonymous donators for your generosity.



# KFPS END OF YEAR CONCERT

## KING'S GYM

### 6PM START

## MONDAY DECEMBER 9TH



**INCLUDES THE RAFFLE DRAW**

FAMILY NAME:

KEITHCOT FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

**ENTER TO WIN!**

**1ST PRIZE**

2 HOUR PIZZA PARTY FROM  
THE ROLLING PIZZA OVEN  
FOR 40 PEOPLE WORTH \$1,200

**2ND PRIZE**

\$500 VISA CARD

**3RD PRIZE**

SIGNED BBL FULL  
SIZED CRICKET BAT

**4TH PRIZE**

PARLIAMENTARY WINE PACK+ \$100  
GIFT CARD FROM BLAIR BOYER MP

**PLUS MORE**



THIS EVENT IS TAX COMPLIANT

# 2024 END OF YEAR CONCERT RAFFLE

RAFFLE DRAWN ON DECEMBER 9, 2024

**\$2 PER  
TICKET**

**ALL TICKETS DUE  
BACK BY 9AM ON  
MONDAY 9TH  
DECEMBER**



**Our Class of 2024 will graduate next  
Wednesday the 11th of December.**

The Graduation Ceremony  
begins at 5.45pm in the King's Auditorium.

The Students will then attend a dinner  
at Sfera's Park Suites at 7pm.

**We congratulate our year 6 cohort on graduating and wish them well  
as they embark on their high school education.**

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. **Special white striped senior polos are available for year 5 / 6 students for \$25 each.**



## DISCOUNTED UNIFORM ITEMS



**LOW PRICE**

SCHOOL BAG  
**\$30**



**LOW PRICE**

SKORT  
**\$25**



**LOW PRICE**

DRESS  
**\$30**

PURCHASE ON THE QKR APP OR IN THE FRONT OFFICE.



**DEVON** now has all the stock from School Locker. Only items/ sizes that have sold out will be produced by Devon at this stage.

**LOGOED HATS** are now available in store.

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/>

### Drakes Community Dollars

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

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **TERM 4**

**Monday 9th December**  
**End of Year Concert**  
**6pm in Kings Gym**

**Wednesday 11th December**  
**Year 6 Graduation**  
**Family Ceremony**  
**5.45pm in King's Auditorium**  
**Student Dinner**  
**7pm at Sferas**

**Thursday 12th December**  
**Pod 1**  
**Salisbury Bowland Excursion**  
**& Pod 3**  
**Waterworld Excursion**

**Friday 13th December**  
**Last Day of School**  
**(Early Dismissal 2.05pm)**

**2025 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS**  
**TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2025**



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

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 Find us on  
**Facebook**

### **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..



Want to thank a staff member?

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](https://www.education.sa.gov.au/webforms/thanked)

**Absentee SMS:**  
**0408 482 972**

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

**The staff at Keithcot Farm Primary  
would like to wish our community a  
very Merry Christmas and a happy and  
safe holiday break!**