



Keithcot Farm Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8

[From The Principal](#)

Dear families,

So here we are in Week 8, with just a few weeks of school left for this term. A few weeks ago I shared with staff my experience of doing crossing duty before school one day. I was struck that particular morning by the friendliness and warmth shown by all the parents and students as they walked past me that morning. It literally made my day. This reminded me what a lovely community we are and the power of a smile and friendly greeting. Kindness, empathy and understanding

On this note, it is great to chat face to face with parents, or over the phone. These chats are a great way to get to know families and also receive feedback about our school. We really value parent feedback and communication. If you have any feedback for the school please use

- The school email address (dl.1847.info@schools.sa.edu.au)
- Face to face conversations or via the front office
- Conversations with Governing Council members

This includes positive feedback, too, through these channels. I've had lots of positive conversations with parents and this really does make a difference.

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. 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 \$300.00. You will see that our Basketball Court is being re-surfaced in the next few weeks. This is a significant upgrade for our students and every cent of this was raised by our community. Thank you.

We have discussed some ideas for using fundraising money this year and we are currently saving for a new water trough and drink dispenser to replace one of the existing (very old!) ones. Let us know what you think or if you have any other ideas. If you are interested in joining our fundraising committee, please contact our front office.

Staffing Update

We said goodbye to Ingrid Hensel (Finance Officer) in week 6 after over 20 years of service to our school. To Ingrid we say thank you and hope she enjoys a well-earned retirement. Tanya Frohloff has replaced Ingrid and she is settling in well. We have also welcomed a few new SSOs to our staff in the last few weeks.

Time 2 Play Project

Did you know that by the age of 7, children have spent on average 2 years and 3 months in front of screens AND 1 year and 3 months alone with a screen (2 ½ times the amount of time they spend outside playing with others)?

As communicated in the last newsletter, we are engaging in an exciting new project – Time 2 Play. Time 2 Play is an innovative two-year initiative aimed at increasing the amount of unstructured play in our school day. We know that play enhances wellbeing, engagement, and learning for children and young people.

Our Year 2 classes are trialling this at the moment and Tammy Dry and Georgia Clayton (Year 2 teachers) are working on this project, which includes some new professional learning for them. If you want to know more, please let us know.

We have a busy few weeks coming up before we break for the holidays, including parent-teacher interviews and swimming week. Please reach out if you have any questions or require any support with anything.

Regards

Derek Gallamore

Principal

Class Learning

P3C The History of Technology - Students are studying a variety of technology used over time and how they impact our daily lives. They have started collecting a hands-on area in the classroom where students can explore different types of technology. Thanks to our families students have been able to look closely at a typewriter and a box brownie camera. They have really enjoyed looking at the way technology has changed over the years.



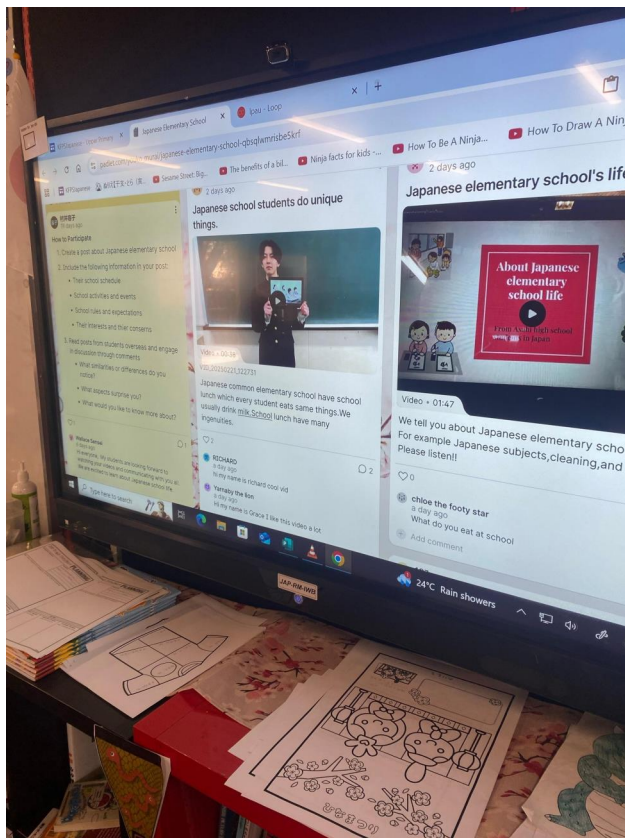
P1D have 'bean' busy in Science - The students have started growing beans in soil and paper towel. Students had to predict which one the beans would grow better in. The students have been very excited to watch their beans grow. Saxon's grew 5cm in 7 days! Some students had to wait more patiently for their beans to grow but we have even had some grow in the paper towel. The students have really engaged with this experiment and have been in awe every time they see how much their beans have grown.



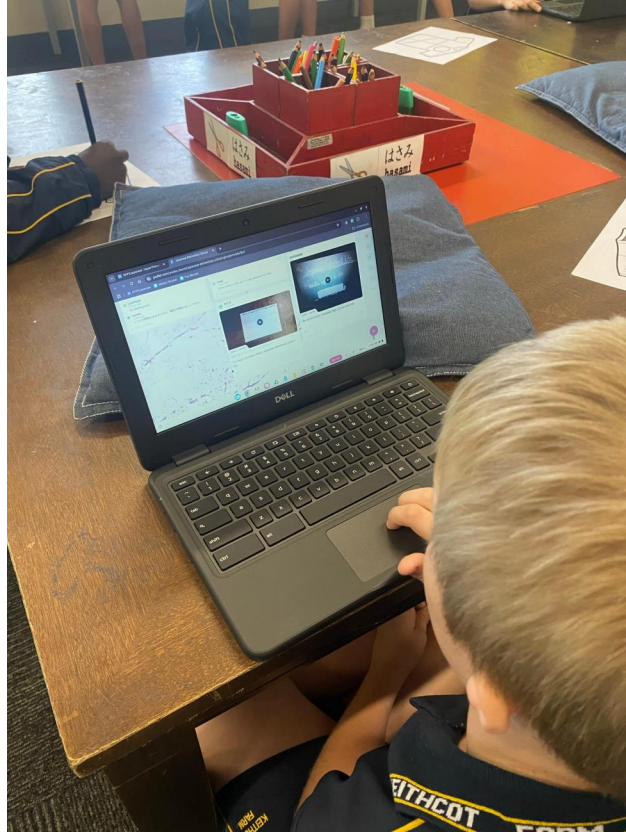




Intercultural Communication using Padlet - In their Japanese lessons our students have been communicating with a school in Okayama, Japan via 'Padlet'. The students from Japan have sent us videos about school life in a Japanese primary school. Students from Keithcot Farm Primary school are watching the videos and commenting. Our students have been asked to comment on similarities and differences they noticed , what surprised them and what they would like to learn more about.







2025 Committee Members



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GOVERNING COUNCIL

1 -

- *Derek Gallamore - Principal*

- *Jaye Turnbull - Leadership*
- *Kris Batsiokis - Staff Rep*
- *Ali Nelson - Minutes*
- *Vince Perre - Chairman*
- *Paul Saliba - Deputy Chairman*
- *Kim Genrich - Treasurer*
- *Brian Monger - OSHC Committee*
- *Kelly McDonald - Fundraising*
 - *Nicole McKenna*
 - *Kate Huitema*
 - *Nicola Wehrman*
 - *Kent Andrews*
 - *Melissa Salotti*



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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

2-

- *Kelly McDonald - Chairperson*
 - *Kate Huitema*
 - *Nicola Wehrman*
 - *Alicia Harrison*
 - *Aimee Lawson*

- *Jamie Gregson*
- *Amanda Kent*
- *Kent Andrews*



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STUDENT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

3 - Congratulations to our four Student Leaders for 2025

Darcey D

Larissa J

Zoe C

Madison P They will be leading our Student Leadership Committee

Aish B *Arcadia W* *Violet G* *Charlotte W* *Eliza H* *Kayla E* *Zara P* *Monica D* *Ruby B* *Izzy M*

Our Student Leadership Committee took part in their first fundraiser on Friday the 7th of March by selling 300 Zooper Doopers in one 30 minute lunch play. We are proud of all these students and look forward to all they achieve in 2025!

Fundraising Events

The KFPS Fundraising Committee presents



THIS EVENT IS TAX COMPLIANT

4 - *Casual Day* - 11th April - Sun Smart Clothing Only

The KFPS Fundraising Committee presents



**THURSDAY
8TH MAY
2025**

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

**Cards are \$1
Gifts between
\$5 and \$10**



THIS EVENT IS TAX COMPLIANT

5 - *Mother's Day Stall* - Thursday 8th & Friday 9th of May Please bring a bag and please don't send large \$ notes.



The KFPS fundraising committee presents

The Lodge Hotel

KFPS SCHNITZEL

NIGHT

Tuesday 24th June

\$5 from every
schnitzel
purchased goes
directly to
Keithcot Farm
Primary School



SCAN HERE
TO BOOK NOW

The Lodge Hotel
Main North Road & Frost Road Brahma Lodge

Get a group together and book your table on 8258 3333 or online
<https://brahmalodgehotel.com.au/>

This event is tax compliant

6 - *Schnitzel Night* @The Lodge Hotel - Tuesday 24th June

Harmony Week

P1D have been learning all about Harmony Week. Harmony Week is an annual celebration in Australia that promotes diversity, inclusiveness, an respect for all cultures. It highlights the importance of understanding and accepting differences, encouraging people to connect, share and learn from one another. P1D did some wonderful drawings to place in their classroom window. Friday the 21st of March is Harmony Day where we encourage everyone to wear orange to celebrate the diverse community we live in.









Autism Inclusion Teacher

Our P1B Year 5/6 teacher, Nikki Ashworth is our Autism Inclusion Teacher. The role of the AIT is to support teachers to understand autism, share evidence based practice, resources and training and promote a culture that is inclusive. If you are a family of a student with autism, the first point of contact to discuss your child's school support needs is their class teacher. Class teachers can then seek my support for further advice. I look forward to making a difference to students with autism in my role. **April 2nd is Autism Awareness Day** - You are invited to an Autism Inclusion Afternoon Tea hosted by Nikki Ashworth on Tuesday 1st April at 2.15pm (see flyer for more info)



YOU ARE INVITED TO



An opportunity to come and connect with the Autism Inclusion Teacher, leadership and with other parents. A chance for us to meet and answer your questions such as:

What is an AIT (Autism Inclusion Teacher) and what do they do?
What does support look like in a school context?
What is a One Plan?

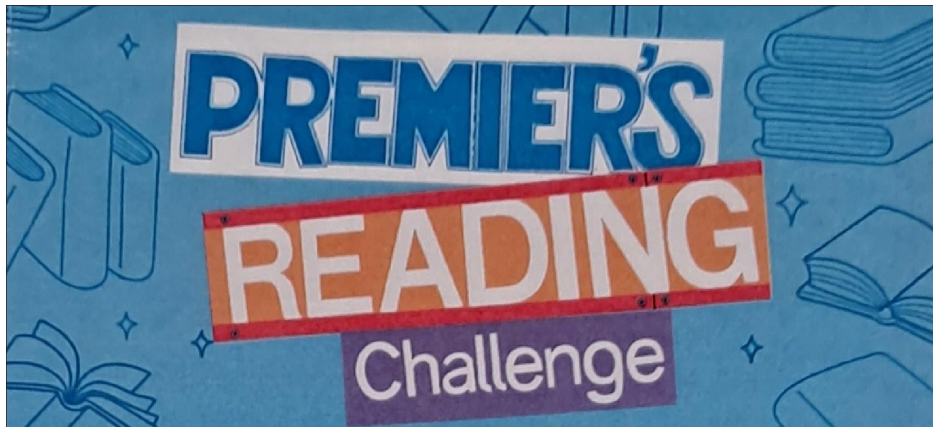
Anyone is welcome to attend
Please RSVP to Nikki.Ashworth798@schools.sa.edu.au
By Friday 28th March

Premiers' Be Active Challenge



*7 - The **Premiers' Be Active Challenge** booklets will go home at the beginning of Term 2. To qualify, students need to do a minimum of 1 hour of exercise 4 days a week over 4 weeks before the end of term 2. Once the challenge is complete, please return all PBAC booklets to the front office.*

Library News



*8 - Wow! Congratulations to everyone who has completed **The Premier's Reading Challenge** already.*

The Early Bird Draw runs until the end of Term 2, so students have plenty of time to be entered into the draw for the two QBD book vouchers.

Each time someone completes The Challenge they get a leaf with their name, and this will be added to the library tree.

As always, students will either get a certificate or medal in Term 4 for completing The Premier's Reading Challenge.



9 - Keithcot Farm classes will be participating in *National Simultaneous Storytime* on May 21st. *The book this year is 'Truck Cat', written by Deborah Frenkel and illustrated by Danny Snell. Teachers will have access to the books and the ALIA website which will feature various personalities reading the book on the day.*

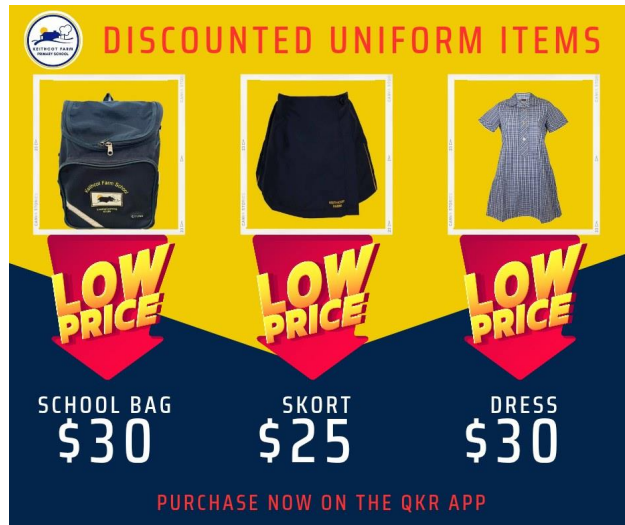
Term 1 Dates

- **Friday 21st March** - Harmony Day - Wear a splash of Orange
- **Friday 28th March** - Week 9 Assembly 9.10am
- **Tuesday 1st April** - Autism Inclusion Afternoon Tea 2.15pm in the staffroom
- **Wednesday 2nd April** - Autism Awareness Day
- **Friday 4th April** - SAPSASA Boys Football / Girls Netball
- **Monday 7th April - Thursday 10th April** - Swimming Week
- **Friday 11th April** - Casual Day Fundraiser - Gold coin donation / Last Day of Term 1 - Early Dismissal 2.05pm
- **Monday 28th April** - First Day of Term 2

Discontinued Uniform Items for Sale

- **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!**



A promotional graphic for discounted uniform items. At the top left is the Keithcot Farm Primary School logo. The title "DISCOUNTED UNIFORM ITEMS" is in red. Below are three items in white-bordered boxes: a dark blue school bag, a dark blue skirt, and a blue and white checkered dress. Each item has a red arrow pointing down with the text "LOW PRICE" in yellow. Below each item, the name and price are listed: "SCHOOL BAG \$30", "SKORT \$25", and "DRESS \$30". At the bottom, it says "PURCHASE NOW ON THE QKR APP" in red.

School Contacts

Keithcot Farm Primary School Website: [Keithcot Farm Primary School](http://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 Website: www.keithcotkingsoshc.com

Email: oshc.keithcot2@schools.sa.edu.au **Phone:** 8289 2649 **Mobile:** 0401 121 583



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](#)



Devon Clothing

Address: Clovercrest Plaza Shopping Centre,
Shop 24, 429 Montague Road, Modbury.

Phone: 8350 7930

Email: modcus@devonclothing.com.au

Opening Hours are:

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

