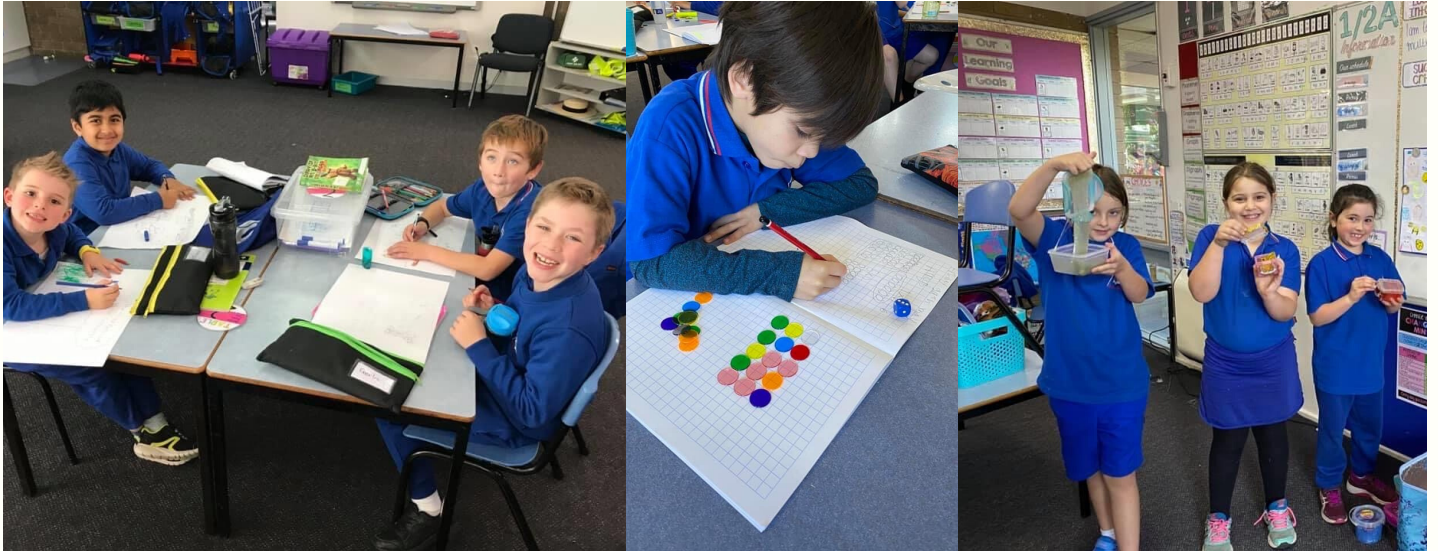


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What does learning look like at KHPS?

By Sherri Lake and Karen Roberts

Our Foundation to Year 2 students at KHPS skipped through the gates on Tues 26 May 2020, their first day back at school as all public schools transition back to learning at school. It has been wonderful to see their smiles each day as they reconnect with their friends, teachers and school life. We can't wait to welcome back our Years 3 to 6 students who return on Tues June 9 2020.

Our staff have been reflecting on some inspiring changes we are observing within our students. Many new skills and approaches to learning are and were being used by our students at home and now back in the classroom and on the playground: increased problem-solving, patience, and creativity, to name a few. One of the most exciting and powerful changes we are witnessing in even our youngest students is a marked increase in independence demonstrated, whether as part of home learning or back at school: from managing their own schoolbag and resources to persisting longer with a challenging learning task or to resolve a friendship dilemma. Independence is one of the most important skills children can develop. Why? Michael Grose, one of Australia's leading parenting educators, defines independence as *"the pursuit of mastery over one's self and one's environment."*

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He tells us that "resilience comes from seeking out self-sufficiency and independence." This could be one of the positive unexpected consequences of the COVID-19 era - lifelong resilience from increased independence. You can read Grose's article, [How independence-building is the pathway to your child's resilience](#) on the Parenting Ideas website.

Speaking of embracing new challenges, did you catch our FAMOUS teachers on The ABC TV? Our very own Ms Wheatley, Ms Sheddan, and Miss Whittle taught English mini-lessons on ABC TV for students across Victoria learning from home. Check out our famous teachers on [ABC ME Education Mini Lessons: English](#).

PEOPLE POWER: MEET MR W

*by Sienna D & Caleb R
- our School captains*



1. Why did you become a teacher?

I was teaching instrumental lessons during high school and I enjoyed teaching new things to students and seeing them get excited about what they were learning. That's probably what led me to becoming a teacher.

2. Why do you want to work for our school?

I really like being a part of the KHPS community and I think we are all proud to be a part of it. It is great coming in each day and seeing everyone's friendly faces.

3. What do you find most frustrating about teaching?

That is a tough question, I would say the thing that comes to mind is that sometimes there aren't enough hours in a day to get everything you want done!

4. What are your strengths as a teacher?

I like to think that I am good at building positive relationships with students throughout the school. I always try to get to know and find out a little bit about each student I meet.



CAN YOU NAME OUR NEWSLETTER?

Our monthly newsletter STILL needs a name! Please help! Add your ideas by using our Google Form, <https://forms.gle/yioE6vXrS8i7GWAH8>.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

June 8: Queen's Birthday public holiday - no students

June 9: We welcome our Years 3-6 students back to KHPS

June 26: Last day of Term 2
Students finish at 2.30pm

June 27 - July 12: School holidays

July 13: First day of Term 3

August 21: School photos

School Council Update

By Paul Khazaal, KHPS School Council President

Our scheduled May KHPS School Council meeting involved members to undertake Governance training. A number of topics were discussed, including the objectives and functions of a school council, what school council is not authorised to do, distinctions in roles and responsibilities of school council members, and how to be an effective school council. It was an informative training session, and we will put the learnings from this to great use at KHPS. It was a reminder that we are governed by the Department of Education, and need to follow protocols provided by them. Our role as members of school council is to assist in governance at a high level. I assure our community, that we are always prioritising what is best for KHPS students.

With the transition back to onsite learning over the last weeks of term 2, I would like to take this opportunity to send a big thank you to our very special teaching and support staff for all their hard work throughout this strange period. Challenging as it is for our community to adjust, the access, availability and support from teachers over the past two months has been fantastic.

Being Balanced: Returning to the classroom...

While working at home, I have been going for walks at lunchtime, and I see my family more. I am looking forward to going back to school, as seeing people on screens isn't the same as seeing people in person. -

Elana.S Red House Captain

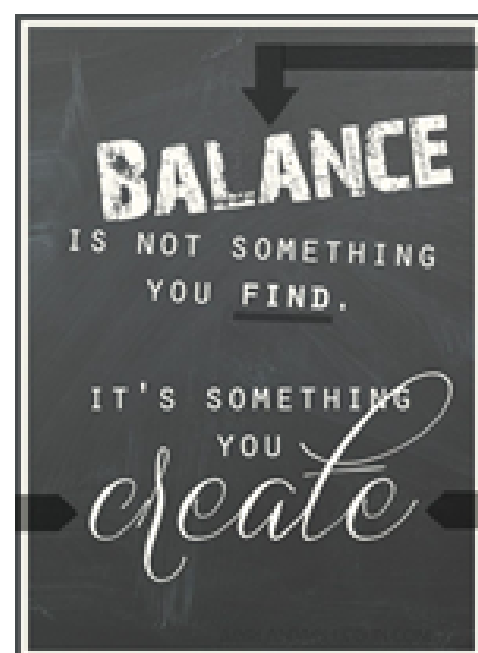
When I'm working at home, I work on my school work.. I like to talk to my friends on Google hangouts. When it's lunch time I sometimes go out for a bike ride with my friends. I can't wait for school to be back. -

Jack B Gold House Captain

While working at home, i have been walking my dogs almost every afternoon, and I have extra time to focus on family and friends. I can't wait to go back to school and see all of my friends and teachers and just to snap back into the school routine itself. - Ruby V Green House Captain

Like all of you, I have been staying at home. I have been helping my dad bake fresh bread, including sourdough (three 'starters', plain, rye and spelt named Sherlock, Holmes and Watson!). - Sam M Blue House Captain

By KHPS House Captains



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