



Whole School Newsletter

Issue 12 - Wednesday 10th December - Term 4, 2025

Upcoming Key Dates

Friday 12th December - School Celebration Concert 2:45pm

Wednesday 17th December - Year 6 Graduation 4:30-6:30pm

Friday 19th December - End-of-year Assembly 12:45pm,
followed by 1:30pm dismissal

2026 Term 1 Start Dates

Monday 26th January - Public Holiday

Tuesday, 27th January - STUDENT-FREE DAY - TheirCare Open for bookings

Wednesday 28th January - Years 1-6 - First Day of School

Monday 2nd February - Foundation First Day (4 day week excluding Wed 4th Feb)

Monday 9th February - Foundation commence full-time



Principal's Report

Fundraising update

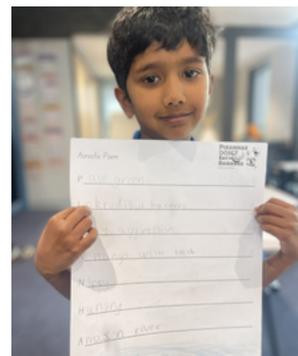
Our students and the community are still talking about what a fabulous day the school fete was. Thank you again to the planning team - who kept on working the week after the fete to clean, tidy and finalise raffles - we hope you have now recovered! We are very excited to announce that as a community we raised just over \$13,800. An enormous effort which we are very proud and grateful for and will allow us to install the new A.V system in the hall early in 2026.

No Power to the school site in January

United Energy will be undertaking testing and site upgrade works over the school holidays. This means that there will be no power to the school site from 13th - 20th January. Families that use Theircare holiday program will be able to book at another site for this time. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

Basketball Courts Upgrade

We are excited that the upgrade to our basketball courts will take place in January. Temporary fencing will be erected the week of January 12th, with works expected to be finished early February. These works are the final components of our Capital Works program.



Looking ahead to 2026!

We are excited to share our 2026 planning with families. To support our planning, School Council have engaged in many discussions about community events and our goal of continuous school improvement.

As part of School Council discussion, the following has been confirmed:

Student Free Day – Tuesday 27th January

Year 1 – 6 students commence – Wednesday 28th January

Foundation 2026 students commence Monday 2nd February

Classes, timetable and staffing for 2026

Today we had our final Up Day session where students spent time with their 2026 teacher and class.

At the end of every school year, there are always some staff changes as people relocate, retire or look for other opportunities in their career. At our final assembly we will formally farewell the following staff:

Margie Evans who will be retiring at the end of 2025. Margie has been a part of the KHPS community for many years, supporting students and the wider community and we will very much miss her contributions to the school.

Monique Evans (formerly Driscoll) who has been successful in securing a position at Skye Primary School.

Monique has been at KHPS for 5 years now and contributed so much to our school, especially as a Foundation teacher and also as our school Literacy leader. We wish Monique all the best with the change.

David McGuinness who has been at KHPS for a few years starting as a classroom teacher and more recently teaching STEM, we wish Mr McGuinness all the best for 2026.

Lili Pingiaro joined KHPS this year as a classroom teacher in year 3/4. We wish Miss P all the best for the future – and congratulations on her recent engagement.

With staffing now in place, we are pleased to confirm the following for 2026:

Foundation	Gr 1/2	Gr 3/4	Gr 5/6
Julia Hutchinson	1/2A: Molly Campbell 1/2B: Kai-Lee Le Dan	3/4A: Kim Cravana (New to KHPS) 3/4B: Chloe Young (3 days)/ Lexie O'Brien (2 days)	5/6A: Justin Starling 5/6B: Louise Drummond (3 days)/ Sue Riley (2 days)
Specialists P.E. - Leanne Carter LOTE Auslan - Leanne Carter Visual Art - Amanda Ball STEM - Leanne Carter (F)/ Ryan McCulloch (1/2)/ Lexie O'Brien (3/4)/ Sue Riley (5/6)	Learning Specialist Sue Riley Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader Lexie O'Brien	Education Support Wendy Jenkin Hana El-Zahed Caleb Romeo Simone Andrews Tatiana Stavrinidis Zoe Witty (New to KHPS) Grounds & Maintenance Joe La Rocca	Principal Class Principal - Katelyn Joyce Assistant Principal - Ryan McCulloch (M/W/Th/F) Office Admin Business Manager - Shelley Whorlton Office Manager, Disability Inclusion Coordinator - Jacqui Edwards

Parent Contributions for 2026

Parent Contribution information has been shared via Compass. We want to say a sincere thanks to the many families that have already made payments to the school. School Council and the Finance Sub Committee work hard to maintain costs given the current cost of living pressures we understand families are experiencing, without compromising the educational programs, diversity of offerings and quality of schooling your children enjoy. We thank you for your ongoing support and contribution to the school. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Thank you for a fabulous 2025!

As we come to the end of a successful 2025 school year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to making this year so positive and purposeful at our school. Our School Council has provided thoughtful governance and strong strategic guidance, ensuring we remain focused on delivering the very best outcomes for every student. I also thank our parent community for their ongoing support, partnership and trust—your engagement truly strengthens our school.

To our dedicated staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment to high-quality teaching and learning, and for the care, professionalism and collaboration you bring to your work every day. And to our students: your respect, perseverance, collaboration skills and kindness continue to inspire us all.

This year we have achieved significant milestones, including progressing our work in the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model, strengthening our instructional practices, implementing evidence-based wellbeing initiatives, and enhancing learning environments across the school. We have enjoyed working and learning in our new buildings and landscaped courtyard. Thank you to everyone for your contributions and for making 2025 a year of achievement, connection and community. I wish all families a safe and restful holiday break.

Katelyn Joyce
Principal

School Council President's Report

2025 done!



I'd like to take this opportunity to extend a warm Seasons Greetings and Merry Everything to all student, families, carers, education support staff and teachers of Kingston Heath Primary School. Congratulations to everyone on a hugely successful 2025.

In particular, I'd like to thank Katelyn Joyce and Ryan McCulloch in leading the school from strength to strength. I'd also like to thank my fellow School Council members - parent reps Norman Burke (Vice President), the departing Amberley Vegter (Treasurer), Carolyn Langdon (Secretary), Mirsina Kouskoudis and staff representatives Sue Riley and Shelley Whorlton - for their contributions this year.

Enjoy your break and see you in 2026!

As always, feel free to contact me on rory.sackville@education.vic.gov.au if you'd like to discuss any School Council matters or at school drop off or pick up.

Regards,

Rory Sackville

School Council President / Father to Amelia in Year 5 and Ivy in Year 2

Foundation Update

Inquiry



Excursion to Moonlit Sanctuary



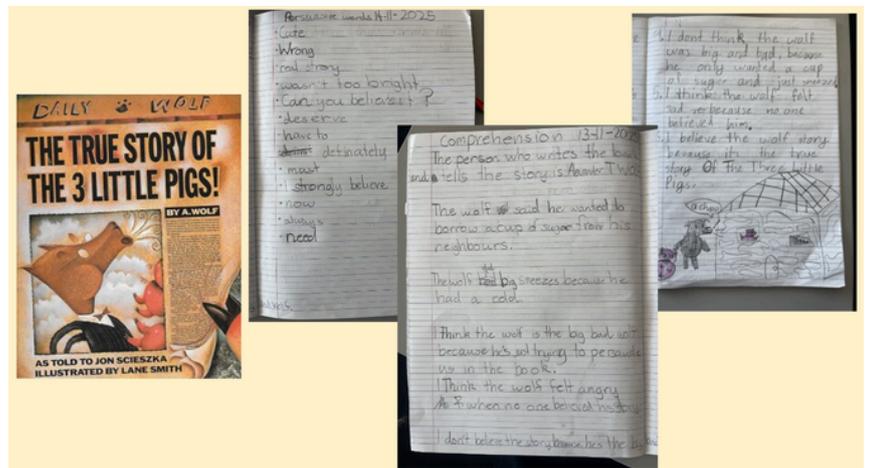
Year 1 & 2 News

What a fantastic year it has been in ½!
From the disco, sleepover and the school Fete.

To wrap up the year, students have been finishing off their persuasive letters from the perspective of Al Wolf from The True Story of the Three Little Pigs. Students are trying to convince the reader that they are innocent, that they didn't purposefully blow down the houses, it was because of the cold they had!

There has been some fantastic persuasive language used, such as *"The pigs should've built stronger houses. They were so fragile when I sneezed"* and *"Now you know you can't stop GIANT sneezes, so why do I have to go to Fairy Tale Prison? The 3rd pig should've definitely gone to prison for being very rude and impolite, don't you think?!"*

The students have enjoyed exploring capacity in mathematics, making their own uniform, informal measuring container using a cup and an empty bottle. They were able to estimate, then work out, the capacity of various containers, using their very own measuring tool! Students also learned that the shape of a container doesn't mean it will have a larger or smaller capacity. They were able to estimate and order different containers from least capacity to the most capacity. When they checked, some groups were surprised to find the container that looked like it had a larger capacity actually didn't.



Year 3 & 4 News

To finish off our term Year 3/4 students have been listening to the story 'Song of the River'. They have been discussing the rich vocabulary in the text such as churning, surges, Water Vole, smeared, surrounded. We have explored how characters and events are portrayed in the text. One way we have looked at how an author has described the weather in the text is through personification. We read the following paragraph from the text and students used the skill of visualising to draw their representation using key phrases from the text.

Text passage:

The fields look dry and brown after the long hot summer. The leaves on the trees are starting to turn yellow and there is the smell of autumn in the air. I stand behind the counter in the cafe and close my eyes and wish for something to take me away from here. As if in response, a grumpy wind snatches the fallen leaves and whips them around. The weather seems to match my mood. The clouds get darker and darker and lower and lower, covering the hills. It feels as if the whole sky is pressing down on us. It must be raining up on the hills because the river has risen higher.

Look at what the students drew:



Save the date for...

Phillip Island Year 3-6 Camp 2026!

We are pleased to announce that we will be travelling to Phillip Island Adventure Resort for our 2026 Camp

for all **2026 Year 3-6 students from Wednesday 6 May to Friday 8 May 2026.**



Phillip Island Adventure Resort is a wonderful camp in Cowes offering indoor and outdoor activities to build confidence, teamwork and resilience. It is situated on 100 acres of landscaped grounds close to attractions and beaches.

Phillip Island Adventure Resort features recreational facilities including multiple giant swings, high ropes courses and flying foxes. The site has areas suitable for sporting events and wide games as well as two large recreational lakes complete with watersports equipment.

Further details will be sent in the new year but the cost should be around \$475-\$500 for the camp including all food and activities.

You can look at the camp website for more details of the amazing time we will have <https://piar.cyc.org.au/>

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as the Traditional Owners of this land
and we pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Keep in touch!



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Enrolling Now

Term 1, 2026

JOIN OUR IN SCHOOL HOURS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS @ KINGSTON HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL IN TERM 1, 2026

20 min Private Lessons \$35+gst

or

30 min Private Music Lessons

\$45+gst



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