



Whole School Newsletter

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Principal's Update

Dear Kingston Heath families,

As we approach the end of another busy and rewarding term at Kingston Heath Primary School, there is so much to celebrate across our school community.

One of the highlights has been the wonderful success of our Student Excellence program, which has provided students with opportunities to explore their interests, develop new skills and learn alongside others in different ways. This term, students have participated in an incredible variety of activities including popsicle art, tote bag creation, jewellery making, Mini Einsteins, Healthy Lifestyles, Lego and construction, card games and 3D printing. It has been fantastic to see the creativity, curiosity and enthusiasm our students have brought to these sessions.

Our students also represented KHPS proudly at the District Athletics this week, with a fantastic day of participation and achievement. Congratulations to all students who competed and demonstrated our school values throughout the day, and a special congratulations to our five students who achieved first place in their events. An outstanding result, we may be small, but we are mighty!

There have been plenty of other memorable learning experiences this term. Our Book Week celebrations were a wonderful opportunity to celebrate a love of reading across the school, while excursions to Scienceworks and the Moorabbin Air Museum provided students with engaging opportunities to extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Behind the scenes, our staff have continued their important professional learning as part of our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). This term, our focus has included strengthening the use of Checks for Understanding in classrooms. Teachers have been exploring and refining strategies that allow them to regularly identify what students understand during a lesson and respond to their learning needs. This work continues our commitment to consistent, high-quality teaching practice across KHPS.

Looking ahead, excitement is certainly building for our 50th Anniversary celebrations in October. This will be a significant milestone for Kingston Heath Primary School and an opportunity to bring together current students, families, staff and our wider community. Our celebrations will include a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, a special whole-school assembly and the opening of our time capsule. We will also celebrate together through our Colour Run and fundraising BBQ.

Our 50th anniversary is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the history of our school while also celebrating what makes KHPS such a special community today. I look forward to sharing this milestone with you all.

Thank you to our students, staff and families for another fantastic term and for the many ways you continue to contribute to our school community.

Carly Bourke

Principal

The PYP Exhibition: Inquiry and Action in practice

We are excited to share with you that our Year 5 and 6 students have begun their Primary Years Programme (PYP) Exhibition. The PYP Exhibition is the culminating project for our senior students, showcasing development as thinkers, researchers, communicators, and most importantly, as thoughtful and action-oriented individuals.

Save the date(s) for our Year 5 and 6 students to present their Exhibition to the school community on **Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 October** with the Central Idea "*Scientific discoveries advance knowledge*".

The PYP Exhibition challenges students to explore real-world issues that matter to them. Throughout the process, they work collaboratively to investigate these issues from multiple perspectives, seeking solutions and thinking how they can make a difference. At the heart of the PYP Exhibition lies inquiry. Our students have the freedom to select a topic they are passionate about. They formulate questions, investigate authentic sources, and gather information to deepen their understanding of the chosen issue. Some of the topics for this year's Exhibition include natural disasters, allergies, space exploration, vaccines, anti-venom and lab grown food.

Collaboration plays a pivotal role in the PYP Exhibition and also represents one of our KHPS school values. Students work in groups, using each other's strengths and perspectives to research and share their understanding of some complex issues. They learn the value of active listening, empathy, and collective decision-making. Together, they work through challenges and celebrate their achievements, strengthening their social and communication skills.

The PYP approach goes beyond acquiring facts; it emphasizes the significance of taking action as a consequence of our learning. Students identify areas where they can contribute positively, whether it's by raising awareness of their chosen issue, collaborating with local organisations or individuals, or changing their own behaviour as a result of their learning, our students show their commitment to becoming responsible global citizens.

The culmination of this incredible learning journey is the Exhibition, where students present to the school community. It's a celebration of their hard work, dedication, and creativity. The Exhibition showcases their knowledge and skills and also inspires others to take action and create positive change in their own lives and communities. We look forward to sharing the learning with you!

Sue Riley

Assistant Principal (Acting) and PYP Coordinator



If you want to find out more about the PYP and the IBO, you can look at the website www.ibo.org



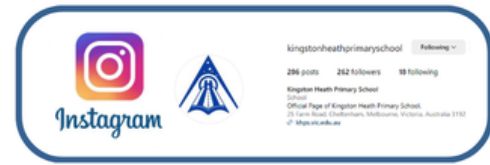
In case you missed it...

The following appeared on our official social media accounts

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🎉🎂 HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY, HELEN! 🎂🎉

Today we're celebrating a very special member of our Kingston Heath Primary School community — our wonderful school crossing lady, Helen! 🌸❤️

Helen has been helping keep our students, families and staff safe at the school crossing for an incredible 48 YEARS! 🤖👏

For nearly five decades, Helen has greeted our community with her friendly smile, helping generations of KHPS families safely cross the road each day. She is such a familiar and much-loved face around our school, and we are so grateful for everything she does. 🥰

Please join us in wishing Helen a very happy 80th birthday! 🎈🎂



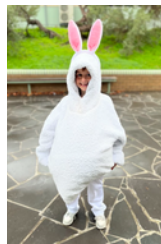
📚🌟 BOOK WEEK AT KHPS! 🌟📚

What a fantastic way to celebrate our love of reading! 📖❤️

Our students had a wonderful time dressing up as their favourite book characters for our Book Week Parade. From superheroes and storybook favourites to magical characters and everything in between, we loved seeing everyone's creativity and enthusiasm! 🦄🐻👑

A huge thank you to our families for helping make the day so special. ❤️

We love books at KHPS! 📚🌟

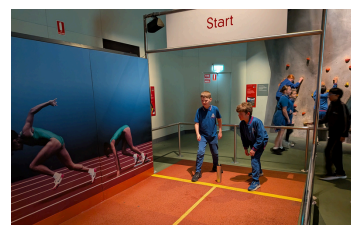
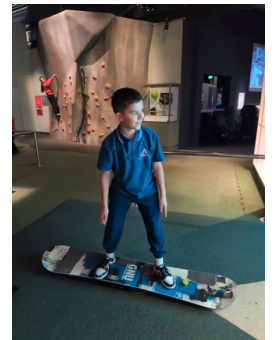


🌙 **Year 5/6 Scienceworks Excursion!** 🚀
This term, our Year 5/6 students enjoyed an exciting day of exploration and discovery at Scienceworks, supporting their learning as they work towards their upcoming Exhibition.

As part of their Unit of Inquiry - How The World Works, students are exploring the central idea:

💡 Scientific discoveries advance knowledge.
During their visit, students explored the fascinating Think Ahead Exhibition, featuring more than 200 objects from the past, present and speculative future. They also journeyed into space through the Moonbase ONE Planetarium, investigating the motion of the Moon and natural phenomena including lunar phases and eclipses.

It was a fantastic day of hands-on learning, curiosity and discovery! 🌟🔭



Sporting Success!

On Monday, 14th September, the KHPS District Aths team competed at the Kingston District Athletics carnival. Congratulations to all the students who qualified and competed at the event. Highlights included having relay teams in every division, the encouragement of support of each other. We also had some outstanding achievements.

- Emmy S, came 1st in Shot put, only missing the district record by 3cm, she also came 3rd in Discus!
- Cindy H, came 1st in discus, back to back from last year too.
- Sam G, won high jump, only missing the district record by 1cm.
- Benicio R, won discus, excellent work!
- Bobby T, with a strong finish won hurdles.
- Sam T, Bobby's big brother, came second in hurdles too.

We wish these athletes all the best at the next level, Division in early term 4.



School Council President's update

Term 3 - Done! The weather is warmer, the birds are swooping and the Grand Final is nearly here.

A big thanks to the School and PFA for hosting the Father's Day Breakfast and Stall and for all the volunteers who helped on the day - I certainly ate too many croissants!

I'm looking forward to the official 50th Anniversary of KHPS to be held on Friday 23 October - I hope all members of the school community - past, present (and future) will be in attendance on what will be a day of celebration of our excellent school.

Enjoy your Spring Holidays and see you in Term 4.

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 - I'm always around.

Rory Sackville

School Council President and father of Ivy (year 3) and Amelia (year 6)

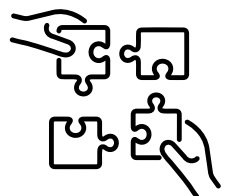


School Values Awards

For demonstrating our core values of collaboration, perseverance and respect, the below students were presented with certificates at our 6 August assembly:

COLLABORATION means all members of our school community work together positively to achieve our shared goals, and we learn and grow together.

Annabel E, Lilie B, Sam D and Max D



RESPECT means we are kind, fair and thoughtful, and we treat everyone and everything the way we would like to be treated.

Yana S, Helena S,



PERSEVERANCE means we aspire to excel and try our best no matter what, and know that we grow by overcoming challenges.

Mia A, Kenzie M, Emily Z, Emma LR, Blair PR and Lizi G



Fathers' Day Breakfast and Stall



Father's & Special Persons Day ❤️

We had a wonderful morning celebrating Father's & Special Persons Day at KHPS. It was lovely to see so many fathers, grandparents, carers and special people from our students' lives join us for our annual breakfast.

The school was buzzing with excitement as families enjoyed breakfast together and spent some special time with their children before the school day began. The smiles, conversations and connections throughout the morning were a wonderful reflection of the strong sense of community we have at KHPS.

Our Father's & Special Persons Day Stall was also a huge success, with students excitedly choosing a special gift to take home. Thank you to everyone who helped organise and run the stall and to our families for supporting this much-loved KHPS tradition.

A big thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the morning such a special celebration.

We hope all of our fathers and special people felt appreciated and celebrated! ❤️



Year 1 & 2 News

Literacy

In literacy we have continued to use our planning skills when writing, and have focussed on how to edit our own writing. We look for capital letters, punctuation, compound sentences and adjectives. This has helped us produce some very good writing! We have also used our planning skills to help us write information reports. We researched our own animal to write about. We used a heading, a topic sentence, how they move, appearance, a fun fact and a summary. We know that information books often have a labelled diagram as well.

Maths

In maths we have been looking at division. We know that you start with the bigger amount and end with an equal, smaller amount. We have also learnt that division is like repeated subtraction and is the opposite of multiplication. We can make equal groups and fair shares. We also know what to do with any left over! These are called the remainder. We separated groups of friends into teams as well as fairly shared ice-cream scoops between different people. The students also investigated different shapes and where we find shapes in the environment. We learnt about the features of shapes and wrote our own "What Shape Am I?" for our friends to work out.

Unit of Inquiry

We have made a great start to our "How We Organise Ourselves" unit of inquiry. We have looked at the different systems you need to remain connected with others. We have looked at the types of transport systems, such as land transport, sea transport and air transport. We now know how the postal system works. We investigated this by writing a letter to a secret friend and walking to the Post Box to send our letters off. It didn't take too long before we received our letters in the school letter box! We have learnt that most types of transport need different systems in place in order to run smoothly. For example, we know that cars and trucks need things like maps, GPS, indicators and breaks. There are also special rules for using the road. Following these systems keeps us safe. Ms Campbell turned our 2 classrooms into two towns (Town 1/2A and Town 1/2B), with their very own roads and houses! We even have a 'school address' at our table! It has been so much fun to write letters to each other and to deliver them using the class maps. Next, we got to investigate the systems houses and towns need to help keep everyone connected. We got to make our very own Ooshie house! Our Ooshie house will help us work out what systems are needed to get the food from a farm through to the shops, via packing centres and distribution facilities.



Moorabbin Airport Museum Student Highlights:

"I liked going into the big airplane. It was fun and big and I got to sit with my friends." - Christina 1/2A

"We went to the Moorabbin Airport Museum. We got to sit on planes and we got to pretend to drive them." - Li-Ad 1/2A

"My favourite highlight of the Moorabinn Airport Museum was being able to be the pilot, or the co-pilot with my friends. It was fun walking too." - Leni 1/2B

"I liked that we could see the inside of the museum and the outside of the museum. My favourite transport we went in was the giant police helicopter because the whole class could fit in!" - Joel 1/2A

"My favourite thing about the airport museum was about sitting in the plane with Candice because it felt like me and Candice were flying." - Adley 1/2A



Year 3 & 4 News

What do Year 3/4 students do during their break time?

Students in Year 3/4 like to visit the Library, the Well Being room, join the Year 6 leaders with Dodgeball, gardening club, and then have their own choices of what to play which include pickleball, 4 square, soccer, football, playing on the playground and Sensory Garden.. So many choices and so much fun to be had!



Year 5 & 6 News

Student Excellence in Year 5/6 included Cooking.

Students participating in the cooking student excellence program have been busy learning about and making delicious and healthier meals. We have made pizzas, Rice Paper Rolls, tacos, muffins and also visited Aldi on an excursion. We would like to thank Pam P for her assistance, Amelia's Nan, Merilyn and Sam's Mum, Megan for their assistance. For our showcase day, students were excited to share some of their delicious cooking, Banana and Blueberry Muffins and Rice Paper Rolls.





KINGSTON HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

2026 Term 4 Diary Dates

Dates and times are subject to change, and this list is not exhaustive. We continue to update our community of key events via our weekly 'Kingston Heath Weekly Happenings' communications, Compass, and the school newsletter. Further details will be communicated closer to the date.

Monday 5th October - **Term 4 commences**

Wednesday 14th October - **2027 Foundation Transition session 2, 9:30-10:30am**

Thursday 15th October - **Year 1/2 Disco and Year 2 Sleepover**

Friday, 16th October - **Year 1/2 Fun Day!**

Friday, 16 October - **Year 3/4 Cooking Program Begins**

Monday 19th October - **Waves Swimming Program Commences for Years F-4**

Friday 23rd October - **KHPS 50th Anniversary** -
1:00pm - Whole School Assembly
1:30pm - Smoking Ceremony
2:00pm - Student Colour Run
2:45pm - Celebration BBQ

Monday 26th October - **Waves Swimming Program Continues for Years F-4**

Monday 2nd November - **Student Free Day - Report Writing**

Tuesday 3rd November - **Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday**

Wednesday 11th November - **2027 Foundation Transition session 3, 9:30-10:30am**

Friday 13th November - **Foundation - Year 2 Assembly, 3:00pm (Incl. Dance Club Presentation)**

Tuesday 17th November - **Year 5/6 Elephant Ed**

Monday 23rd November - **Whole School Assembly, 9am**

Monday 23 November - **Year 5/6 Elephant Ed continues**

Friday 27th November - **Foundation and Year 1 Excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens**

Tuesday 1st December - **Junior Athletics Morning, 9:15 - 10:45am**

Wednesday 9th December - **2027 Foundation Transition session 4, 9:30-11:30am**
2027 Foundation Families BBQ 11:30 - 12:30pm

Wednesday 16th December - **Year Graduation, 4:30 - 6:00pm**

Thursday 17th December - **Year 6 Fun Day**

Friday 18th December - **Whole school assembly, incl Candle Ceremony, 1:00pm**

Friday 18th December - **Term 4 finishes, 1:30pm dismissal (TheirCare open for bookings)**

Term 1 2027

Thursday 28th January - **Students in Years 1-6 commence Term 1**

Thursday 28th and Friday 29th January - **2027 Foundation Student Testing (days and times to be advised)**

Monday 1st February - **2027 Foundation students first day of school**



Collaboration • Respect • Perseverance