Welcome Back

Welcome back to Keysborough Primary School for the 2016 school year. I hope that you had the chance to have a restful and enjoyable break over the Christmas and New Year period. A very warm welcome to new staff, Miss Black in 3B, Miss Brewis in 5B, Mrs Tucker in 2B, Mr Lasorella (Maintenance) and Mr Hierk our Sustainability teacher.

We have had a sensational beginning to the school year. The staff’s exceptional preparation for the year has resulted in students settling immediately into classroom routines and learning. Our enthusiasm is high, our dedication to support students, families and staff is still unwavering and our commitment to excellence in our learning and teaching continues in 2016.

Around the school there were happy students and staff when we visited classrooms.

Welcome to our new students and our new 2016 Preps.

Thank you to our wonderful parents for allowing us to have the privilege our teaching and caring for your precious children.
Our parents joined us for morning tea . . .

The Year of the Monkey will start from Feb. 8, 2016 (Chinese New Year) and last to Jan. 27, 2017. Monkey is the ninth in the 12-year cycle of Chinese zodiac. The Years of the Monkey include 1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016, 2028...

Happy Lunar New Year Everyone!
In Asia Lunar New Year is like Christmas and New Year rolled into one! It’s a time to spend with family and loved ones. In Australia there are more than 1.3 million people who were born in Asia that call Australia home, most of which will be celebrating the Year of the Monkey on 8 February 2016.

What is the Lunar New Year?
My understanding is that the Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is the most celebrated festival in the Chinese calendar. The date of the festival is dictated by the Chinese lunisolar calendar, and thus can fall anywhere between January 21 and February 20. This year the transition from the year of the goat to that of the monkey will begin on February 8, but preparations begin in the week leading up to that date. Families clean the house, put up decorations, and buy a new outfit before the New Year celebrations begin.

The Chinese New Year Festival
The Chinese New Year Festival is a time for reunion and togetherness and most people make the journey back to their hometowns to celebrate with their families. This triggers the world’s largest human migration, as hundreds of millions suddenly flood China’s roads and public transportation networks.
Students should be picked up from school by 3:45. After this time they are collected by staff on yard duty and taken to the Office for safety reasons.

Slip, Slop, Slap
In Term 1 students will need a broad brim hat or a legionnaire’s hat to be outside in the yard for outdoor activities, including sport and play. Australia has some of the highest UV levels in the world. Ensure your child brings a Keysborough Primary School hat to school or leaves a hat in their room to slap on for sun protection as part of their daily routine.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
Last year Miss Milne and the Year 5 students were responsible for the Earn & Learn promotion in our school. Thank you to our wonderful students, families and staff who supported the promotion. As a result of the Year 5 efforts our points enabled us to purchase play equipment for our sand pits. To help Mr Hierk we have also used points to purchase seeds for our school sustainability vegetable garden.

Excellent effort Miss Milne and the 2015 Year 5s who helped by collecting and counting the stickers!

It is great to be back! Have an amazing weekend.

Kind Regards
Leanne Armao

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STUDENT SAFETY MESSAGE...STUDENT SAFETY MESSAGE

Parents please be reminded that there is NO pick up or drop off of students inside the school car park.

If you are crossing the road, please make sure that you use the school crossing.

Street parking is available in Coomoora Rd, except near school crossing & street corners.

OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Have you checked out our school website recently? www.keysboroughps.vic.edu.au

There are lots of photos and the Stars of the Week are always listed. Under the heading “Students” then “Videos of school events” there are some great videos of events at school.

Subscribe to the newsletter and automatically receive an email copy of the school newsletter every week.

Under the heading “Notices” click on “Subscribe to Newsletter” and enter your name and email address, and click on submit.
The brain teaser has returned for 2016!
This week’s brain teaser is for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students.
Entries for this week’s puzzle close next Monday, and the winner will be announced at our School Assembly. The winner gets to choose 2 prizes from the prize box.
Remember each entry goes into a draw for a $20 voucher at the end of term.
Why not put in an entry.

**THIS WEEK’S BRAINTEASER**

Fill the grid with the numbers 1 to 30 in such that they make a path of consecutive numbers in order. You can move horizontally or vertically, but not diagonally.

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26   24  20  15
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Name: ___________________
Grade: _____________

My name is Kim Ung. I am a Multicultural Educational Aide for Khmer. I work at school on the following days: Monday (all day), Tuesday & Thursday (morning).
Please contact me if you need any help or have any problems.
Thank you.

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Keeping safe in Cyberspace - How to have fun and stay safe online!

Susan's fun and interactive Primary School student session is suitable for students in the final four years of primary school. The theme of this 90 -100 minute session is Respect and Responsibility. Students complete a comprehensive three page work book which reinforces the learning outcomes. The book is signed by the student in class, then taken home & signed by a parent/guardian to acknowledge and reinforce the content discussed. This book could be very useful for schools and parents, should online issues arise.

This age appropriate, fun & interactive session for primary students includes discussion, a vibrant power point presentation and is supported by videos and Susan's real life experiences. Topics covered include:-

- **Rules and Laws** - Where are they found, why we have them and what happens when we break them? Susan challenges the students to think clearly about their decisions.

- **Cyberbullying** - what is cyberbullying and how/when does it happen. How does it make a victim feel and what can we do if we see it happen or if it is happening to us. Did you know that cyberbullying is a crime & Police can be involved?

- **Online 'friends'** that are not really a friend. How strangers find us online and what they might ask us to do. The issue of ‘rude pics’ is discussed in an age appropriate way so that children understand that ‘private’ in the real world is ‘private’ online as well. What should they do if asked for a naked picture?

- What are the **sites & apps** that children are using and what are the age requirements for each site. Why it is important that online rules are **NOT** broken or disobeyed?

- **Staying safe online** - how we can be as safe as possible online. How to identify a problem and what can we do if there is a problem.

- **How to be a good Digital Citizen** – Time for discussion and questions.

****Please note that sessions can be tailored to suit your schools requirements in relation to content or as a result of a specific concern *******

"No one can connect with students in the way Susan McLean can. She is the best and most respected educator of young people on cybersafety in Australia if not the world"

Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg - Adolescent Psychologist

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Keysborough Primary School News for Years 3 - 6

On **Wednesday, 10th February** Susan McLean, an expert on CyberSafety, will visit our school to speak to the **Year 3 – 6** children about being good digital citizens and staying safe online. There is no cost as this visit is funded by our BullyStoppers Grant from the Department of Education. **World Safe Internet Day** is on Tuesday, 9th so this is good timing for her visit. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Hill on 9798 4764
Springers Leisure Centre

Saturday, 13 February 2016 1pm – 5pm

Sport Clinic Timetable

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- Jumping Castle
- Group Fitness
- Badminton
- Keysborough Cougars Vs McKinnon Cougars Basketball

Auskick Clinic by: Junior Football Club

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Monday 15 & 22 February

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Grades 2 & 3: 5.15pm – 6.15pm
Tuesday 16 & 23 February

TO REGISTER CALL 9701 5900 by: Friday 12 February

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It's not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it’s true. The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it’s often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It’s hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year’s lost schooling over the school-life of a child. In today’s highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That’s not a reason to be away!

It’s now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling’s birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don’t really value learning or their children’s school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

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It takes strong parenting...

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as “It’s not fair that I have to go school today because Aunty is coming to visit!” Nice try. But the answer should be “No!”

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It’s reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.

AS A PARENT:

✓ Commit to sending kids to school every day.
✓ Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time.
✓ Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence.
✓ Consider catching-up on missed work.
✓ Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom – that is where ill kids should be.