



KEGWORTH POST

Courtesy, Care and Commitment

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land on which our school has been built upon, the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. We honour all Aboriginal Elders past, present and future. With care we:

- We touch the ground of the Gadigal land
- We reach for the sky that covers the Gadigal land
- We touch our hearts for the care of the Gadigal land

Class 1L

2022 TERM 4 – WEEKS 8 - 10

Monday 5 December	7:50am- 9:00am	TERM 4 – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS DUE
Tuesday 6 December	9:30am – 4:30pm 6:15pm -7:30pm	No Junior Band rehearsal today Transition to School – Preschool Interviews Band Soiree – Music Hall
Wednesday 7 December	8:30am – 9:10am 11:50am – 12:45pm 2:30pm – 3:10pm	WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY No Senior Band rehearsal today ABORIGINAL BREAKFAST – School Courtyard Chess Club – last session for 2022 Years K – 6 Assembly – Assembly Hall
Thursday 8 December	7:50am- 9:00am 9:30am – 12:00pm 9:30am – 4:30pm	Junior String rehearsal – Assembly Hall Music 2023 - Bow Testing - Years K - 2 – Music Hall Transition to School – Preschool Interviews
Monday 12 December	7:50am – 9:00am 7:45am -4:30pm 9:15am – 3:15pm	Years 1 – 4 String rehearsal - Music Hall Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) - Narrabeen excursion Stage 2 – Movie & Lunch in the Park
Tuesday 13 December	8:15am – 3:15pm 1:45pm – 3:00pm	Stage ES1 (Kinder) – Calmsley Hill City Farm excursion. Bus leaves promptly @ 8:30am Preschool Kangaroos – End of Year Concert & Graduation
Wednesday 14 December	7:50am – 9:00am 9:30am -10:30am	WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY Senior Band rehearsal – Assembly Hall Music 2023 – Yr 2 Blow testing - Music Hall
Thursday 15 December	8:00am – 8:30am 8:30am – 9:00am 9:30am – 11:00am 1:45pm – 3:00pm 6:15pm – 8:00pm	K – 6 Semester 2 - Student Academic Reports emailed home to parents & carers Years 5 & 6 String student rehearsal – Music Hall Junior String rehearsal – Music Hall Presentation Ceremony & Year 6 Graduation – Assembly Hall Preschool Koalas – End of Year Concert & Graduation String Soiree – Music Hall
Friday 16 December		LAST STUDENT SCHOOL DAY FOR 2022
Monday 18 December		Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day Team Kids open for pre-booked students only
Tuesday 19 December		Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day

TERM DATES – 2022		2023	
TERM 4 Monday 10 October to <u>Friday 16 December 2022</u> Staff Development Day – <u>Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 December – pupil free days</u>	TERM 1 Friday 27 January to Thursday 6 April Staff Development Day - <u>Friday 27 & Monday 30 January – pupil free day</u> Preschool - Kangaroos & Years 1 – 6 students start on Tuesday 31 January Preschool - Koalas start on Thursday 2 February Kindergarten start on Monday 6 February	TERM 2 Monday 24 April to Friday 30 June Staff Development Day - <u>Monday 24 April – pupil free day</u> Anzac Day – Public Holiday – Tuesday 25 April Years P – 6 students start on Wednesday 26 April	TERM 3 Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September Staff Development Day - <u>Monday 17 July – pupil free day</u> Years P – 6 students start on Tuesday 18 July

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

❖ KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE – NO DOGS IN SCHOOLS

Recently, we had an unfortunate incident where sadly one of our Preschoolers was bitten by a dog on the lip. The dog had been leashed to a gate, away from the Preschool entrance but still accessible by adults or children. Fortunately, the injury sustained by this child did not require stitches, but this could have easily been a seriously bad situation.

Parents & carers reminded that dogs are NOT permitted within the internal gates of the Preschool and / or the main school site.

- This includes carrying your dog under your arm when you are entering school grounds for school business and / or to collect or drop off your child.
- Please be mindful, particularly if you choose to walk to school with your dog either in the morning or afternoon, of the number of pedestrians around and about at peak times, especially near school entry / exit gates.
- Please you do not leave your dog unattended and / or leashed to any school external fence / gate.
- Dogs have different and unpredictable temperaments and can be either fearful, timid or dominant. They can be very sensitive to moving objects, sudden or unusual movement, in addition to having highly developed hearing and smell. High activity with large volumes of children and adults may cause your dog to react unfavourably.

The only reason why a dog would be permitted to be on any school site, includes:

- a. Assistance or service dogs;
- b. Farm working dogs (for specific schools that have school farms);
- c. Visits by organised groups or programs for incursions (eg. Responsible Pet Ownership Education);
- d. School support dogs (known as therapy dogs, with specific school guidelines for school site management)

Occasionally, there may be request for a child's family dog (or pet) to visit a class as part of a news item. Requests are considered on a case-by-case basis, must be well managed and only for a short period of time where an adult brings the dog to school for the item duration only. Permission is required from the Principal, prior to the visit and a school risk assessment must be completed.

❖ TERM 4 - STUDENT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Many thanks to the number of parents and caregivers who have already brought their invoices up to date for this year – greatly appreciated. The final date due for account payments was Monday 5 December. The final statement includes all payments for all Music Program - Band & String fees and instrument hire, end of year picnic days and any other P – 6 incursion or excursion events.

Given that we are quickly coming to the end of the school year, payment plans and extension of time cannot be provided.

It would be appreciated if all accounts are finalised by the end of this week, to avoid a follow up call from the school.

Please remember that all accounts are integrated with our Parent Online Payment (POP) system, making payments quicker and easier. Payments can still be made at the front office by EFTPOS.

❖ K – 6 SEMESTER 2 - STUDENT REPORTS

Final edits are being made by our teaching staff, to all K – 6 Semester 2 - Student Reports.

All K – 6 students will receive their report via email on Thursday 15 December 2022. Parents and caregivers will be able to see the progress that your child / children have made over this year and celebrate their achievements in number of academic and social areas. Should you require your child's school report earlier because of travel leave exemptions, please notify the school front office as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made to accommodate.

❖ SENIOR PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

Now that the rain has stopped and the sun has been shining – substantial progress has been made to the Senior Playground and... we have grass!!!

Over the past weeks, we have had:

- underground electrical / cable conduit pipes leading from the playground driveway to the overhead walk bridge in preparation for future works;
- newly paved pedestrian paths that connect the lower end of the playground from the existing multipurpose court all the way up to Team Kids cottage and the toilet block;
- a more robust concrete driveway that links directly with the Team Kids cottage and can support heavy duty trucks;
- an automated pop-up sprinkler system linked to the underground water tank to support the growth of the grassed area;
- a freshly prepared new multi-purpose soccer & running court – astro turf should be arriving sometime next week;
- new sandstone blocks positioned strategically as seating around the playground area and
- newly turfed grass!!!!



❖ THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING P&C

Sincere thanks to our outgoing 2022 P&C executive namely: Dustin Blagg – President, Vice Presidents – Chris Burgoyne & Linda Arnmark, Treasurer – Jane Perrett, Assistant Treasurer & Uniform Shop Coordinator – Helen Johnson, Secretary – Kimberly Luffman, Music Committee President – Anna Curtis, Environmental & Sustainability Sub-Committee Coordinator - Ligita Mikutaite and Gardening Sub-Committee Coordinator - Leon Berkelmans and all other members of the P&C for their faithful support of our school throughout this year. Their commitment to re-engaging our school community and supporting the learning and play for all of our Kegworth kids has been greatly valued and appreciated. Thank you also to the many Kegworth families who have generously supported the P&C fundraising activities throughout this year. We could not have done it without you!

❖ SRC - GIFT GIVING THANKS

Big thanks to everyone who generously supported the SRC's initiative to give back to less fortunate families and children in our local community for Christmas this year. We were delighted to see the boxes overflowing with a huge variety of gifts, that no doubt will bring a smile to many on Christmas Day.

Thank you everyone for giving from the heart ❤️



❖ MUSIC PROGRAM 2023

All students who are returning to either the Band or String program for next year are advised to complete the appropriate Skoolbag e-form to advise the school of your intentions, no later than Friday 9 December 2022. If you have already completed the hard copy form and returned this information to the school front office, there is no need to complete the e-form as well.

Students in Years Kindergarten – Year 6 are invited to join the school's 2023 Music Program. Over the past weeks and concluding next week, students have been participating in "Blow and Bow" tests. These tests give our students the opportunity to trial an instrument that they may be interested in playing next year. All students have taken home a slip indicating their instrument preference and an EOI form for the Band / String Ensembles for next year.

Parents & carers are asked to return your child's EOI form to the school front office as soon as possible to assist the school in organising instrument hire and tutor information, before the end of the school year. A Skoolbag e-form is also available for new students to complete, should the hard copy form be misplaced.

❖ CLASS PLANNING 2023

Next year, our school will continue to operate with a 13 x class structure and may include a number of stage-based classes across some year groups. We are still finalising the matching of teaching staff to classes at this stage and will aim to have this information available to you in the final Newsletter.

A breakdown of the 13-x class structure is as follows:

- Kindergarten x 2 classes
- Year 1 x 2 classes
- Year 2 x 2 classes
- Year 3 x 2 classes
- Years 4 x 2 classes
- Years 5 & 6 x 3 classes

As you can appreciate, a considerable amount of time and discussion between teaching staff is undertaken to formulate the best combination of classes and students.

When forming classes, the following priorities need to be considered:

- Separation of siblings;
- Gender balance;
- Students with high support needs;
- Students with medium support needs or similar needs e.g. – speech needs, ot needs;
- Students with Individual Learning Plans (IEP) or Personal Learning Plans (PLP);
- English as a Second Language – student groupings;
- Mixed ability groups within a class;
- Separating students who have been identified as not being able to work productively together;
- Suitability for composite classes (if required);
- Other extenuating circumstances.

Parent / carers requests received for a particular teacher or to place students together because of friendship groups, cannot always be accommodated. Unfortunately, this frequently presents problems if students' choices in "having a friend in the same class" is not accommodated or even reciprocated, leaves some students' upset as a result.

The promotion of friendships at school should be encouraged through the many other school opportunities that arise each day such as lunch and munch breaks and / or combined year group activities, where learning to get along with other people and / or the making new friends supports students' social skills, which is also perceived as a necessary life skill. Friendship groups are not always a priority when forming classes. Ensuring a productive learning environment in the classroom is. Please be prepared to discuss this issue with your child should any questions arise at the beginning of the year, if your child is not placed in the same class as someone who is in their immediate friendship group.

❖ WORKBOOKS 2023

Our school will be engaging booksellers as per previous years, to purchase our student workbook requirements for next year. Parents and caregivers will be able to access an online ordering and payment system for their child's 'workbook pack' which will then be delivered to the school for your child to use at the beginning of Term 1, 2023. Further information regarding the online ordering process and due dates will be forwarded at the end of term. A breakdown of book packs costs for each year group are:

- Kindergarten = \$44.25
- Year 1 = \$75.15
- Year 2 = \$54.35
- Years 3 = \$76.80
- Year 4 = \$79.30
- Year 5 = \$71.80
- Year 6 = \$71.80

❖ FAREWELL TO...

At the end of this year, we will be farewelling the following Kegworth staff who will not be returning to our school in 2023:

- **Mrs Carole Green** – who will be taking LSL for Semester 1 and will take a well-deserved break from full time teaching to pursue other interests and activities.
- **Ms Orlagh Healy** – who is also taking a break from full time teaching. We may still see Miss Healy from time to time at Kegworth as a casual teacher.
- **Miss Victoria Hill** – who has successfully been appointed to a leadership role as Assistant Principal in a temporary capacity for a full year.
- **Ms Ali Guerreiro** – who has successfully been appointed to a permanent role as School Administration Officer at SSC Leichhardt.

Happy Birthday!

Kegworth birthday candles and best wishes are sent to:

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Preschool: Giorgia
KG: Cleo, Oskar and Elsie
KY: None
1H: Chloe
1L: Amelia,
2V: Gus, Charlotte,
2W: Isaac, Mason and William
3C: Cayley and Joshua
3V: Elliot
4H: Ciaran, Bella, Oscar, Cleo and Julia
4W: Madeleine and Harry
5-6L: Harry,
5-6R: None
5-6T: Archer and Verity



We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful day!

Library End of Year

As our school year is drawing to a close, it is time to remind everyone that the all library books must be returned to the school, no later than **MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2022 (TERM 4 – WEEK 10)**



Any student with overdue books will receive a reminder notice to return the book(s). If you have lost or damaged a book during the year, you will then receive an overdue notice that will include a fee. Fees raised will be spent on replacing and renewing our collection.

Your prompt response will be very much appreciated!

If you receive a reminder notice but have returned the book, or never borrowed it, please make a short notation on the notice and return it to Ms Wilson.

Also, sometimes books go home without being loaned correctly. If you discover a library book that is not listed on a reminder notice, please return it as soon as possible. Thank for your assistance and don't forget to keep reading!

LOST PROPERTY

There is a considerable amount of lost property waiting to be collected in the lost property cupboard (near 2W room). Could you please take a few moments to come in and check if any items belong to your child next time you are either dropping off or collecting your child, this week.

Any unlabelled clothing items will be donated to the second-hand uniform pool by next Wednesday 14 December. All unlabelled containers and bottles will be washed and re-purposed or discarded.

2022 PRESENTATION CEREMONY & YEAR 6 GRADUATION CEREMONY

Our Presentation Ceremony will take place in our Assembly Hall on Thursday 15 December 2022, beginning at 9:30am.

Entry to the Assembly Hall will be via the Kegworth Street gates only.

If attending, please wait outside of the gates until they are opened at this time. All attending adults will be required to register via QR code, upon entry to the school.

The Ceremony will begin once all students and adults are seated.

All Kegworth students are reminded to wear full summer school uniform on this day.

Performances for the Ceremony include:

- Senior Band performance – students must remember to bring their instrument and music to school. Please wear your summer school uniform.
- Senior String Ensemble Performance – students must remember to bring their music and instrument to school. Please wear your summer school uniform.
- Year 6 Graduation Awards – please wear your Year 6 T-shirt, skort or shorts, white socks and black shoes
- Presentation of Kegworth 2022 Perpetual Awards



At the conclusion of the Ceremony:

- *All students will be asked to wait for their teacher's instruction to leave the hall.*
- *Parents and carers will be requested to leave the Assembly Hall to join us for some light refreshments under the COLA (junior playground).*
- *Year 6 students will be able to join their parents, carers and teachers for morning tea.*
- *K – 6 students will then be able to resume regular school routines for the remainder of the day.*

Thank you for your cooperation – we hope you will be able to join us for this special occasion!

UNIFORM SHOP

Parents & carers who would like to purchase **new uniforms** are requested to orders via the flexischools.com.au website. A copy of the order form is included in this Newsletter for your information. Please send all enquiries to: kegworth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

During Term 4 – the Uniform Shop will be open for face-to-face purchases as well as online ordering.

Term 4 dates: * **Friday 16 December (TBC)**

Time: 2:45pm – 3:30pm

Thank you

Helen Johnson

Uniform Shop Coordinator

P&C News

P&C – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING UPDATE:

The annual P&C AGM was held on Wednesday 16 November 2022, where we thanked and farewelled long standing P&C executive members - Dustin Blagg, Leon Berkelmans and Anna Curtis.

A new P&C 2023 Executive was formed:

- President: Helen Johnson
- Vice Presidents: Linda Arnmark, Chris Burgoyne and Soto Shen
- Treasurer: Jane Perrett
- Assistant Treasurer & Music Committee Treasurer: **pending**
- Secretary: Kimberly Luffman
- AUTUMN F.A.R.E. coordinator/s: **Vacant position**
please contact the P&C if you are interested or would like more information on this role
- Communications Sub-Committee Coordinator: **Vacant position**
please contact the P&C if you are interested or would like more information on this role
- Environment & Sustainability Sub-Committee Coordinator: Ligita Mikuate
- Fundraising and Grants Sub-Committee Coordinator: **Vacant position**
please contact the P&C if you are interested or would like more information on this role
- Gardening Sub-Committee Coordinator: Chris Burgoyne
- Music Sub-Committee Coordinator: Lorraine Cherry-Nguyen
- Sport & Wellbeing Sub-Committee Coordinator: Mel Moffatt
- Uniform Sub-Committee Coordinator: **pending**

Meeting minutes can be found on the website: <https://kegworthpublicschool.com/>

Save the date for the next P&C meeting to be held on **Wednesday 15 February 2023 @ 7:00pm**.
More information to come in 2023.

KEGWORTH P&C PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 2022

2022 was our year to reinvigorate the Kegworth school community and reconnect with some old friends, and meet new ones. After two years of lockdowns and isolation, people were keen to reconnect and help support our school, the staff and most importantly, our kids with their continued education.

With the new year and newly formed Executive, and supporting P&C members, we were looking forward to. Our goals for the year were to:

1. Engage and reconnect our school community
2. Enrich learning and play for our kids by supporting the school
3. Create a sustainable future for both our environment and fiscal responsibilities

On reflection, it's been amazing how much we've achieved throughout the year. None of this would've been possible without the combined efforts of everyone here on the P&C, and the support of Belinda and the school staff. There are some ambitious goals outstanding, but some stand out moments this year for me were:

- Kegworth P&C social event at the Leichhardt Bowlo where over 100 parents and kids came together and reconnected.
- Election Day BBQ where, through the combined efforts of the P&C, Music committee and the Year 6 fundraising, we secured over \$9,000 from fundraising. A real joint effort from all involved!
- Senior playground development - despite a few false starts, progress was made to provide a better playground for our kids. We wish to thank the Dept of Education for their investment in our kids and delivering on new infrastructure on the playground. I'd also like to recognise and thank June Boxell and [Sara Padgett Kjaersgaard](#) for their vision and hard work over the years to form a plan for the playground. While the original vision did not eventuate, elements of it are being considered with the further works. I also want to thank Helen and Chris for taking the baton to deliver the last of the playground plan as committed to by the P&C.
- Mothers / Fathers / Carers day stalls - These fundraising events continued this year and we continue to evolve to be more inclusive of the diverse families within the Kegworth community
- Reinstating the parent class representative program - During the pandemic we lost contact with the different years and to help them have a voice on the P&C. Thanks to Ligita's efforts, we were able to get it back up and running this year and into the future.
- Festive Market - while officially it hasn't happened yet, I wish to formally recognise and thank everyone who has been involved with organising this event. The amount of effort and time that has gone into it has been immense, and there is lots of excitement about the day. We've missed having the Autumn FARE the last few years, and this event is shaping up to carry on the same spirit.

I wish to personally thank the entire team this year not only for their commitment in supporting the school and its community, but also for supporting me. We've all had a busy year with our personal and professional lives, but this team still managed to go above and beyond to support the school. I'd like to call out some specific people in recognition for their efforts:

- First and foremost, [Kimberly Luffman](#). Kimberly has done an amazing job as our secretary throughout the year. Not only has she helped pull together the agenda and keep the meeting minutes, she's also helped to keep us all on track and honest. Her dedication to supporting us was demonstrated when she was dialled into a meeting whilst on the ski slopes, and supposed to be on a date night with her husband.
- [Helen Johnson](#) for all her efforts not only on the Exec and fundraising, senior playground development efforts, but also taking on the uniform room and keeping our kids with the correct uniform.
- [Chris Burgoyne](#) for all the help and support he's given me over the years. There has never been a job too big, or task too small, that Chris wouldn't throw his hat into the ring for. I knew that if Chris was on the job, it was going to get done. Thank you Chris!
- [Jane Perrett](#), our keeper of the purse strings. Jane, I really enjoyed and valued some of the down-to-Earth, pragmatic debates we've had. Not everything this year was smooth sailing and hearing from

you some very frank and honest opinions helped ground my responses. Without that, some things may have gone a little different.

- Lastly, [Belinda Perih](#). Belinda, getting to understand the complexities of your job, the different personalities involved, the various challenges you constantly face and none of that made easier by throwing a pandemic into the mix. Your commitment to educating our kids and then supporting greater school community, both in and out of the classrooms, is nothing short of miraculous. I wish to thank you personally for all the help and consideration you've given me and my kids at our time here at Kegworth. I wish you all the best in the future.

I feel extremely fortunate to have been a part of this fantastic team this year, and part of the Kegworth community in general. I feel confident that both the Kegworth school and P&C committee are in great hands. It's been a real privilege to have been able to serve this community and give a little back.

Here's looking forward to a stellar 2023 and beyond. I look forward to hearing about the continued success of the school.

Thank you,

Dustin Blagg

Out-going President 2022



Kegworth Public School
Commitment, Excellence and Success for the Future

Waste Free Lunch/Munch Day Every Wednesday

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

Waste Free

The general idea is to reduce the amount of waste we produce. That means only consuming what is needed, refusing single-use plastics, reusing what can be reused, and recycling what can be recycled.

Living Sustainably

To live a more environment-friendly life means making daily choices that reduce our negative impact on the environment.

Every Wednesday we bring:

- Reusable water bottle
- Food packed in reusable containers
- Reusable utensils
- Foods waste free by nature

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Martial Arts, Soccer, LEGO®
STEAM and Visual Arts
Before/After School Program

LEGO® Workshop

With an expert LEGO® builder
Thursdays 3.15 to 5pm

- Problem solving
- Social skills
- Lower anxiety and stress

NEW

Visual Arts Program

Drawing, painting, sculpture
and more
Thursdays 3.15 to 5pm

- Creativity
- Motor skills
- Self-expression

Martial Arts and Soccer

Pick your favourite, or do both!
Fridays 3.15 to 5pm

- Confidence
- Fitness and coordination
- Teamwork

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IT'S BACK!

Marrickville Town Hall
SATURDAY 17 Dec @7pm
SUNDAY 18 Dec @4pm
Free! Bring a picnic!

Don't miss this iconic Inner West Christmas event in its 19th year: unplugged and unfazed. Sing with the combined forces of the mighty Leichhardt Espresso Chorus, their terrific Tinsel Orchestra plus the children's Candy Cane Choir and guests MAXed OUT from Moorambilla Voices. With soloists, old and new carols, and a "loopy" Christmas installation celebrate the season in quintessential Inner West style.

JOIN the Children's Choir rehearsals and register online.
DISCOVER more and download a lyric sheet.
LOVE your community choir.

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STUDENT UNIFORM ORDER FORM

PARENT/CARER's NAME: CONTACT NUMBER:

CHILD'S NAME: CLASS:

Item	Sizes and quantity per size							Item qty	Unit Price	Item Amt \$
	4	6	8	10	12	14	16			
Bootlegs (girls)									\$25.00	
Cargos (unisex)									\$35.00	
Double Knee Trackpants (unisex)									\$25.00	
Double Knee Trackpants (unisex)									\$21.00	
Shorts – Cargo (unisex)									\$22.00	
Skorts									\$27.00	
Zip Jackets									\$32.00	
Dry and Cozy Jacket									\$40.00	
Polo Shirt – <u>SHORT</u> sleeve									\$24.00	
Polo Shirt – <u>LONG</u> sleeve									\$28.00	
Royal Blue Sports T-Shirt									\$22.00	
Music Shirts – short sl/poly cotton									\$26.00	
Summer Dress									\$47.00	
Winter Tunic (worn with l/s polo)									\$47.00	
		S	M	L	XL					
Hats: Slouch (hard brim)									\$12.00	
Surf (soft brim)									\$12.00	
Legionnaires	One size fits all								\$10.00	
School Bag									\$40.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT FOR ORDER:										\$

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