



KEGWORTH POST

Courtesy, Care and Commitment

Acknowledgement of Country

*We touch the ground to acknowledge the Cadigal and Wangal land,
We touch our hearts to care for the Cadigal and Wangal land,
We touch the sky that covers the Cadigal and Wangal land.*

- Kegworth Preschool

2023 TERM 1 – WEEKS 10 - 11

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| Saturday 25 March | | Election Day – P&C Fundraiser |
| Monday 27 March | | Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN testing – Final Day |
| Tuesday 28 March | 7:30 – 4:30pm | Stage 3 – Excursion Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation – Narrabeen Parent Teacher Interviews – Year 1 & 2 & Mr Hope |
| Wednesday 29 March | 9:30 – 11:45am | Cross Country Run Years 2-6 – Richard Murdon Reserve Parent Teacher Interviews – Kindergarten & Mr Hope |
| Thursday 30 March – Wednesday 5 April | | Life Education Program Years K-6 |
| Thursday 30 March | | Parent Teacher Interviews – Class 5/6R & 5/6S |
| Friday 31 March | | Online Enrolment Years 6 -7 closes |
| Monday 3 – Thursday 6 April | | Easter Guessing Competition – Gold Coin |
| Monday 3 April | | Parent Teacher Interviews – Year 3 & 4W |
| Tuesday 4 April | | Parent Teacher Interviews – 4R & Mr Hope |
| Thursday 6 April | 9:30am | Last Day Term 1 Easter Hat Parade Years K-2 Egg-Vention Show – Years 3-6 |

TERM DATES – 2023

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| TERM 1 Friday 27 January to Thursday 6 April Staff Development Day - <u>Friday 27 & Monday 30 January</u> – pupil free day | TERM 2 Monday 24 April to Friday 30 June Staff Development Day - <u>Monday 24 April</u> – pupil free day 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</u> – pupil free day Years P – 6 students start on Tuesday 18 July | TERM 4 Monday 9 October to Tuesday 19 December Staff Development Day - <u>Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 December</u> – pupil free day Years P – 6 students start on Monday 9 October |
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Our T1 Parent Teacher Interviews start this Tuesday 28 March. This term we are having interviews all day to give the staff greater flexibility in allocating appointments. This will mean that the interviews are **NOT in your child's classrooms**. Most interviews are in the 3 different Assistant Principal offices and some are in our Special Purpose Room.

| Date/Room | JOSIE GIARDINA'S OFFICE | LISA WILLIAM'S OFFICE | MICHAEL ROBERTS' OFFICE | SPECIAL PURPOSE ROOM |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| TUESDAY 28/3 | CASSY SMITH | CHRISTINE WEEKS | COURTNEY LEVIN | EMILY YOUNG |
| WEDNESDAY 29/3 | SARAH FUETRIL | | JESS MARAFIOTI | |
| THURSDAY 30/3 | | | MICHAEL ROBERTS | JANA SMITH |
| MONDAY 3/4 | | LISA WILLIAMS | HELEN KASES | NATASHA VOGELMANN |
| TUESDAY 4/4 | | STEVIE ROONEY | | |

Directions:

Josie Giardina's Office & Lisa William's Office:

Enter via Tebbutt St main entrance, turn right down the corridor and then take the first right into the room with a photocopier in it.

Michael Roberts' Office:

Enter via Tebbutt St main entrance, turn left past the main office, the second office on the left (diagonally opposite my office.)

Special Purpose Room:

Small classroom in the junior playground, diagonally opposite the hall (next to the Kegworth St entrance). If you are unsure of where to go, ask at the office on your way in.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

Last Thursday I met with reps from our P&C & Melanie (our School Admin Manager) to take the first step in streamlining our school communications. A meeting with the whole staff will follow as will a consultation with parents. Stay tuned.

STAFF TRAINING:

This Thursday and Friday some of our teaching staff attended a 2-day training course as part of our whole school approach to building teacher capacity in the teaching of writing. This will be followed up with further writing training in T2.

I'm writing this on Wednesday as I'm attending a Primary Principals' Association conference over the next two days.

There will be **NO** newsletter in week 11, your next newsletter will go out on Friday of Week 2 in Term 2.

Have a great weekend.

Phil

PREMIER'S BACK TO SCHOOL NSW VOUCHERS

As we prepare for another year of learning in 2023, you can now apply for the Premier's Back to School NSW Program, offering \$150 worth of vouchers (3 x \$50) to help pay for school supplies like school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks, stationery and now also excursions.

Every primary and secondary school student in NSW is eligible for the vouchers.

Vouchers must be used before 30 June 2023.

Please read the letter from the Premier about the program and the vouchers.

You can apply for and access your vouchers in your MyServiceNSW account, in the Service NSW app, by calling Service NSW on 137788 or by visiting your local Service Centre -

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre>

To be eligible, your child needs to be a NSW resident and enrolled in a NSW primary or secondary school in NSW in 2023.

For more information, visit the Service NSW website - <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school-vouchers>

Happy Birthday!

The following students have celebrated a birthday during January and February:

Kegworth birthday candles and best wishes are sent to:

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Preschool: Sophie & Mika

KY: Harin

1Y: None

2W: Vivienne

3V: Ashly & Rothko

4W: Reggie & Stephanie

5-6R: Thomas, Olivia & Elliott

KG: None

1L: Joshua & Forbes

2S: None

3K: Lola, Leo & Seren

4R: Archer, Sienna, Piper, Ryan & Freddie

5-6L: Jack, Lily & Zein

5-6S: Poppy, Rory, Louis & Theo



We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful day!

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

Term 1 dates: * **Friday 31 March**

Time: 2:15pm – 3:30pm

Thank you

Helen Johnson

Uniform Shop Coordinator



CELEBRATING EASTER AT KEGWORTH

FOR OUR YEARS K – 2 STUDENTS –

Do you think you have what it takes to design and make your own Easter Hat using reusable and recyclable materials? Well... here is a special event for you!

All students in Years K – 2 are invited to participate in our **'EASTER HAT PARADE'** to be held in our junior playground on **THURSDAY 6 APRIL** beginning at 9:30am.

Use your imagination to create your Easter Hat at home. Consider how you can best reuse and recycle materials in your home rather than going out to buy new products to decorate. Bring your "Easter Hat" into school on Thursday morning in readiness for the Parade.

- Parent and Carers are invited to attend this event. Entry and Exit via Kegworth Street gates only.

NB: In the event of wet weather, the K – 2 Hat Parade will be cancelled. A Skoolbag notice will be posted that morning to advise. Parents / carers are still welcome to view the Egg-Vention display in the Hall only.

FOR OUR YEAR 3 – 6 STUDENTS –

This 'egg - citing' challenge is back again!! Do you think you have what it takes to be an egg – ventor using as many reusable and recyclable materials as possible?

Get cr - egg - ative and egg - enious!



All students in Years 3 - 6 are invited to participate in our annual **'EGG-VENTION SHOW'**, held in our school's Assembly Hall on **THURSDAY 6 APRIL**.

Students need to use their imagination to create an interesting character(s) using hard-boiled egg(s) at home. Your EGG-VENTION should not be bigger than a small cardboard box and should use as many reusable or recycled materials as possible! Some suggestions could include: "Robo - egg" or "Egg – plosion" or "Egg – spert"

Don't forget to clearly label your 'EGG-VENTION' with your first name only, your class and a title of what it represents.

Students who have brothers and sisters at the school may like to present one 'EGG-VENTION' to display on the day. 'EGG-VENTIONS' can be brought to the school's Assembly Hall on the morning of **THURSDAY 6 APRIL** from 9:00am.

- All K – 6 Students will have the opportunity to view the display with their classes during the day;
- Years K – 2 parents / carers are invited to view the display after the Easter Hat Parade;
- Years 3 – 6 parents / carers are invited to view the display from 2:15pm to 3:00pm, via Kegworth St gates.

Please remember to collect your 'EGG-VENTION' at 3:00pm as it would be unfortunate to have to dispose of any unclaimed displays before the holiday break. We look forward to seeing a most egg-citing, egg-static, eggs-hilarating show!

So.....don't be an EGG-HEAD ~ join the EGG-VENT SHOW!!



Cross Country Run

Parent information sheet 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As a part of our school sports program, our annual school Cross Country Run for **Years 2 – 6** will take place on Wednesday 29 March 2023 (T1 Week 10), from 9:30 am – 11:30 am (approx.). As usual the course will be run at Richard Murden Reserve (Hawthorne Canal).

Students will walk down to Richard Murden Reserve at the beginning of the school day with their class teachers' and will be supervised by Kegworth staff, while at the reserve. The senior races will be run first, followed by the junior years. Year 2 will not leave the school until about 9:50 am.

Students will run the following distances for their age groups (**i.e. the age they are turning this year**).

- 8, 9, & 10 year-olds: 2 km
- 11 and 12 year olds: 3 km

The first six placegetters in each age group will be invited to complete in the Balmain Zone Cross Country, however, **ONLY** students who are currently 8 years of age (or are turning 8 years old in 2023) and older are eligible to qualify for the Zone Cross Country Run.

It would be appreciated if you would discuss this with your child, particularly if they are 7 years old or turning 7 this year.

On the day, students will need to bring a water bottle and wear a hat. In addition, **those who are at risk should ensure their EpiPen is taken to the event (please alert your child's teacher) and Asthma puffers should be carried in students' pockets.**

You are **NOT** required to sign a permission note **IF** you have completed and sent back the "General Permission to Leave School Grounds" note. Provided the school has received this your child will automatically be permitted to participate.

Many thanks
Leah Radburn
Cross Country Coordinator

2024 Applications to enrol in a NSW Government Preschool

"Wait List" applications are now open for 2024 Kegworth Pre-School!

Parents and caregivers who are seeking enrolment in the Pre-School for 2024 are requested to complete a "Wait List" application which is then required to be returned to the school office, as soon as possible.

Please note:

- That the "Wait List" application is only an expression of interest and does not imply that you will be successful in gaining a placement. Each year we have far more applications than positions available.
- According to the 'National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education', every child, 12 months prior to full time schooling, will have access to a Pre-School program for 15 hours per week, 40 weeks a year. This will ensure that the Pre-School program is equitable for ALL children.
- Currently we offer 2 x programs – "Kangaroos" and "Koalas".

| PROGRAM 1 "KANGAROOS" | PROGRAM 2 "KOALAS" |
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| WEEK A (ODD TERM WEEKS) | WEEKS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 (IN CASE OF 11 WEEK TERM) |
| Monday - 9:00am - 3:00pm Tuesday - 9:00am - 3:00pm | Wednesday - 9:00am - 3:00pm Thursday - 9:00am - 3:00pm Friday - 9:00am - 3:00pm |
| WEEK B (EVEN TERM WEEKS) | WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 |
| Monday - 9:00am - 3:00pm Tuesday - 9:00am - 3:00pm Wednesday - 9:00am - 3:00pm | Thursday - 9:00am - 3:00pm Friday - 9:00am - 3:00pm |

With this option, 2 days remain constant with both programs, i.e: Monday AND Tuesday - "Kangaroos",
OR Thursday AND Friday – "Koalas".

There would then be the alternating Wednesday each fortnight between both programs.

- All "Wait List" applications must be submitted in person or by mail to the main school office.

Following lodgement of the waiting list application, during August to September 2023, you will be contacted with either:

- an offer of placement **OR**
- a notification that you are currently unsuccessful and have been placed on a waiting list.

Before your child starts Pre-School with us, we will need to sight and take a copy of:

- original birth certificate and or passport AND
- recent immunisation details

Your child must turn 4 years of age by 31 July the year they start Pre-School. Pre-School placements are for **one year only** – being the year before they start Kindergarten. If your child was born mid-year, please consider carefully the year you would like them to attend Pre-School.

If you have any further enquiries regarding our Pre-School or you would like help completing the waiting list application, our administrative staff are available to assist you. Please do not hesitate to contact the main school office on ph: 9569 7320.

P&C News

COMMUNITY & EVENTS

HOW DOES KEGWORTH WANT TO CELEBRATE CARERS?

Thank you to all who took the time to share their views in the recent survey about Mother's, Father's, and Carer's events - this helped us learn how our school community would like to celebrate these into the future. Based on the responses received we will continue to celebrate the calendar dates of Mother's and Father's Day, while ensuring these celebrations are inclusive of all carers. We also plan to celebrate the many different families and carers on International Family Day in 2024. Thank you for your input.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ELECTION DAY BBQ - SATURDAY MARCH 25TH

Kegworth is a great place to vote. Enjoy a democracy sausage, delicious baked goods and a second hand sale. There will be something for everyone so bring your friends and family to the best place to vote in the inner west! If you're free to help with pack down after the event, we are always looking for volunteers (from 6 - 7pm).

EASTER EGG GUESSING - MONDAY APRIL 3RD TO THURSDAY 6TH

Come to the junior playground and guess how many eggs are in the jar - an Easter highlight for the kids! Bring a gold coin and have a guess for a chance to win the whole jar and other prizes.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE - FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

We will be selling second hand uniforms in the afternoon so come and grab a bargain.

LEARNING & PLAY

SENIOR PLAYGROUND DESIGNS & FUNDING APPROVED

The senior playground designs (Pre-school end) and funding have been approved this term, allowing the Department of Education tender process to commence. We will keep you updated as this progresses.

SUSTAINABILITY

Waste Free - Every day. It's wonderful to see so many waste free lunches and reusable water bottles. Waste Free Wednesdays are a reminder that we take sustainability seriously at Kegworth. **Did you know the average student's lunch generates around 3 kg of waste per school year?**



Clean Up Australia Day. Thank you to our wonderful community for your efforts. Small steps make a big difference to our environment. Together we raised \$291.80 for the sustainable canteen project.

Remember to grab an **ENVIROBANK bag** and collect cans and plastic bottles that have the 10c symbol on it, to raise funds for our school!

Thanks,
Helen Johnson
P&C President

Music Program

HERE'S HOW YOUR CHILD CAN JOIN KEGWORTH'S MUSIC PROGRAM

Children in Years 2 to 6 are invited to join **JUNIOR BAND**.



Band program instruments are clarinet, flute, oboe, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, baritone, French horn, bass guitar, drum/percussion and keyboard.

Children in any year are invited to join **JUNIOR STRINGS**.



String ensemble instruments are violin, viola, cello, and double bass.

String students first complete one term (10 x weeks) of private lessons on their chosen instrument, after which they may join the String Ensemble.

More information...

For information about instruments, rehearsals, tutors and costs of the program view the Music Handbooks, available from the school office or on the P&C website:

www.kegworthpublicschool.com/subcommittees/music-committee/kegworth-music-program

SIGN UP FOR THIS YEAR'S MUSIC PROGRAM...

A Skoolbag e-form, **2023 MUSIC PROGRAM - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** is available for interested parents/carers and carers to submit.

2023 MUSIC TIMETABLE

- Arrival time for all Band & String Ensemble morning rehearsals is **7:50am, in preparation for 8:00am start.**

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| JUNIOR BAND | Wednesday mornings | 8:00 – 9:00am | Assembly Hall |
| SENIOR BAND | Friday mornings | 8:00 – 9:00am | Assembly Hall |
| STRING TRIAL TUITION – Year 1 | Wednesday lunch x 2 gps NB: starting in Term 2 - TBA | 11:50 – 12:50pm | Music Hall |
| JUNIOR STRINGS | Thursday mornings | 8:00 – 9:00am | Music Hall |
| SENIOR STRINGS | Monday mornings | 8:00 – 9:00am | Music Hall |
| RECORDER GROUP – Years 3 - 6 | Thursday lunchtime | 12:05 – 12:45pm | Music Hall |
| UKULELE GROUP | Year 3 - starting in Term 2 | TBA | Music Hall |
| PRIMARY CHOIR – Years 3 - 6 | Friday lunchtime | 12:05 – 12:45pm | Music Hall |

MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Music Committee Meetings will be held online for the following dates (unless advised otherwise). All meetings begin at 6:30pm to 8:00pm via Zoom – all parents & carers are welcome!

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/66777963656?pwd=NjQyUng2SkNhb0xQdDJBT2dBZDFUdz09>

Meeting ID: 667 7796 3656 / Passcode: 502338

Music Committee Meeting Dates:

Please note - additional meetings may be required, particularly if close to an event – the committee will advise.

| Term 1 Meetings: | Term 2 Meetings: | Term 3 Meetings: | Term 4 Meetings: |
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| Monday 3 April | Monday 1 May Monday 5 June | Monday 7 August Monday 4 September | Monday 9 October Monday 6 November Monday 4 December |



LET'S GET RECYCLING!



Let's collect and recycle as many **bread bags** as we can from now until the end of Term 2, to earn rewards for Kegworth!
Please ensure the following:

- ✓ **PLASTIC** bread bags only of ANY brand.
- ✓ Shake out the crumbs.
- ✓ Drop into the collection boxes in either the linkways or the office.



To learn how the plastic is recycled go to aprpplastics.com.au.



Keep Kegworth Green!
Rethink. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

2024 STUDENT ENROLMENTS

Kegworth is now accepting enrolment applications for any school aged children who are in our Kegworth local catchment area for 2024.

If you are aware of any neighbour who has school aged children, please encourage them to put in an enrolment application form for next year. At this point in time, we are able to accept all local students and will consider applications from non-local students (dependent upon specific circumstances).

Priority is always given to local student enrolment applications first, followed by non-local siblings and then any new non-local applications.

Non-local applications must be supported with an accompanying letter advising the school as to the specific circumstances for requesting to enrol at Kegworth.

Enrolment application forms can now be completed online and are available in a number of languages via <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/enrolment-application>

FIND AND FOLLOW US ON

Did you know that Kegworth has official Twitter and Instagram accounts operating?

Become a follower and keep up to date with the variety of posts about student learning, displays and events that are taking place at our school on a regular basis.

We hope that this will provide our community with an insight into the teaching, learning and extra-curricular activities that make Kegworth the fantastic learning environment that it is!



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