NEWSLETTER







DIARY DATES

- Term 4
- 11th December Year 6 Graduation
- 11th 14th December Year
 10 Work Experience
- 11th 14th December Year
 7-9 Activities Week
- 12th December Movie Day
- 13th December F-6 Primary Concert
- 14th December Celebration of Success 9.00am
- 15th December Pool Day
- 15th December Early Dismissal 2.15pm

FEEDBACK

At Keith Area School, we value the input that we receive from parents and community members. If you would like to provide the school with some feedback, there are many ways that you can get in touch with us. In person, speaking to a teacher, leader or another staff member. You can also provide us feedback in writing via a letter or email to dl.0757.admin@schools.sa.edu.au

White Ribbon



FROM THE PRINCIPAL – MRS JACQUI VANDELEUR

The Christmas cheer is in the air as we near the end of another school year, and what a year it has been. I would like to start this newsletter off by offering my thanks and gratitude to the staff, students, families and wider community for welcoming me to our wonderful school as your new Principal. The past 6 months have flown by and I am so excited to be able to remain as the Principal for 2024. We have a terrific school here at Keith and one in which you should all be very proud of. I am excited to see what 2024 brings us and will be focussing on continuing to involve our wider community in school life, events and learning.

The past term has been jam packed with many extra curricula activities and academic learning for all of our students. Our Year 12's officially completed their schooling journey at their Year 12 formal last Friday evening and what a beautiful night this was. A big congratulations to all of our Year 12's on a great year- we are looking forward to hearing how you all go with your results in the new year and seeing where your future takes you.

I recently accompanied our Secondary SRC students and Mr Lamont to Halls Gap to hike the Grampians. I would like to acknowledge the terrific group of young ladies who participated in this camp. Their enthusiasm, kindness towards each other and support was the best I have ever seen amongst teenage girls – this is a credit to you all. Thank you to Mr Lamont for organising the camp and for scaring off the rather large male kangaroo at 4am who was a tad too close to my tent opening!

Our recent school Colour Run was also held last Thursday with terrific weather conditions. Again, a HUGE thank you to Mr Lamont and the SRC for organising the day and to the family, friends and community members who came and participated, took photos and supported our staff and students. These days really showcase what a great school we have here from the student involvement Foundation to Year 12!

Staffing and preparation for the new school year is well underway. Please keep your eyes out over the coming days for a letter regarding your child's new class teacher and which class they will be in. Please know that teaching staff spend a considerable amount of time organising classes for next year and I appreciate those families who have contacted me directly with their support and enquiries. I am confident that you will all value the work that our teaching staff put into this process and know that we are all very excited to welcome our new classes into the school year. Please note that school 'Term 1' resumes on Monday 29th of January 2024. Staff will be back on site the week prior, so please feel free to email your teachers should you require any clarification from this time.

As we head for the downhill end of the school year, I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can at either our Year 6 graduation next Monday night, our Primary Christmas Concert on Wednesday evening or our Celebration of Success on Thursday morning. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year with those who are nearest and dearest to you and enjoy spending time with your children over the summer break. I so look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

JACQUI/MRS V

Secondary Assistant Principal News Ms Chantelle Lucas



¥2023¥

The end of term is rapidly approaching, and we have lots to celebrate and lots still to do!

I will echo Jacqui's sentiment above and say that I would also like to extend my thanks to the staff, students, families and local community who have welcomed me to Keith this year. It has been a pleasure to join the school and wider community.

The Year 7s have participated in swimming lessons this week. A big thank you to Kristy Clark who is the mastermind behind the organising and scheduling of lessons for all students from F-7, and to our teaching and support staff for accompanying students to and from the pool each day.

Our Year 11 students are undertaking their second round of work experience this week. We have a number of students onsite, who have taken the opportunity to have a go at administration and classroom support roles.

Our Year 10s will finish up their year on Friday of Week 8, and undertake their second week of work experience during Week 9. We have a number of Year 10s who were offered apprenticeships after their first week of work experience in Term 2, and we are really pleased that they will be able to work towards their chosen pathway.

We are extremely grateful to the local employers and businesses who have taken on our students this year for work experience and traineeships and apprenticeships. We really appreciate your commitment to giving our students the experience in a variety of industries and workplaces.

Reports are being finalised as we speak for our secondary students, and will be sent home in report folders at the end of this week.

As always, please feel free to contact me or any of the secondary team with any questions or concerns.

I wish you and your families a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year, and I look forward to another busy and exciting year ahead in 2024.

END OF YEAR



Our Year 12s celebrated their formal last Friday night. It was a wonderful evening and a great opportunity for staff and families to gather and celebrate our Year 12s' achievements this year. We look forward to seeing what their futures hold, and wish them luck as their results are released in a few weeks.

Activities Week for Years 7-9 is coming up in Week 9, and is jam packed full of different activities and excursions for students. A big thank you to Rachel H who has worked with me on organising this since Term 2. To all the secondary team who have designed activities and excursions for the students and will be running various sessions with us, thank you. It is shaping up to be a really fun week!

We look forward to our Celebration of Success event on Thursday next week. It will be a great way to end the year and celebrate all of the achievements of our students academically and in the local community.

Thank you to the Year 6 students and parents who came along to the Year 7 Transition evening last week. It was great to show off our secondary learning spaces.

The Year 6s have joined us for two days of transition this week. I would like to thank our secondary teachers for taking on the Year 6 transition lessons - and for being flexible around the hot weather. By all accounts the students had a great time and are keen to join the secondary school next year. Thank you also to Brayden and Jess for accompanying the students for the two days for some extra support.

We are very excited to welcome the Year 6s to high school next year and wish them the very best at their graduation ceremony next week.



Primary Assistant Principal News Mrs Kristy Clark



Although this time of year is filled with excitement and fun, it can be a time of uncertainty, changes and new beginnings. The last few weeks we have busily been preparing transitions for the Kindy students and our Year 6 transition to Year 7.

We welcomed a lovely group of parents to the Kindy Transition night. It was fantastic to get to know everyone and hear such amazing things about their children. On Friday the 1st of December, we welcomed eighteen enthusiastic students for a whole day of school. They had a fantastic day and were able to experience many of the great things that Keith Area School has to offer. A big thank you to Mrs Smith and the JP team for their incredible work around the transition program.

On Monday the 4th and Tuesday the 5th of December, the Year 6's spent two days at high school. It was a wonderful two days, and they were very excited to experience new areas of learning, such as Technology, Agriculture and Home Ec. A big thank you to Miss Lucas for running an informative transition night for the parents and for making the Year 6's feel so welcome.

We are looking forward to the Year 6 Graduation, Movie Day, Concert and Celebration of Success next week.

We still have a busy Week 9 to go; however, this is a great time to reflect on a fantastic 2023. A big thank you to all of the staff at KAS who always go above and beyond, not only in their teaching, but in organising all of the extra experiences that Keith Area School offers. We are an extremely fortunate community. I hope you all enjoy a safe and happy Christmas and holidays.







Swimming Lessons

This week the Foundation to Year 7 students have been involved in swimming lessons. It was a fantastic experience with beautiful weather. We were extremely fortunate to have highly skilled instructors Sophie, Ruby, Mary and Riki-Lee. We would like to thank the instructors for coming to Keith and making our week so enjoyable.



Farewell



We will miss you

It has been a great privilege to have been a temporary relieving teacher (TRT) at Keith Area School, on and off, over the past couple of years. Filling in across the state due to teacher shortages from Burra to the Riverland to Mt. Gambier, I am absolutely delighted in the final 3 weeks of my career to be back at Keith, as this school is without doubt, the best I've encountered. From a most memorable Remembrance Day service last year (the best I've ever attended in 50 years with the department) to concerts, to special days along with the normal day to day school activities, KAS is an outstanding school; often also shining at a state level. (Royal Show, State sport champions etc.) A wonderful staff; dedicated, committed and hard working; caring and going the extra mile for all students. Fantastic students from those just starting to those completing their studies – always co-operative, keen, polite and respectful – real achievers. The Keith community can and should be mighty proud of its school. Colin Davidson (Mr. D)

NARAGOORTE CAVES EXCURSION



On Friday the 1st December, the Year Two class went to Naracoorte Caves. We went to the Victoria Fossil Cave, Stick Tomato Cave, and the Fossil Centre. The Victoria Fossil Cave was a favourite. We saw fossils, stalagmites, stalactites, columns, and cracks in the roof. We also got to play on the Fossil Hunters Playground.

A long, long time ago back in the ice age the caves formed little holes in the roof that animals fell into. This is why there are so many fossils in the Victoria Fossil Cave. One of the animal bones that we saw was from the Short-Faced Kangaroo. In the Stick Tomato cave, a chemical reaction of water dripping into the cave, absorbed the carbon dioxide and become acidic. Instead of depositing calcite crystals, it dissolved the limestone to produce Avens. Due to the flowing air into the cave, the development of the avens has stopped. Forming a smooth surface on the roof.

After we got back to school, we got changed out of our school clothes and set up our beds for the night. We also got to play in the front yard. For tea we had sausages in bread, and a Zooper Dooper. After tea we got changed into our PJ's to watch Lyle Lyle Crocodile. While we watched the movie, the adults gave us popcorn and lamingtons to eat. For breakfast we had cereal and toast. Everyone had a great time.











SRG GAMP

In Week 6, the SRC went to Halls Gap and end of year celebration and as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award. Our plan was to do three hours of hiking on Monday, six hours on Tuesday and another three hours on Wednesday before coming home. On Monday, we left Keith and made several pit stops along the way, including the giant koala. Once we arrived at Halls Gap, we set up our tents and got ready for the first hike. We travelled across Mount Bugiga and saw some beautiful views along the way. Once we arrived back at camp, we made our dinner and made several mistakes (including a pasta explosion and some serious rice spillage). Following dinner, we went out for ice cream and played card games (with some light bullying of Evie about her UNO skills), before going to bed, ready for a big day ahead. On the second day we got up early and set off for our second hike, the Wonderland Loop. On the way up we came across some amazing views before arriving at The Pinnacle after an hour and a half of solid hiking. We looked back over Halls Gap and ate lunch before making our way back down the mountain. We stopped at crowded Venus Baths for a much-needed swim before heading back to camp. Once we got back, we got dressed and went to the pub for dinner and to celebrate Tori's birthday. We made it back to camp just in time to sneak another ice cream (even after cake). On our last day we went for a beautiful hike around Mackenzie Falls. We went past Mackenzie Falls and Fish Falls, and the views were outstanding. After we finished our hike, we got back in the van and left for home. It was a great camp with many highlights and lots of new learnings. Apparently, Mrs V would make a fantastic teacher and canned tuna may also be considered a fruit or veg. All in all, it was a fantastic way to finish the year and we are truly grateful for the experience.



Keith Art Group Excursion

On the 22nd November, the Year 3 class went to see the Keith Art Group's annual Art Exhibition. The students had a great time looking at different art works produced by local artists and explaining why particular pieces were their favourite. Students also got an opportunity to vote in the People's Choice Award. Thank you to the Keith Art Group for having us – we had a great time!











Monarto Safari Park Excursion

On Monday 27th November, the Year 3 class travelled to the Monarto Safari Park. We started the day learning about shelter in the bush. We made cubbies and tried to hide from each other. We then got to go an an African safari, to see a lot of the animals in the park. We loved seeing the baby ostrich, giraffe and chimpanzee. It was a fantastic day out.











COLOUR RUN

A huge thank you must go out to our school community for supporting the students with their fundraising efforts over the past month. After fees for prizes and equipment, the school has received over \$3300 dollars to go towards a safe driver program next year for our learner and provisional drivers. The whole experience culminated with the run on Thursday Week 7. It was a great day for all those involved as I am sure you can see from the images below. Thank you again for all your support and we look forward to more similar events in the future!

Mr Lamont Secondary SRC Coordinator



11/12 AGRICULTURE

A huge thank you to Joel, Kayla and Josh who offered to come to the school and teach our senior Ag class how to shear. It was a great afternoon of watching experts do their thing, as well as everyone having the opportunity to have a go themselves on either a lamb or a sheep. Many of us were put out of our comfort zones, but we all had a great afternoon. Thank you so much Joel, Kayla and Josh for giving up your time to provide us a fantastic opportunity.







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Kids Helpline	https://www.kidshelp.com.au/	1800 551 800
Lifeline	https://www.lifeline.org.au/ Online chat available 7pm – 4am Daily	13 11 14
Regional Access	www.saregionalaccess.org.au Free online and telephone counselling 24/7	1300 032186
Headspace	http://www.headspace.org.au/ Online chat available	1800 650 890
Men's Line	http://www.mensline.org.au Online & video counselling available	1300 789 978
Beyond Blue	http://www.beyondblue.org.au/ Online chat 3pm – 12pm daily	1300 224 636
1800RESPECT (Sexual assault/Domestic & family violence/Abuse)	https://www.1800respect.org.au/ Online chat available – 24/7	1800 737 732 Free call 24hrs
Qlife	https://qlife.org.au Online chat available	1800 184 527
Reach Out	http://au.reachout.com	
Conversation Matters	http://www.conversationsmatter.co m.au	
R U OK?	https://www.ruok.org.au	
Drug & Alcohol support	https://knowyouroptions.sa.gov.au/	
COVID 19 Support Line	www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID201	1800 632 753
Mental Health Triage		131465 Crisis – 24hrs
Suicide call back service	https://www.suicidecallbackservice. org.au/ Video counselling available	1300659467

WELLBEING NEWS

USEFUL APPS FOR YOUR SELF CARE



Beyond now

(Apple and Android devices)

Convenient and confidential, suicide safety plan to assist you through tough moments with things such as thinking about your reasons to live, distracting yourself with enjoyable activities, coping strategies and people you can contact for support – your friends, family and health professionals.



MyCalmBeat

(Apple and Android devices)

Brain exercises that help improve your ability to manage stress through slow breathing.



Lifeback Tracker

(Apple and Android devices)

An early intervention tool you can use to help ward off early signs of stress, before they escalate into more serious mind health challenges.



Reach Out Breathe

(Apple devices)

ReachOutBreathe helps you reduce the physical symptoms of stress and anxiety by slowing down your breathing and your heart rate with your iPhone or Apple watch



Smiling Mind

(Apple and Android devices)

Modern meditation, a unique web and app based program developed by psychologists and educators to help bring balance to peoples lives



Buddhify

(Apple and Android devices)

Mindfulness-based meditation to help you de-stress, sleep better, and bring more awareness and compassion to all parts of your life



CalmHalm

(Apple and Android devices)

Calm Harm is an app designed to help people resist or manage the urge to self-harm

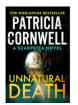


MyMood Tracker

(Apple and Android devices)

Record moods and activities with statistical charts to help you understand your habits ad mood patterns.

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Adult Fiction

Unnatural Death Patricia CORNWELL A Scarpetta Novel Mystery



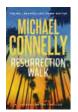
Adult Fiction

Alex Cross Must Die James PATTERSON Thriller



Adult Fiction

The Ball at Versailles *Danielle STEEL*Historical Fiction



Adult Fiction

Resurrection Walk Michael CONNELLY A Lincoln Lawyer Thriller



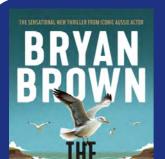
Adult Fiction

For Once in My Life *Karly LANE*Romance



Adult Fiction

Love Stories Trent DALTON Romance



FEATURED TITLE: The Drowning

Bryan BROWN **Mystery**

The body of a local teenage boy is found on the beach of a sleepy northern New South Wales town. David went for an evening swim and got into trouble . . . at least, that's what it looks like.

Three weeks before, Leila, a young backpacker, didn't turn up for her shift at the local cafe. Benny, the owner, isn't worried. It happens - backpackers are always on the move. There'll be another one.

One of the locals, Adrian, has been a help to Benny. He's found him a nice little sideline. Not exactly legal. Is that all Adrian is arranging on the coast? He once was a cop but has he gone bad?

And in the back-blocks outside town, a bikie gang is gearing up for a large consignment from South America.

Murder, drugs, liaisons and lies are stirring up this small coastal town.

Library Volunteer End of Year Celebration

On Thursday 30th November we held a Christmas Morning Tea in the Library to celebrate all of our wonderful Student Library Volunteers and thank them for all their hard work. This year we have had over 40 volunteers helping us out during homegroup to reshelve books, find holds, sharpen pencils and help keep our library looking it's best.

It has been great to watch this program grow over the last few years and exciting to see so many Keith students keen to give up their time to help their school community.

Well done everyone!

Merry Christmas!!

xx Michelle, Jess & Paula xx



Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to improve literacy levels by encouraging students to read more books and enjoy reading.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

This year students were given the opportunity to challenge themselves further by reading 20 books and receive an extra certificate to commemorate the 20th year of the challenge.

We were thrilled to see so many Keith students take on the challenge this year and it was a pleasure handing out so many well deserved medals and cartificates over the last few weeks.











Challenge your Summer reading!

Can you read books to **match 5 squares in a row?** Tick off your reading list, get **BINGO** and bring this page into the library to enter in the prize draw! *Entries close 26th January 2024*

Tatiara



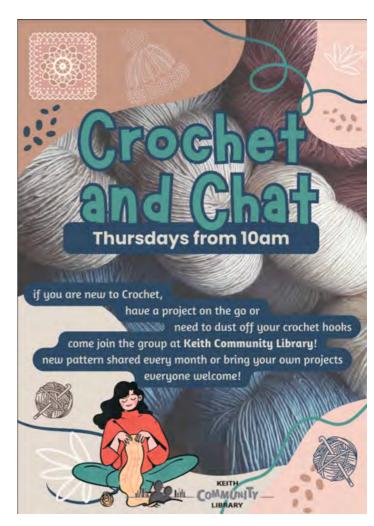


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Community News



THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO POSITIONS AVAILABLE SITUATED IN KEITH.

WE HAVE BEEN OPERATING A CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT, MANUFACTURING CONCRETE STOCK TROUGHS, IRRIGATION GATES ETC., AND HEAVY MACHINERY FOR 22 YEARS.

WE ARE SEEKING A YOUTHFUL, ENERGETIC PERSON FOR GENERAL DUTIES AND A RELIABLE PERSON WITH A HR LICENCE FOR CONCRETE DELIVERIES, RUBBLE CARTAGE AND MANY OTHER JOBS. THE WORK IS VARIED AND OVERTIME IS AVAILABLE.

PERMANENCY AFTER 3 MONTHS IS OFFERED TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE.

PLEASE CONTACT HEATH RAYNER ON 0427553144 FOR MORE PARTICULARS OR EMAIL YOUR RESUME TO ksm_admin@bigpond.com





Junior Blasters

When: Thursday 8th Feb to 28th Mar 2024 (8-week program)

Time: 4-5pm

Where: Keith Football Oval

Cost: \$85 per participant (sports vouchers may be available – must be selected when registering online)

Ages: 5-10 years **New age range**

Registrations and payment must be completed online prior to starting the program

Go to playhq.com

Any enquiries please contact Maddi Bagshaw on 0438 725 384

PARENTS AND FRIENDS
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR



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GUEST SPEAKER
FORMER STUDENT
MR NATHAN HEINRICH

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER

AT 9:00AM, KEITH AREA SCHOOL HALL

RSVP IS ESSENTIAL
BY 4TH DECEMBER 2023
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