NEWSLETTER







DIARY DATES Term 1

- 23rd February Sports Day
- 28th February School Photos
- 5th March SRC Formation
 Day
- 6th March Finance Meeting
- 11th March Public Holiday
- 12th March Interschool Athletics
- 13th March Facilities Meeting
- 18th March Governing Council Meeting
- 19th March SACE/Careers Parent Night
- 21st March Year 7 & 10 Immunisations
- 26th March F-12 Assembly
 9am
- 28th March Student Free
 Day
- 29th March Good Friday
- 1st April Easter Monday

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 VANDELEUS

A very warm welcome back to the start of another school year. I am thrilled to be back at Keith, seeing all of the students and staff, reconnecting with our families and community and welcoming all of our new students.

Our Open Night was well received in Week 2 and I thank staff for opening their classes to our families. It was lovely to see some new faces and mingle with parents and their children on this night. A reminder, if you have any questions, concerns or queries, please contact your child's teacher either via Daymap (Yrs 5-12) or SeeSaw (F-4). Alternatively, via your child's class teachers' email address.

Swimming Carnival was an absolute hit this year! I would like to thank those parents who provided me with feedback about how the carnival ran. We were so fortunate to have some fantastic weather for our students and it was great to see so many students entering the water and giving it their best. Unlike other years, we changed the format of our carnival this year and focussed on participation, rather than winning. It was abundantly clear that more students were eager to have a go and gain points for their respective houses. House Captains are to be commended from Stirling, Maddison and Tolmer for their excellent encouragement, attire, and attitude throughout the day. A big thank you to Sarah Makin and Phoebe Pado who have been organising Swimming Carnival since late last year – your fine efforts have paid off.

We now look forward to Sports Day which will be held this Friday. Again, we are focusing on participation and hoping to see as many students enter events to gain points for their house. I'm quietly hopeful that Maddison might get the points this time! If you are a parent who is keen to help on the day, please let Phoebe Pado know as soon as possible.

For those students who access school buses to and from school, you would be aware, that in line with DfE Policy, we are now marking students off the roll onto their designated buses every afternoon. This process does not take long and it allows us to ensure each child's safety in the afternoons. To ensure this process continues to run smoothly, I do ask that if your child is not on their regular bus that you contact the school and let the front office admin team know so that we can mark your child(ren) off accordingly. Bus travel is an extension of school, and I am passionate about ensuring our most important people are arriving home safely.

Our Governing council AGM took place on Monday 12th of February. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members and thank those whose tenures came to an end. If you have any agenda items you would like raised at Governing Council, I ask that you either approach our Chairperson Sarah Martin or another member of Governing Council. Please see a full list of Governing Council members later in the newsletter.

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MRS JACQUI VANDELEUR CONTINUED

Please keep an eye out over the coming months for some minor works that will be occurring around the school. I am excited to see our new electronic welcome sign to be erected at the entrance of our school and am currently awaiting further quotes on signs at our 5th Street paddocks and the rear of our school. For those with Early Years students at our school, I hope you have noticed the new surface laid around our junior primary playground that adds a pop of bright colour to the area and a safer play space for our littlest learners. I will continue to keep our school community informed about school happenings as they come to light as there are some exciting projects in the pipeline.

Well done to Russell Wotton and the Primary Agriculture students and of course our 'chickens' who are doing the hard work in producing us eggs. Our eggs are now being sold in the Purple Paddock and we encourage our community to support the school by purchasing some lovely free-range eggs.

I hope you all keep cool over the coming week. We are set for some further hot weather; however, Sports Day is looking like a lovely day! I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can on this fun filled day. However, please feel free to keep in contact via phone or email should you need to meet with me.

Kind regards,

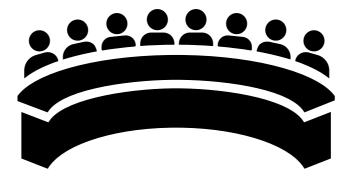
Jacqui Vandeleur Principal

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Principal – Jacqui Vandeleur Chairperson – Sarah Martin Vice Chairperson – Susan Morcom Treasurer – Roisin Schreiber Secretary/Staff Rep – Ben Judson

SRC – Macy

Parent Rep – Nathan Nutt, Joe Cook, Sarah Rayson



Deputy Principal News

MRS EBONY CAPURSO

HELLO!

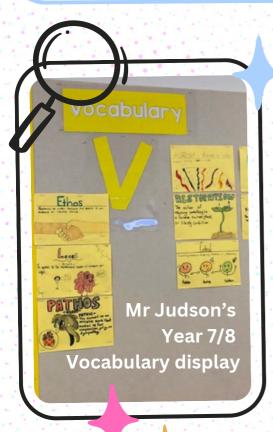
The last four weeks have flown by, as I've been getting to know the students and staff at Keith Area School. I have greatly appreciated the welcoming nature of the community and support as I learn new ways of doing things. Prior to this, I was the Deputy Principal at Bordertown Primary School.

I am thrilled to be working in the community in which I live, where I spent most of my own schooling and feel a strong connection to. Personally, it has also brought me great joy to be able to join my son in his first year of schooling.

Alongside my leadership role, I will also be teaching Year 7/8 Visual Art and Choir with Jen Culley.

I am looking forward to leading the teaching and learning at Keith Area School.





UCOP

One of our goals this year is to improve our students' writing. In Week 0, the staff attended VCOP training (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers, Punctuation). As a whole school, we will be utilising this learning as a framework to guide our explicit teaching of writing, with consistency in language across classes.

Teachers will also have a strong focus on oral language, with the premise that 'if they can't say it, they can't write it'.

If you walk around our classrooms, you will see VCOP displays that students are beginning to add to and engage with, students using highlighters to examine and edit their writing and classes playing oral language games.

Secondary Assistant Principal News

Ms chantelle Lucas





2024 SCHOOL YEAR

A very warm welcome back to the secondary students and families for 2024, including our new Year 7s who are joining us this year. It has been a very busy few weeks with lots more events to come!

It has been lovely to come back to another year at Keith, and I've really enjoyed catching up with students and families over the past few weeks.

As always, please contact myself or any of your child's subject teachers if there is anything we can do to help or support your child. As we have moved away from diaries, please give us a call via the Front Office or send us an email or Daymap message.

NEW ICT POLICY

The new ICT Policy has gone home with students and we ask that you and your child sign and return it to us ASAP.

We have seen greater initiative and responsibility taken by students in managing their own device already this year. We look forward to this continuing throughout the year.

If you are having IT or Daymap issues, please contact our IT guru Nick Norman and he is happy to help.

Couldn't resist a reference to the icon herself, Taylor Swift!





Primary Assistant Principal News Mrs Kristy Clark



A big welcome back to our families at KAS. At Keith Area School, we believe that there is a strong interconnected relationship between wellbeing and learning. Wellbeing is a multifaceted concept involving much more than just physical health. It's a combination of a person's emotional, mental, and social health. Wellbeing is linked to improved academic achievement, enhanced mental health and responsible life choices. With this in mind, we started the year with a 'Start Up Week' program.

Our mission for 'Start Up Week'

To set up a safe and positive learning environment that engages, challenges, and empowers every child to flourish.

School Values

Respect, Cooperation, Courage and Achieve

Purpose

The week was a key time to establish relationships, common understandings, and expectations in every classroom and across Foundation to Year 6.

The first three days was a key time to develop harmonious classrooms, where all students thrive because they recognise themselves as:

- · capable, creative learners
- Self-aware human beings
- compassionate human beings

The first three days helped to centre every student on the keys to success- focussed classrooms, mindful learning and being resilient.



- The Me I Know
- Working Collaboratively
- Respectful Relationships
- Learning with a Growth Mindset
 - Code of Conduct
 - Rules and Routines

We look forward to continuing the Wellbeing focus throughout the year in our Primary Team.



SCHOOL NEWS SWIMMING CARNIVAL



SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2024

What a great day it was for the Keith Area School Swimming Carnival. With the clouds in the morning to produce a lovely sunny was, it was perfect conditions for swimming. The day was a great success with many team and individual accolades and a chance for everyone to patriciate.

Congratulations to Stirling, who were the overall winners. It was great to see everyone taking part in the races and novelties, with a lot of fun to be had. A big thank you to all who were involved both on the day and behind the scenes to get the event up and running. It is always a big job at the start of the year when everyone is settling back in to the daily rhythm, so all the support and work is highly appreciated.



INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Age Group	Winners	Runner-Ups	
Sub Junior	Jack & Elsie	Reid & Tess	
Junior	Zach & Aria	Hayden & Hazel	
Intermediate	Hugo & Lily & Ashlyn	Jerry	
Senior	Nash & Emma	Oscar & Kali	





















THE RESULTS

Stirling 877 Maddison 734 Tolmer 686

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Non-Fiction

Beyond Booze Sarah RUSBATCH

How to create a life you love, alcohol-free



Non-Fiction

The Health Habit Dr Amantha IMBER

A science-backed plan to transform your health

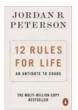


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This Book May Save Your Life

Dr Karan RAJAN

Everyday health hacks to worry less and live better



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12 Rules for LifeJordan B. Peterson

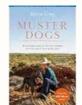
An Antidote to Chaos



Non-Fiction

Only Say Good Things Crystal HEFNER

Surviving Playboy and finding myself



Non-Fiction

Muster Dogs Aticia GREY

An outback story of red dirt, kelpies and the future of a family farm



Non-Fiction

The Flying Vet *Dr Ameliah SCOTT*

My journey to the skies and the people and animals of the outback



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Naomi Osaka Ben ROTHENBERG

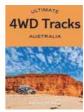
Her journey to finding her power and her voice



Non-Fiction

Explore Australia 2024

Australia's Essential Travel Guide



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Ultimate 4WD Tracks Australia Anthony HAM

Travel



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Delicious Gluten Free Meals Sarah HOWELLS

Sarah HOWELLS 100 easy every day recipes for lunch and dinner



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Everyday Watercolor Jenna RAINEY

learn to paint watercolour in 30 days



FEATURED TITLE: The Other Bridget

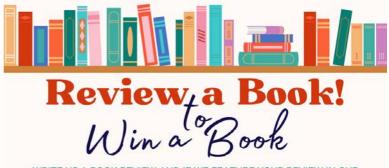
Rachael JOHNS Romance

Named after a famous fictional character, librarian Bridget Jones was raised on a remote cattle station, with only her mother's romance novels for company. Now living alone in Fremantle, Bridget is a hopeless romantic. She also believes that anyone who doesn't like reading just hasn't met the right book yet, and that connecting books to their readers is her superpower. If only her love life was that easy.

When handsome Italian barista Fabio progresses from flirting with love hearts on her coffee foam to joining the book club she runs at her library, Bridget prays her romance 'curse' won't ruin things. But it's the attention of her cranky neighbour Sully that seems to be the major obstacle in her life. Why is he going to so much effort to get under her skin?

With the help of her close friends and the colourful characters who frequent her library, Bridget decides to put both men to the test by finding just the right books to capture their very different hearts. She soon discovers that not all romances start with a meet-cute, but they might just end in happily ever after...





WRITE US A BOOK REVIEW AND IF WE FEATURE YOUR REVIEW IN OUR NEXT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER YOU WILL WIN A BRAND NEW BOOK TO KEEP!

For more review forms or to submit your review please pop in and see our friendly Keith Library Staff.



Libraries SA

During week one the Year 4 class learnt about the brain. They discovered that the brain controls all of our thoughts, actions and even our learning. The students were fascinated about the way pathways are made and how new things they learn go from having to be thought about every step (such as learning a new times tables) to being recalled automatically.

They found about the different parts of the brain including the frontal lobe which is responsible for our movement, and language, as well as our organizational, planning, and self-monitoring skills. The parietal lobe is responsible for sensory input such as touch, pressure, heat, cold and pain. It is also involved in our body awareness and spatial awareness. The temporal lobe is responsible for our hearing and coding of our memories as well as helping to process our emotions, language and some eyesight. The occipital lobe is responsible for our eyesight, including seeing in colour, shapes and motion.

They made models of the brain and identified the different parts using a variety of colours.

YEAR 4 - SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS



Community **News**

KEITH & TINTINATRA DISTRICT SHOW

23rd March 2024



SECTION O: JUNIOR ART
Entries are now open, enter online at
https://showday.online/show/keith



All entries are to be sumitted online, parents will need to help small children by making an account and logging in. Any queries please contact Emily Lepley 0405 946 825.

- Entries close Thursday 21st March 6pm
- · 2 entries per child, per class
- Prize money will not be paid to any exhibit which receives a trophy (regulation 25)
- · All exbhibits to be collected between 4-5pm on Show Day









KEITH AREA SCHOOL

TERM 1 2024 CALENDAR

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	29 th January	30 th January	31 st January	1 st February	2 nd February Swimming Carnival	3 rd /4 th February
2	5 th February Open Night F-12	6 th February Finance Meeting	7 th February Facilities Meeting	8 th February	9 th February	10 th /11 th February
3	12 th February Governing Council Meeting Sapsasa Swimming Trials	13 th February	14 th February Leaders Induction Assembly 10am	15 th February	16 th February Interschool Swimming	17 th /18 th February
4	19 th February	20 th February Sports Day pre Events (1500m & Javelin) 9/10 Boys Cricket	21st February Sports Day pre Events (800m & Triple Jump) Lions Youth of the Year	22 nd February Outdoor Ed Port Noarlunga Aquatics Excursion	23 rd February Sports Day	24 th /25 th February
5	26 th February	27 th February	28 th February School Photo's ID Photo's	29 th February	1 st March SSSSA Swimming	2 nd /3 rd March
6	4 th March	5 th March SRC Formation Day	6 th March Finance Meeting	7 th March	8 th March	9 th /10 th March
7	11 th March Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	12 th March Interschool Athletics @ Tintinara	13 th March NAPLAN Facilities Meeting	14 th March NAPLAN	15 th March NAPLAN	16 th /17 th March
8	18 th March NAPLAN Governing Council Meeting	19 th March NAPLAN SACE/Careers Parent Night	20 th March NAPLAN	21st March NAPLAN Year 7 & 10 Immunisations	22 nd March NAPLAN	23 rd /24 th March
9	25 th March NAPLAN	26 th March F-12 Assembly 9am	27 th March SSSSA Athletics	28 th March Student Free Day	29 th March Good Friday	30 th /31 st March
10	1 st April Easter Monday	2 nd April 9/10 Boys Football Trial	3 rd April Sapsasa AFL Boys Carnival in Ncte	4 th April	5 th April	6 th /7 th April
11	8 th April Canberra Camp Sapsasa Swimming State Carnival	9 th April Canberra Camp Cross Country Trials	10 th April Canberra Camp Sapsasa AFL Boys 2 nd Trial	11th April Canberra Camp	12 th April Canberra Camp Year 12 Formal	13 th /14 th April