

Dear KPS Community,

Following our November School Council Meeting, please find some updates below.

Principal's Report

Our Implementation Plan (AIP) goals for 2025 are now being finalised, and planning for our 2026 AIP goals is well underway. Teachers have been strengthening their understanding of the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0 through ongoing professional learning.

Prep enrolments for 2026 currently sit at 44 students, with transition sessions beginning on 18 November. Next year's Prep cohort will begin the year in two separate classes rather than in an open-plan structure. We are also anticipating a small number of enrolments across other year levels and expect to be close to 300 students in 2026. As always, the school calendar remains full as we move towards the end of the year.

Finance

The school's deficit has reduced further this term due to additional funding received through the Flexible Work initiative and Tier 3 Disability Inclusion. There is potential for further Disability Inclusion funding for several students, which would further reduce the deficit significantly.

A number of budget adjustments were endorsed to re-code expenditure appropriately, and the 2025 stocktake was approved, with no major changes noted. The draft 2026 budget was also approved, forecasting a small surplus which is a pleasing outcome.

Parents & Friends

School Council acknowledged the success of the recent trivia night and raffle—thank you to everyone involved for your wonderful work and energy. The P&F is now considering where unallocated funds raised throughout the year can have the greatest impact, including options such as additional classroom books and inclusion resources.

The next P&F event will be the End-of-Year Community Celebration from 5pm on Thursday 28 November. Held at school, there will be food trucks, music and dancing. We hope to see many families there as we celebrate a fun and busy year.

Grounds & Facilities

The oval is looking fantastic thanks to recent rainfall and grounds maintenance, and Kyneton Junior Cricket will host games there this season. Our netball courts are also being utilised by local netball clubs outside of school hours.

Preparation work continues for the outdoor classroom garden area near the kindergarten car park. The Kyneton Men's Shed has been busy constructing the wooden platforms which are looking great.

Sustainability

Our veggie gardens are thriving with produce thanks to Mary, our incredible community volunteer, who works with Mrs Tracey and the Gardening & Sustainability student group each Friday.

The Bunjil worm farm is now in excellent condition thanks to the dedicated efforts of our students to revitalise it.

We look forward to seeing more families participating in Ride to School Fridays as the weather improves. To continue to address playground rubbish, we are considering the addition of a second yellow recycling bin near the Art room and more regular whole-school clean-up days.

Canteen

Breakfast Club continues as a popular program, and the hot meal lunch specials have been a hit with students. Trial opportunities will soon be available for Year 5 students interested in becoming canteen helpers in 2025.

A huge thank you to Sarah Lockhardt—her dedication, organisation, and delicious food are so appreciated by our students and staff.

Communications

School Council will distribute the family camp survey after the Year 4 Camp in early December. The Department of Education's Parent Opinion Survey results will be shared once the state and similar-schools comparisons are released.

Other Business

Council approved the Year 4 Camp at Cave Hill Creek in Beaufort, to be held from 3–5 December. It promises to be another enriching experience for students, following the success of the Year 2 and Year 6 camps earlier this year.

If you would like to contact School Council at any time, please feel free to email me at katy.mcgrath@education.vic.gov.au.

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