



Welcome to Katoomba PS 2025

Welcome back to 2025! As we begin this new year, we are filled with enthusiasm and optimism for the journey ahead at KPS. This year promises to be one of growth and achievement, and we are dedicated to creating a positive environment where every member of our community can thrive.

At KPS, we are committed to striving for continuous improvement for every teacher, every student, and every leader. We believe that by fostering a culture of collaboration and professional development, we can enhance teaching practices and, in turn, improve student outcomes. Our focus will be on providing the necessary support and resources that empower our educators to deliver high-quality instruction.

This year, we will place a strong emphasis on explicit instruction, ensuring that our teaching methods are clear and effective. We recognise the importance of equity in education and will work diligently to provide all students with the opportunities and resources they need to succeed. High expectations will be set for all, as we believe that every student has the potential to achieve greatness.

Creating a safe and inclusive environment is at the heart of our mission. We are committed to fostering a school culture that encourages kindness, empathy, and friendship among students and staff. By promoting these values, we aim to establish a supportive community where everyone feels respected and valued, thereby nurturing a true sense of belonging.

We are excited to welcome our new families to KPS! We understand that joining a new school community can be both an exciting and challenging experience. We hope that you find joy and support in our vibrant community, and we encourage you to engage with us as we work together to create a positive experience for your children.

Additionally, we extend a warm welcome to our new Kindergarten cohort for 2025. This is a significant milestone in your child's educational journey, and we are committed to providing a nurturing and enriching environment as they begin their schooling experience. We look forward to partnering with you to ensure that your child's transition to Kindergarten is smooth and enjoyable.

Furthermore, we recognise the vital role our community plays in our success. We are dedicated to continuing to build positive and meaningful partnerships with our wider school community. By working collaboratively, we can enhance the educational experience and create valuable opportunities for our students.

Together, let's make 2025 a year of learning, growth, and achievement for all at KPS!

Mrs Roberts

Important Information

ASSEMBLIES

We are pleased to announce a change to our assembly schedule. Assemblies will now be held three times per term - Weeks 3, 6, and 9 THURSDAYS @ 2:10pm. This change provides more learning time and opportunities to include additional school programs such as Kitchen Garden. In addition to these regular assemblies, we will also host special assemblies for significant events, ensuring that our students continue to engage in important community and school celebrations while maximising their educational experiences.

KITCHEN GARDEN

The Kitchen Garden program is a fabulous opportunity for our students to engage with hands-on learning about food, sustainable practices, and healthy living. Through this program, students will have the chance to plant, nurture, and harvest their own fruits and vegetables, fostering a deeper understanding of where their food comes from. This experiential learning not only promotes environmental awareness but also encourages healthy eating habits and teamwork among students. Miss Cate will be facilitating the Kitchen Garden program, working with teachers to deliver a combination of kitchen based lessons and gardening activities. Each class will participate in the program for two terms throughout the year.

MUSIC

This year we are excited to offer music lessons taught by the incredibly talented musician and trained teacher, Ms Jocelyn Moen. With her extensive experience and passion for music, Jocelyn will provide students with a rich learning experience over the course of one term. During these lessons, students will have the opportunity to explore various aspects of music, including instrument skills, rhythm, and expression, all in a supportive and inspiring environment. Each class will have one term of music lessons with Ms Moen.

LIBRARY

Each class will visit the library for one hour per week with the wonderful Ms Bateman. Please ensure your child has their library bag on their library day.

Tuesday

Fireflies
Brolgas
Lyrebirds
Wombats

Wednesday

Emus
Numbats
Black Cockatoos

Thursday

Rosellas
Echidnas
Magpies



Introducing the K - 3 Team



Kindergarten Echidnas

Ms Helen Abbey
Assistant Principal



Kindergarten Wombats

Ms Michelle King



1/2 Lyrebirds

Mrs Amanda Galbraith

1/2 Emus

Mrs Joanne Griffith



2/3 Numbats

Mr Rob Marshall

Introducing the 3 - 6 Team



3/4 Fireflies
Ms Hannah Killin



4/5 Black Cockatoos
Miss Linda Charlton
Assistant Principal



5/6 Brolgas
Mr Tony Bourke



1-6 Magpies
Mr Andrew Nicholson



5/6 Rosellas
Mrs Amanda Perry & Mrs Carly Nankervis



Introducing the RFF & Learning Support Team



Library
Ms Nadine Bateman



Science
Mrs Tamara Snow



RFF
Mr Ty Culbert



RFF & Executive Release
Ms Leah Hazell



RFF & Executive Release
Ms Sasha Trompf



Learning and Support
Teacher
Miss Abbey Fellows

Introducing the SLSO Team



Mr Jacob Lawday



Mrs Rosa Sevilla Carrion



Ms Simone Engelbrecht



Ms Cate Paterson
CLO



Ms Stephanie Brown



Ms Mandy Hastings



Ms Kylie McBey

Introducing the SASS Team



School Administrative
Manager
Mrs Rachel Beard



School Administrative
Manager
Ms Amanda Solomons



School Administrative
Officer
Ms Amanda Nelson



General Assistant
Mr Seth Ford



General Assistant
Mr Christian Hanemann

Introducing the Leadership Team



Relieving Principal
Mrs Rhiannon Roberts



K-2 Assistant Principal
Ms Helen Abbey



3-6 Assistant Principal
Ms Linda Charlton



Assistant Principal
Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs Tracy Peck



Aspiring Leader
Mrs Amanda Perry



Aspiring Leader
Ms Michelle King

Introducing our Support Network



Therapy Dog
Mr Theodore Edward Cavoodle
'Teddy'



Therapy Axolotl
Miss Lottie