Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and a great break.

Welcome to KPS!
We are very happy to be welcoming 6 new students to school today. Our new Receptions: Sarah Cameron, Archie Donohue, Flynn Gerhardy and Egypt Stewart, from NSW, had a great first day with Mrs Hearnden. Egypt’s brother, Tubiyas, joins the Year 2s, and we also welcome Connie Clarkson, in Year 5, to the Primary Class. We have 4 new families joining the Keyneton School community and we look forward to sharing lots of fun times with all of you.

Staffing
We are pleased to have all of our staff members back this year with just some small changes to working times:

Kate O’Connell is recovering from her second knee replacement surgery and won’t be back for at least 8 weeks, depending on how she heals.
Shari Gonzalez-Brown is working full-time until Kate comes back. She is in the Primary Class on Mondays and the JP Class for the rest of the week.
Del Hearnden is in the JP Class on Mondays and will be here on Wednesdays to release teachers for their non-instruction time.
Raelene Adler teaches the Primary class Tuesday—Friday.

All of our SSOs are back and we are working on their timetables so that they can provide classroom and individual support as well as look after the library.

Long Service Leave
In Week 3 Shari is having a short break so she can celebrate her 50th Birthday in style on Hamilton Island.

This partly coincides with the leave I will be taking in Weeks 3, 4 and 5 when I will travel to Tasmania for an art holiday.

While I’m away Raelene Adler will be acting Principal and Peter Kotsoglous, who did some relief work here at the end of last year, will be covering my teaching load and providing Raelene with admin time.

Del Hearnden will work full-time in the JP Class while Shari is away, so everything should run smoothly.
Working Bee
Thank you very much to all the hard-working people who did some major jobs in the yard yesterday. We now have a cement floor ready for a new storage shed, the tennis court fence isn’t quite finished but is looking much better and stronger, the sandpit has been weeded and dug over, the veggie garden cleaned up and branches cleared from the yard.

Thank you very much to the Treloars, Hearndens, Camerons, Toby Rosenzweig and Georgie Keynes, Sean Donohue, Jo Michaelaney and Deb Newell, who brought her Dingo digger. What a team! We really appreciate all you’ve done to make our school look great.

Lots of Forms—please read carefully, complete and return all the attached documents as soon as possible. We need to make sure we have up to date information so we can contact you if we need to.

Student Banking
Bank Day is Tuesday, see Leanne in the office if you would like an application form for school Banking.

Road Safety Reminder
Just a reminder about driving up past the solid line, to near the side car park gate before doing a U-turn when dropping off or picking up your children please. It is much safer for our students if you are turning well away from where they cross the road. Please also park a little way away from the crossing markings so there is clear vision up and down the road.

Tissues
Would you please supply a box of tissues for each of your children. It would be great if you can encourage them to bring a tissue to school each day because we do go through a lot of boxes in each class every year. Please send the boxes of tissues to the office so Leanne can record your donation—the boxes do not need to be named.

Brain Food and Healthy Eating
It is very pleasing to see that many of our students have been bringing healthy Brain Food for a mid-morning snack. Please remember that this snack should be unprocessed food: vegetables and fresh or dried fruit. It’s a good idea if it is easy to eat while students continue working, so juicy, messy food isn’t a good idea.

Below is the Keynton Primary Healthy Eating Guide which was developed in 2015 with our Nutrition Policy. Hopefully you will find the tips helpful when preparing school lunches for your children.

Nut Allergy
Please be aware that one of our students is allergic to nuts. We ask that you reinforce with your children not to share food with other students please because it is a safety issue.