



# Killara Primary School

*Our Best – Every Child, Every Day*

**Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support**

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## CALENDAR

<b>6 November</b>	<b>CURRICULUM DAY</b>
<b>7 November</b>	<b>MELBOURNE CUP DAY</b>
<b>8-17 Nov</b>	Teeth on Wheels Visit
<b>10 November</b>	T20 Milo Blast Year 5/6 Teams
<b>13 November</b>	Year 5/6 Science Incursion C, D, E
<b>14 November</b>	Year 5/6 Science Incursion B, F, G
<b>17 November</b>	Killara Trivia Night
<b>22 November</b>	Prep 2018 Information Night 7pm
<b>24 November</b>	Year 1/2 Community Helpers Dress Up Day
<b>28 November</b>	Prep 2018 Orientation Session 1 9.15 – 10.15am
<b>5 December</b>	Prep 2018 Orientation Session 2 9.15 – 10.15am
<b>12 December</b>	Year 7 Orientation Day
<b>12 December</b>	Prep 2018 Orientation Session 3 9.15 – 10.40am
<b>12 December</b>	Year 3-5 Swimming Trials
<b>14 December</b>	Whole School Disco
<b>19 December</b>	Year 6 Graduation
<b>22 December</b>	Last Day Term 4 1:30pm Finish

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

### PUPIL FREE DAY MONDAY NOVEMBER 6

The school will be closed on this day, as teachers have undertaken professional learning and other duties outside of normal working hours.

**Please make arrangements for your child on this day.**

## CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Callum D who was awarded an Education Scholarship from the Hume City Council. The Scholarship recognises the significant contribution our educational institutions make in the pursuit of academic excellence and in encouraging qualities of good citizenship. Callum will be presented with the award later in the month at the Hume Global Learning Centre. Well done Callum!

Congratulations to Rianna G in Year 5 who earned the award of Grey Wolf at Scouts recently. To attain the top award in each of the five Sections in Scouting reflects initiative in tackling this challenge, sustained effort over many months and years, plus self-discipline, teamwork, and leadership. Well done Rianna!

Finally, congratulations to both our girls and boys softball teams for making it to the Regional Finals. How did the teams go? You'll have to read our sports

reporter Matty B's report further on in today's Newsletter to find out. Thank you to Susan Moloney for training our students and Rebecca Gerber for her organisation. A special thank you also to those parents who assisted with coaching throughout the year and scoring on the day. Well done Team!

## THE QUIZZARD OF OZ



Do you know what this image is of? If you answered first prize in Killara Primary School's Trivia Night raffle, you'd be correct! Yes, you have the chance to win this Acer Switch 10 Pro 10 inch tablet with keyboard!

Raffle tickets will be on sale at the trivia night and at school in the lead up to the event.

More information regarding our upcoming trivia night on November 17 can be found in our PFA section of this newsletter.

## PARENT INPUT – CLASS PLACEMENTS

As mentioned last week, we have commenced the planning of our class structures for 2018. The establishment of class lists is an extremely complex matter, which involves a lengthy process of deliberation. Our aim is to establish class groups that take into account the needs of all children.

Please remember that we need to consider the academic, social, emotional and physical needs of all students and create classes that have a balance and consider all factors.

If there is information that we may not be aware of that may affect your child's class placement next year, please put the details in writing utilising the form sent home today, to assist us with managing the process. **All requests must be made using the form.** Further copies of the form are available at the office. **There is no need to fill in the form unless you have pertinent information to share.**

**Please remember that this is not a teacher selection process**, but an opportunity to provide genuine information which may assist with your child's social and academic grouping to ensure that their needs are met.

**Requests for particular teachers will not be considered and teachers' names must not be included on the form.**

Similarly, this is not a friendship selection process. Every student has the opportunity to list three or four other students from their class or peer group with their teacher, as part of the process, and every endeavour is then made to place them with at least one or two of the ones listed. We also recognise the need to help students develop resilience and social skills.

Please return the form by next Friday November 10.

It is also important to note that it is not always possible to satisfy every request. As such, needs are treated in priority order.

### 2018 PLANNING – REMINDERS

A reminder, once again, to let us know of any changes with enrolments for next year. If you know of any Preps yet to be enrolled or families who will be leaving us for next year, please let us know.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

The October meeting of School Council was held on Tuesday and, as is usual, a range of business was covered and information shared:

- Current indicative student numbers and arrangements for 2018 were outlined
- Staffing for 2018 was outlined
- 2017 Curriculum Days were approved
- Ratified accounts for September
- Discussed our planning and preparation as a school to draft our Annual Implementation Plan, referring to our recent NAPLAN results

Once again, our thanks to all members of Council for their diligence, input and commitment to our school.

### YEAR 1/2 COMMUNITY HELPER DAY

Last Thursday, as part of their unit on Community, our 1/2 students were involved in a Community Helper Day. Members of various organisations throughout the community were involved in educating our students through the provision of some fantastic learning opportunities. Photos and a more detailed summary of the day can be found on the back of this newsletter.

Thank you to our 1/2 team for organising the event and of course to all the members of the community who came in and provided our students with such an enjoyable and informative day.

### TEETH ON WHEELS

Teeth on Wheels will be visiting Killara Primary School from Wednesday November 8 – Friday November 17. For more information on this service visit [www.teethonwheels.com.au](http://www.teethonwheels.com.au)

Best Wishes,

Pete and Andrew

#### PAYMENTS DUE

Term 4 Netbook: Overdue  
Year 5/6 Chemical Science: 3 November  
T20 Blast Cricket: 8 November  
Year 6 Graduation: 27 November  
Please finalise payments promptly

## CURRENT NEWS

### COMPASS

Prep Learning Tasks will be visible on Wednesday November 8:

Reading – Solve Words

Maths – 3D Shape and Pattern

### PFA NEWS – TRIVIA NIGHT

The Killara PFA Trivia Night is fast approaching. It's on Friday 17 November at the Sunbury Football Social Club.



Book your ticket now, \$25/ticket. (book as a single, a couple or a group of friends). This is going to be a fun night of entertainment with prizes to be won.

We hope to see you there!!!!

To book go to [www.trybookings.com](http://www.trybookings.com). The PFA is still after some donations for our raffles/silent auction. If you have anything you could donate please drop off at the office or contact [killarapfa@gmail.com](mailto:killarapfa@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you all there.

### YEARBOOK COVER COMPETITION

We are on the lookout for amazingly colourful designs that showcase life at Killara Primary. Two winners will be chosen, with runners-up displayed on the inside cover.



#### Must:

- Include school name and year (Killara Primary School 2017)
- Use full colour to every edge – no blank spaces!
- Be portrait-style, not landscape.
- Be bright and bold!
- Entries due by tomorrow **Friday November 3**. Put your designs in to the entry box inside the main building, near Room 9.

### DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

At Killara, we have been growing in our confidence in using technology. Throughout the year, students have had many opportunities to get involved and have been lucky to have some coding lunchtime activities to show off their abilities.

Here is a list of sites that students may wish to use in their own time at home to brush up on their skills.

You may be required to create an account for these sites and we would advise that parents familiarise themselves with these websites first.

Light Bot - <http://lightbot.com/>

Scratch - <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

Code.Org - <https://code.org/>

Code Academy - <https://www.codecademy.com>

Problem solving is also a growing part of our agenda to developing students' abilities to think. There are a wide range of activities to help students develop their abilities and one of our greatest assets is <http://csunplugged.org/> which has a range of activities that promote thinking and problem solving without requiring a computer.

### BOTTLES AND CARDBOARD DONATIONS

Over the next few weeks, the Year 3/4 students will be undertaking a number of experiments as part of our inquiry into Chemical Science. We are asking for donations of any empty, clean plastic drink bottles (600mL is preferable, but 1.25L would also be much appreciated) and cardboard. If you are able to assist

us, please drop your donations in the yellow plastic tub in the office.

Year 3/4 Team

### REGIONAL SOFTBALL COMPETITION

On Tuesday the boys and girls softball teams went to Mill Park softball ground to play in the Regional Championships. Both teams won three games and lost one game. Sadly, that wasn't enough to get us through to the State Championships. Both teams were awarded Runners Up flags. A big thank you to Kathy, Linda and Susan for a great year. Thanks to Natalie and Michelle for scoring and to the parents who came to watch. Thanks to Miss G for her behind the scenes organisation and support.

Report by Matthew B



Building resistance against the negativity we're exposed to in the world will benefit your children throughout their entire lives. Studies have shown that a 'glass half full' approach lessens health complaints, increases the ability to overcome setbacks, reduces the focus on material goods and increases contentment. Learning to notice 3 good things each day has the power to transform lives for the better. To read this full article and for more ideas on how to develop good friendships, go to:

<https://familypeace.org.au/04-three-good-things/>

### MILO T20 CRICKET MASCOT VISIT

Yesterday we had a visit from the T20 Cricket mascot to all the Year 3/4 classrooms. All students are welcome to attend a free session on Wednesday November 15 at John McMahon Oval 5.25 – 7.00pm. For more information contact T20 Blast Coordinator Joel Quarrell on 0408 848 173 or [jquarrell@cricketvictoria.com.au](mailto:jquarrell@cricketvictoria.com.au). Register online now!



### 2018

Just a heads up that 2018 school photos will be taken on Monday April 23 2018.

### PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 4, WEEK 3

Junior School Using a range of strategies to solve words		Middle School Using a range of strategies to solve problems during maths investigations	
R1	Byron T	R12	Isabella J
R2	Jamie J	R13	Chloe T
R3	Macie	R14	Eden W
R4	Callum J-B	R15	Cooper L
Year 1/2 For asking interesting questions during our Community Helpers day		R16	Noah P
		R21	Isabella D
		R22	Kiana T
Senior School Creating a hypothesis for a science experiment			
R17	Kiallah B	R5	Cooper G
R18	Deacon S	R6	Xavier A
R19	Archie M	R7	Jessica F
R20	Koda H	R8	Max P
R23	Tyler P	R9	Tamarah J
R24	Ella I	R10	Rabia K
R25	Archie F		
R26	Tyson P		

### STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING

Be grateful daily - Notice 3 good things

At the end of every day, take a moment to ask yourself and every family member 'What 3 things went well today and why?' Helping children learn to notice the good things in their lives is one of the greatest gifts you can ever give them.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### FASHION SHOW – BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Friday November 10, Clarke Oval Football Club. 6.30 – Midnight, drink on arrival, finger food, silent auction and more. Tickets \$60 per person. Tickets on sale through [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com). Search for Andrea's breast cancer fundraiser 2017. Helping to support Mums with cancer.

#### GIANT CAR BOOT SALE & CRAFT MARKET

Saturday November 18 from 8.30am Uniting Church Hall & Village Green Cnr Brooke & O'Shanassy St. Over 60 cars! Handcraft stalls inside and outside. Live music and also Devonshire tea/coffee café inside and don't miss the huge second hand book stall. This a great Christmas shopping opportunity. Enquiries to Helen on 0407 506 507

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### YEAR 1/2 COMMUNITY HELPER DAY

On Thursday October 28, the Year 1/2 students enjoyed a Community Helper Day. They had so much fun learning about the different community groups and they were excited to share their experiences at this week's assembly. Here are some of their reflections:

Daniel from the State Emergency Service brought his SES truck to school. The SES helps our community during floods, storms and other emergencies. We learnt about all the tools they need to help us. Will and Deb are Volunteer Firefighters with the CFA. We learnt about the special protective gear they wear. We also learnt how to call Triple Zero, to "get down low and go, go, go" and "stop, drop and roll."

We learnt that nurses take care of others in the community. They protect themselves from germs by using gloves and washing their hands before they see you. We practiced taking care of ourselves, keeping our hands and teeth clean as well as some cool body facts.

We learnt about how Bunnings works with many different groups in our community. They have sausage sizzles that help raise money for different groups like sporting clubs and the CFA/SES. Bunnings run D.I.Y sessions in the store for people of all ages to learn how to make things like toolboxes, picture frames and fences.

One of the community helpers that visited us was a soccer coach. A soccer coach helps our community by teaching children how to play soccer in a team. A favourite part of this was when we got to play a soccer game.

We got to meet some lifeguards who taught us about safety around the pool and beach. We learnt how to use life jackets and other safety equipment.

Robyn came from the RACV. She taught us about traffic islands and road signs including zebra crossings, school crossings and traffic lights. She also taught us about car safety like airbags and that children should be 145cm tall before they get out of a booster seat.



