



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

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Newsletter 12

May 3 2018

CALENDAR

9 May	Year 1/2 B,D,G Zoo Excursion
10 May	School Tour (2019 Prep enrolments) 9:30am
10 May	Mother's Day Stall
11 May	Year 1/2 A,C,E,F Zoo Excursion
15 May	PFA Meeting 7.30pm
18 May	District Cross Country
15-17 May	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
29 May	CURRICULUM DAY
30 May	Division Cross Country
4-6 June	Year 3/4 Camp D,E,F
6-8 June	Year 3/4 Camp A,B,C
11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
15 June	Year 5/6 Winter Sports Day
29 June	Last day term 2.30pm finish

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

BABY BOOM!

We are very excited to announce that Killara Primary School is once again set for what seems to be becoming an annual baby boom! Shannon and Chris Ingleton, Michelle and Mat Romic and Nadine and Troy Murphy are all expecting new additions to their families. On behalf of the Killara community, we wish our expecting mums and families all the very best in the coming months, as they prepare to welcome their new bundles of joy. We also wish them many nights of good sleep before the drought hits!



Information regarding replacing classroom teachers Mrs. Ingleton and Mrs. Romic has been sent home with their students today.

2019 PREP INFORMATION NIGHT

Last night, we hosted a number of prospective parents at our 2019 Prep Information Night. The evening was held in the theatre and consisted of a presentation about who we are as a school and what a typical day in a Prep classroom looks like. After the formal presentations, we moved across to the Prep A and B classrooms where parents had the opportunity to ask further questions and gain further insights into what life at Killara is like for our Prep children.

This year, we also asked those attending the session to complete a survey, giving us feedback on how effective the night had been. Whilst we are still analysing this feedback, the early picture is that the night was extremely successful.

On behalf of our whole school, we thank Sarah Round (Prep A), Michelle Romic and Hayley Mitchem (Prep

B), Di David (Prep C) and Emma Heywood (P-2 Team Leader) for their time and energy in putting together a very professional and engaging presentation for the families who attended. Thank you also to Kelli Brogan for her assistance in setting up for the night.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing for our Year 3 and Year 5 students will take place in Week 5, from the 15th to 17th of May. Please remember that NAPLAN is a point in time measurement of progress and only one piece of information in the assessment jigsaw.

Students can be prepared for NAPLAN, by being familiarised with the format and learning some simple strategies to assist when solving the problems posed in the test. Teachers reinforce the importance of asking for help when needed (teachers are able to read questions to students in the Mathematics component), making sure to read the whole question and all the answer choices, eliminating obvious incorrect answers, circling key words, skimming text for answers and checking answers at the end.

All students have also had experience at writing persuasive and narrative texts, one of which will be the task for the Writing component.

Despite this preparation, it is important to reinforce the message that this testing is simply another part of a student's work. We wish to avoid, as much as possible, students becoming anxious when doing the tests. The important messages are to "do your best" and "do as much as you can".

NAPLAN is a national assessment and all Year 3 and 5 students nation-wide participate, unless parents formally request that their child does not participate (please contact your child's teacher) or an exemption is granted.

For more information on NAPLAN, including further advice on how you can support your child in preparing for the assessments, go to:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>


SUNBURY LOSS

Our thoughts are with the family of the Sunbury woman killed when she was hit by a car on Racecourse Road on Sunday. Whilst we have not become aware of any direct link to the school community, Killara is part of the broader Sunbury community and any loss of a member of a community has a flow on impact. This tragedy also serves as a timely reminder about the need to be safe as possible on our roads and to speak with our children about taking care when they are travelling on or crossing roads.

**Best Wishes,
Pete and Andrew**

CURRENT NEWS

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1, WEEK 9

Prep A successful and productive first term in prep		Year 1/2 For positive participation in Messenger Dogs of WW1	
R1	Darcy B	R4	Tom G
R2	Caitlin W/Dakota T	R19	Kayden M
R3	Lily H	R20	Caleb M
		R21	Charles H
		R22	Nicholas N
		R23	Noah C
		R24	Nicholas W

STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Congratulations to our SLC students who were presented with their badges at Monday's assembly. They looked very proud as they shook the hand of local councillor, Leigh Johnson, and pinned their badges on.

I have met with them this morning and they have some great ideas for our school, both inside and outside of the classroom. Please stay tuned for news of their proposed initiatives and facilitation of current programs.

Robyn Smith - SLC Coordinator

Shylah F Rm 5	Lorenza K C Rm 7
Kiana T Rm 6	Xavier A Rm 8
Abigail C Rm 6	Anna T Rm 7
Brody M Rm 6	Jacynta O Rm 8
Rhys H Rm 6	Isobel R Rm 8
Emily K Rm 10	Alysha T Rm 17
Ashley H Rm 10	Alannah D Rm 17
Morgan O Rm 7	Cooper M Rm 10
Jacob W Rm 10	



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING 6 POSITIVE WAYS TO RESPOND TO YOUR ANXIOUS CHILD


When your children feel anxious they go to you for help. They want help to stop the worrying thoughts spinning around their head, help to get rid of the feeling of dread that wells up inside their tummy, and help to feel safe, calm and happy. You want so much to be able to do that for them. They turn to you because they know how much you love them, and they trust you (all knowing beings) to do and say all the 'right' things. But what are the right things to do

and say? While there's no such thing as the perfect script for parenting anxious children there are things you can do to make a powerful difference to how they feel.

Parenting Ideas wellbeing expert Dr. Jodi Richardson has written a blog post outlining six positive ways to respond when they are anxious so they feel understood, valued and empowered to manage their anxiety. Follow this link:

https://www.parentingideas.com.au/2018/03/6-positive-ways-to-react-to-your-anxious-child?utm_source=Parenting+Ideas+Master+List&utm_campaign=3d57b2c119-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_01_23&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f488c60967-3d57b2c119-185781441&mc_cid=3d57b2c119&mc_eid=ca4fd51398

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 1

Prep Settling into school routines		Year 3/4 Demonstrating effective strategies when solving addition problems	
R1	Darcy B/Ruby R	R11	Jamieson F
R2	Ammerly M/Lucas M	R12	Sam T
R3	Jashan A/lily H	R13	Jayda L
Year 1/2 For using time connective language when writing a recount of their holidays		R14	Bailey H
		R15	Ella R
		R16	Lucian P
R4	Liam W	Year 5/6 Positive start to term 2	
R19	Isabelle T		
R20	Tory M		
R21	Ryan C		
R22	Bethany R		
R23	Sophie J	R5	Noah P
R24	Charlie M	R6	Caden S
		R7	Lorenza K C
		R8	Abrar H
		R9	Matthew B
		R10	Cooper G
		R17	Tautoko A

PERFORMING ARTS

The performing arts program is in desperate need of new plectrums for the students to use when playing guitars. If anyone has old gift cards at home that they no longer need (iTunes, smuggle etc), could you donate them to Performing Arts so that they can be made into picks.

Thanks

Kelli Brogan

PAYMENTS DUE

Netbook Term 2 – Overdue
Year 1/2 Zoo Excursion – Overdue
Year 3/4 Camp – May 28

Preferred Payment Method



PREP ENROLMENTS 2019

Enrolments are currently being accepted for 2019. Enrolments should be made by **Monday 23 July, 2018** (or earlier if possible!). This will assist the school with planning for 2019.

Existing families who have previously indicated they will have enrolments for 2019 will have received enrolment forms and these should be returned by Monday 23 July. If you require enrolment forms please see the office.

Enrolments must be accompanied by a birth certificate and immunisation certificate. Copies of these documents are acceptable.

Please be sure to alert family and friends who may be interested in the excellent learning opportunities that Killara Primary School provides.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 2

Prep Showing their best whole body listening during learning time		Year 3/4 Identifying the main idea when creating summaries	
R1	Brody G/Zana M	R11	Charlotte P
R2	Dakota T/William V E	R12	Cordelia B
R3	William B/Sage M	R13	Maleesa H
Year 1/2 For contributing to class discussions about Anzac Day		R14	Natalie A
		R15	Ella B
		R16	Jet L
Year 5/6 Displaying respectful behaviour during our ANZAC ceremony			
R4	Danyal M	R5	Hannah L
R19	Charlotte G	R6	Sineru T
R20	Jacob T	R7	Wayde F
R21	Alice H	R8	Zac S
R22	Eden M	R9	Chelsea H
R23	James S	R10	James W
R24	Jack F	R17	Riley D



WOORABINDA CAMP

Woorabinda Camp is an extra camp for students of years 4 and 5 that is run by the Department of Education. The camp this year runs from Monday August 20 to Friday August 24 and a selection of students who have expressed interest are selected from our school to attend with 50 boys and 50 girls from our school region.

Thank you to all the students in Years 4 and 5 who have expressed interest this year. We have had overwhelming response from our students and we will be letting all of them know early next week if they have been successfully chosen to represent our school.

STUDENT ABSENCES

It is a requirement that parents notify the school of any absences. This can be a note sent in prior to the absence if known, or via the compass parent portal or email. Verbal notification from parents is accepted, however, this can sometimes get lost in the hustle and bustle of the classroom and may be missed on attendance records. If we have not received notification of your child's absence, we are required to follow up with you to record the absence as approved. It would be appreciated if you can report the absences to school via the processes above as they occur in a timely manner to ensure all attendance requirements are maintained as required.

PFA NEWS

Our Mother's Day S tall is fast approaching. The stall will be held on Thursday May 10. Children will have the opportunity to purchase gifts ranged from 50cents to \$10. We would appreciate any donations towards our stall. These can be dropped off at the office (no perishables please). Children can bring money on the day or parents can send money through QKR before the day.



Keep an eye out for our Cookie Dough Fundraiser later on in the Term.

Our next PFA Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 15 at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend. If anyone would like to contact the PFA you can do so at killarapfa@gmail.com

QKR APP FOR SCHOOL PAYMENTS.

Our preferred method of payment for excursions, canteen lunch orders and fundraising activities is QKR.

This easy to use free app by Mastercard gives you flexibility to make your school payments at a time and place that suits you.

No need to find cash to send to school with your child, you will have a QKR receipt on your phone and receipt number for your records.

A brochure on how to set up your account is available from the school office or just follow the simple instructions when you download the app.

CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS

If your child forgets their lunch or an order is not completed on QKR by the cut off time of 9.30am we will attempt to contact you to arrange lunch to be brought to school for them.

If this is not possible a sandwich will be supplied by the canteen and an account sent home that day requesting payment. Unfortunately individual order requests (for food other than a sandwich) when lunches have been forgotten or not ordered may not be possible due to the workload of our canteen staff at this time. Please understand that by lunchtime, orders have already been prepared and distributed and staff are busily serving students for counter sales.

FOUND

Smiggle pencil case and accessories. Left in Year 3/4 area last year. Please see Mrs Smith in room 17.

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

WHAT CAN WE DO TO CUT DOWN ON WASTE?

Here are some positive actions you can take with waste

-Reduce. Reuse. Recycle! Reduce consumption where possible, especially of single-use items like plastic bags. Reuse existing items rather than repurchasing something new. If you can't reduce or reuse, then recycle.

-Keep recycling: For more on what can and can't be recycled in your area visit contact your local council and www.recyclingnearyou.com.au

-Be a conscious consumer: and consider the packaging of a product when making a purchasing decision. What will you do with the packaging? Is it recyclable in your area? Can you take your own container or buy in bulk to reduce waste?

-Practise a circular lifestyle: Look for products made from recycled materials, such as [recycled toilet tissue](#).

Our beautiful planet thanks you!
Sustainability Team

TISSUES

For hygiene reasons we like to have boxes of tissues available in each classroom for all students to share. To ensure that there is always an ample supply of tissues available, we are requesting that each child bring a box of tissues to their classroom. These will be stored by the classroom teacher and shared by the class. Hopefully, this will ensure that we never run out.

10 TIPS WHEN READING WITH YOUR CHILD



Family involvement is essential to any child's success as a reader. Research has shown that by talking, singing, and reading to children, parents are turning on brain cells that are essential for a healthy child.

Parents can build reading skills by interacting with their children. By encouraging babies and young children to communicate, parents are laying the foundation for later reading success.

Parents and other family members need to be involved in children's reading throughout their school

years. As a school, we recognise the importance of parent involvement in students' progress and we encourage parents to play an active role.

These tips are helpful, when establishing a home reading routine:

1. Choose a quiet time
2. Make reading enjoyable
3. Allow them to maintain their flow when reading by giving them words when stuck and avoiding letter by letter sounding
4. Be positive
5. Success is the key—so make sure the text is at an easy level, not hard – 3 errors 100 words is just right
6. Visit the Library and borrow a range of books
7. Regular practice—little and often is best
8. Communicate—record positive comments in school reading diaries
9. Talk about the books—to build understanding
10. Variety is important—books, newspapers, magazines, comics, picture books, poems and information

COMMUNITY NEWS

SALESIAN COLLEGE SUNBURY

Come and see what makes our college different. College tours and open days are:

-Wednesday May 2 – Open Day

-Friday June 8 at 4pm

-Tuesday July 17 at 9am

-Thursday August 9 at 9am (2020 Enrolments due August 17)

-Monday September 10 at 9am

-Wednesday October 17 – Open Day

-Tuesday November 13 at 9am

For more information, phone the college registrar on 97440000 or visit www.salesiansunbury.vic.edu.au



MT CARMEL TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY

Saturday May 12 2018 Mt Carmel Tennis Club Sunbury in St.Anne's Primary School off Stewarts Lane 10.00am – 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to the Mt Carmel Tennis Club open day including free tennis activities. The club will also provide a sausage sizzle and a BBQ. You can sign up for a new membership on the day and receive a great discount off the normal fee. Coachinf lessons will also be provided by our club coaches and any new child enrolments to tennis lessons will receive a brand new racquet and 25% off regular 1st term fee. For all enquiries please call Jesse Laino 0423 382 268.

GOONAWARRA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Occasional Childcare: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am – 12pm \$25.00 per session.

Busy Bees: 3-4 years old activity group Mondays 9am-12pm or 12.45pm – 3.45pm \$250 per term. Maximum 13 children per session.

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