



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork

Newsletter 12

May the 4th be with you 2017

CALENDAR

5 May	Final day for Tesselaar Bulbs orders
9-11 May	NAPLAN Testing
11 May	Cross Country
9 May	Year 1/2 Cultural Incursion
16 May	2018 Prep Tour 9.30am
17 May	2018 Prep Information Session 7pm
18 May	2018 Prep Tour 9.30am
19 May	District Cross Country
22-26 May	Education Week
23 May	Year 3/4 Werribee Zoo A, D & G
24 May	Year 3/4 Werribee Zoo B, C, E & F
9 June	Year 5/6 Winter Sport
12 June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
26 June	Alpha Productions 'Snow Queen'
30 June	Last Day Term 2:30pm dismissal

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

2018 ENROLMENTS

A reminder to let us know if a sibling is starting school next year so that we can arrange an enrolment pack for you.

Tours and information sessions will be held in May to introduce new families to our school and give them some insights into starting Preps.

Morning information sessions and tours will be held on May 16 and 18 (at 9:30am) with an evening information session on May 17 (at 7:00pm).

If you know of new families please encourage them to attend one of the sessions.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing is fast approaching for Year 3 and 5 students. 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".

The NAPLAN tests occur May 9-11. All Year 3 and 5 students participate, unless parents formally request that their child does not participate (please contact your child's teacher) or an exemption is granted.

STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

This week, our school has been involved in the Department of Education and Training's (DET) pilot of the updated Student Attitudes to School Survey. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by DET to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experiences of school. Our school will use the survey results to improve our students' schooling experience. Whilst this survey has been conducted for students in Grade 5/6 for a number of years, this year Grade 4 students were also included. In addition, this year's survey was conducted online for the first time – which will enable more prompt access to survey data. Along with our Killara Student Surveys that are conducted on a term by term basis in all classrooms, the Student Attitudes to School Survey is another vital tool in assisting us build student centred classrooms. The survey also provides another outlet for student voice to be heard.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Once again our Parents and Friends Association (PFA) have run a successful Mother's Day Stall. Students were provided with a great range of present options – from socks to aprons to shower scrubs. There were even light up wine glasses on offer! Thank you to our parents who supported the stall by providing their children with money to spend at the stall. And a huge thank you to all our PFA members (who just so happened to all be mums!) who gave up their time to once again ensure the success of the stall. We hope you managed to guide your children to the right present for you!



**Best wishes,
Phil, Pete and Andrew**

CURRENT NEWS

PAYMENTS DUE

Year 1/2 Cultural Incursion: Overdue
Year 3/4 Zoo Excursion: 19 May
Immigration Excursion: 22 May

CHOIR SCHOOL PHOTOS

Choir photos will be available to order at the office. Due date for payment is May 10. There is a copy at the office if you would like to see the photo before you order.

OUTSIDE LIBRARIES

The Literacy Team are in the process of implementing an Outside Library at Killara. Over the past few years staff have noted an increase in the number of students who have been taking books outside to read during break times. To cater for this interest, there will be 2 book trolleys located outside Room 5 with a range of texts for students of all ages to access during lunchtimes. If you would like to support this initiative, the Literacy Team will gladly accept any donations of good quality second hand books. These can be brought to the Auslan Room (at the back of the library) and placed in the red tub. Stay tuned for updates in the coming weeks. Happy reading!

The Literacy Team!

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

A huge congratulations to all the members of the Athletics team, who yesterday represented our school in the District Athletics.

Not only did they all try their best in respective events, they all displayed brilliant behavior and sportsmanship. To top off all the success of the day Killara was the overall winner of the Big schools event. This is something that hasn't been achieved for some time. Thank you to the staff Stuart Mills and Chelsea O'Meara who looked after the team on the day. Also parents, Leah Wombwell and Tanya Hennessy who gave up their time to help run an event.

Such a fantastic day and best of luck to the students who made it to the next level!



PFA NEWS

Tesselaar Spring Bulb Fundraiser

A reminder that all orders **must be in by tomorrow, May 6**. Don't miss out before it's too late! Killara will receive 40% of all profits so please order up and encourage family and friends to do the same! Great for gifts for family or friends – or, of course, Mother's Day! Order online at:

www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/killaraps.

Mother's day stall

Today we held our Mother's Day stall and we had plenty of satisfied customers. Thank you to the children and to the teachers for coming along.

If anyone has missed out, there are still a small selection of gifts available for purchase. Students will have the opportunity to come to the office before recess tomorrow to purchase an item.

A reminder that a large number of gift selections are being held at the office awaiting payment and pickup.

The PFA would like to wish all mothers a very happy Mother's Day on May 14.

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.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

Small group and private lessons. Please enrol today via PMI's website or enrolment forms are available from the office. Lessons are held once per week at the school. Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson for 30 minutes. Private lessons are also available.

PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons (students bring their own guitars). Limited spaces available so please enrol ASAP. P:1300362824

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