WELCOME TO TERM 4
Term 4, as always, promises to be a busy, fruitful and exciting term!

Students will be involved in a range of extra curricular activities throughout the term, including incursions, excursions, swimming (P-2), Graduation (year 6) and end of year celebrations, including our school disco. Of course, their regular learning continues and we have high expectations that students stay engaged and on-task right through until the end of the year.

Administratively, we also begin the task of planning for 2017. This involves filling staff vacancies, discussing and working on whole school plans, planning at a team level for next year and establishing new class lists. Parents will be given an opportunity to provide pertinent information relating to class placements in a few weeks’ time.

As a community we will continue to maintain and strengthen our positive approach to school, to education and to each other. We call on all parents to help us by encouraging and building strong attitudes to school and supporting the teachers in their endeavours.

STOMPATHON – FINAL CALL!
A reminder to send all Stomp-a-thon sponsorship to the office by no later than next Monday October 10.

STOMPATHO – FINAL CALL!
We will accept returns until 4pm on Monday, after which no further raffle tickets will be issued. All money raised must be returned to the school.

Every $10 raised attracts a raffle ticket in the major draw for prizes, which include a Go Pro camera, a remote controlled drone, a bicycle, a printer, a voucher for swimming lessons, Toyworld voucher and a cricket bat. So, the more you raise, the more chances you have to win a prize.

Funds raised contribute to the cost of a shade shelter over our 1/2 playground.

HATS – TERM 4
A reminder that it is school policy that students wear hats outside during term 4. Please make sure your child has a hat and that it is clearly named. This is a Sunsmart measure and ensures students have good sun protection during the months when the sun’s ultraviolet rays have the highest impact.

PUPIL FREE DAY
School Council has scheduled a pupil free day on Monday October 31 (the day before Cup Day). The school will be closed on that day, as teachers have undertaken professional learning and other duties outside of normal working hours.

Please make arrangements for your child for that day.

2017 PLANNING
It is very important for us that we now finalise, as much as possible, our enrolment status for 2017. Most parents with new preps have enrolled now, but we are aware that there may be a few more that are yet to complete the process. With the orientation program fast approaching, we hope to have prep enrolments fully finalised as soon as possible.

In the same vein, we would be very appreciative if any families that are leaving us at the end of the year due to relocation, or for other reasons, could let us know over the coming few weeks. Please advise the office.

Killara is a very large organisation, with enrolments once again likely to rise to around 620 next year. This means that the task of organising, structuring and staffing the school is a very complex one, requiring much deliberation, thought and consultation. The first task for us is to determine (reasonably) accurate enrolment numbers for next year.

EMAIL PROTOCOL
As a school we have expectations about the use of email by parents and staff.

E-mail may be a fast and convenient way for you to send messages, but this may not be the case for many of our teachers. Some
teachers read their e-mail messages in the morning before school, some read them at the end of the day, and some read them during the school day. Many teachers prefer to use the phone to speak directly to parents.

For these reasons, please remember if you choose to send an e-mail message to a member of our professional staff, you may not get an immediate reply. In fact you may not receive an e-mail reply at all, since the staff members will determine how best to contact you: by e-mail, phone, or to schedule a personal conference.

- Please send only non-vital messages by this medium. For example, do not use e-mail to inform a teacher that your child is to wait for you at the office after school or meet you somewhere when the day ends. A teacher may not have time to read your message in a timely fashion. Instead use the telephone to contact the office, to be sure your message is received and clearly understood.

- Your child’s academic/learning progress is best addressed through a telephone conversation or by scheduling a personal conference with your child’s teacher. An e-mail message on these matters is not appropriate.

(except from Killara Primary School Email Protocol)

Similarly the amount of email traffic, other commitments and priorities and the day to day business of the school also mean that contact with administrative staff and school leadership should follow the above guidelines.

TRAFFIC SAFETY
Please be supportive of the school and protective of the safety of our students and the school community by adopting an approach that encourages road safety awareness amongst our students.

It is unsafe for parents to lead children across the road away from school crossings. It is unsafe to double park. It is unsafe to call children across the road to a car parked on the other side (except via the crossing).

Parents are NOT to use staff car parks.

Best wishes,
Phil, Pete and Andrew

CURRENT NEWS

COMPASS
The following Year 1/2 learning tasks will be available for viewing from Monday:
- Mathematics: Time Term 3
- Inquiry: Olympics Term 3
- You Can Do It: Persistence Term 3

- Reading: Making Connections Term 3
- Writing: Recount Term 3

The following Year 3/4 Learning Tasks will be made live on Monday 10 October:
- Inquiry- Economics
- Mathematics-Probability

3/4 CAMP LOST PROPERTY
There are still quite a few unclaimed items brought back from the 3/4 Camp last term. Lost Property is currently located in the 3/4 Building corridor. If you believe your child may have lost something while on camp, please come and have a look. Any items remaining at the end of Week 2 (Friday 14 October) will be donated to the Salvation Army.

The Year 3/4 Team

CSEF FUNDS 2016
For those families who received CSEF funds for camps, sport and excursions this year please ensure you utilise these funds for any eligible activities this term if possible.

Please contact the office if you are unsure if you have funds still remaining.

PAYMENT REMINDERS
Prep and Year 1/2 Swim Program: 10 October
Year 5/6 Term 4 Netbook: Overdue

CANTEEN HELP
Andrea is seeking assistance on Tuesday and Thursdays for lunch order preparation and counter sales. If you can help even for an hour please contact Andrea or the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNBURY FIRE BRIGADE OPEN DAY
Saturday 5 November 10am – 2pm, face painting, jumping castle, sausage sizzle and free kids activities. Wild Action interactive show time is 11am – 12pm.