



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork

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6 November 2014

CALENDAR

Sun 9 Nov	Working Bee 8.30am – 12.30
10 Nov	Toddler storytime 9.15am
19 Nov	Prep Cultural Day 2015 Preps information night
21 Nov	3/4 Cultural Day
25 Nov	1/2EHI Scienceworks Year 5 "Show Off" excursion
26 Nov	1/2ABG Scienceworks 2015 Prep Orientation Session 1 PFA AGM 2.30pm
2 Dec	1/2CDF Scienceworks 2015 Prep Orientation Session 2
9 Dec	2015 Prep Orientation Session 3 School Council
17 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
19 Dec	Last day of Term 4

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

WORKING BEE



A reminder that we are holding our one and only Working Bee for 2014 this **Sunday, November 9**. Please refer to the notice handed out with this newsletter. If you can help, even if it is only for half an hour or so,

it would be greatly appreciated. The Working Bee runs from 8:30am until 12:30pm.

PARENT REQUESTS

As mentioned last week, we have commenced planning of our class structures for 2015. 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.

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 provided last week (extra forms are available at the office)**, which we are using for the first time to assist us with managing the process. **All requests must be made using the form.** 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 teacher's names must not be included on the form.**

Please return the form **by Friday November 14**.

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

2015 PLANNING

Thanks to families that have let us know they will be leaving Killara for 2015. If you know you are leaving our school due to relocation or for other reasons, please advise the office or add NR on the parent request form next to the child's name.

Killara is now a very large organisation, with enrolments likely to be over 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.

If you know of any families with children due to start Prep in 2015 who haven't enrolled yet, please encourage them to do so.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

It is with regret that I inform the community and particularly those who have been in receipt of EMA, that EMA will not be continuing in 2015.

As a school, we will continue to assist families in need by offering payment plans and any other assistance possible, but we will be receiving **no** extra funding so we will be unable to provide financial assistance, except in exceptional circumstances.

The funds previously provided by the State Government for EMA have been distributed to schools considered to be the "neediest government schools" in the state. Killara does not meet the parameters for this.

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

CURRENT NEWS

PFA AGM

On Wednesday 26th November at 2:30pm the PFA Annual General Meeting will be held in the staffroom. Please come along! There is a \$2 membership fee payable on the day at the office.

Pete Hansen, Assistant Principal
On Behalf of the PFA

TIQBIZ SCHOOL COMMUNICATION!

Killara Primary School has an "app" to use for communicating with our families. The app is called "TIQBIZ" and can be downloaded onto your smartphone, tablet or computer.

An information sheet is available at the office if needed. Remember to select both "whole school" and your children's year level when prompted. This will ensure you receive all notifications we send for the whole school, as well as those to specific year levels.

GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE

Throughout October Team Killara Primary School (Deb W, Emily F, Michelle D, Sarah R, Kelli B, Kellie E, Katelyn F, Lauren M and Maddy P) have been riding their bikes to help raise funds and awareness for Children's Cancer. To date we have ridden a combined 1,300km and have raised \$2,500.



We have been extremely pleased and grateful for the support and encouragement we have received during our challenge.

There is still time to donate to this wonderful cause through the website

<https://greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Teams/KillaraPrimarySchool> or cash in a named envelope to the office.

TODDLER STORYTIME IN THE LIBRARY

Toddler Storytime Teddybear Party straight after assembly on Monday.



SCHOOL HATS

In Term 4 hats are compulsory for all outside activities in line with our sunsmart policy. The wearing of a wide brimmed hat aides in minimising over-exposure to UV radiation and risk of skin cancer.

Students should wear wide brimmed Killara hats which can be purchased from the PSW shop at 106 – 120 Gap Road Sunbury. Trading hours Wed – Frid 10am – 4pm and Sat 9am – 12.



COMMUNITY NEWS

CAR BOOT SALE

A **Giant Car Boot Sale and Craft Market** will be held by Sunbury Uniting Church on the Village Green and inside the church hall, on Saturday 15th November from 8.30am. There will be outside car sites (over 60 cars!) plus inside craft stalls and Devonshire Teas. Sites still available (\$20) but be quick! Phone Helen on 9744 3031.

SAFEMINDS COMES TO TOWN!

headspace – the National Youth Mental Health Foundation will be presenting a **FREE** session in **Collingwood** for parents to learn about early detection and support for young people through the SAFEMinds mental health training currently being introduced for schools and families across Victoria.

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Date: Monday 17th Nov

Venue: headspace Collingwood
Level 1, Victoria Park
(Social Club Building)

Cnr Lulie & Abbott Streets
Abbotsford Vic 3067

Parents interested in attending can register via www.eventbrite.com.au/o/safeminds-7552791023

SECOND HAND SATURDAY

When: Saturday 15 November

Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm

Where: Sunbury Neighbourhood House carpark
531 Elizabeth Drive, Sunbury

Are unwanted items cluttering your house and shed? Drop them off for free and they'll be sent for recycling. Items include e-waste, such as computers, TVs, mobile phones; white goods such as fridges and washing machines; mattresses and clothes.

Sustainability Team

BROOKS FUN RUN PINK

When: 25 January 2015

We have three distances available for those wishing to compete in Fun Run Pink.

5km (Men and women welcome)

2.5km (Men and women welcome)

1km (Kids only)

The course will start next to the registrations tent on Aughtie Drive. You then run directly up Aughtie Drive and your turning point will be on the road outside the Formula One pit building. Once turning around, you run the exact same way back with witches hats & bollards directing you to the finish line.

For more information visit

<http://www.triathlonpink.com.au/course-description-melbourne>



PAYMENT REMINDERS

Year 5/6 Netbook Term 4 fees overdue	\$50
Year 6 Grad Bear due 14 November	\$12.70
Grad Soccer ball due 14 November	\$10
Year 1/2 Scienceworks due 21 November	\$17
Prep Cultural Day due 17 November	\$14
Year 3/4 Cultural Day due 19 November	\$14
Year 3/4 Athletics Day due 14 November	\$5

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