



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork

Newsletter No 5

7th March 2013

TERM CALENDAR

Mon 11 March	Labour Day holiday
Tues 12 March	Curriculum Day
Wed 13 March	Prep Special Persons Day Parent Helpers Course 9am / 6.30pm
Mon 18 March	Alpha Theatre production
Mon 25 March	School Photos (no assembly)
Thurs 28 March	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 15 April	First Day of Term 2
Thurs 25 April	Anzac Day
Frid 26 April	Curriculum Day

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Following the close of nominations, the following people are declared elected to School Council:

- Lauren Hayes (parent)
- Nicole Culos (parent)
- Neil Christie (parent)
- Andrew Guthrie (DEECD)

One further parent vacancy remains and nominations are called for that position. Please refer to previous correspondence regarding the role of School Councillors (or request a copy from the office).

Nominations for this position will close at 4pm on Wednesday March 13 (3 school days from today). Nomination forms are available at the office.

UNIFORM SHOP

I have had a meeting today with a senior representative from Primary School Wear expressing our total dissatisfaction with the current state of play regarding stock (particularly of polo tops) and the unsatisfactory nature of the 9:30 opening time. I have been assured that these issues will be rectified immediately and that service will be improved.

ROAD AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

Once again we have received complaints and concerns about people's behaviour on the roads surrounding our school. Our students are being put in unsafe situations and our neighbours are being poorly treated. There is no feasible solution to the traffic issue outside our school because of the sheer volume of traffic, except to say that people being patient and responsible can help to make sure that safety and courtesy are the norm and people choosing alternatives, such as park and walk, can reduce traffic.

If you have concerns about the behaviour of others you are encouraged to report such to the local police and by-laws officers.

HOLIDAY AND CURRICULUM DAY

A reminder that there is no school for students on Monday (Labour Day Holiday) and Tuesday (Curriculum Day) next week. Teachers will be engaging in presentations and workshops relating to thinking and inquiry.

A reminder also that the last day of term is Thursday March 28, as Friday March 29 is Good Friday.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

As there are no further Monday assemblies for the term (due to holiday, Alpha Theatre and School Photos), we will have to hold over the presentation leadership positions until term 2. Class captains and Vice Captains have been selected, as have the members of the Student Leadership Council and HEROs will be chosen soon.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

All students participated in Clean Up Australia Day activities on Friday March 1. Our grounds and surrounds were spotless. Children have been encouraged to keep it that way by using bins and being litter conscious.

Many thanks to Caroline Hole for organising the schedule and "attack plan" and to all students and teachers for their participation.

LEARNING TO LEARN



Every March, BAW unites the efforts of partner organisations worldwide in a celebration of the brain for people of all ages. Events are limited only by the organisers' imaginations and include open days at neuroscience labs; exhibitions about the brain; lectures on brain-related topics; displays at libraries and community centres; classroom workshops; and more.

Our students are learning about the brain as part of their Learning to Learn Inquiry. We have already been learning about how our emotions affect our learning and how being aware of different emotions helps us to manage these emotions better for learning. Now our focus is on investigating what we already know about our brain, why the brain is important for our learning and how we can use strategies to help us learn better.

Some websites you may want to look at with your child are listed below.

<http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/neurok.html>

<http://www.cyh.com/HealthTopics/HealthTopicDetailsKids.aspx?p=335&np=152&id=1528>

<http://kidshealth.org/kid/htbw/brain.html>

<http://www.buzzle.com/articles/interesting-facts-about-the-brain.html>

<http://www.42explore.com/brain.htm>

Best Wishes,
Phil, Andrew and Marie

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1, WEEK 5

Junior School Preps For using correct pencil grip and posture when writing		Middle School Being a great "bucket filler" by giving compliments	
Rm 1	Noah Y, Abigail C	Rm 11	Briannah Y
Rm 2	Clancy E, Ashlyn D	Rm 12	Maddi V
Rm 3	Rayah G, Wilson L	Rm 13	Coby H
Rm 4	Luke C, Sienna T	Rm 14	Sarah B
Rm 5	Lily A, Mitchell R	Rm 15	Luka S-H
Year 1/2 Working hard to improve their handwriting		Rm 16	Logan J
		Senior School Demonstrating good organisation skills in the classroom	
Rm 6	Samantha R	Rm 7	Matthew L
Rm 17	Cooper G	Rm 8	Sasha I
Rm 18	Luke I	Rm 9	Shelby H
Rm 19	Andre L-M	Rm 10	Mitch R
Rm 20	Liam J	Rm 25	Molly H
Rm 21	Chayse P	Rm 26	Neve R
Rm 22	Rabia K		
Rm 23	Saxon C		
Rm 24	Lachlan C		
Specialists Performing Arts 3/4 F – Sarah Vosti The enthusiastic way they discussed the life of Beethoven Visual Arts 5/6 A – Jo Fogarty Working cooperatively and sharing ideas about their work Physical Education 1/2 G – Shannon Hodson Effective play and adaptation to new games Library 5/6 F – Katelyn Fraser Focussed listening and assisting each other with ICT support			

CURRENT NEWS

ZONE SWIMMING

On Monday, Tahlia W, Alex K and Josh G from Killara, represented the Sunbury District at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Northcote Swimming Pool. All 3 swimmers were successful in qualifying for the Zone event at the Sunbury Carnival last Thursday. In last week's newsletter, I did say 2 students. This was incorrect and I apologise to Josh G for leaving him out.

All 3 have reported back to me that they have in fact qualified for the next stage to go into the Regional Swimming Championships, being held next Wednesday.

We wish them the best of luck.

Piza – Phys Ed and Sport

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On Friday 1st March, Killara Primary School participated in Clean-Up Australia Day. Each class was allocated an area around our school grounds, with the 5/6s taking responsibility for the area around our boundaries. Recyclable items were collected separately and the experience generated a lot of fantastic discussions about how best to avoid litter in the first place, as well as the effect of litter on our local environment.

At Killara Primary School, we have a strong sustainability policy and have worked very hard to implement procedures to properly recycle and reuse appropriate items whilst reducing the amount of landfill we contribute to. We also have compost facilities and have recently taken steps to ensure that canteen recyclables are also properly accounted for. We continue to encourage students to bring **rubbish-free lunches** and appreciate all the support families provide in reducing our school's waste production. Please keep up the good work!

COMMUNITY NEWS

VIOLIN/FLUTE/CLARINET/SAXOPHONE LESSONS:

Cassandra Irvine (fully registered with the Victorian Institute of Teaching).

Lessons in **violin, flute, clarinet and saxophone**.

30 minute lessons.

Individual lessons \$19 per student per lesson.

Small group lessons (maximum 3 students) also available for **Beginners**.

\$12 per student per 30 minute lesson.

Parents invoiced directly for the term.

Instrument Hire available.

Lessons may be available at Killara dependent on interest level and numbers.

Phone Cassandra: 9744 3690

HUME CITY COUNCIL VACATION CARE

For information and enrolment visit

www.hume.vic.gov.au.

MPACC

"**Learning to cope with Worries**" is an information and support seminar for young people and their parents. Designed to assist young people in understanding why they worry, and to provide them with coping strategies and increased self confidence, this seminar also addresses the concerns of parents. This seminar is for **children who are between 8 and 12 years old**.

Date: Tues 9 April / Thurs 11 April

Time: 9.30am – 1.30pm

Where: Thomas Carr Centre
278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne

Cost: \$40 (one parent one child)

Facilitator: Dr Barbara Jones

Lunch provided. For information please contact:

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