



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

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Newsletter 2

February 8 2018

CALENDAR

13 February	PFA Meeting 2.30pm Staffroom
20 February	Meet the teacher interviews
22 February	Grade 3-6 District Swimming at Sunbury Aquatic Centre at 4pm
7- 9 March	Year 5/6 Camp Rumbug
12 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
13 March	CURRICULUM DAY
29 March	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

OFF TO A GREAT START

We have had a very pleasing start to the year with students and staff settling quickly into the new school year. There has been plenty of positive parent feedback regarding day to day happenings and our students have also been very positive about their relationships with their new classmates and teachers. We look forward to more of the same as the Summer holidays fast become a distant memory!

MEET THE TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Please note that Meet the Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday, the 20th of February. As is usual practice, we will be asking for your help with this on the day, by picking up/allowing children to go home early (12:30pm).

The logistics of interviews is such that we need from 12:30pm through to 7:00pm to be able to fit everyone in! So if you can help with this it would be very much appreciated. A letter has been sent home today for you to sign and return. We need the notice returned by all parents within the timeframe given to ensure that logistical arrangements can be appropriately made for the interview day. **Please return this notice as soon as possible and no later than next Wednesday, February 14.**

Bookings for interviews are accessible via Compass.

Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. You are able to book a time with your child's classroom teacher and, if you wish, with the Specialist teachers.

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, you may send a note to school with the approximate times you require, or phone the school on 97446432 and the office staff will assist with this process. Compass web address for our school is <https://killaraps-vic.compass.education>.

To assist with the gathering and sharing of information, a Student Information form is also attached to the Meet the Teacher note, which we

encourage you to also complete and forward to your child's class teacher prior to the day.

We hope you find the Meet the Teacher Interview(s) a valuable experience to discuss your child(ren)'s progress.

FLEXI BUZZ PHASE OUT

At the end of this term, we will no longer be using Flexi Buzz. Instead, we will be using Compass to update our parent community regarding school information.

For the remainder of Term 1, school announcements will be sent out through both Compass and Flexi Buzz. To receive notifications via Compass, you will need to have the Compass application installed on your phone.

Best Wishes,

Pete and Andrew

CURRENT NEWS

CAMPS, EXCURSIONS AND SPORTS FUND

If you have a Health Care Card or Pension Card, you may be eligible to receive government assistance.

By applying for this funding, if eligible, the school will receive \$125 to be used for your child's excursions, camps and sporting activities. This amount will be held against each eligible child's name and utilised accordingly.

Applications **MUST** be finalised by 28 February 2018. Forms can be picked up from the office if needed.

If you applied last year then you don't need to fill another form out this year, your application will go in automatically.

STUDENT UPDATES

Student personal information was sent home with students yesterday. Please check all areas and confirm we have the correct details on file. Especially phone numbers, emergency contacts, medical details, student immunisation (if incomplete an immunisation certificate needs to be provided to the school as soon as possible), so that we have the most up to date information for your child.

Each school budget is calculated by a range of formulas. One formula is based on *Parent Occupation*. We need to update our Parent Occupation Groups to ensure our school receives the budget it is entitled to. There are circumstances where schools can receive additional funding if the formula pertaining to Parent Occupation reaches a particular threshold. Therefore, it is imperative that we have accurate parental occupation information. Please do not overstate your occupation and note that


if we are not advised of your occupation, we must categorise you in the group that would attract the least amount of funding should we reach the threshold. If you are not currently in paid work but **have had a job in the last 12 months**, or have retired in the last 12 months, please **use your last occupation** to select from the list. **If you have not been in paid work for the last 12 months, enter 'N' into the 'occupation code' field on the form.**

Please mark any alterations with a different coloured pen and return to front office by no later than 19 February.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Children residing more than **4.8kms from their nearest government school** may be eligible for a conveyance allowance.

Families seeking conveyance allowance support in 2018 will need to complete an application form, which is available from the office. The completed application form needs to be returned to school by **Wednesday 28 February 2018**. If you have any enquiries, please contact the office.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1, WEEK 1			
Prep Settling into school routines		Year 3/4 Making a positive start to the year	
R1	Darcy B/Ruby R	R11	William M
R2	Ammerly M/Lucas M	R12	Nash E
R3	Jashan A/Lily H	R13	William S
Year 1/2 For being smarter with data		R14	Jamie S
		R15	Cohen S
		R16	Lilah L
		Year 5/6 For positive transition into the new school year	
R4	Pin-Yi L	R5	Angie S
R19	Piper E	R6	Lucas S
R20	Tex L	R7	Hamish H
R21	William R-D	R8	Jia-Zhen L
R22	Alex T	R9	Rylan C
R23	Lachlan F	R10	Joshua C
R24	Harvey T	R17	Erin G/Liam J
			

DISTRICT SWIMMING

The students who were successful in making the Killara Swimming Team were notified last year. The District event is on February 22 at the Sunbury Aquatic centre starting around 4:30pm to finish around 7:00pm. Students are to be taken to the event by parents/guardians. A permission note will be out shortly.

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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.

QKR REGISTRATION 2018

Please ensure your children are registered with the correct year level, home group and room number – so that lunch orders and payments are processed correctly.

00A Rm 1	1/2F Rm 22	5/6A Rm 5
00B Rm 2	1/2G Rm 21	5/6B Rm 6
00C Rm 3	3/4A Rm 11	5/6C Rm 7
1/2A Rm 4	3/4B Rm 12	5/6D Rm 8
1/2B Rm 19	3/4C Rm 13	5/6E Rm 9
1/2C Rm 20	3/4D Rm 14	5/6F Rm 10
1/2D Rm 23	3/4E Rm 15	5/6G Rm 17
1/2E Rm 24	3/4F Rm 16	

PFA NEWS

The Killara Parents and Friends Association is looking for new members to join for 2018. If you would like to join or would like more information you can contact us on killarapfa@gmail.com. We would like to invite all returning and new members to our AGM and first meeting of the year which will be held at 2.30pm in the staffroom on Tuesday February 13. We look forward to seeing you there.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNBURY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Information day Sunday 11 February 11.00 – 2.00pm
Langama Park, Mitchells lane, Sunbury. Come down and find out everything you need to know about playing for Sunbury United FC in 2018! Information on how to register. Come and meet the committee and enjoy a BBQ sausage sizzle.

SUNBURY BUE LIGHT DISCO

Beach party disco February 16 6 – 8pm. Sunbury Memorial Hall Cnr Barkly & Macedon St. \$7 entry fee

