



CALENDAR

21 Feb	Meet the Teachers Interviews from 12.30pm
23 Feb	Twilight Swim Carnival
28 Feb	PFA AGM Meeting 2.30pm
6 March	School Photos
8 March	Prep Special Person Day
8-10 March	Year 5/6 Camp
13 March	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
14 March	CURRICULUM DAY
22 March	Year 3/4 Athletics Carnival
23 March	Year 1/2 Athletics Carnival
24 March	Year 5/6 Athletics Carnival
31 March	Last Day Term 2.30pm

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

CANTEEN – URGENT HELP NEEDED

Unfortunately, our canteen manager, Andrea, has taken ill and will not return for some time. We have sufficient staff to manage the canteen, but we desperately need a couple of volunteers to assist them in managing the daily tasks.

If you are available, please advise Deb at the office (preferably by email) with the days you are available. We are particularly looking for people who can make a firm commitment and attend on a day (or days) between 9am and 1:30pm.

For health and safety requirements, no toddlers or children please. A Working With Children Card will also be required.

We wish Andrea a quick and full recovery and look forward to having her back.

MEET THE TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Please note that Meet the Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 21 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 12:40pm through to 7:00pm to be able to fit everyone in! So if you can help with this it will be very much appreciated. A letter was sent home on Tuesday for you to sign and return. We need the notice returned by all parents within the timeframe given (14th Feb) to ensure that logistical arrangements can be appropriately made for the interview day.

Bookings for interviews are accessible via Compass and instructions were sent home with students on Tuesday. If you did not receive a copy you can pick one up from the front office.

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

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>

COMMUNICATION

We have a range of tools we use to communicate, including Compass, tiqbiz, Facebook, Class Blogs and the school website.



Compass is used for reporting to parents via Semester Reports as well as Learning Tasks every 4 – 5 weeks for Literacy and Numeracy (Inquiry, Phys Ed, Visual Art, Performing Arts and Auslan are once a term). Parents can also use Compass to record an absence, view the school calendar, email a teacher, read the newsletter, update personal details and read news posts.

We use the app Tiqbiz to remind parents of events, post the newsletter and at times we send requests for assistance. While our aim is to streamline our communication through Compass, Tiqbiz will still be used for some messages as mentioned above.

The school website is used for parents interested in sending their children to our school to gather information. The website also has of school events and activities, policies and notices, links to classroom Blogs as well as information detailing our school priorities and curriculum overviews.

Our school Facebook page is used to celebrate school achievements, events and activities through photos and videos. The Facebook page is not used to post details of events and activities and not designed as a discussion page. Comments posted should be positive and not require a response.

Class Blogs are used in all classes throughout the school and designed to give parents a window into their child's classroom. Links to blogs can be found on the school website. www.killaraps.vic.edu.au/

SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

As you may well have heard from your child, we have made some changes to our specialist program for this year for our Grade 3-6 students. Visual Arts and Performing Arts sessions will now be 100 minutes in duration. The Grade 3/4 students will participate in Performing Arts classes in Semester One and Visual Arts classes in Semester Two. The Grade 5/6 students will be doing Visual Arts in Semester One and Performing Arts in Semester Two. These changes will enable us to minimise disruption to classes through changeover times and maximise student learning and engagement opportunities.

Best wishes,
Phil, 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 2017**. Forms can be picked up from the office if needed.

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 2017 will need to complete an application form, which is available from the office. The completed application form needs to be returned to school by **Tuesday 28 February 2017**. If you have any enquiries, please contact the office.

STUDENT UPDATES

Student personal information was sent home with students today. 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.

This information is strictly confidential and is only collected to provide a statistical number to the government so we can receive additional funding.

Please mark any alterations with a different coloured pen and return to front office by no later than 20 February.

PAYMENTS DUE
Year 5/6 Netbook- Overdue
Year 5/6 Camp: 1 March

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1, WEEK 1

Junior School Settling into school routine		Middle School Making a positive start to their learning	
R2	Hayley B/Billy L	R12	Caylem W
R3	Chanel M/Yuvraj N	R13	James G
R4	Kaylah R/Jack E	R14	Dion D
Year 1/2 For coming to school ready to learn		R15	Luke H-B
		R16	Callum F
		R21	Lucas C
		R22	Ruby E
R17	Deacon Y	Senior School Being a role model in their new class environment	
R18	Matilda G		
R19	Claire H		
R20	Mason G		
R23	Tyler P	R5	Angus E
R24	Chelsea B	R6	Isobel R
R25	Nicholas H	R7	Max E
R26	Cohen S	R8	Bayley D
		R9	Callum D
		R10	Lachlan C
		R11	Matthew B

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure your child's uniform, drink bottles etc are clearly named. We are only at the end of week 2 and our lost property is overflowing. Named items are returned to students daily.

Unnamed items will be donated to charity on a monthly basis.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BOUND DANCE SCHOOL

Dance Space Sunbury is a creative space for kids aged 3+ to learn and grow! Our timetable includes all popular genres of dance and singing too.

Visit us at our Official Launch - Saturday 4th February from 5pm. For more information contact Julie: 0403374410 dancespacesunbury@gmail.com

HOOKING HOCKEY

February 23 – First come and try session. March 2 – April 20 6-7pm.

Bridge Rd Hockey facility, 132 Bridge Rd, Melton Sth. Cost is \$85 and includes 8 fun and exciting coaching sessions with our accredited coaches. Awesome participant pack which includes a hockey stick, ball, shin pads, singlet and backpack. Contact us today to register meltonhockeyclub@yahoo.com.au Contact number: 0450643826

COMPLETE KIDS

Did you know Killara Primary has Before and Afterschool Care on site?

Complete Kids offers Before and After School care for as little as \$3.00 per session (after rebates). Please call 9740 2111 for further information.