



CALENDAR

8-10 March	Year 5/6 Camp
13 March	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
14 March	CURRICULUM DAY
17 March	Camp Quality Visit
20 March	Class, Vice-Captain and Student Leadership Council presentations
22 March	Year 3/4 Athletics Carnival Boardman Oval
	Year 1/2 Athletics Carnival Killara – postponed till Term 2
24 March	Year 5/6 Athletics Carnival Boardman Oval
31 March	Last Day Term 2.30pm finish

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

REMINDER

*****Curriculum Day*****

Tuesday 14 March

Please make other arrangements for your children for this day

Teachers will be undertaking professional learning relating to the learning and teaching of Mathematics

CAMP



By all accounts the 5/6 students, staff and parent volunteers are having a great time at camp.

The beautiful Campaspe Downs, an ACA accredited campsite, is set amid 180 acres of natural bushland in the Macedon Ranges, Close to Kyneton and Hanging Rock.

Campaspe Downs is the perfect environment for children to immerse themselves in the quintessential Australian flora and fauna experience.

There are many fun and challenging activities for the students including canoeing, low ropes, flying fox,



capture the flag, aero ball, centipede and of course the famous mud run! Last night students competed in a scavenger hunt and tonight they are involved in a team challenge called "splash" which involves a large water balloon falling from a water tower! Sounds very exciting!



There is also lots of free time activities for the students to engage in!

We expect buses to be on time and arrive on Friday by 2:30pm.

CURRICULUM DAY

On Tuesday 14 March, staff will be engaged in a literacy focussed Curriculum Day. We will be reviewing our approaching to numeracy. The day will involve working towards strengthening how we cater to students in mathematics and be led by Kathryn Pollock and members of the maths curriculum team. Maths is a priority for our school this year and we will keep you informed along the way! Students are not required at school on Monday (Public Holiday) and Tuesday (Curriculum Day).

SWIMMING

Congratulations to our Zone swim team, who represented the school in an excellent way on Monday in the Zone swimming finals –Patrick C, Ben C, Sebastian E, Audrey H, Keisha H, Lily M, Shaila M, Felix O, Tyler T, Ben W and Eden W.

Thank you to Bec Gerber and parents who went along to cheer and support the students.

There will be a full report on the results in next week's newsletter.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, CLASS

CAPTAIN & VICE CAPTAIN PRESENTATIONS

Teachers and students are currently going through a process to determine who our Student Leadership Council and Class Captains and Vice Captains will be.

Representatives elected to the Student Leadership Council will remain in the role for the whole year while Class and Vice Captains will be a semester-based role.

The presentation of certificates and badges to our Class Captains, Vice Captains and Student Leadership Council members will take place at assembly on Monday 20 March. A note will go home with those students who have been selected as Class Captains, Vice Captains and Student Leadership Council members and we hope families can join us at the presentation assembly.

SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

As a school we place utmost importance on making sure our school is a safe, secure and supportive environment. From time to time parents and members of the community may observe something that they think looks suspicious. We always urge vigilance and suggest that people err on the side of caution – letting the school know immediately of anything that concerns them or they have doubts about. The school will then investigate and take any actions necessary.

PFA

The PFA Annual General Meeting was held this past Tuesday, February 28. During this meeting, the 2017 committee was formed and stands as follows:

President - Tanya Hennessy

Vice President - Manuela Irvine

Secretary - Candice Palmer

Treasurer - Jennifer Wallace

Congratulations to all the successful committee members. The PFA meets on a monthly basis at school to organise school events and fundraisers. New members are always welcome to join the team.

The next PFA meeting will be held on the 21 March at 2:30pm in the staffroom. Tanya and the rest of the team would love to see you there.

We look forward to the 2017 PFA making a significant contribution to the school community both through their fundraising efforts and community engagement events.

RETHINKING "STRANGER DANGER"

With some recent reports of inappropriate approaches and suspicious people loitering around schools, it is timely to take some time to remind children of how to protect their own personal safety. Teachers have been asked to have discussions and to increase vigilance, but parents can play a very important role with helping children to know how to keep themselves safe.

The following is taken from <http://www.kidsmartz.org> and helps to redefine and set out how we can assist children with developing their personal safety:

"Stranger danger." It's short. It's simple. It even rhymes! But is it really the most effective abduction prevention lesson for our children?

Children do not understand the concept of a stranger. Many believe that strangers are mean, ugly people — so the nice man asking for help to find his lost puppy? Not a stranger.

Children also learn that some strangers – like store clerks, police officers, or parents with children – are helpful. It may be hard for them to understand the difference between strangers who could hurt them and strangers who may help them.

Most importantly, "stranger danger" ignores the fact that most children are abducted by someone they know.

Avoiding strangers will not help if the abductor is a family member, neighbour, or family acquaintance. When you talk to your children about abduction prevention, don't focus on warning them about certain types of people. Instead, teach them to identify and respond to threatening situations.

A NEW MESSAGE

Say goodbye to "stranger danger." Try using the following language when talking to your child about abduction prevention:

- *Don't say: Never talk to strangers.*

Say: *You should not approach just anyone. If you need help, look for a uniformed police officer, a shopkeeper with a nametag, or a parent with children.*

- *Don't say: Stay away from people you don't know.*

Say: *It's important for you to get my permission before going anywhere with anyone.*

- *Don't say: You can tell someone is bad just by looking at them.*

Say: *Pay attention to what people do. Tell me right away if anyone asks you to keep a secret, makes you feel uncomfortable, or tries to get you to go with them.*

In addition to these conversations, use role-playing scenarios to help your children practice their abduction prevention skills. The more children practice, the better prepared they will be to respond to an emergency.

Go to the Kidsmartz website for further information and ideas

PARENT HANDBOOK

Our 2017 Parent Handbook was sent home today with students. The school handbook, contains a wealth of information, also provides us with the opportunity to give you a useful reference to keep at home and refer to as needed. From time to time we will remind you of aspects of the handbook and draw your attention to particular school processes and requirements. When you receive your copy, please make sure you retain it in an accessible place.

ESSENDON FOOTBALL CLUB PLAYERS

Players from the Essendon Football Club visited the students today. They joined in with the students at lunch time on the oval and conducted clinics with the 3/4 students in the afternoon. Thank you to Bec Gerber for her organisation of this event!



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

CURRENT NEWS

PFA NEWS

The PFA is now accepting donations towards our mother's day stall. Our stall will be held on Thursday 4 May. Donations can include soap, candles, kitchen, gardening or sporting items or any other mother's day related item. All donations are greatly appreciated. All donations must be new, unopened and cannot include food items. Please hand donations to the classroom teacher or to the school office. Thank you from the PFA

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

Our school will be holding a fundraiser for the Good Friday Appeal this year. The Good Friday Appeal is a not for profit charity that raises money to enable The Melbourne Royal Children's Hospital to continue to provide first class care for children.

In support of our fundraiser, we will be holding a number of activities to help raise funds for this worthy cause. There will be a casual clothes day involving a gold coin donation, a 'guess how many pebbles in the jar' challenge with 50 cents per guess and a paper plane challenge held at school with prizes to be won. Further information will be in next week's newsletter.



PAYMENTS DUE

Year 5/6 Camp: **OVERDUE**
Year 3-6 Athletics: 20 March

ACTIVE APRIL AT KILLARA

Join Killara's active April team using Team ID: Killara-primary-school. Its free and fun for everyone. All it takes is 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. Enjoy great benefits and win awesome prizes. Register to get:

- 10 Free YMCA passes or access to a local government recreation facility
- 15% off at Sportsmart in store and online
- One hour free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- 20% off any annual membership with Cycling Australia
- A 2 for 1 ticket offer to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
- Entry into the draw to win tickets to the 2018 Australian open Tennis Finals

Register today – activeapril.vic.gov.au

COMPASS

The following learning tasks for Prep will be visible from Wednesday 15th March

- Maths – Numbers to 10

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.



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TIQBIZ APP

Killara Primary School uses the TIQBIZ app for communicating our families. The app is called "TIQBIZ" and can be downloaded onto your smartphone, tablet or computer.

Remember to select your children's year level when prompted.

KILLARA'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Have you "liked" our school Facebook page yet? Keep up to date with special events and classroom learning across the whole school!

Visit www.facebook.com/killaraps and click the "like" button to follow us.

LITERACY - I-PICK STRATEGY

The I-PICK strategy is a reading strategy used throughout Killara Primary School.

The strategy allows our students to take ownership over their reading selections and enables them to confidently pick a book that they believe is the perfect fit for them with regard to their own personal interests as a reader.

The I-PICK strategy stands for:

I choose my book

Purpose: Why am I choosing a book today?

Interest: What are the things that I like or want to learn about? What holds my attention? **Comprehend:** Do I understand what's going on by reading the words and pictures?

Know: Do I know enough of the words to understand what's going on?

Alongside the 'Know' component of the I-PICK strategy, students use the '5 Finger Rule' to assist with determining if the text is 'Just Right' for them at their current point of learning. To successfully use the 5 Finger Rule, students scan through the text and hold up a finger for each word they are unsure of, (this applies to every 100 words). They then make a decision on the appropriateness of the text based on the number of unknown words they have seen.

0-1 Finger- The text is too easy

2-3 Fingers- The text is just right

4-5 Fingers- The text is too difficult

Students are learning to apply these strategies when choosing independent and take home texts from their classroom libraries, and throughout their library sessions. Students who use the I-PICK strategy and 5 Finger Rule are ensuring they are picking a Just Right Book, a book that is not too easy or too difficult for them to read independently.

SCHOOL HACKS FOR PARENTS: HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN AS THEY LEARN TO CODE.

On Wednesday 15 March at 12pm, ABC Splash will host an online live event with Bec from Code the Future. Bec will talk about coding, and why there's such a focus on it in schools; and she will answer the questions parents post during the event. If you are still unsure about why learning about coding is important for the future of our kids please share with friends as I am sure by the end of it you will understand everything you need to know about learning coding and more. For more information visit www.splash.abc.net.au

LOST PROPERTY

Please come along and have a look if your child is missing any clothing. All named items are returned to student classrooms. If unnamed items are not collected by the end of term they will go into our second hand uniform cupboard or donated to charity.

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.



SCHOOL PAYMENTS

When making payments to school or sending coins in lunch orders please refrain from including currency other than Australian as the bank will not accept these coins anymore. Coins other than Australian will be sent back home with the student.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING DAY REMINDER:

- Remember School Banking is **every Tuesday**
- You can bank as much as you like every week.



HATS

A reminder that it is part of our uniform policy and Sunsmart policy that students wear sun protective (wide brimmed) hats during term 1 and 4. Please

make sure your child is equipped with a hat for times outside.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

School Sport Victoria Team Vic State Team Trial Registrations are closing tomorrow Friday 10 March 2017, for the following sports; Australian Football 12 Years and Under, Basketball 12 Years and Under, Football (Soccer) 12 Years and Under, Netball 12 Years and Under. Swimming and Volleyball have a different closing date.

You can find all the details via [School Sport Victoria's website](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic). <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>

COMPLETE KIDS

Are your children bored when they get home from school?

Our Complete Kids Before and After School Care program offers activities from Sport to Cooking to Craft. Children have the opportunity to socialize with their friends and make new friends! Call 9740 2111 for further information or to make your booking.

LIFE ANIMATED SPECIAL SCREENING

Wednesday 15 March 6.30pm Reading Cinemas, tickets \$15 per person. Autism. I'm sure you've heard of it. Maybe you even know a little bit about it. But I'm almost certain you've never seen anything as mind blowing as this. This documentary profiles an autistic young man who learned how to communicate with others and understand the world around him by repeatedly watching Disney movies and using them to make sense of the real world. It's the story of an amazing family. It's about communication. It's about perseverance. It's about trying to understand things which are foreign to us. Go to FB event page "Life, Animated - special screening" or www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=2

WELLBEING MARTIAL ARTS

After school karate classes.

When: Classes are held on Thursdays from 4.00 – 5.00pm

Where: Killara Primary School

The classes are designed to suit primary school students of all ages and abilities.

Why: The Wellbeing Martial Arts Karate Program combines fun and fitness with the core martial arts values of respect and discipline. Watch your child's confidence grow as they learn the art of karate.

Places are limited, so if you are interested please call or email Geoff at Wellbeing Martial Arts.

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