



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork

Newsletter No 30

10 October 2013

TERM CALENDAR

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| 14 October | CERES 5/6A, E & F |
| 15 October | CERES 5/6B, C, D 3/4 A & B Spavin Lake walk |
| 16 October | 3/4 E & F Spavin Lake walk |
| 17 October | 3/4 C & D Spavin Lake Walk |
| 23 – 25 Oct | Yr 3/4 Phillip Island Camp |
| 29 Oct – 4 Nov | Scholastic Book Fair |
| 5 Nov | Melbourne Cup Day holiday |
| 20 Nov | 2014 Preps Information Night |
| 27 Nov | 2014 Prep Orientation Session 1 |
| 4 Dec | 2014 Prep Orientation Session 2 |
| 10 Dec | 2014 Prep Orientation Session 3 |
| 18 Dec | Year 6 Graduation |
| 20 Dec | Last day of Term 4 |

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Welcome to Term 4. The students have settled into the last term of 2013 and the emphasis is on consolidating learning. It was great to see all the happy faces back (children and parents!) for the start of term and we look forward to a terrific, productive and satisfying Term 4. Please note all pertinent dates, as per our calendar above and put them in your diary, as required.

Of course, Term 3 finished on such a high note with our Wiping Out Waste production. So many positive comments were received. We are very grateful to Kelli Brogan and the Production Team, all the teachers and helpers and the students for the work and organisation involved in the production. Getting 200 students on stage for each performance and involving all of our students across the three days was a massive logistical achievement.

NEW FACILITIES

During the vacation period, a number of tasks were undertaken to improve our school and to make it more secure.

Concrete was installed near the P-2 playground to tidy up the area out the front of our gym and a pathway was installed down to the lower playground. Security fencing was installed along the side and front of the school, making the school grounds totally secure.

All pergolas attached to the main building were completely renovated and painted, including the removal of rotting timbers.

The timbers on bench seats around the main building were turned over and will soon be stained.

I'm sure you agree that our school continues to look terrific and that the improvements are great for our students. Tasks like these are only achievable with the fundraising we conduct – so well done!

NEW GATES

All new gates are fitted with child safety latches. Please help us to keep the schoolgrounds secure during school times, by shutting gates on entry and exit. If you enter after 9:00am and notice that a gate has not been closed, we would appreciate your assistance by making sure that it is.

ARRIVAL TIME

A reminder that all students are expected to be in attendance **BY** 9:00am. Please assist by ensuring students are on time.

"Learning starts at nine, so be at school on time!"

EARLY DEPARTURES

Please remember that early departures from school should be avoided, except in exceptional circumstances. If you do need to take your child(ren) early, please make sure they are signed out at the office.

NAPLAN REPORTS

The individual reports for NAPLAN testing have arrived this week and will be forwarded to parents tomorrow.

Please remember that NAPLAN is a snapshot of achievement and, as they were conducted in May, reflect levels of learning from that time.

If you have any questions relating to the NAPLAN report, please see the class teacher.

Best wishes,
Phil, Marie & Andrew

CURRENT NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Killara. This is a great time to start shopping for Christmas gifts for your family or provide suggestions for grandparents while supporting our school at the same time.

When: Wednesday, October 30 until Thursday afternoon, November 7.

Where: The library will be open before school from 8:30 until 8:55 and after school from 3:30 until 4:30.

Children will tour the Book Fair during their library time and fill in their wish list. They will bring this home to share with you. We will also send home a brochure explaining how you can order from the Book Fair at home and send the completed form with your child to school.

Save the date on your home calendar. We look forward to seeing you there.

Deb Shepherd
Teacher Librarian

GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE

Riding to fight kids' cancer

I am riding in the Great Cycle Challenge this October to fight kids' cancer! The funds I raise will support Children's Medical Research Institute to continue its work in developing treatments and finding a cure for childhood cancer. I would really appreciate your support and it will keep me pedalling throughout this month. So far I have ridden 130km and am hoping to reach and break my current goal of 200km in the coming week. Please sponsor my challenge to fight kid's cancer by making a donation through my fundraising page:

www.greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Riders/SarahRound

Thank you for your support.

Sarah Round (Rm 4)

PFA CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

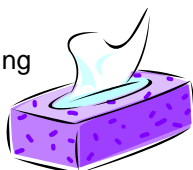
Artwork sheet, order form and money is due back tomorrow Friday 11th October. Please ensure all students details are on both sides of the artwork sheet and the order form.

CONGRATULATIONS

Year 3 student Matylda O'Sullivan has found out that she had been included in a nationwide magazine for girls called Princess magazine. Matylda drew some pictures of Disney Princesses and these were featured in their monthly artist competition pages. She also won a prize pack for her contribution. Well done Matylda.

CLASSROOM TISSUES

As Spring has arrived so has sneezing season and we are asking families to send a box of tissues for use in the classroom. Thank you.



SCHOOL HATS

In Term 4 hats are compulsory for all outside activities. Students should wear a wide brimmed Killara hat which can be purchased from PSW at the school on Thursdays from 2:30pm – 4:30pm



PAYMENT REMINDERS

Netbook Fees now due

3/4 Camp due Friday 18th
October

5/6 Ceres Excursion due now

1/2 Zoo Excursion due Friday
25th October

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOCAL FUNDRAISER

We are organising a Fundraiser for local Michael Blyth who suffered a horrific spinal cord injury whilst mountain biking in May and became a paraplegic. His accident was not covered by TAC or insurance, so the family are doing it pretty tough as they deal with medical bills and the need for house modifications.

It is Coffee & Cake and Nature Direct (Chemical free cleaning products) Monday 14th October 7.30pm at The Nook Café Sunbury.

For more details about Mike's story

www.michaelblyth.com.au or on Facebook

Supporting Michael Blyth.

STS Student Exchange

STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that's what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room & board and treat their host son or daughter as their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country! Our next students will arrive from Europe, Canada and South America late January 2014.

Call us on 1800 263 964 Or email us at

stsf@people.net.au Web: www.sts-education.com.au

CARING FOR OUR CREEKS

Hey, kids! Know what lives in, on or by our creeks? Come & sample bugs in the water. Help record & identify frogs. Recognise local birds. Sunday October 13th 9am to 12 noon, Rotary Park cnr Ligar St & Riddells Rd (near the swimming centre) Information 9744 1923 or ccheers@unimelb.edu.au

SUNBURY CHAPLAINCY TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night and Auction 'Weekend 4 Chappy', Saturday 12th October 7pm at Memorial Hall, Stawell St, Sunbury. BYO snacks and drinks, tea/coffee provided, 6-10 on a table. Tickets \$15 each. Call Helen 0407 506 507

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