If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day. (Department of Education and Early Childhood Development)

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The School Council elections for 2016 were announced last week. School Councillors are elected for a 2 year term, with half of the Council retiring each year.

This year we have 3 (three) parent vacancies and 2 (two) DET (Department of Education and Training) vacancies.

Nominations must be made by the close of business today (4pm). If insufficient nominations are made, further call for nominations will be made, with the nominees registered by the end of today being declared elected.

If more than the 3 parent and 2 DET nominations are received, an election will be held. All eligible members of the community will be able to vote in such an election.

PROTOCOL FOR ISSUE RESOLUTION

A reminder to all parents of our issue resolution process, in an endeavour to ensure everyone is aware of the procedure we follow and help make our school a positive environment. We see our partnership with you as highly important and always want it to be one that is positive and constructive. We share with you the aspiration for your child to be safe, comfortable and happy at school and to make constant and consistent growth in their learning.

Please read the following:

All of our students have the right to feel safe and comfortable at school. There may be times when you feel that the action of another child has infringed the rights of your own child.

- All school issues are to be handled by the staff of the school. We attempt to resolve these issues through:
  - Being prepared to actively listen to another's point of view
  - Allowing correct procedures to be followed to allow all parties to be heard

- Parents should not directly approach other students or make contact with their families. This only serves to compound the issues and make them more difficult to resolve. We believe that most situations can be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties.

- Under no circumstances is a parent or guardian to approach another child to discuss or chastise them because of their actions towards their own child. Please try to have a positive and open mind. We all have bad days and at times events occur which don’t always appear fair. We are dealing with children and they are learning how to behave. It is often the case that the injustice was not intentional, and many times not even apparent to others.

- Approach situations in a spirit of co-operation, understanding and genuine partnership.
If you have a concern or issue relating to your child, please make use of the following steps:

1. Contact the class teacher first – they are in the best position to help you, as they know your child well and are directly responsible for them
2. If you have further concerns or need further support, please speak to the Team Leaders
3. If you still have concerns or are requiring further support, please make an appointment to see the Assistant Principal for student well-being and welfare issues or learning-related issues.
4. For urgent matters, or if you believe that you have not had the follow up you would like, please make an appointment to see the Principal

(Killara Primary School Parent Code of Conduct)

STUDENT SUPPORT PROCESS

During Meet the Teacher sessions, teachers will discuss with parents their child’s initial progress.

In particular, teachers will work with you to establish goals for your child if he or she is at risk in their learning, social-emotional development, behaviour management or physical development.

These goals will form the basis of an individual learning plan, which will be shared with you once finalised. Teachers will maintain contact with you throughout the year and will meet with you regularly, as required.

As a partnership approach, we ask for your support in this process and encourage communication with the class teacher and any support with strategies at home.

10 TIPS WHEN READING WITH YOUR CHILD

Family involvement is essential to any child’s success as a reader. Research has shown that by talking, singing, and reading to children, parents are turning on brain cells that are essential for a healthy child.

Parents can build reading skills by interacting with their children. By encouraging babies and young children to communicate, parents are laying the foundation for later reading success.

Parents and other family members need to be involved in children’s reading throughout their school years. As a school, we recognise the importance of parent involvement in students’ progress and we encourage parents to play an active role.

These tips are helpful, when establishing a home reading routine:

1. Choose a quiet time
2. Make reading enjoyable
3. Allow them to maintain their flow when reading by giving them words when stuck and avoiding letter by letter sounding
4. Be positive
5. Success is the key—so make sure the text is at an easy level, not hard – 3 errors 100 words is just right
6. Visit the Library and borrow a range of books
7. Regular practice—little and often is best
8. Communicate—record positive comments in school reading diaries
9. Talk about the books—to build understanding
10. Variety is important—books, newspapers, magazines, comics, picture books, poems and information

ACCIDENT AND PERSONAL PROPERTY INSURANCE

A reminder, as previously stated, to parents/guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance, that you are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers and take out family membership with the Ambulance Service.

Please also remember that the Department (or the school) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

GATES

A reminder that all school pedestrian gates are fitted with child safety latches to ensure good security and safety for our students.

To open, simply reach through the opening and lift the knob on top of the latch fitting. Please do not lift or release the metal drop pins.

Please also make sure gates are closed as you enter or exit. The large double gates at the corner of the school near the child care centre MUST NOT be used as pedestrian gates. The crossing set up between the school and the child care centre has been established for safe crossing between the two facilities and is for that purpose only.

CARPARKS

For student safety, NO PARENT/GUARDIAN CARS are to enter either staff carpark (Rees Rd or Phillip Drive). This includes parents dropping off and picking up students from before and after school care. Please use parking bays in Phillip Drive and Rees Road.

COMPASS IS COMING – Stay Tuned!

Best wishes,
Phil and Pete

CURRENT NEWS

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Children residing more than 4.8kms from their nearest government school may be eligible for a conveyance allowance. Those families who received conveyance allowance in 2015 and are still eligible will automatically qualify in 2016 and do not need to reapply.

Any other families seeking conveyance allowance support in 2016 will need to complete an application form, which is available from the office. The completed application form needs to be returned to school by Monday 29 February 2016. If you have any enquiries, please contact the office.
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CAMPS, EXCURSIONS AND SPORTS FUND
All eligible families are reminded to apply for this funding, as previously explained. If you have a Health Care Card or Pension Card, you may be eligible to receive government assistance.

Books have been lost recently and there is a need to attend a Parent Helper program session before they begin working in classrooms. This program initially addresses issues of protocols and confidentiality and then looks at Literacy and Numeracy assistance. This process will be complete by Issue 2. We thank you for your patience. A small reminder that Killara does not accept cash payments for bookclub.

BOOKCLUB
Issue 1 is out and it’s fantastic to see so many families ordering already (the due date for this issue is 16th Feb). If you are having trouble finding your child’s teacher on LOOP, please select “I can’t see my child’s class” and then insert your child’s room in the “Add New Class Name” option. As there have been many staff changes throughout the school, teachers are currently in the process of updating their details for your convenience. This process will be complete by Issue 2. We thank you for your patience. A small reminder that Killara does not accept cash payments for bookclub.

The added bonuses of the 2016 Bookclub are the combined catalogues as well as the online "GIFT" option. If you wish to order a book as a gift/surprise for your child, select this option via LOOP and your order will be held at the office for your discrete collection. If you have any concerns or questions please contact Sarah Round, (Room 26).

PAYMENTS DUE
Term 1 2016 Netbook: due now
Year 6 Uniform: 25 February
Year 5/6 Camp: 2 March
Year 3/4 Cultural Incursion: 12 February

PFA AGM MEETING
The AGM for the Parents and Friends Association will be held on February 23 at 2pm in the staffroom.
We will be allocating roles for the coming year and reviewing the events and activities for 2016.
All new members are welcome including new families to our school! Thank you for your support!

LIBRARY NEWS
BOOK SALE is now on in the library. Used books are 50c each and students can pay their teachers during library sessions, or leave money at the office after school.
Our library needs a smaller, more up-to-date collection, so families can benefit from these AMAZING BARGAINS! Money raised will be used to buy new copies of popular fiction so all classes can have better access to these books.
At the end of 2015 we were able to stocktake the whole library and THEREFORE all outstanding books from 2015 are likely to be at HOME!!! I will be sending some overdue notices home with suggested charges attached.
Some students have lost so many books they will need to pay for them to continue having borrowing rights at the library.
We would prefer to have the books returned, as it takes TIME, MONEY and EFFORT to replace them. Heather Huke Teacher/Librarian.

PARENT HELPERS COURSE
All new parents intending to assist in classrooms will need to attend a Parent Helper program session before they begin working in classrooms. This program initially addresses issues of protocols and confidentiality and then looks at Literacy and Numeracy assistance.
There will be two sessions offered on Tuesday 23 February. Session 1 will be from 9.15 – 10.15am and Session 2 from 6.00 – 7.00pm. You will need to attend one or the other and sign in so that your name can be added to the school register of Parent Helpers.
Can you please register your interest in either of these session times with our office staff so that we ensure that there are adequate handouts for participants.
The venue for these sessions at school will be determined by participant numbers and we will advise at a date closer to Wednesday 23 February.
Please note: All parents assisting with any school activities/programs are required to have a Working with children check. You can apply online at www.workingwithchildren.com.au If you have recently renewed your WWCC please ensure you provide a copy of your new card to the office.
TIQBIZ APP
Killara Primary School now has available an “app” to use for communicating with our families. The app is called “TIQBIZ” and can be downloaded onto your smartphone, tablet or computer. Remember to select both “whole school” and your children’s year level when prompted. This will ensure you receive all notifications we send for the whole school, as well as those to specific year levels.

JOIN SCHOOL BANKING ON AN OUTBACK ADVENTURE!
Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and 8 new exclusive School Banking reward items.

This year’s program is themed the Outback Savers and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they’ll learn to master smart savings habits.

There are 8 new reward items for 2016
- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS EVERY TUESDAY!!

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMPLETE KIDS
Have you seen children laughing and playing in before or after school hours?
Complete Kids Early Learning offers Before and After School Care at Killara Primary. Our program is child led meaning that we build our program around you child’s interests.
There are building areas for our future engineers, I-pads for those who love technology, art and craft for those who artistically driven and sporting games for our future sporting stars. We have quiet corners with books and games and a home corner to role play and make believe as well as a comfy cushions for those who just want to relax.
Our highly qualified staff provide an environment that is both safe and stimulating and we understand that each child has their own individual flare and work with children to ensure they feel supported and empowered.
Friendships are made amongst children of all ages which assists with children’s confidence, identity & wellbeing.
We currently have vacancies - Each morning for Before School Care operating hours 6.30am-8.45am- Nutritious breakfast provided Monday & Friday After School Care operating hours 3.30-6.30pm, Afternoon Tea supplied. Please contact 9740 2111 to book.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC PARISH SUNBURY
Sacrament Program - 2016
Information meetings for Parents and Guardians of children from Year 3 or later, wishing to celebrate the Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060 in early Term 1. Unfortunately, late enrolments to the programs will need to wait until the following year.
The meetings will provide you with details of the preparation arrangements for 2016 and the involvement required of candidates and parents. Enrolment forms will be distributed at this meeting

BLUELIGHT DISCO
Friday 19 February, Sunbury Memorial Hall Cnr Barkly and Macedon St, Sunbury 6-8pm Primary age, cost $7.

HOOKING HOCKEY
Wednesday 2, 9, 16 and 23 March 6-7pm. Please arrive at 5.45 for the first session to register. 5-12 year old. Join us before we move to our new $11.3 million facility. Four specialised hockey clinics with accredited coaches, all with WWC. Plus an awesome hockey pack. Rear of Heathdale Christian College (formerly Mowbray College), Centenary Ave, Melton. Contact Kellie McLaren 0450643826 meltonjhockeyclub@yahoo.com.au www.meltonhc.org.au