Term 2 is racing by and we head towards the last two weeks – a busy time indeed!

This is our reporting to parents time of year and reports go home at the end of next week, with our Parent – Teacher interviews taking place in the last week of term.

The teachers have worked very hard at preparing reports – a lengthy process that requires many extra hours work. I am proud of the way our teachers apply themselves to this task and impressed by the amount of information they provide for parents. I encourage you to read the reports thoroughly – the most important information is on the inside as it outlines achievements and areas for improvement, with indications of the directions to be taken.

Don’t forget to read the student comments – as this is your child’s “take” on their progress and future directions. A terrific way to start a discussion!

**CURRICULUM DAY**

We had a very successful staff development day on Tuesday – with a guest presenter, Ms. Pam Burton, working with the teachers to heighten understanding of Inquiry-based Learning: what that is and how to plan for it and use it in the classroom. Pam took us through the elements of inquiry – tuning in, finding out, sorting out, going further, making conclusions and taking action. She challenged us to reflect on the “big” idea and question and the essential questions that drive an inquiry.

The work we did on the day will lead to a school “code of practice” for Inquiry Learning and helps us to adopt consistent practices across all classrooms.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT – “TECHIE BREKKIE”**

As a school we are committed to ongoing professional learning for our teachers. Teachers are members of professional learning teams, take part in regular professional learning sessions (every fortnight), conduct professional reading and are involved in a range of reflective and evaluative processes, including peer observation and learning walks.

One highlight on our calendar is our regular “Techie Brekkies” where staff arrive early for breakfast and focus on a new skill or understanding relating to using technology as a tool for learning.

This morning was one such breakfast meeting and the teachers in attendance learnt how to use Skype in the classroom and how to connect to Skype Education.

Our “guest” presenter was Katelyn Fraser, who willingly showed children being interviewed about using Skype, showed us how to connect and gave us some good ideas for effective use of Skype, including taking part in Mystery Skypes, where two classes from around the world connect and one has to guess where the other one is by asking questions. This generates a lot of excitement, but also provides a real focus on geography skills and knowledge.

Many thanks and congratulations to Katelyn for her work and leadership this morning.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

These will be conducted on Wednesday 25 June between 12:30 and 8:00pm


Event code: URLZK

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

Interviews are strictly 15 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.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code which is URLZK. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9744 6432

For those in Shannon Hodson’s class, interviews will be conducted early in Term 3 as Shannon will be on leave at this time (more details will follow).

**REPORTS**

Teachers have spent many hours assessing, moderating and conversing with students and staff to complete reports for each student. We have colleagues who check through reports and give feedback to teachers to ensure the reports accurately portray what each student can do and what needs to be done next. The printing process of reports also takes some time and distribution will occur on Friday 20 June, the week prior to interviews.
PLANNING WEEK
Teachers, in teams, will be planning for Term 3 on a designated planning day next week. The major change for students is that their Specialist classes will occur on the one day:

Monday 16 June      Year 1/2
Tuesday 17 June      Year 5/6
Wednesday 18 June   Specialists
Thursday 19 June     Year 3/4
Friday 20 June       Prep

WINTER SPORTS
Our school sport teams take part in the Sunbury and District Winter Carnival tomorrow (Friday June 13). We wish them well and hope that they achieve their best and enjoy the day.

Many thanks to the teachers that are coaching the teams, not just for the competition day, but also for the extra-curricular element of coaching the students in preparation for the day.

END OF TERM
A reminder that the last day of term is Friday June 27. On this day, students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. Please make arrangements to ensure that all students are picked up on time.

Best wishes,
Phil, Andrew and Pete.

CURRENT NEWS

TIQBIZ
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.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
The student leadership council and committee will be holding a fundraiser for the Starlight Room in the Royal Childrens Hospital in Melbourne. We are asking, on Tuesday the June 24, the last week of term 2, for both students and teachers to wear their pyjamas and to bring a gold coin donation to help the Starlight Room.

We believe it would be extremely helpful to support this facility as it provides a wonderful, safe and enjoyable environment for children dealing with health issues and complications. So we hope we can see your cool pajamas and onesies etc. Together we hope we can make a difference.

CREAM CONTAINERS
The Sustainability Team is looking for clean 500ml cream bottles (with lids). If you have any, please don’t throw them out send them to the office.
Thanks, Sustainability Team

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOOPSMART BASKETBALL CAMP
When:       3 – 4 July 2014
Time:       9.30am – 3.00pm
Where:      Boardman stadium
For more information visit hoopsmart.com.au or call 0406488313
Registrations close 1 July 2014

SUNBURY NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC
Eric Boardman Stadium Wilsons Lane
FINAL JUNIOR WINTER SEASON
REGISTRATION MORNING
When:       Saturday 14 June
Time:       1.30pm – 3.00pm
Cost:       $100 for existing players
(players who hold a Netball Victoria Card and play at another association, must produce the card upon registration)
Anyone wishing to purchase uniform:
Polo top $25 (compulsory)
For further information please contact: Lisa Crotty 0419 514 090

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Sign up to the What’s On Libraries and Learning free monthly e-newsletter today. By signing up, you can keep up to date with the latest information on learning events and activities that are happening. For more information visit: humelibraries.vic.gov.au

COMPLETE KIDS
Due to high demand and program popularity we have increased our places available for both our before and after school care. Vacancies available Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Call 9740 2111 to book your place.

PAYMENTS DUE

Year 3/4 Museum and Imax    Must be paid by tomorrow morning due to booking constraints
5/6 Winter Sport          overdue
Netbook Term 3              due 27 June
3/4 Lady Northcote Camp    due 15 July