



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork

Newsletter No 39

12 December 2013

CALENDAR

12 Dec	End of year Picnic & Disco
13 Dec	Yr 3 – 6 House Swim Carnival & trials
18 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Last day for lunch orders
20 Dec	Last day of Term 4 Canteen closed 1.30pm dismissal
24 Jan 2014	Bookpack sales & pickup 10am – 5.00pm
30 Jan 2014	1st DAY FOR STUDENTS TERM 1 2014
4 March 2014	School Photos
7 March 2014	Curriculum Day

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

DISCO / PICNIC

Don't forget our disco and picnic this afternoon from 4:30-7:00pm. Prep-2 students go to the first session from 4:30 – 5:30 and the year 3-6 students from 5:45 – 7:00.

Whilst the discos are on, parents can enjoy a quiet time in the school grounds. Coffee and sausage sizzle will be available. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult, if they are waiting for their disco session. All children must be supervised by parents, except when they are in the disco. We would like to limit the play and picnic area to the basketball courts, synthetic turf (court end) and P-2 playground. This will ensure an orderly environment and appropriate levels of supervision by parents.

Children **MUST** be picked up by an adult from the gym at the end of the session. Prompt pick-ups are requested.

As notified, once in the disco session students will be required to remain in the gym, to ensure the safety and security of all.

Please remember that all children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult and that there is to be no bike/scooter riding to ensure all attendees are safe.

Please talk to your children about these requirements, prior to coming along this evening.

REPORTS

Student end of year reports will be sent home tomorrow (Friday December 13) with students. A thorough report writing and quality check process has been utilised and I congratulate the teachers on the work that they have put into ensuring the reports are comprehensive and informative.

This year, for the first time, an integral part of the report is a comment by your child, as an official element of the report format. We hope you enjoy reading your child's insights into their learning.

NEW SIGNAGE



Finally, we have some directional and welcome signs for our school!

School Council undertook this project as part of their Other Works efforts for the year. You will notice large welcome signs at the 2 main gates and smaller signs at the other pedestrian gates.

Directional signage guides people to the main office and gym/theatre complex, from the front entrance.

Of note is the school sign above the office entrance – our school sign.

SCHOOL OFFICE

Please note the office is unable to accept payments on Friday 20th December, the last day of term. We will open on January 24th 2014 for Materials & Requisite payments (see below). The office will then be open for normal business from January 28th.

CLASSES FOR 2014

As is tradition at Killara, students will visit their new classrooms for 2014 and meet their new teachers on the last day of school. Every endeavour has been made to place students according to learning need.

We hope all families and friends have a chance to recharge their batteries and enjoy each other's company during the festive season and beyond. Most of all, be safe and look forward to the exciting times that lie ahead in 2014.

PLEASE NOTE LAST DAY DISMISSAL TIME IS 1.30PM

Best wishes,
Phil, Marie & Andrew

CURRENT NEWS

LIBRARY NEWS

Borrowing has finished for the year.

As you can imagine it is a massive task ensuring all the resources are ready for a fresh start next year. You could assist us by helping make sure all books are returned by tomorrow. All library books and take-home books should be back at school. If any parents are interested in helping us re-sort the non-fiction shelves or check take-home book boxes we would absolutely love to see you. ☺

Deb Shepherd and Loretta Ryan

STUDENT BANKING

There will be no more student banking for 2013.

CANTEEN – LAST WEEK OF TERM 4

Please note: The last day for lunch orders this year will be next Wednesday 18 December.

The canteen will be open for counter sales only on Thursday 19 December and closed on the last day of term, Friday 20 December.

MATERIALS & REQUISITES 2014

Consistent with DEECD policy, parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that their children are provided with essential education items their children use in a range of school activities. Killara Primary School Council makes every effort to keep the cost of items that need to be purchased to a minimum. To assist parents we will provide a "Materials and Requisites Package" for each child. In 2014 the cost of this package will be **\$120.00** (no change from 2013) per child. This will ensure your child is provided with all essential items as listed in Section A, as well as the resources listed in Section B and C. This is not only extremely economical, it ensures each child has access to the **same resources**, that the materials provided are **correct for that age level** and that they are in the classroom **when they are needed**.

The Materials and Requisites Package (*Essential Education Items – Curriculum requirements and consumables*) will be made up of 3 sections:

Section A – "Bookpack" - Each child receives an individual pack of materials & requisites – there will be some variation between bookpicks, depending on which year level your child is in for 2014.

Section B - Each classroom receives a wide range of materials and requisites for students use relative to that year level. This includes a range of papers, pastes, other writing and drawing implements, children's files, plastic pockets, card, glue, scissors etc.

Section C – Photocopying and specialist program consumables including Art, Performing Arts, PE and Library, for student use

Killara Primary School locally raised funding is dependent on ALL families paying for their children/s essential items. Students will be issued with their bookpack once payment is received. Payment options available:

1. Payment in full; or
2. EMA has been authorised to be paid to the school to cover school fees etc (if eligible for BOTH payments – if EMA application is rejected due to ineligibility, full payment - \$120 - will still be required); or
3. An Instalment Agreement has been signed and the first instalment has been paid

The Materials & Requisites letter was sent home to all families last week. If you have not received this notice please collect one from the office.

Materials & Requisites fees \$120 can be pre paid from now and collected on 24 January 2014.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque, eftpos or direct deposit to the school account.

Instructions regarding direct deposit are detailed on the M & R notice.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 4, WEEK 9

Junior School Preps For thinking of other people's feelings before speaking		Middle School Being a regular home reader	
R1	Isabella J	R11	Lucy M
R2	Chanelle E	R12	Jaide H
R3	Lilly R	R13	Lia K
R4	Kayla A	R14	Blake C
R5	Samantha A	R15	Alex B
Year 1/2 Remaining focussed on their learning		Senior School Demonstrating persistence	
R6	Nicholas C / Angus E	R7	Trizelle S / Alec S
R17	Keisha H / Dylan V	R8	Floyd R
R18	Harry R / Chelsea T	R9	Ned S / Milo B
R19	Jessica G / Joel Q	R10	Jake B
R20	Brodie J / Nathaniel K	R25	Jake H
R21	Audrey H / Tyler T	R26	Haidee P
R22	Taylah J / Ellysha S		
R23	Angel C / Rory M		
R24	Angie S / Noah K-C		

Specialist Classes of the Week

Performing Arts

5/6 E – Caroline Hole
Graduation and Animation sessions

Visual Arts

1/2 D - Susan Moloney
For helping each other to achieve learning goals

Physical Education

3/4 D – Simon Hancock
Staying focussed and putting in always.

Library

1/2 I – Jessica Sharp
Singing "The Australian 12 Days of Christmas" so well.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Recycling: Don't forget you can drop household batteries, old mobile phones, asthma inhalers into the office for recycling. Plastic bags and wrappers (without foil lining) can be dropped into the box outside room 16.

Free Recycling at Sunbury Landfill
Computers, TVs, paint, car batteries, empty gas bottles, motor oil, scrap metal incl. white goods, gardening/auto chemicals.
Free Christmas Tree Mulching
Sunday Jan 5
Sunbury Neighbourhood House, Elizabeth Drive.

Sustainability Committee.

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