



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork

Newsletter No 36

21 November 2013

CALENDAR

27 Nov	2014 Prep Orientation Session 1
4 Dec	2014 Prep Orientation Session 2
10 Dec	2014 Prep Orientation Session 3
12 Dec	End of year Picnic & Disco
18 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
20 Dec	Last day of Term 4 1.30pm dismissal
24 Jan 2014	Bookpack sales & pickup 10am – 3.00pm
30 Jan 2014	1st DAY TERM 1 2014
4 March 2014	School Photos

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

SOUNDFIELDS

We are fortunate to have obtained some funding to place 'soundfields' in some of the specialist areas of our schools and another classroom. This installation is happening today. These 'soundfields' provide microphones and link to a speaker system in rooms to enhance the acoustics, save on teacher and student voices and most of all assist our hearing impaired students.

SURVEYS

We conduct student surveys at school each term to get feedback from our students as we consider 'student voice' to be very important. On Tuesday, as part of a project for our pre service teachers, data was gathered and analysed and the findings presented at a Professional Learning session for the entire teaching staff. This has allowed us to consider the implementation, appropriate questions and possible response mechanisms to the surveys. Student-centred learning and the acknowledgment of the "voice" of students helps children to become better connected to their teacher and class and more engaged in their learning.

READING AT HOME



The key to good literacy development is reading practice and a connection to books and literature. Last night at the Prep Parent Information session, I encouraged our new parents to

strongly engage in reading with their children and to their children. Our experience tells us that this makes a strong and lasting impression on student learning. Statistics tell us that the more children read the greater their vocabulary and the greater their learning opportunities.

Please refer to the chart on the last page, which statistically and visually emphasises the above.

CLASS PLANNING 2014 – LAST CALL

We have now commenced planning of our class structures for 2014. The establishment of class lists is an extremely complex matter, which involves a lengthy process of deliberation. Our aim is to establish class groups that take into account the needs of all children.

If there is information that we may not be aware of that may affect your child's class placement next year please put the details in writing and forward to Phil, via the office, **by Friday November 15.**

Please remember that this is not a teacher selection process, but an opportunity to provide genuine information which may assist with your children's social and academic grouping to ensure that their needs are met. **Requests for particular teachers will not be considered.**

It is also important to note that it is not always possible to satisfy every request. As such, needs are treated in priority order.

2014 PLANNING - REMINDER

It is very important for us that we now finalise, as much as possible, our enrolment status for 2014. Most parents with new preps have enrolled now, but we are aware of a few more that are yet to complete the process. With the orientation program fast approaching, we hope to have prep enrolments fully finalised as soon as possible.

In the same vein, we would be very appreciative if any families that are leaving us at the end of the year due to relocation, or for other reasons, could let us know over the coming few weeks.

Killara is now a very large organisation, with enrolments once again likely to be over 600 next year. This means that the task of organising, structuring and staffing the school is a very complex one, requiring much deliberation, thought and consultation. The first task for us is some determination of (reasonably) accurate enrolment numbers for next year.

SCHOOL DISCO /PICNIC



A notice about this event will be distributed tomorrow. Please see the article on the following page for details and note the change of date (now Thursday December 12).

Best wishes,
Phil, Marie & Andrew

CURRENT NEWS

PREP CULTURAL INCURSION

We listened to a dream time story and we did some artwork with symbols. Chiara R.



We had a leaf ticket and a didgeridoo. Alexis C.

We had a dance show. Matty B.



We had an opening ceremony. Liam M

CHRISTMAS DISCO / PARENTS PICNIC



This year we will be holding a disco as an end of year celebration for our students. Two separate sessions will be held – one for Prep to Year 2 and one for Years 3-6. The children will be able to take part in the disco suitable for their age group, whilst their parents

enjoy a café style BBQ outside. A sausage sizzle and cold drinks will be available for parents (and students not involved in the disco session), as well as a coffee van. You are encouraged to bring chairs or a blanket and have a peaceful time whilst waiting for children.

- When:** Thursday 12 December
- Time:** Prep to Year 2, 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Grade 3 to Year 6, 5.45 to 7pm
- Cost:** \$5 entry per student
(includes wrist band and a bottle of water)
- Dress code:** "Christmas spirit"

For safety and security reasons, children will be expected to remain in the gym throughout their disco session. Parents will be invited in at the end of each session to pick up their child(ren). No students will be allowed to leave until a parent has picked them up. Prompt pick-ups are requested

Notices will be sent home tomorrow to be returned Wednesday December 4, 2013

**Killara Primary School
Parents and Friends Association**

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 4, WEEK 6

Junior School Preps For continuing to try even when things get hard.		Middle School For regularly returning homework tasks.	
R1	Emmerson J	R11	Jayden O
R2	Archer A	R12	Ethan H
R3	Mia-Lilly B	R13	Nicholai L
R4	Charlie K	R14	Brock F
R5	Lachlan H	R15	Sohail B
Year 1/2 For making smart choices in the playground.		R16	Declan S
		Senior School For demonstrating respect for personal belongings and school equipment.	
R6	Kain M	R7	Jesse E
R17	Mia S	R8	Nikita A
R18	Alannah S	R9	Harry H
R19	Brayden K	R10	Ben A
R20	Joel M	R25	Tabitha E
R21	Charlie S	R26	Caylee T
R22	Mikayla T		
R23	Max E		
R24	Xavier H		

SPECIALIST CLASSES OF THE WEEK

Performing Arts
1/2 G – Shannon Hodson
For the way they sang along to songs in performing arts.

Visual Arts
Prep D – Sarah Round
For treating each other respectfully.

Physical Education
3/4 E – Alex Tenni
For adapting well to new rules in Thunderball.

Library
1/2 B – Cynthia Follett
For identifying and discussing the body language illustrated in "Little Beauty".

PFA PARENT SURVEY

Our school highly values the work of the Killara Parents and Friends Association. It is an important body in our school and is a direct link to the school community. Killara Primary School's Parents and Friends Association (PFA) promotes participation in our school by providing social contact between parents, students and staff to promote parent education and raise funds for school projects. The PFA has produced a parent survey as a way of finding out how we can best assist our school community. The PFA would be grateful if you would take a few minutes to answer some questions to more effectively target the work that they do. The survey is available on Survey Monkey and will take less than 5 minutes to complete. The link is listed below and there is also a direct link on our school website. The survey will stay open for a period of 2 weeks.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QH6QRCR>

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

ASTHMA INHALERS ARE NOW RECYCLABLE

Just drop them into the nearest Chemmart Chemists – Watergardens / Melton or you can leave them at the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMPLETE KIDS OUTSIDE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Have you heard? At our outside hours care program, children are involved in music, art, sport, relaxation, technology, role play and many more fun activities. To book your place for 2014 Before or After School Care on 9740 2111.

SUNBURY COLLEGE

To Parents, students, family and friends, Sunbury College wishes to invite you to an evening of excellence.

**'Show Off' 2013 Exhibition
Art Gallery and Fashion Parade.**

This event highlights and showcases the outstanding, creative and inspirational work achieved by our students in Art, Photography, Product Design, Technology, Food, Media, Music, Dance and Drama across years 7 to 12.

Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th November 2013

Time: 6.30pm-9.00pm

Ticket Price: \$10 adults \$5 students

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS WANTED

Hoban Recruitment have multiple vacancies across Melbourne for School Crossing Supervisors. A range of locations and flexible shifts are available to suit you. If you are interested call 9325 3200 or email jessicab@hoban.com.au

HUME LIBRARY SUMMER READING CLUB

Hume Libraries will be working in co-operation with the State Library of Queensland, and ALIA (Australian Library and Information Association) to open the 2013 Summer Reading Club. The Summer Reading Club is an exciting opportunity to encourage your students to read over the summer school holidays.

The Summer Reading Club 2013 introduces the theme of *Investigation*.

During nine weeks from Monday 2 December 2013 until Friday 31 January 2013, we will be asking children to take on a reading challenge – read as many library books as you can and/or have them read to you. There are fabulous prizes such as iPads, iPods and much more, to motivate kids into spending time reading these school holidays.

Summer Reading Club Launch parties:
Sunbury Library, 44 Macedon Street, Sunbury
Wednesday 4 December, 4pm – 5pm

SUNBURY STREET LIFE COMMUNITY EVENT

When: Sunday 24 November
Where: O'Shannassy Street Sunbury
Time: 10am – 4pm

Buskers, jumping castle, children's activities, silent auction, sausage sizzle, scavenger hunt and more. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Sunbury Careworks.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

3rd Sunbury Scout Group

Freshly cut Christmas Trees from \$40

Miller St Scout Hall:

7th & 8th Dec

14th & 15th Dec

Delivery available

To pre order trees contact Mike 0419 810 727 or Liz 0419 887 648 or online

<http://www.3rdsunburyscouts.org.au/component/rsform/form/3-xmas-trees-order-2013>

GARAGE SALE

When: Saturday 23 November
Where: 3 McMahon Court Sunbury
Time: 9am – 1.00pm



KILLARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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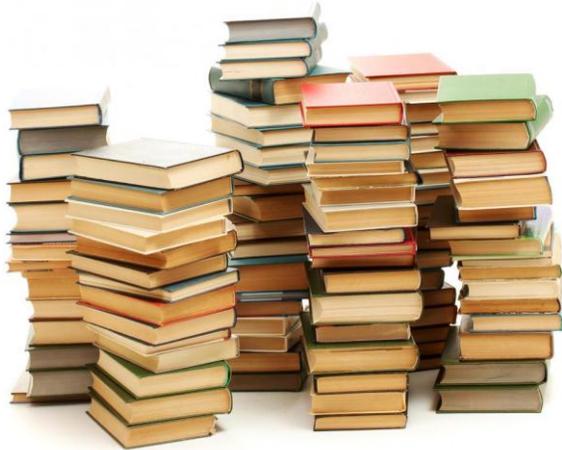
website www.killaraps.vic.edu.au

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Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"

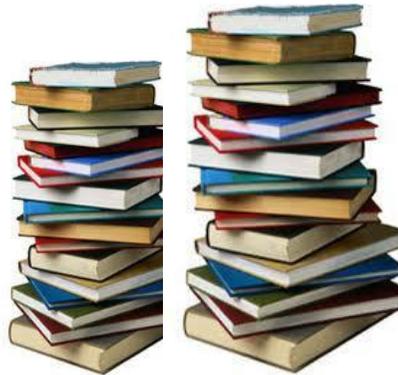
Reads 20 minutes each day.
3600 minutes in a school
year
1,800,00 words



90th percentile

Student "B"

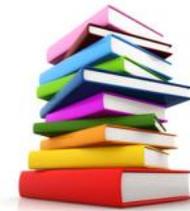
Reads 5 minutes each day.
900 minutes in a school year.
282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"

Reads 1 minutes each day.
180 minutes in a school year.
8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of Year 6 Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?