



# Killara Primary School

*Our Best – Every Child, Every Day*

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Newsletter 40

December 14 2017

## CALENDAR

<b>14 December</b>	Whole School Disco
<b>15 December</b>	Lacrosse Wars 2.40pm
<b>18 December</b>	Whole School Assembly 9am
<b>18 December</b>	Meet the Teacher – students meet their 2018 Teacher
<b>19 December</b>	Year 6 Graduation
<b>22 December</b>	Last Day Term 4 1:30pm Finish Whole school assembly 12.30pm
<b>25 January</b>	Book Pack Collection Day 10am – 4.30pm
<b>29 January</b>	<b>CURRICULUM DAY</b>
<b>30 January</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Day School 2018

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

### PHIL'S FAREWELL

It is with a tinge of regret, but also a fair degree of excitement, that I advise the Killara community of my retirement from the Department of Education, as of the first day of term 1, 2018.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my service to state education over 38 years of employment with DET. I have risen through the ranks, occupying a variety of positions of responsibility over the years, culminating in my 13 years as a Principal. My first four years as a Principal were at Broadmeadows West Primary School, where I was heavily involved in merging four schools and designing a new school (Broadmeadows Valley) and the last nine as Principal at Killara Primary School. Each new role and position has brought about a new set of challenges and opportunities and I have always endeavoured to embrace change and forge new directions in the name of improvement, growth and development. I have also proudly adopted a system leader approach, holding network and executive chair positions for a number of networks and forums, as well as being a convenor, member of Council and Board member for the Victorian Principals Association.

I am proud of my legacy at Killara. During my time at KPS we have witnessed student population growth, and I have led a new building program, grounds development and improvement, a concerted effort to define our teaching and learning practices, the extension of team practices through a Professional Learning Community approach, the introduction of the 1:1 digital device program, invigorated communication and reporting processes and a renewed and strengthened leadership structure within the school with an increased emphasis on teacher development (to name just a few!).

My sincere thanks to all students and families during my time at Killara for your support and commitment to our school. A positive school is a great school and I

appreciate the positivity and unwavering support many have shown over the years.

Heartfelt thanks also to teaching staff, past and present, for their hard work and dedication to the students of Killara. The work they do "on the ground" is most impactful on the learning and support for our students on a day-to-day basis. A big thankyou also to administrative and support staff – who ensure the smooth running of the school and that all families are kept informed, are assisted and are cared for. In particular, a big thanks to my business managers – Di Farrugia and Deb Wilson – during my time at KPS. Their work, often unsung, ensures a well-managed and administered school.

A special thanks to current and past school leaders, in particular my assistant principals (Michelle Huggan, Andrew Guthrie, Marie de Prada, Pete Hansen and Andrew O'Callaghan), for their strong and unwavering support and devotion to the school and the students of the school. A special mention also to current leading teachers Kathryn and Emma for the power of work they undertake in leading the teaching staff in their on-going development and for strengthening our learning and teaching practices.

I wish all members of the Killara community and the school all the best for a vibrant, strong and, ultimately, highly successful future.

Have a wonderful Christmas and relaxing, enjoyable break.

Farewell!

Phil Clinkaberry

### STAFF 2018

As is often the case at this time of the year, we say farewell to some members of staff and welcome some new ones.

We will be bidding a fond farewell to the following staff:

- Alex Chettle
- Emily Farrell
- Jessica Cox
- Rachel Withers
- Cemre Mani
- Rachael Morris
- Nina Cerantonio
- Emma Rayner
- Alycia Holland

We are very thankful to each of them for their valuable contributions to our school and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Teachers returning in 2018 are:

- Chris Weedon
- Hayley Mitchem
- Bec Armistead
- Kate Large

- Shannon Ingleton
- Nancy Smith

We know that they will be made to feel welcome and will enjoy their time as part of our school community.

Pete Hansen will be Killara's Acting Principal until April 15 2018. During Term 1, there will be a process to elect a new Principal. The School Council President, Stacey West, and Jonathan Lowe, Senior Education Improvement Leader, will work with the school community to form a panel and conduct the principal selection process. We will keep you informed of this process during Term 1 2018.

#### **LAST DAY TERM 4 – FRIDAY DECEMBER 22**

A reminder that we have early dismissal at the end of each term. Students will be dismissed at **1:30pm** Friday December 22. Please make sure that **ALL** students are picked up on time. We ask that there are no late pick-ups on the day, as staff will not be available to supervise students due to end of year celebrations. There will be a whole school assembly at 12.30pm on this day.

#### **2018 START DATE**

Please note that the first day for **ALL** students for 2018 is **TUESDAY 30 JANUARY**.

#### **2018 TERM DATES**

Term 1: Tuesday 30 January – Friday 29 March  
 Term 2: Tuesday 16 April – Friday 29 June  
 Term 3: Monday 16 July – Friday 21 September  
 Term 4: Monday 8 October – Friday 21 December

#### **CURRICULUM DAYS 2018**

Monday January 29 2018  
 Tuesday March 13 2018  
 Friday May 11 2018  
 Friday October 19 2018

#### **SEMESTER REPORTS**

All reports will once again be online and you will be able to access them through Compass. As with semester one, reports will contain less information than in previous years, as we have been communicating results in a more timely manner throughout the year via the learning tasks.

Reports will include a summary page of Victorian Curriculum levels, a general comment, student work habits and behaviour grading as well as a student self-reflection.

We remind parents to keep in touch with their child's progress, by regularly accessing Compass when learning tasks are announced.

If you don't have a Compass login please contact the office and they will provide you with one.

Reports will be accessible on Compass at 3:30pm tomorrow, Friday 15 December.

## **FAMILY END OF YEAR PICNIC AND SCHOOL DISGLO – TONIGHT**

We will be holding our annual disco as an end of year celebration for our students. This year, we are once again going with a "disglo" to reflect that students will receive a glow stick. Additional glow sticks and other glow items will also be available for purchase at the disglo with prices starting at 50c.



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 picnic atmosphere outside. Please note that all food and drink will be BYO. The sausage sizzle mentioned in last weeks newsletter will not be going ahead. You are encouraged to bring chairs or a blanket as well as food and drinks and have a peaceful time whilst waiting for your children. There will be a coffee van available to parents on the night.

Please note, as this is a school community event, no alcohol is permitted.

**When:** Thursday, December 14

**Time:** Prep to Year 2: 4:30 – 5:30pm

Year 3 to Year 6: 5:45 – 7:00pm

**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.

#### **2018 TRANSITION DAY**

A thorough transition process aimed at providing a smooth as possible transition for our students to their 2018 classes, has continued this week.

On Tuesday, Grade 6 students were involved in the state wide secondary school Orientation Day where they attended their 2018 secondary schools and got to experience being a secondary school student for the day. Back at Killara, we had our annual "Step Up" Day. This involved students spending the morning in the year level they will commence in 2018. Students and staff reported that this was a positive experience for our children, giving them an opportunity to hear about the exciting things they will be getting up to in 2018 as part of their new year level. This experience also enabled students to spend time with other students who will be in their year level area next year.

Next Monday, we have our traditional "Meet the Teacher" morning. During the morning, students will move to their 2018 classes where they will meet their classmates and teacher for next year. Whilst every endeavour is made to ensure this process is a smooth one for your child, the prospect of leaving behind their class of 2017, meeting new classmates and a new teacher can be a daunting experience and it is completely natural for children to have some concerns regarding their 2018 class placement. In the event that your child does come home upset after the "Meet

the Teacher” session, we encourage you to focus on the positives with them, and assist them in overcoming their perceived challenges. The transition from one class can present the opportunity to develop new friendships and build resilience. Thank you in advance for your support in this process.

### TRAFFIC SAFETY

Killara Primary School is a large school and, with over 600 students, caring for the safety of everyone is a challenge that we are all responsible for.

We teach the children that everyone has the right to feel safe and comfortable while at school and that there is an individual and communal responsibility to uphold safety and comfort levels.

It is important that this responsibility is modelled and reinforced by all members of the school community.

Please encourage children to follow road rules – in particular to use crossings to safely cross roads. Even if you are with your children, they should be shown that crossing at the school crossings is the way to go.

When driving and parking around the school, road rules must be followed for the sake of all concerned and, most importantly, the safety of our students.

Parking will be at a premium if everyone tries to park right outside the school. Families can assist by walking, not driving, if that is feasible. If you need to drive, please be patient and consider parking and walking.

**Be fair to our friendly neighbours, by not parking over driveways and being aware of their rights.**

Please be aware that the area around the school is patrolled regularly by the authorities and fines will be issued for misdemeanours.

Best Wishes,

Pete and Andrew

## CURRENT NEWS

### COMPASS

The following learning tasks for year 1/2 will be available for viewing on Monday 18 December:

- 1/2 Mathematics: Shape, Location and Transformation
- 1/2 Inquiry: Community and Culture
- 1/2 You Can Do It: Confidence

The following learning tasks will be made live to parents of year 3/4 students on December 19:

- Writing – Letters and Notes
- Mathematics – Mass and Capacity

### SCHOOL OFFICE

Please note the last day for payments and enquiries to the office is Thursday December 21. We are unable to accept payments on Friday December 22, the last day of term. We will open on Thursday January 25, 2018 for Materials & Requisite payments 10am – 4.30pm. The office will then be open for normal business from January 30 2018.

### LOST PROPERTY

As we rapidly head towards the end of the year, we are, of course, looking to sort, clean and tidy. There is lots of lost property in the lost property area and families are reminded that uncollected property will be bagged and donated before the end of the year. Please check for any property during next week and please remember that naming items is the preferred option.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 4, WEEK 9			
Junior School For their hard work and addition strategies during our maths lessons		Middle School Teacher's Choice	
R1	Logan V	R12	Caylem W
R2	Ruby G	R13	Wilson L
R3	Vaughan W	R14	Dion D
R4	Leila M	R15	Lachlan H
Year 1/2 For making us proud at swimming for using their manners, effort and confidence		R16	Ela M
		R21	Rowan O
		R22	Jayda L
R17	Shaylee C	Senior School Persevering and explaining their thinking when learning about finance and business	
R18	Maxwell D		
R19	Matilda L		
R20	Vanessa A		
R23	Abbey S/Ethan W	R5	Jayden W
R24	Noah C/Isabella H	R6	Jonathon M
R25	Summer K/Kade W	R7	Dylan V
R26	Charlotte P/Isabella S	R8	Stephanie C
		R9	Tamarah J
		R10	Charleigh W

### GOOD CITIZEN

Prep: Hayley Rm 2  
Year 1/2: Eden Rm 18  
Year 3/4: Charlene Rm 15  
Year 5/6: Madison Rm 7

### PFA NEWS

The PFA would like to thank the Killara School Community and parents for your support throughout 2017. We would also like to thank all PFA Members and Friends who have helped us with our fundraisers and events throughout the year. We have final totals from the Colour Run and Trivia night and are proud to say that our Colour Run made a profit of \$11,493.38 and our trivia night raised \$1,373.35. Amazing efforts! We would also like to acknowledge our winning students Jack Guest and Emily Kelly who won our extra PFA color run prize at our last assembly. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in 2018. If anyone would like to join the PFA in 2018 you can send us an email at [killarapfa@gmail.com](mailto:killarapfa@gmail.com)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to one of our champion softballers, Matthew B, who won a bronze medal last week pitching for Victoria in the Pacific School Games. Matthew travelled to South Australia to play in the championships. What an awesome effort. Well done Matt!



## ANTI-GRAFFITI PROJECT

During November ten Year 5/6 students worked with graphic design artists to plan and design a mural for the toilet block in Rotary Park on Riddell Road (near the Aquatic Centre). Killara students were responsible for the background and students from Salesian College designed the characters. A big thank you to Hume Council for the opportunity to be involved in this important Graffiti Prevention initiative, and Vinage Custom for their guidance and artistry. Congratulations to students: Rebecca R, Taylah J, Mitchell H, Madeleine M, Lily M, Erin G, Darcy F, Tamara J, Rylan C and Josh C.

Robyn Smith

Project Coordinator



## SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

School Sport Victoria State Team Trial Registrations are open; Australian Football, Netball, Basketball, Football (Soccer), Softball, Tennis, and Volleyball.

These trial registrations close Thursday, 1 March 2018. You can find all the details via [School Sport Victoria's website](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic). <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>. If you are looking for a document that details the process please download the [Team Vic Online Registrations Process](#). This will give you all the information you need to know before registering.

## YEAR 3-5 SWIMMING TRIALS

Thank you to all the students who competed in the swim trials on Tuesday. The 2018 Killara Swim Team is being finalised and further details will be given out early next year.

It was great to see all the students try their best and show encouragement towards each other.

Thank you to the staff who volunteered to assist on the day, however the event wouldn't have run so smoothly without the help and support of the parents.



## LACROSSE WARS

The Killara 1st Annual Lacrosse Wars Grand Final will be held tomorrow Friday December 15 on the Killara School Oval from 2:40pm. All parents and students are welcome to attend. Not only will the two teams from Year 5/6 battle it out for the Championship, but the Preps and some special guests will be providing the half time entertainment. It will be the event of the year. Please join us on this special day.



DECEMBER 15TH 2017 - KILLARA OVAL

2:40PM START

THE EVENT OF THE YEAR!

WITH A HALF TIME ENTERTAINMENT  
SPECTACULAR!

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