Welcome back to families and students. Term 3 is traditionally the term when we undertake some major activities and celebrations. This year is no exception.

The students have settled back into the routines of learning and have had a smooth start to the new term – which has been great to see! This term is a period of consolidation for students – they know the class routines and protocols and can focus really closely on their learning and personal progress.

Students have been reminded of their expectations as learners and as members of our school community, with a re-focus on rights and responsibilities taking place. At Killara we recognise that there are two main rights and two main responsibilities. We all have the right to be safe and comfortable at school and we all have the right to do as much work and learning as possible. We have the responsibility to do the right thing and to help others do the right thing.

TO OUR PREPS – FROM JAMES MERLINO!

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN KIDS
Next Thursday evening we have a special presentation from Jo Lange for parents, Raising Resilient, Independent & Confident Kids (ages 3-12yrs). Recently, Jo worked with staff on our Curriculum Day and her expertise in how to manage and work with children to encourage independence and resilience was very well received and has already had an impact on the way we work with our students.

We encourage you to come along to this parent session. Details are recorded below. Please note that we are unable to cater for children at this session.

PARENT SURVEY
A sample of parents will soon receive the annual Parent Survey for completion. We encourage you to complete and return the survey if you receive one. As a school we are committed to constant improvement and your opinions are valued.

ON TIME TO SCHOOL
It is very noticeable each day that there is a steady stream of students arriving after the bell has gone and many students as much as 10 to 15 minutes late. A reminder that the school day starts at 9:00am. To be ready for learning, students should be here prior to the start time. Learning begins at 9:00am and incorporates whole class focuses that set the tone and direction for the morning’s work – this is a very important aspect of learning! Parents are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring their child is at school on time each day.

PROTOCOL FOR ISSUE RESOLUTION
We like to regularly remind parents of our issue resolution process, 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:
  - calm discussions between the parties directly involved whilst respecting the dignity of each and every person
  - 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
**PAYMENTS DUE**

Netbook Term 3 – Overdue
Year 6 Understanding Ourselves – 24 July
Year 3/4 Camp Deposit – 31 July

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**SCIENCE WEEK – SCIENCE FAMILY EVENING**

2015 is Making Waves – The Science Light, based on the International Year of Light. We are planning a science family evening to celebrate Science Week, on Wednesday 19th August from 6-8pm.

Families are invited to come along to our school and participate in a variety of hands on science experiments, demonstrations, quizzes, challenges and more.

We aim to create opportunities for families, students and teachers to connect and learn from each other, increase knowledge about the science curriculum and the relevance of science in everyday life.

To help make our science night successful we would appreciate any donations of ‘consumable’ materials that could be used for making and conducting experiments. Some useful items would be: Corks, plastic bottles, straws, paper plates, rubber bands, balloons etc.

Please make sure that any containers that have contained food be thoroughly washed and please do not send any containers that have been in contact with nuts.

Donations for science night can be sent to Room 18.

Thank you in advance

Science Team

Cynthia, Karen and Rachel

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**CURRENT NEWS**

**PARENT OCCUPATION GROUP**

We need to update our Parent Occupation Groups to ensure our school receives the budget it is entitled to. It is imperative that we have accurate parental occupation information. A notice will come home today with the newsletter. Can you please fill out and return to school by Friday 31 July.

**BUILDING RESILIENCE IN KIDS PRESENTATION**

Raising Resilient, Independent & Confident kids (ages 3-12yrs). An early years focus for parents. This presentation focuses on what resilience is, and its close links with self-esteem and independence. Presented by Jo Lange on the 23rd July 7 – 9pm in the Killara School Theatre. Adults only. Tickets $5.00 available from both Killara and Complete Kids

**STORYTIME**

Celebrate Playgroup Library Week with a special interactive Storytime session with songs and craft activities. Sunbury Library Thursday 23rd July, 9.30-11.30. More information on 9356 6970

Next Toddler Storytime in Week 3 - 29th July at 2.40pm in the library.
Theme: Keeping Warm in Winter- bring your scarves and hats, fun and games and stories.
Heather Huke

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**ENROLMENTS 2016**

Enrolments are currently being accepted for 2016.

Enrolments should be made by Monday 27 July 2015.

This will assist the school with planning for 2016.

Existing families who have previously indicated they will have enrolments for 2016 will have received enrolment forms and these should be returned as soon as possible. If you require enrolment forms please see the office.

Enrolments should be accompanied by a birth certificate

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program gives Schools and Early Learning Centres around Australia the chance to earn new educational resources. Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive on Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker for every $10 spent. Stick the Woolworths stickers onto the Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker sheet and pop it into our collection box located in the foyer of the main office. You can collect spare sticker sheets from the front office.

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**Best wishes,**
Phil, Andrew and Pete