We encourage you to login to Compass and view the learning tasks as they are made available. Teams will notify parents through the newsletter and Team Newsletters that go out each term will also have details regarding the upcoming learning tasks.

We thank you for your support in moving to a digital approach to reporting that is more timely.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Please note that Parent Teacher Interviews will be held next Wednesday June 22. As is usual practice, we will be asking for your help with this on the day, by picking up/allowing children to go home early (12:30pm).

The logistics of interviews is such that we need from 12:30pm through to 8:00pm to be able to fit everyone in! So if you can help with this it will be very much appreciated. We need the notice returned by all parents to ensure that logistical arrangements can be appropriately made for the interview day.

Bookings for interviews are accessible via Compass, killaraps.vic.jdlf.com.au

Please refer to below for instructions. If you are having difficulties booking an interview time, please contact the office for assistance 9744 6432, or send a note to school with the approximate times you require.

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.

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You can print the downloaded report or read online as the school will not be sending home printed copies unless they are requested.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM
CURRICULUM DAY NEWS
The teaching staff had a very successful, valuable and impactful day on Friday.

Our guest presenter, Lana, who travelled from the ACT to work with us, revisited our understandings of Professional Learning Communities as having highly effective collaborative teams focussed on student learning, then assisted us in understanding how to best plan for essential learning and constructing proficiency scales to articulate learning progressions for students.

This work will impact on our future planning and will also help us to become even more informative when assessing, giving feedback to students and reporting to parents.

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INTERSchool Sport
Congratulations to all of our sport teams that took part in the winter carnival last week. It was a very successful day, extremely well managed and terrifically engaging for all of the students. Thanks to Andrew Pizaro for his work in organising the day and leading the local network of schools, and to the teachers who attended, as well as those back at school who managed the school based program.

Facebook Page
Our school Facebook page is proving to be a popular and positive addition to our school communication. We hope you are enjoying some of the insights into school life and learning that it is providing!

The Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt
Have you purchased your Gnome Hunt passports yet? A great activity for the holidays, at the same time raising funds for our school. See below for more details.

Best wishes,
Phil, Pete and Andrew

Current News

Winter Raffle
All tickets due next Tuesday, June 21! Raffle drawn next Thursday, June 23!
The Winter Raffle concludes next week. So now is your final chance to purchase your tickets. All tickets are due next Tuesday, June 21 with the raffle being drawn on the second last day of term, Thursday, June 23.
This year, the raffle will be drawn in the theatre at 3pm where all are welcome to attend. Parents and Friends will be serving up tea and coffee so it’s the perfect time to meet some of the PFA members whilst also enjoying a caffeine hit and hopefully a win in the raffle. A list of the many amazing prizes available in this year’s raffle has been sent out on TiqBiz today. So organise your final ticket purchases now and next Thursday come along to the raffle draw at 3pm in the theatre.
And remember…
You’ve got to be in the Winter Raffle to win the Winter Raffle!!!
Parents and Friends Association

Payments Due
Aladdin Production: Overdue
Life Education: 21 June
Year 5/6 Netbook Term 3: 24 June

Tissues
For hygiene reasons we like to have boxes of tissues available in each classroom for all students to share. To ensure that there is always an ample supply of tissues available, we are requesting that each child bring a box of tissues to their classroom. These will be stored by the classroom teacher and shared by the class. Hopefully, this will ensure that we never run out.

Compass
Prep learning task available from Monday 20 June:
• Mathematics – Ordinal Number and Time

The following Learning Tasks will be made live on Compass by Tuesday 21 June.
Year 3/4:
• English: Reading- Inference Term 2 2016
• English: Writing- Descriptive Narrative Term 2 2016
• Mathematics- Money Term 2 2016

Environmental Corner
Did you know? Foam cups take 50 years to break down. Plastic cups take 450 years!! Using reusable mugs helps the environment.

Prep Enrolments 2017
Enrolments are currently being accepted for 2017. Enrolments should be made by Monday 25 July, 2016. This will assist the school with planning for 2017. Existing families who have previously indicated they will have enrolments for 2017 will have received enrolment forms and these should be returned by Monday 25 July. If you require enrolment forms please see the office. Enrolments must be accompanied by a birth certificate and immunisation certificate. Copies of these documents are acceptable. Please be sure to alert your family and friends who may be interested in the excellent learning opportunities that Killara Primary School provides.

The Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt Fundraiser
We have joined other Sunbury schools in participating in the Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt. The hunt will take place from 25 June – 10 July.
Families can purchase a passport from school for $10 which lists 25 shops and businesses in Sunbury. In each shop there will be a gnome which has been hidden by the shop or business owner.
Once you find the gnome you record its name on the passport and receive a stamp from the owner. There is no obligation to purchase anything from the shop, however, your passport will show special discounts available for all gnome hunters.
Return your passport to school after the holidays and go in to the draw for some major prizes. The prize draw will take place on Monday 18 July.
STUDENT ABSENCES
It is a requirement that parents notify the school of any absences. This can be a note sent in prior to or after the absence or even an email to the school or via the Tiqbiz App or Compass. Verbal notification from parents is accepted, however, this can sometimes get lost in the hustle and bustle of the classroom and may be missed on attendance records. It is not necessary to call the school if your child is unwell and unable to attend, again, a note or email can be sent upon return. killara.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

YEAR 5/6 SOVEREIGN HILL EXCURSION
On Wednesday 15 June 5/6A, B and E went back in time to Sovereign Hill! When we arrived, we participated in lots of activities, like going into the old gold mines and learning about the difference between company mines and independent mines. We also went and saw how they used to melt and purify gold. One of the most interesting sessions was our education session where we learnt about gold and the Sovereign Hill story. We got to put costumes on and re-enact some of the main events that took place during the Eureka Stockade. We could be a red coat, a miner, a lady or a trooper.
In our free time, we could take part in lots of other activities such as going on a carriage ride, going to the bakery, watch the confectioners make the lollies (and then try the samples!), going bowling at the bowling alley and we could even get our names imprinted on a horse shoe.
One of the best parts of the excursion was the gold panning and if you found some gold you can buy a jar to put the gold in. Overall, it was a great excursion where we learnt lots about the gold rush.

Stephanie S 56CW

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
Parents who wish to volunteer at our school regular and are likely to be working with a child on a 1:1 or small group basis and/or wish to attend an excursion overnight camp are required to hold a current Working With Children Card. Working with Children application forms can be obtained online. There is no cost to obtain a Working With Children Card and the check is valid for 5 years. Once you have received your card please submit it at the office and a photocopy will be made for our records. We also ask that you display your Working With Children card when volunteering at school.

QKR APP FOR SCHOOL PAYMENTS.
Our preferred method of payment for excursions, canteen lunch orders and fundraising activities is QKR. This easy to use free app by Mastercard gives you flexibility to make your school payments at a time and place that suits you. No need to find cash to send to school with your child, you will have a QKR receipt on your phone and receipt number for your records. A brochure on how to set up your account is available from the school office or just follow the simple instructions when you download the app.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNBURY BLUE LIGHT DISCO
Friday 24 June 2016, 6-8pm at Sunbury Memorial Hall for primary school age children. PYJAMA RAMA PARTY! Entry $7 (correct money = faster entry). Sunbury Blue Light provides a fantastic opportunity for primary age kids to have positive interaction with local police and also to socialise with their peers in a safe supervised environment. The disco is a not for profit organisation, run by police members and valued volunteers, all of whom hold current Working With Children Check. Please like our Facebook page - Sunbury Blue Light Disco - for all the latest news.

COMPLETE KIDS
Have you heard? At our Outside School Care Program, children are involved in art & craft, sport, relaxation, technology, role play and many more fun activities. Vacancies are available. To book your place for Before or After School Care call 97402111

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Did you know KPS is a KidsMatter School?

What is KidsMatter?
KidsMatter is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools which has been proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. KidsMatter was developed by mental health professionals and education and childcare staff in response to the high rates of school-age children with mental health difficulties and the problems they face getting help. It provides the methods, tools and support to help schools work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nurture happy, balanced kids.
KidsMatter has 4 focus areas which are:
- creating positive school and early childhood communities
- teaching children skills for good social and emotional development
- working together with families
- recognising and getting help for children with mental health problems

We encourage you to subscribe to the KidsMatter e-Newsletter using the link below to stay informed with KidsMatter in our region.

Supporting our Students
In line with the KidsMatter initiative, we currently have in place across the school, programs that support students' wellbeing and development of problem solving and life skills. Throughout Prep to 2, students participate in 'You Can Do IT' (YCDI) where they explore confidence, persistence, organisation, resilience and getting along. The Year 3 to 6 students are immersed in the Habits of Mind (HOM) program, where they identify and apply 16 problem solving, life related skills into their daily lives. Discuss these programs with your children and encourage them to draw upon these skills when faced with challenges.

Student Engagement and Wellbeing Team
Killara Primary School has a Student Engagement and Wellbeing Team (SEWT) whose priority is helping to ensure the wellbeing and engagement of the KPS students. Feel free to come and check out the SEWT's display in the foyer of the office. Students have written reflections on the recently installed Friendship Seats and have shared their positive experiences. Or please visit the SEWT blog which can be accessed through the Killara Primary School website to keep up to date with the school's initiatives that promote our students' social and emotional wellbeing.

Stay tuned for more information on how we are ensuring Killara PS is a school where Kids Matter!