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FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

PLANNING WEEK
Teachers, in teams, will be planning for Term 2, 2016 on a designated planning day over the next week. The major change for students is that their Specialist classes will occur on the one day:

- **Friday 18 March**: Year 5/6
- **Monday 21 March**: Year 3/4
- **Tuesday 22 March**: Year 1/2
- **Wednesday 23 March**: Year Prep

CURRICULUM DAY
The teaching staff had a successful Curriculum Day on Tuesday this week, with some very productive discussions focussed on strengthening our approach to Literacy across the school.

The morning session focused on building an outstanding reading culture within the school. Teachers were engaged in a series of tasks and discussions relating to the areas of teaching the reading curriculum, developing the reading environment and targeting resources. A key focus of the day was looking at how we are catering to the individual needs and interests of students through independent reading choices. Staff are very excited to be taking initial steps towards developing individual and team based classroom libraries.

The afternoon was devoted to looking at our practices in relation to our approach to spelling/word study and writing, including the use of personal word books and word walls to build vocabulary, and the use of free writing as a strategy for developing student ownership and independence in their writing.

We are grateful for the support, focus and hard work displayed by all of the staff on the day.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
An emergency drill was conducted yesterday, where students, teachers and visitors were required to practice an emergency evacuation. Students responded appropriately and were very cooperative, calm and attentive.

If you are ever in the school and the alarm sounds, followed by evacuation or lockdown messages, please make sure you adhere to instructions and use emergency plans when in doubt.

For this reason it is extremely important that all parent helpers sign out when leaving the school and do not complete the time out column of the ‘Visitor Sign In’ book until they leave, as this can cause confusion when accounting for individuals during an emergency.

ACCESS TO CLASSROOMS AT BEGINNING AND END OF THE DAY
We would like to remind families that all teachers are on duty and in classrooms with students from 8.50am each morning. To promote the development of student independence across all levels of our school, we request that parents do not enter the classrooms or corridors at this time with your children and instead encourage your children to enter on their own.

Teachers are trying to promote strong routines and encourage students to take on a range of responsibilities themselves at this time and we appreciate your ongoing support with developing independence and resilience in our students.

Similarly, we have recently posted a sign on the door of the 3/4 building asking parents to refrain from entering the 3/4 building corridor at the start and end of the day. This protocol operates the same as the main building.

We have noticed that many parents are not observing this request and continuing to enter before the end of the school day. Our intentions are not to show any disrespect towards our community members. We still encourage you to come and help in our classrooms and support our students in other ways, however we have noticed that some students in the 3/4 building are becoming disengaged and distracted in the afternoon by members of our community waiting in the corridor to collect their children. To ensure students remain on task and focused right up until the 3:30pm bell, we kindly ask that all parents refrain from entering the 3/4 building at the end of the day. Please arrange to drop off and collect your children from outside the main entrance to the building. We thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,
Phil and Pete
CURRENT NEWS

YEAR 5/6 CAMP RUMBUG
Our camp experience at Rumbug was a great success. Many students pushed themselves above and beyond their believed limitations. We witnessed many new friendships being forged and a lot of encouragement toward those who needed it. The food was great, including a bacon and egg meal for breakfast. Camp activities included lots of mud and water, the mud run and flying fox being two of the most popular and sought after activities on camp. We would like to extend our thanks to the students for such fantastic attitudes and willingness to push themselves outside their comfort zones. Another big thank you to the parents who took time out of their routines to assist as well as the additional teachers who made the experience possible.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL DAY
Next week we will be running Athletics Days on Tuesday for the Year 3/4 students and on Wednesday for the Year 5/6 students. The days will commence with a “Have a Go” session for students to learn about events and to try them out. Following this, students will do their best to make attempts at all events they have chosen to do. The day will be used to decide who will be going on to represent Killara at the Inter School Athletics in Term 2. The format for the day will be based on a points system for efforts achieved. We will be assisted by students involved in the Sports Academy at Sunbury Secondary College, a new program designed at providing opportunities for students seeking a future in sports coaching, management or teaching.

LOST PROPERTY
Please come along and have a look if your child is missing any clothing. All named items are returned to student classrooms. If all other items are not collected by the end of term they will go into our second hand uniform cupboard.

There are also a number of uncollected items from 5/6 camp on display near room 5. Please ensure you check if your child has returned home missing items.

COMPASS
The following units for Year 5/6, Year 3/4 and Year 1/2 students will be available for viewing by Tuesday March 22.
Year 5/6:
- Reading- Non Fiction Text Structures & Features
- Writing- Narrative
- Inquiry – Natural Processes

Year 3/4:
- Reading-Fiction text structure and features
- Writing-Descriptive

Year 1/2:
- Reading- Solving Words
- Writing- Procedure
- Inquiry- Chemical Science

CRAZY HAIR DAY
On Monday March 21, Killara Primary School will be holding a Crazy Hair Day to raise money for the Leukemia Foundation. This event will be held in conjunction with the recent Great Shave fundraising effort that was held nationally last week. Rowena Alder from Complete Kids bravely faced the clippers to shave her head for this worthy cause, and we would like to support her and the Leukemia Foundation in raising money for those battling this cancer.

Students are invited to participate by wearing their hair in a crazy and creative fashion and bringing a gold coin donation. Please keep in mind any activities you may have during the day, such as P.E., when deciding on your hairstyle. It may also be a good idea to check the weather and make sure that any hairspray used is appropriate for the conditions!

We ask that any hair spraying be conducted at home prior to coming to school. Please DO NOT send colour hairspray to school with your child, as this can be troublesome for students with Asthma.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to seeing your creations!

BULLYING NO WAY!
Take a stand together!
Tomorrow Friday March 18, Killara will be having a BULLYING NO WAY day. This day aims to raise awareness of our school Anti-Bullying policy, identify what bullying IS what is NOT bullying. Students will discuss strategies to deal with bullying if they see it or experience it.

Student Well Being and Engagement Team

PAYMENTS DUE
Netbook: 24 March