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.

TERM 3 HIGHLIGHTS
As you can see by the calendar above, we have a very busy schedule of extra-curricular activities for the term. Highlights include 3/4 Camps, Life Education, Book Week, Family Maths Night, our Walkathon and a school concert!

We encourage you to get involved if you can and be a part of the activities your children will be involved in.

3/4 CAMP
Over the next two weeks, our year 3/4 students attend Lady Northcote Camp, with A, B, C and D attending next Monday to Wednesday and E, F and G the following week. We know that they will have a fun, interesting and valuable experience on camp and look forward to hearing about their exploits.

READING AT HOME
Family involvement is essential to any child's success as a reader. Research has shown that by talking, singing, and reading to children, parents are turning on brain cells that are essential for a healthy child.

Parents can build reading skills by interacting with their children by encouraging babies and young children to communicate, parents are laying the foundation for later reading success.

Parents and other family members need to be involved in children's reading throughout their school years. As a school, we recognise the importance of parent involvement in students' progress and we encourage parents to play an active role. This is an essential element in our partnership in each child's education.

These tips are helpful, when establishing a home reading routine:

1. Choose a quiet time
2. Make reading enjoyable
3. Allow them to maintain their flow when reading by giving them words when stuck and avoiding letter by letter sounding
4. Be positive
5. Success is the key—so make sure the text is at an easy level, not hard
6. Visit the Library and borrow a range of books
7. Regular practice—little and often is best
8. Communicate—record positive comments in school reading diaries
9. Talk about the books—to build understanding
10. Variety is important – books, newspapers, magazines, comics, picture books, poems and information books

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.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Thank you to the PFA for their work this week, we appreciate the way you support our school.

Currently we are working on the Vision Portraits event for Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 August 9am – 4pm and the Walkathon scheduled for September 10.
We are also in the process of arranging a parent session focussed on cyberbullying for later this term. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13 August.

Best wishes,
Phil, Andrew and Pete.

CURRENT NEWS

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA):
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs. If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:
- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account;
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:
- $200 for prep students (instalment one $140, instalment two $60).
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6 (instalment one $105, instalment two $45).

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form* from the school office and return by 1 August 2014.

* Parents who received the first instalment EMA payment through this school don’t need to lodge another EMA application form to receive the second instalment payment.

For more information about the EMA, visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx

PAYMENTS DUE

5/6 Netbook Term 3 fees overdue
3/4 Lady Northcote Camp overdue
Yr 6 Understanding Ourselves due 22 July
Whole school Life Education due 25 July

VISION PORTRAITS

Vision Portraits $15 Portrait Fundraising Event for Killara Primary School
Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st August
$15 - 10x13 inch Portrait with Frame
10/15 min shoot then 10 min viewing session
See all your images straight away & select your family or kids fundraising photo
Opportunity to purchase additional images and take home on usb on the day

BOOK & Pay with credit card ONLINE NOW at www.strybooking.com/ELKH
(Type link directly into internet as a website, not google or a search)
OR call Vision Portraits (03) 9596 9400 for phone bookings with credit card

PSW UNIFORM SHOP

A reminder to all families that PSW have now opened a shop located at 6/106 – 120 Gap Road Sunbury. Trading hours are Wednesday to Friday 10am – 4pm and Saturdays 9am – 12noon. The online ordering facility is available at www.psw.com.au. Please note the shop at Killara Primary in the gym foyer is no longer operating.

CREAM CONTAINERS

The Sustainability Team is looking for clean 500ml cream bottles (with lids). If you have any, please don’t throw them out send them to the office.
Thanks, Sustainability Team

COMMUNITY NEWS

SOLD Vision and Learning

Eyesight problems and visual processing disorders presented by Associate Professor Rod Baker Paediatric Optometry, Flinders University.

When: Friday 25 July
Time: 7.15pm
Where: Sunbury Height PS
Charter Road East Sunbury
Cost: Gold coin donation non members
For more information contact Donna 0467 170 752.

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As part of their Inquiry unit the Prep students went hunting for mini beasts. In the artroom they found some very unusual ones camouflaged on leaves. How many bugs can you find on this page? Well done Prep students!