**FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM**

**SCHOOL REVIEW**

Our school conducted its review day on Tuesday. We have been involved in what is known as a “Peer Review”, whereby the school conducts its own self-evaluation and then is guided by an independent reviewer and two “peers” to reflect on the evaluation and establish the way forward.

Our independent reviewer, Ms. Bev Moore from Ed Solutions and our peers – Ms. Inga Wilson (Principal, Sunbury West PS) and Ms. Lynne Davie (Manager, Digital Learning and Technology, Department of Education and Training) did a wonderful job of supporting, guiding and challenging us.

Similarly, the school team adopted a deep thinking approach and was able to identify some clear directions for us to use as the basis for our next strategic plan. School based personnel involved included Pete Hansen, Andrew Guthrie, Emma Heywood, Kathryn Pollock and Shannon Ingleton and we were pleased to have the input, thoughts and community perspective of Neil Christie, our School Council President.

A terrific presentation was made by two of our students, Jordan and Ella, who gave a student perspective based on work the Student Leadership Council had undertaken. They willingly answered a series of questions from the panel in a confident and thoughtful manner. The panel all agreed that they were impressive and articulate young people.

Now that the review is completed, we await Bev’s report, which will then be presented to the staff, School Council and broader community and will be used to help us establish our new plan. Goals, targets and strategic actions will be developed.

I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to the participants on the day. We had a very successful day, with far reaching ideas and directions.

*****END OF TERM***

A reminder that tomorrow is the last day of term and we have an early dismissal (Friday September 18). Students will be dismissed at 2:30 on that day. All students must be picked up on time and office / administration staff will not be available to supervise students beyond 2:30.

**HOLIDAY SECURITY**

I would like to encourage the school community to ‘keep an eye’ on the school over the holidays. Please report any unwanted or illegal behaviours to the police on ‘000’, even if you only have suspicions.

We unfortunately continue to experience occasional vandalism and damage to our school by people using the school grounds. The costs involved with repairing damage cannot be afforded by our school and means that valuable funds that should be used to support our students may be used to make such repairs.

Also, as a result, I issue this statement: “Except for certain limited purposes under the Summary Offences Act 1966, a school is not a ‘public place’. There is no general right of the public at large to be there, either within or outside school hours. A school ground is not ‘public land’. It is land held by the Minister for Education for educational purposes.” (Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide, Section 6.16 Legal Liability and Associated Matters)

**WALKATHON SPONSORSHIP**

A big reminder to collect and return all sponsorship money for the Walkathon. We have extended the final date for return to Thursday October 8, when the raffles will be drawn. Remember - $10 and over gets an entry in the sports pack draw (we have lots of packs to give out!) and $20 and over gets you in the main draw for the major prizes of a laptop valued at $600, a bike up to the value of $500, a Sports Power voucher to the value of $150, a Toy World voucher to the value of $100 and a cricket bat.

All funds raised help the school to purchase new play equipment for our students, which is being installed on the holidays!

**KARATE CLASSES**

Today you will receive a notice from Well Being Martial Arts, who have entered into a hire agreement with the school for the use of school facilities to operate Karate lessons.

Ordinarily I wouldn’t endorse private groups, but I did want to advise families that Geoff Jackson, a former
parent of students who attended our school, is offering some generous start up fees that you might find attractive. Please refer to the brochure and contact Geoff for more information.

Best wishes,
Phil, Andrew and Pete

CURRENT NEWS

WALKTOBER
Starting on the very first day of Term 4, Killara Primary School will be participating in Walktober! Walktober is an initiative from Healthy Together Hume and Hume Council that encourages walking to and from school during the month of October to help improve road safety knowledge, fitness and reduce our carbon footprint on our environment from driving so many cars. Last year, Killara had a participation rate of at least 85% - that is, at least 85% of our students walked to or from school at least once during the month of October – and we ended up winning a prize for having the highest participation rate in all of Sunbury! Can we beat it this year? For those who live too far from school, try parking your car a short distance from school and walking from there. You can also ride, scoot or skate to school as well! Every Friday morning throughout the month of October, a group of teachers will be walking to school from the Post Box at the bottom of Phillip Drive at 8:30am – anyone is welcome to join us! We look forward to gaining all of the benefit that Walktober can provide us and (hopefully) we can reach our goal of 90% participation this year!

GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE
October is nearly upon us and we are so close to starting the Great Cycle Challenge. This event raises awareness and money for the Children’s Medical Research Institute to help fight kids’ cancer. It’s a fantastic initiative and we are very excited to have a school community team this year. Sarah Round has set the challenge of having 100 team members by the start of October; if this occurs she will ride Philip Drive each Thursday morning in a superhero outfit. Please help us by visiting https://greatcyclechallenge.com.au/ find ‘Killara PS’ and ‘Join’ or ‘Sponsor’ our team. We are pumped about this year’s challenge and are pleased to announce that riding or scooting to school also counts as part of our Walktober challenge!! If you have any questions about the GCC, please see Sarah (Rm 1)

GOOD CITIZEN
Prep – William M Rm 3
Year 1/2 – Ryder W Rm 23
Year 3/4 – Liam B Rm 21
Year 5/6 – Jaxon Rm 7

PAYMENTS DUE
TERM 4 NETBOOK FEES ARE DUE TOMORROW
Please Note: If payment is not received tomorrow student’s devices will be held at school over the holidays

KILLARA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Phone: 9744 6432  Fax: 9744 4956
website www.killaraps.vic.edu.au