



# Killara Primary School

*Our Best – Every Child, Every Day*

**Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork**

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## TERM CALENDAR

Thurs 25 April	ANZAC Day
Fri 26 April	Curriculum Day
1 May – 3 May	5/6 Camp Howqua
22/23 April	Yr 1/2 Hands on Science inc
Wed 8 May	Mothers Day Stall
May 14-16	NAPLAN testing – yrs 3 & 5

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome to term 2, 2013!

After some beautiful weather over the school holidays, we have returned to cooler weather and, as the days grow shorter, we head towards winter.

It was lovely to see the enthusiasm and the settled nature of the students on their return and we have immediately resumed strong learning programs and routines.

### NAPLAN

The NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy) testing is conducted for students in years 3 and 5 in May this term. These tests are a point in time indication of student progress and are used as one part of a very extensive school assessment program. As a school we make sure that students are prepared for the style of test and understand the elements of the tests. We also discuss good problem solving techniques, such as question analysis, elimination of answers that are obviously wrong, determining what the question is asking and using key words and phrases in questions to assist and guide understanding. These are all skills that are useful throughout school and beyond, so are integral to our normal program. It is important that students are not stressed or anxious (as much as possible) about the tests, so it is advisable not to build up expectations at home.

### LEARNING NEWSLETTERS

Each team distributes a learning newsletter each term, as part of our communication strategy. We aim to adopt a consistent approach to this to make sure that you are receiving information about the learning programs, special events, incursions and excursions, and home learning tasks that students will be involved in during the term.

### LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

Next Monday's assembly (April 22) will be devoted to presentations to our student leaders – our class captains and vice captains for semester 1, our Student Leadership Council members and our HEROs (Heating, Electricity and Recycling Officers).

As such, other elements of our assembly may have to be held over or reduced.

### RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

At Killara we base our learning and social behaviours around very clear rights and responsibilities.

Our rights are as follows:

- We all have the right to learn and do as much work as possible
- We all have the right to feel safe and comfortable at school.

With these rights come responsibilities:

- All students have the responsibility to *do the right thing* (Personal Responsibility)
- All students have the responsibility to *encourage others to do the right thing* (Communal Responsibility)

During term 1, classes have spent time considering these rights and responsibilities and what they mean for learning and social behaviours and actions and, on their return this term, classes are revisiting their interpretations.

### PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents at Killara also have rights and responsibilities. Please read the following rights and associated responsibilities:

- To participate in a happy, safe, secure and satisfying environment
  - *support the school in its effort to maintain a positive teaching and learning environment*
  - *act in a safe and responsible manner*
- To be heard and treated with respect by all members of the school community
  - *listen to, and treat members of the school community with respect*
- To be informed about your child's educational progress and behaviour.
  - *communicate and act on information regarding the educational and social development of your child*
- To have access to staff at convenient, mutually agreed times
  - *make an appointment and attend at the mutually agreed time*
- To be kept informed and included in decision making and policy development
  - *support school policies and decision making processes*
- To report instances of concerns/issues/incidents involving your child
  - *allow procedures be followed as stipulated in school policies maintain a solution focussed approach to solving issues in a calm and co-operative manner*

Please be aware of these rights and responsibilities when interacting and being involved with the school and members of the school community.

## PHONES AND IPODS

Parents should consider whether phones and iPods need to come to school. Our policy is that they are held by the teacher throughout the day and returned at the end of the day, if they are required. As these are valuables, they should not be brought to school unless they are needed (for example, for communication with parents after school) and the school accepts no responsibility or liability in relation to them.

Parents and students should also note that recording devices, including cameras, phones and iPods are not to be used to record or photograph anything or anybody at school without the permission of a teacher. In the event that such devices were going to be used as part of the school program, parents would be notified first.

Our school Acceptable Usage Policy states:

*From time to time, as part of curriculum delivery I may be given permission to use a mobile device. At all other times I will not use such a device and I will hand it to the teacher for safe keeping, in line with our valuable items policy.*

*When I have permission to use a mobile phone, iPod or other mobile device I agree to:*

- protect the privacy of others and never post or forward private information about another person using Short Message Service (SMS)
- only take photos and record sound or video when it is part of an approved lesson
- seek permission from individuals involved before taking photos, recording sound or videoing them (including teachers)
- seek appropriate (written) permission from individuals involved before publishing or sending photos, recorded sound or video to anyone else or to any online space
- be respectful in the photos I take or video I capture and never use these as a tool for bullying

These usage requirements also apply when travelling to and from school.

**Best Wishes,  
Phil, Andrew and Marie**

## CURRENT NEWS

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Killara's Environmental Sustainability Committee has been working really hard in the last 6 months and by May 10 we should be accredited for the waste module of our sustainability certification. The Committee has put some new initiatives in place to help reduce the litter created within the school and to help reduce the costs associated with removing it. Every classroom in Killara now has containers to collect paper, as well as soft and hard plastic for recycling, a small white tub for food scraps for composting, and a small rubbish bin for any other waste that may be left. These containers are consistent throughout the school to make it easy for our waste management program to be followed. The committee has also put in place a new recycle station outside the canteen that is run by students. They collect recyclable hard plastic as well as soft

plastics that are not acceptable council kerb collection. Soft plastics (plastic bags, glad wrap etc.) are sent off to the RED Group who arranges for them to be made into playground equipment, bollards, outdoor furniture etc. When students deposit any of these items in the bins they receive a Good Citizen ticket to go into the draw for a prize for their efforts at each Monday's assembly.

Starting next week there will also be an award for nude food lunches. Students with wrapper free lunches will get points for their class. At the end of the week the points will be tallied and the class with the most points in each year level will receive a certificate and trophy for that week. This initiative was brought about from a suggestion made by a student. We hope that this will help the students make better choices for health and to help them to reduce the amount of waste being brought into the school.

Lastly, the Environmental Sustainability Committee would like to extend an invitation for new ideas to further develop and strengthen our waste management system here at Killara. If you have any ideas or would like to meet with the committee to discuss future action please speak with Kelli Brogan, Karen Francis or Sarah Round.

## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2013



We will once again be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion.

From Monday 8th April, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect points from the checkout operator and place them on point sheets. There'll be one point for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, you can place your point sheets in the collection box at school.

Last year we received lots of Maths equipment and other resources for our school, thanks to the support of our families with this promotion. We look forward to your support again in 2013.

## AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Killara Primary School students in Years 3/4 and 5/6 are invited to participate in the 2013 Australian Mathematics Competition. The competition is an annual international Mathematics competition run by the Australian Mathematics Trust ([www.amt.edu.au](http://www.amt.edu.au)). The competition comprises of a series of worded problems, most of which are set in situations that the students can relate to, showing the relevance of mathematics to their everyday lives. Above all, the competition is designed to be a fun event for students who love Mathematics.

Permission forms have been sent home will all students in Yr 3 – 6 today.

Forms and payment must be returned to school by Friday 3 May. Late entries cannot be accepted.

## PFA NEWS

Thank you to all families for their wonderful support of our Easter holiday raffle. The raffle was drawn on the last day of term 1 and 9 prizes were distributed. We raised a total of \$2000.

Mothers Day is fast approaching and we have sent home a note today requesting donations for our annual Mothers Day stall. Wrapping for the stall will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm in the staffroom and any help would be most appreciated. The stall will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May and gifts will range from \$1 - \$10.

### CANTEEN HELP NEEDED

The policy of the Canteen is to provide nutritious food at reasonable prices. It is essential for the Canteen to cover its costs of operation. To keep costs as low as possible we rely on volunteer help from parents to assist Andrea, our Canteen Manager. As you can imagine preparing lunch orders for a school our size can be a huge task so assistance is needed.

If you can help, even if only for an hour or so a few times a year it would be most appreciated.

Unfortunately, due to health regulations, younger children are not allowed in a food preparation area.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### AUSKICK

Auskick is a community run clinic providing a fun and safe environment for primary age boys and girls to learn to play Aussie Rules Football and learn to enjoy the game. We encourage a fun atmosphere to teach children to enjoy sport, practice skills and make new friends.

**Where:** McEwen Drive Oval Sunbury

**When:** Saturdays 9.30 – 11.15am

**Cost:** \$65 per child

Register at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au).



### MOTHERS DAY CLASSIC

**Let's get together and walk or run for Breast Cancer Research!**

**Who:** Complete Kids staff, families and friends (mums, dads, kids, grandparents, cousins, neighbours etc)

**What:** Mother's Day Classic Fun Run in Gisborne (Dixon Field, Robertson Rd, Gisborne)

**When:** Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>  
4km 8am / 8km 8.30am

**Entry fees:** \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids

**How:** register at

[www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/event/vic/gisborne-vic](http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/event/vic/gisborne-vic)

(make sure you indicate that you are part of the Complete Kids Early Learning Centre Team)

There will be a sausage sizzle and coffee available after your walk/run so come along and join the fun

with other families from Complete Kids and our local community.

Once you have registered you will be sent a link to your own personal fundraising page so if you want to take the fundraising a step further you can ask your friends and family to sponsor you!

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1, WEEK 9

Junior School Preps For working well in Term 1		Middle School An enthusiastic term's work	
Rm 1	Chelsea S, Ryley W	Rm 11	Ella R
Rm 2	Zac S, Chanelle E	Rm 12	Emily W
Rm 3	Will E, Zoe A	Rm 13	Katie M
Rm 4	Tautoko A, Oakley S	Rm 14	Skye H
Rm 5	Amber N, Hamish H	Rm 15	Josh A
Year 1/2 Writing a great recount		Rm 16	Declan S
		Senior School Thoughtful reflection during our "Learning to Learn" unit	
Rm 6	Caitlyn D	Rm 7	Luke H
Rm 17	Joshua C	Rm 8	Madelyn H
Rm 18	Callum D	Rm 9	Jess E
Rm 19	Amber M	Rm 10	Ben A
Rm 20	Lily M	Rm 25	Tarleea P
Rm 21	Sienna W	Rm 26	Bella M
Rm 22	Luke B		
Rm 23	Zinzan H-R		
Rm 24	Lily D		

Unfortunately late in term 1, the Year 3/4 Pupil of the Week winners for weeks 6 & 7 were not listed in the newsletter. We congratulate:

### PUPIL OF THE WEEK

For displaying initiative in the classroom Week 6	
Rm 11	Jack W
Rm 12	Katie G
Rm 13	Isaac M
Rm 14	Jakob F
Rm 15	Taygan L
Rm 16	Thomas S
Actively contributing to class discussions Week 7	
Rm 11	Patrick H
Rm 12	Ben C
Rm 13	Chloe P
Rm 14	Nick A
Rm 15	Tyren F
Rm 16	Rowan R

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# Win the Dollarmites' treasure.

Simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you'll be automatically entered into the competition.



## 1st Prize.

**\$5,000 family adventure to anywhere in Australia with \$500 spending money.**

## 25 x Runners-up prizes.

Awesome kid's packs that will always have you ready for adventure! Worth over \$700, they're jam-packed with:

- A Wii U
- Walkie talkies
- Night vision goggles
- A waterproof camera
- A Razor eSpark electric scooter



**Things to know before you Can:** NSW Permit No. LTPS/13/1306 . VIC Permit No. 13/476. ACT Permit No. TP13/645. SA Permit No. T13/307. Competition closes 05/07/13. First entry drawn on 23/07/13 from all entries received will win, and details will be published in the Public Notices section of *The Australian* on 02/08/13. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124, Level 13, Darling Park, Tower 1, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney, NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions at [commbank.com.au/adventureisland](http://commbank.com.au/adventureisland)

