



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork

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TERM CALENDAR

24 July	Parent Helpers Course 9am – 11am
1 Aug	3/4 & 5/6 Australian Maths Competition
6 Aug	Prep ABC Farm excursion
7 Aug	Prep DE Farm excursion
6/7/8 Aug	3/4 Lego excursion
12 /13 Aug	Kym Lardner Author visit
19 – 23 Aug	Book Week
26 August	Keyboard “open lesson” day
28 August	Fathers’ Day Stall
29 August	Guitar “open lesson” day
29 August	WALKATHON
4 Sept	Killara family Maths night
17 – 19 Sept	School Production: “WIPING OUT WASTE”

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Hi everyone,

Welcome to term 3!

This term promises to be an interesting and exciting one for our School Community, with a number of major events bringing us together. These events include:

- Book Week
- Our major fundraiser – a Walkathon
- A family Maths night
- Our inaugural School Production – “Wiping Out Waste”

Book Week is fast approaching (August 19 – 23) and is precluded by a visit from well-known children’s author, Kym Lardner. Kym’s presentations are always highly engaging for kids and provide a unique learning opportunity. Our dress up (as a favourite book character) day will be Wednesday August 21. Other activities will be organised for students.

Our Walkathon will be a whole of school community event and will occur on the afternoon of August 29. We will be encouraging all students, and any parents that can take part, to seek sponsors and take part in the walk. We hope to have some extra activities to make the afternoon a fun, family event. More on this very soon.

Our family nights are always very popular and a focus on Maths will once again occur, on September 4. (see the article below)

By far our biggest event this term (and indeed this year!) will be our school production. Kelli and the Production Team have been working hard to get the children ready and the plans in place for a colourful, all singing – all dancing show. Performances will be over three days, with a third of the school performing each day and 3 shows to choose from for each cast.

Stay tuned for more information and ticket sales. See Kelli’s article for the latest, below.

EMAIL PROTOCOLS

All families should have received the notice relating to our new school email protocols. Please make sure you complete the attachment and return it to school, so that email contact can be made with you as needed. Please remember, in particular, that you shouldn’t use email to relay urgent messages and that email is not for sensitive or confidential information. Teachers make their email addresses available on term team newsletters. If you are unsure, use the school email and your message will be forwarded – killara.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents are reminded that there are expectations relating to conduct when at the school. In particular please remember:

- All school issues are to be handled by the staff of the school. We attempt to resolve these issues through:
 - Calm discussions between the parties directly involved whilst respecting the dignity of each and every person
 - Being prepared to actively listen to another’s point of view.
 - Allowing correct procedures be followed to allow all parties to be heard
- Parents should not directly approach other students or make contact with their families. This only serves to compound the issues and make them more difficult to resolve. We believe that most situations can be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties.
- Under no circumstances is a parent or guardian to approach another child to discuss or chastise them because of their actions towards their own child. Please try to have a positive and open mind. We all have bad days and at times events occur which don’t always appear fair. We are dealing with children and they are learning how to behave. It is often the case that the injustice was not intentional, and many times not even apparent to others.
- Approach situations in a spirit of co-operation, understanding and genuine partnership.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2014

Enrolments are currently being accepted for 2014. Enrolments should be made by Friday July 26, 2013. This will assist the school with planning for 2014.

Enrolment forms are available from the school office. Enrolments should 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.

FAMILY OCCUPATION

All families will receive a notice regarding the family occupation status of parents. Please read the note

and attached information, fill out the form and kindly return it to the office by 26 July.

Best wishes,

Phil, Marie & Andrew

CURRENT NEWS

SCHOOL PRODUCTION - "WIPING OUT WASTE"

Third term has started well and the students have begun to rehearse for the whole school production in the theatre. Most students are really excited about their performance and the part they will play in the production. It would be great if you could talk to your children about the production and how much fun this event will be for them.



The production will run for 3 days and nights in the last week of this term, with each class performing on one of those days. All family members have been allocated to perform on the same day so that families only need to attend one performance. Stay tuned each week for more information, photos and updates. If anyone would like to volunteer some time to help out with painting, sewing and rehearsals or in any other way, please let me know as we could always do with your help and expertise.



Kelli Brogan
Performing Arts

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Over 50 Year 3/4 and 5/6 students at Killara Primary School will be participating in this year's Australian Mathematics Competition. The competition is an annual international Mathematics event held by the Australian Mathematics Trust of Australia (www.amt.edu.au) and one that Killara PS offers to students biannually as a way of supporting our students' involvement in Mathematics.

The competition comprises of a series of problems, most of which are set in situations that the students can relate, showing relevance of Mathematics to their everyday lives. Students will be taking part in the competition on Thursday 1st August at Killara PS. We look forward to having a fun day with Mathematics!

KILLARA PRIMARY SCHOOL FAMILY MATHS NIGHT

Once again, our very popular Family Maths Night will be held this year. So keep Wednesday 4th September marked in your diary for a great family night out. More information will be appearing in upcoming newsletters closer to the date.

PARENT HELPERS COURSE ENGLISH & MATHEMATICS

Thank you to parents who have indicated already their interest in attending our 3rd Parent Helpers course for 2013. It is not too late to let us know if you wish to attend. Our course will be running next Wednesday 24th July, starting at 9:00 in the theatre.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid from mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the 'direct deposit' or 'pay direct to school' payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on 2 August 2013.

Eligibility information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

Contact: School Office for an application form and further information.

DENTAL DONATIONS

The Year 5/6's have been studying Asia and will continue to do so for the next few weeks. We discovered that many countries are not as fortunate as ours.

In an effort to take action and make a difference, we have joined forces with our local Rotary Club to compile a package of dental products to send over to some schools and communities in India.

We are hoping that we can make a greater difference by getting the whole school on board. We are inviting families to donate dental products (toothbrushes, toothpaste or dental floss) to our collection.

Once a week, members of the 5/6 team will visit classrooms to collect donations. We will then sort and prepare these, ready for the next container that is sent to India.

Thank you
Mandy Marks-White

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