



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

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Newsletter 21

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CALENDAR

21 July	National Pyjama Day
27 July	Maths Competition Years 3 - 6
28 July	National Tree Planting Day
28 July	Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser
1 August	Prep 100 Days School
14 - 18 Aug	National Science Week
15 August	Year 1/2 Scienceworks Excursion A,B,C,D
15-16 Aug	Year 5/6 Geography Incursion
16 August	Prep Zoo Excursion
17 August	Year 1/2 Scienceworks Excursion E,F,G,H
21-25 Aug	Book Week
21 August	Book Week Parade
25 August	Daffodil Day
28 Aug-1 Sep	Literacy/Numeracy Week
28 August	Author Visit Prep – Year 2
29 August	Author Visit Year 3 - 6
31 August	Father's Day Stall
1 Sept	Year 5/6 Summer Sports
4 – 6 Sept	Year 3/4 Camp 3/4 B, C, E & F
6 – 8 Sept	Year 3/4 Camp 3/4 A, D, G
5 – 8 Sept	Book Fair
8 Sept	Back Up Summer Sports Day
19 Sept	School Council Meeting
21 Sept	Colour Run
22 Sept	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to families and students. After an exciting and very busy end to Term 2, we return for the second semester with the promise of further community events and activities and lots of learning opportunities for our students.

Some of the extra-curricular events to look forward to this term are: National Pyjama Day, Crazy Hair Day, National Tree Planting Day, Book Week, 3/4 Camp, author visits, Colour Run as well as incursions and excursions.

As usual, we will keep you advised of activities through our newsletter, through FlexiBuzz, Compass and on our web site. Team newsletters will be sent home next week.

Phil is taking a well-earned break and will be on long service leave for the first six weeks of the term. During this time, Pete Hansen will be the Acting Principal and will continue to be supported by Andrew O'Callaghan as Assistant Principal.

VALUES CLARIFICATION SURVEY

By the time you receive this newsletter, a survey will be available on-line, seeking parent/guardian opinion about our school values.

For many years our school values have been neatly packaged into the acronym CARES. Killara CARES works well, but we think it is time to reflect on and refresh our values. Given that they are values that we all can and should uphold, as they generally reflect societal values, we are inviting people to take some time and consider what the values mean to us and how we should enact them.

There are two parts to this survey. In the first part you will be asked to respond to each of the values by selecting three words that define that value for you. We will be using that information to form a common understanding of what each value means to each section of community – parents / guardians, students and staff. Each group will be asked to make their own responses.

In the second part you will be asked to consider actions and behaviours that should keep happening, start happening and stop happening in relation to each value. This will allow us to report back to each group and build the thoughts and responses into our codes of conduct as well as encourage further reflection.

Please use the following link to access the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/69MHNFY>

The survey will remain open until the end of the second week of Term 3.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The Parent Opinion Survey is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year, about 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. It can be accessed from Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August.

Further information will be forwarded next week to the 30 per cent of parents invited to respond.

NATIONAL PYJAMA DAY

As noted in the final newsletter last term, this Friday, July 21 is National Pyjama Day. Students are encouraged to come to school in their pyjamas. Students will meet with a buddy grade and read together. There is no fundraising for this event. The aim is to raise awareness about children in foster care and how the Pyjama Foundation helps these children.

You can read more here; <http://www.thepyjamafoundation.com/about-us/>



CRAZY HAIR DAY

Friday, July 28 is Crazy Hair Day. Students are encouraged to come to school with "crazy" hair! A different colour, a different style, a wig, whatever works!

The aim is to raise awareness about cystic fibrosis. We will be asking for a gold coin donation for this day, 100% of the funds will be donated to Cystic Fibrosis Australia <http://www.cysticfibrosis.org.au/>. You can read more here: <http://www.crazyhair.com.au/>

PLANNING FOR 2018

Next term we begin planning in earnest for 2018. To be able to accurately and effectively plan, we need to have a firm idea of the number of students we will have at the school next year. In particular, we seek to have an accurate idea of our prep numbers. Please assist by completing enrolments and reminding others that you know of to do the same. We would appreciate it if all enrolments could be completed by Monday, July 24.

DID YOU ROAM TO FIND A GNOME?

Over the term holidays, a number of our families participated in the Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt. Passports were purchased from the office with 25 Sunbury businesses and groups listed on them. Families had to visit each of these businesses to hunt down the 25 gnomes and identify their names.

Those involved have stated that this activity was once again a very enjoyable one for children and parents alike. In addition to children enjoying some extra goodies from participating business, discounts and specials were also on offer, allowing our older gnome hunters to also reap the benefits. All passports will be collected from the office tomorrow and taken to Goonawarra Primary School where correctly completed passports will go into the draw for some great prizes. This draw will take place at 9am Monday, July 24 at Goonawarra's school assembly. Please ensure you have [returned your passport to the office by tomorrow.](#)

Special thanks to our PFA and administration staff for their assistance in running this fundraiser, and of course to the local businesses and groups that participated.

Best Wishes
Pete and Andrew

CURRENT NEWS

OUTSIDE LIBRARY

We are pleased to announce that Killara's Outside Library is up and running on the paved area between the Library and Room 5. The books are available each lunchtime (weather permitting) and it is great to see students from all year levels already browsing and borrowing. We would like to say a special thank you to the families who donated excellent quality books for this initiative. The Literacy Team is striving to promote the reading of "Just Right" texts within and outside the classroom, so a variety of interesting texts is important. Some of the Outside Library titles include: Wombat Stew, Billie B Brown, Magic School Bus, The Twits, Goosebumps, Beast Quests, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Zac Power, Cars, Nemo and many, many more!!

Happy Reading from the Literacy Team!

PREP ENROLMENTS 2018

Enrolments are currently being accepted for 2018. [Enrolments should be made by Monday July 24, 2017](#) (or earlier if possible!). This will assist the school with planning for 2018.

Existing families who have previously indicated they will have enrolments for 2018 will have received enrolment forms and these should be returned by Monday July 24. If you require enrolment forms please see the office.

Enrolments must be accompanied by a birth certificate and immunisation certificate. Copies of these documents are acceptable.

Please be sure to alert family and friends who may be interested in the excellent learning opportunities that Killara Primary School provides.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS TREE PLANTING DAY – FRIDAY JULY 28

It's on again! Weather permitting, students from Year 3/4 will be planting a range of native shrubs next Friday from 11.30 until lunchtime. We are also hoping to get some Year 5/6s to help mulch the areas.

Any parents who would like to come along and give us a hand, you will be most welcome. Please leave a note at the office if you can make it or drop into room 22 and see me.

Robyn Smith and the Sustainability Team

PAYMENTS DUE
Year 5/6 Term 3 Netbook: Overdue

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