School Council
Following the close of nominations, the following people are declared elected to School Council for 2015/2016:

- Neil Christie (parent)
- Brenton Anderson (parent)
- Lauren Hayes (parent)
- Sam Hallinan (parent)
- Andrew Guthrie (DET)

All parent and DET positions are now filled on the School Council.
The final meeting of the current School Council takes place next Tuesday February 24.
The new Council will meet for the first time on March 24. Office bearers will be elected at that meeting.

CODE OF CONDUCT
Killara Primary School is now a very large community, with over 600 students and their associated families and 50 staff members. With size comes complexity. It is so important that we follow procedure, maintain a positive attitude and seek to be respectful and supportive at all times. After all – we have a terrific school, with dedicated staff, engaged and connected students and excellent facilities.

Should you have an unresolved issue, you are encouraged to follow our stated process and seek a discussion and resolution.

Our Parent Code of Conduct states:
If you have a concern or issue relating to your child, please make use of the following steps:

1. Contact the class teacher first – they are in the best position to help you, as they know your child well and are directly responsible for them
2. If you have further concerns or need further support, please speak to the Team Leaders
3. If you still have concerns or are requiring further support, please make an appointment to see Assistant Principal Student Welfare and Wellbeing for student well-being and welfare issues. If the issue is a learning-related one, make an appointment to see the Assistant Principal Learning and Teaching
4. For urgent matters, or if you believe that you have not had the follow up you would like, please make an appointment to see the Principal.

At all times we encourage you to be positive about school with your children and with others in the community. A positive focus on school and schooling promotes student engagement and ensures children receive the right messages about the importance of education, attendance and dedication to learning. Encouraging children to build their own resilience is a key to the development of independence and self-management.

ACCIDENT AND PERSONAL PROPERTY INSURANCE
A reminder, as previously stated, to parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, that you are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Please also remember that the Department (or the school) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

VAGO ADDITIONAL SCHOOL COSTS FOR FAMILIES REPORT
You may have read in the press that the Victorian Auditor-General has released a report on school costs for parents.

In response to the report’s findings, the Minister for Education has asked the Department of Education and Training to review its parent payment policy.

As a result of any changes to the Department’s policy, we will work with our school council to update our own policy.

We don’t expect any changes until later in 2015 and, as we adhere to current guidelines, don’t expect many changes.

The Department’s parent payment policy is what we use to guide us in deciding what we will ask you to pay each year.

We review our own parent payment policy, in conjunction with our school council, on a yearly basis and notify you of any changes through our newsletter and through our requests for payment for materials and requisites. We also outline Financial Commitments in our Parent Handbook (soon to be sent home to all families).

Our aim is to ensure our policy meets parents’ expectations, while also ensuring that all of our students are able to participate in the programs we offer.
Our policy sets out what we ask you to pay for to support your child's learning, such as books and stationery, and what we ask for optional extracurricular activities.

As always, if you have any queries, or would like to discuss how the school can support you in financial matters, please call the school.

MEET THE TEACHER
Thank you to all of you who attended and met with teachers at school to share information about your child/ren. It is important to develop a strong home/school partnership so we can work together to acknowledge your child's achievements and assist with further development. Another strength of attending these discussions is that it is a further opportunity to show your child that you value education. It is important to let your child know the positive things that have been discussed to encourage them to be positive about learning. Thanks to teachers for their preparation and engagement at the interviews.

Should you have further information to share with us about your child that could affect the way they operate don't hesitate to let us know. More formal interviews will again be conducted midyear when reports have been distributed.

GATES
A reminder that all school pedestrian gates are fitted with child safety latches to ensure good security and safety for our students.

To open, simply reach through the opening and lift the knob on top of the latch fitting. Please do not lift or release the metal drop pins.

Please also make sure gates are closed as you enter or exit. The large double gates at the corner of the school near the child care centre MUST NOT be used as pedestrian gates. The crossing set up between the school and the child care centre has been established for safe crossing between the two facilities and is for that purpose only.

For student safety, NO PARENT/GUARDIAN CARS are to enter either staff carpark (Rees Rd or Phillip Drive).

MEDICAL ALERT
From time to time students take medication that significantly suppresses the immune system and as such the child has very little defence against bacterial and viral infections and may become very unwell if affected. There is such a case presently at Killara.

We are seeking your consideration and ask that if your child has a bacterial or viral infection they do not attend school due to the increased susceptibility of the student concerned.

Please alert the school if your child is diagnosed with any infectious conditions such as chicken pox, slapped cheek, hand, foot and mouth disease etc.

We appreciate your support with this matter.

10 TIPS WHEN READING WITH YOUR CHILD
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.

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

HABITS OF MIND
Habits of Mind is a focus in the 3-6 area that flows on from the You Can Do It program in Prep to 2. Last year as a staff we were involved in professional learning to implement Habits of Mind in Years 3-6. Throughout the year, students will be learning how to use the 16 Habits of Mind with their learning and everyday life.
“We want our children to develop those habits that lead them to become lifelong learners, effective problem solvers and decision makers, able to communicate with a diverse population and to understand how to live successfully in a rapidly changing, high tech world.” Art Costa (founder of Habits of Mind)

Best wishes,
Phil, Andrew and Pete

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GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS
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Year 1/2 - Luke H Rm 25
Year 3/4 – Madison S Rm 15
Year 5/6 – Tate G Rm 7

CURRENT NEWS

PARENT HELPERS COURSE
All new parents intending to assist in classrooms will need to attend a Parent Helper program session before they begin working in classrooms. This program initially addresses issues of protocols and confidentiality and then looks at Literacy and Numeracy assistance.

There will be two sessions offered on Wednesday 4th March. Session 1 will be from 9:15 – 10:15am and session 2 from 6:00 – 7:00pm. You will need to attend one or the other session in so that your name can be added to the school register of Parent Helpers.

Can you please register your interest in either of these sessions with our office staff so that we ensure that there are adequate handouts for participants.

The venue for these sessions at school will be determined by participant numbers and we will advise at a date closer to Wednesday 4th March.

Please note: All parents assisting with any school activities/programs are required to have a Working with children check. You can apply online at www.workingwithchildren.com.au

TODDLER STORYTIME
Toddler Storytime starts next Wednesday 25th February at 2.40 pm in the library.

Great opportunity to share books, sing songs, meet people and have fun. Lots of happy faces and a great learning experience for your child. Babies, toddlers, kids, parents and grandparents all welcome.

Heather Huke - Librarian

PFA
A welcome afternoon tea will be held on Wednesday 4th March at 2:30pm in the staffroom, for any new or current parents who would like to join or find out more about how the PFA operates as well as how you can be involved as a Friend of the PFA.

PFA are currently organising an Easter Raffle, stay tuned for information.

Next PFA Meeting: Tuesday March 10th (2pm Sub Committees, Meeting starts at 2:30pm – Staffroom)

STUDENT UPDATES

Please check all areas and confirm we have the correct details on file. Especially phone numbers, emergency contacts, medical details, student immunisation (if incomplete an immunisation certificate needs to be provided to the school as soon as possible), so that we have the most up to date information for your child. Please mark any alterations with a different coloured pen and return to front office as soon as possible.

SWIMMING
Selected students from Years 4/5/6 will be representing our school at the SPSSA District Twilight Swimming Carnival next Thursday 26th February from 4:15pm onwards. We wish our competitors well and remind them to return documentation and payment as soon as possible.

Spectators are welcome, but students would need to be accompanied by a parent as this is an out of school hours event.
CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
Children residing more than 4.8kms from their nearest government school may be eligible for a conveyance allowance. Those families who received conveyance allowance in 2014 and are still eligible will automatically qualify in 2015 and do not need to reapply.
Any other families seeking conveyance allowance support in 2015 will need to complete an application form, which is available from the office. The completed application form needs to be returned to school by Monday 2nd March 2015. If you have any enquiries, please contact the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2015
Unfortunately due to a clash of dates with our inter school athletics carnival we have had to move our school photo day to 29 April 2015.
Sibling photos (siblings who attend Killara) will be taken the week after on Wednesday 6 May.
We apologise for any inconvenience.
More information regarding ordering and cost will be distributed closer to the date.

TIQBIZ APP
Killara Primary School now has available an “app” to use for communicating with our families. The app is called “TIQBIZ” and can be downloaded onto your smartphone, tablet or computer.
Remember to select both “whole school” and your children’s year level when prompted. This will ensure you receive all notifications we send for the whole school, as well as those to specific year levels.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LIGHTS OF CULTURE FESTIVAL
21st March 2015, 12noon – 9pm Broadmeadows Town Park. For more information hume.vic.gov.au/events or 9205 2200

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC PARISH SUNBURY
First Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation - 2015
Information meetings for Parents and Guardians of children in Year 3 or later, wishing to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion, will be held at the Parish Centre, 101 Riddell Road, on Wednesday 4 March at 2 pm or 7.30pm.
The meeting will provide you with details of the preparation arrangements for 2015 and the involvement required of candidates and parents. Enrolment forms will be distributed at this meeting.
For further information contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060.

SUNBURY LIONS FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
Registration Day Sunday 22nd February 11.00am to 2.00pm Boardman Oval No. 2, Mitchells Lane (Next to the athletics track).
Fielding teams in every grade from Under 10s through to Under 16s & Junior Netball under 13’s, 15’s & 17’s.
For further information call our Club Registrar, Kat Muir on 0409 335 308 www.sunburyfc.com.au
Established in 1974, Sunbury Lions are Sunbury’s oldest Junior Football Club.
The club’s constitution ensures that the development of every player is our first priority and we have a strict policy on game time & the rotation of players through positions.

SUNBURY WOMEN’S & YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB
Sunbury are now recruiting girls and women for their U12, U18 and Senior women’s team for the 2015 season. Training is held every Wednesday at Clarke Oval, Riddell Rd. Coaching staff, trainers and support staff are also required. For more information contact Krystie 0408557159 or kdudley19@hotmail.com

DIGGERS REST JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
Calling all Juniors for season 2015. Boys and girls aged U10-U14 & boys U16 football. Girls 11’s, 13’s & 15’s netball. Registration day Sunday 22nd February 11am – 1.30pm at The Burra’s Club, Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve

SUNBURY KANGAROOS FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
U11 Netball players wanted for the 2015 season. For enquiries call Kate 0400066943

Sunbury Library
44 Macedon Street
Sunbury, Victoria 3429
Tel: 03 9356 6970
Located next to Hume City Council’s Sunbury Customer Service Centre.

Opening Hours
Monday: 9am - 5pm
Tuesday: 12noon - 8pm
Wednesday: 12noon - 8pm
Thursday: 12noon - 8pm
Friday: 9am - 5pm
Saturday: 9am - 1pm
Sunday: 2pm - 5pm
