FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

EXTRA CURRICULA
Thank you to staff and parents for their organisation and assistance at recent events including swimming, athletics and choir. Particular thanks to Andrew P, Kelli and Kellie for their training at lunch and/or after school in the lead up to events as well as their commitment on the day/night (see reports within).

EARLY DISMISSAL
Don’t forget we complete our term at 2:30pm next Friday 27th March. Students will be dismissed from classrooms at this time.

CURRICULUM DAY
Our Curriculum Day on Friday 20th March will focus on further developing our school as a Professional Learning Community.

“A Professional Learning Community is an ongoing process in which educators work collaboratively in recurring cycles of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better results for the students they serve. Professional learning communities operate under the assumption that the key to improved learning for students is continuous job-embedded learning for educators” Learning by Doing: A Handbook for Professional Learning Communities at Work 2010

We will focus on developing NORMS for how we work together, the 3 Big Ideas and 4 Critical Questions.

3 Big Ideas:
1. Focus on Learning
2. Focus on Collaboration
3. Focus on Results.

4 Critical Questions:
1. What do we want the students to learn?
2. How will we know if they have learned?
3. How will we respond if they aren’t learning?
4. How will we respond if they already know it?

STUDENT SURVEYS
Next week students’ will be participating in student surveys so we can gather feedback about their overall experience at Killara. Student surveys are conducted every term and involve questions about student connectedness to teachers and peers, engagement, how safe they feel at school and their learning.

As a staff, we collate this data and discuss ways we can enhance students’ learning and teachers discuss the results with their class. This enables teachers to clarify students’ thoughts and put strategies in place to further improve their learning.

Best wishes, Phil, Andrew and Pete

CURRENT NEWS

KILLARA CHOIR – BATTLE OF THE CHOIRS
On Saturday the 14th of March Killara’s Choir competed at the Battle of the School Choirs at Sunfest. 45 students arrived very excited to perform. They were fantastic. Not only did they sing and perform to the best of their ability but they represented Killara with superb sportsmanship and their behaviour was impeccable.

They sang two songs, “Let it go” from Frozen and an “ABBA Medley”. There were 5 strong choirs in the event and as we had won the event last year the students were hoping to be successful again this year and that was exactly what happened. We would like to thank the parents for taking the students to the event, as extra curricular activities are normally on school days. We would like to thank Kelli and Kellie for being there and training us and the school community that came and supported us at the event.

A memorable day was had by all.

PAYMENT REMINDERS

Term 2 Netbook fees: due by end of Term 1
Camp Deposit: Overdue
Easter Raffle: due 25 March
Year 3-6 Forensic Science Workshop: due 15 April

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Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork

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| CALENDAR |
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| 20 March        | Curriculum Day  |
| 24 March        | School Council Meeting |
| 25 March        | Toddler Story time 2.30pm |
| 27 March        | Last Day Term 1 Dismissal 2.30pm |
| 13 April        | Term 2 Begins 9am |
| 17 April        | Forensic Science Workshop Year 3-6 |
| 20 – 22 April   | Year 5/6 Camp |
| 29 April        | School Photos |
| 6 May           | Sibling Photos |
| 7 May           | Mother's Day Stall |

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KILLARA T-BALL
All of Killara Primary School and especially the Boys and Girls T-ball team would like to thank Sunbury Square for their support of our T-Ball Team. We were due for some new catching gloves and their kind $400 donation has enabled us to buy a whole team’s worth in preparation for inter school sports this year.

EASTER RAFFLE
1st Prize is an Apple iPad plus lots of other great prizes including Easter Eggs, Snap Fitness bag and 1 month membership, rotisserie, tyre service and photography & cinema vouchers. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. Tickets and money are to be returned to school by Wednesday 25th March. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 26th March. Get your tickets back to win some great prizes, extra tickets are available from the office if needed. Thanks for your support.

SPECIALIST AREA
To find out what your children are learning in each of the specialist areas please go to any one of our blogs and check out photos and information. Please feel free to make comments and ask questions. Please discuss photos and information with your children so that they can share their learning with you.

Health and P.E - phsysedandsportkillaraps.global2.vic.edu.au
Performing Arts - performingartskillaraps.global2.vic.edu.au
Visual Arts - awesomeartists.global2.vic.edu.au
Library - libraryatkillara.global2.vic.edu.au
Auslan - Auslanatkillara.global2.vic.edu.au

PUPIL OF THE WEEK
TERM 1, WEEK 7

Junior School Preps
For hearing and recording sounds in class
R1 Leah D/Mia Q
R2 Samuel M/Willow T
R3 Oscar H/Bella W
R4 Maison C/Jamieson H
Year 1/2 Consistently reading and returning their take home books
R17 Cayden K
R18 Jaxon G
R19 Joel L
R20 Matthew B
R23 Maddison M
R24 Hamish H
R25 Sienna F
R26 Jet L
R15 Connor W
R16 William P
R21 Alysha T
R22 Tyler T
R5 Chelsea H
R6 Mitchell J
R7 Tate G
R8 Abbey-Rose B
R9 Rory A
R10 Brandon C

Middle School Displaying initiative in the classroom
R11 Lorenza K-C
R12 Ahnaf H
R13 Madeleine M
R14 Lily M
R15 Connor W
R16 William P
R21 Alysha T
R22 Tyler T

Senior School Displaying initiative in the classroom

TODDLER STORYTIME
Toddler Story time will be held on Wednesday 25th March at 2.40pm in the library. Bring a favourite toy to share. All welcome for stories, songs and games.

GOOD CITIZEN AWARD
Prep – Mia E Rm 3
Year 1/2 – Ashlyn D Rm 26
Year 3/4 – Mikayla T Rm 15
Year 5/6 – Jaide H Rm 8

R1 Vaughan R/Shayla M
R2 Ilija V/Ella I
R3 Leah H-B/Bryce P
R4 Ethan G/Matilda L
Year 1/2 Using powerful writing techniques in their Autumn writing
R15 Mitch W
R16 Perry M
R21 Eliza H
R22 Jacob W
R11 Ryan G
R12 Keisha H
R13 Gracie B
R14 Matthew B
R17 Amber N
R18 Bailey M
R19 Salini T
R20 Alicia M
R23 Minni L
R24 Zak M
R25 Kurtys G
R26 Nash E
R5 Elizabeth K
R6 Zach S
R7 Toby A
R8 Jordan M
R9 Kobi M
R10 Emma M

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R10 Emma M
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Last Friday 50 students represented Killara at the Sunbury Schools Athletics Carnival. All students competed really well and with lunchtime and a couple of after school sessions, our team was ready to shine. As the day ran a little late, results were not announced. We will be notified of the results and students moving onto the next stage soon. Special thanks to teachers and parents for their support on the day.

CROSS COUNTRY
Cross Country will be run on Thursday 16th April here at Killara. The course which is still to be confirmed will utilize parts of the track that runs outside the school. Students in year 4, 5 & 6 will be competing for places in the team and Year 3 will be using it as a valuable experience. 10 Boys and Girls will run 2km and 11 and 12 year olds will run 3km on the day. The interschool event is scheduled for Monday 4th May.

ANZAC DAY
*This year is the 100th anniversary of the landing of the ANZACs at Gallipoli. I am taking this opportunity to commemorate this year’s ANZAC Day and research my own family history by visiting Gallipoli over the coming month. If you would like to keep updated with where I visit and share in the experiences of WWI, please follow my blog [http://sailingtogallipoli.global2.vic.edu.au/](http://sailingtogallipoli.global2.vic.edu.au/) I look forward to sharing this adventure with everyone!*
Sarah Round - Prep A

KIDS MATTER
We continue to seek your feedback on KidsMatter. The survey asks parents and carers for their perspectives on their child’s school and what they think is important for schools to consider in better supporting children’s mental health and wellbeing.

SENSITIVE CHILDREN - MICHAEL GROSE
Do you have a sensitive child?
You know, a child who takes everything you or others say to heart; a child who has a thin skin and worries too much, particularly about things out of their control.

Sensitive kids worry about what others think of them. They often sense danger well before others and they see the consequences of behaviours well before their peers.

Sensitive kids are like mood detectives with their antennae up trying to detect subtle changes in the moods of those around them. In some ways this is healthy as emotionally intelligent people are tuned into the behaviours and feelings of others. Sensitive kids generally have high emotional intelligence quotients.

If you have a sensitive child you need to see and appreciate both their sides. The side we most often see is the shy, inhibited, fearful worrier. The flipside is that sensitive kids generally have kind hearts; are empathetic, intuitive and usually possess a creative streak. These are wonderful attributes to have.

Recent research into the area of children’s sensitivity revealed that around 40% of sensitive kids experience some form of real anxiety.

The secret to the 60% of kids who DON’T experience anxiety are certain ‘protective’ factors. The top of this list is parenting style. Sensitive kids benefit from having an optimistic, resilient parent who supports them but doesn’t allow them to take themselves too seriously. It also helps if parents can encourage their child to take risks socially and applaud their social successes, no matter how minor. Parents need to show their child how to recognise their own emotional state and in doing so better manage their emotions so they can live happy, more productive lives.

The double whammy for kids of sensitivity and negative or pessimistic parents is not ideal. Kids need a parent who gets across the message that there are some unpleasant events but they can cope with them. Parents need to recognise their own emotions and response in order to help their child recognise and regulate their emotional state.

It is good if parents are supportive; even better if a parent is resilient so that the sensitive child sees how to cope with some of life’s hurts, rejections and disappointments. In fact, sensitive kids are less likely to develop anxiety if at least one parent is of the ‘thick-skinned’, positive, even jovial type. This reinforces that the world really is a great place and not full of uncertainty and danger.

When sensitive kids are raised in a balanced way with proper understanding and encouragement, they are well-placed to grow up to be happy, healthy, unusually well-adjusted and creative adults.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNBURY COLLEGE 2015 OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 21st April
The evening commences at 7pm with an information session in the ECA, followed by a guided tour of the College at 7.30pm. For more information contact the school on 97441066.

READING CINEMAS
If you and your family are going to Reading Cinemas over the school holidays remember to take the school reward program vouchers to earn points towards tickets for future raffle prizes.
Reward Program vouchers for Reading Cinemas are available at the office, thank you for your support.
SWIMMING AND ATHLETIC CARNIVAL PHOTOS