



CALENDAR

24 April	CURRICULUM DAY (Pupil Free Day)
25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
4 May	Mother's Day Stall
9 May	Year 1/2 Cultural Incursion
16 May	2018 Prep Tour 9.30am
17 May	2018 Prep Information Session 7pm
18 May	2018 Prep Tour 9.30am

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all students and families. We hope you enjoyed any time you were able to spend together as a family and that you had a Happy Easter. 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.

TERM 2

This term is a term of consolidation of learning. After a short Term 1, students buckle down to achieving their learning goals and aim to improve and do their best.

NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and 5 students occurs this term, with students being assessed in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

During this term, we also have a number of extra-curricular activities. These include:

- Mother's Day Stall
- The start of the STOMP dancing program
- Winter inter-school sports
- School Cross Country event
- Our annual visit by Alpha Theatre Group, this year presenting "Snow Queen"

We are looking forward to a productive, exciting and enjoyable term.

CURRICULUM DAY

On Monday 24 April, the primary schools in Sunbury will be involved in a combined curriculum day. Teachers have chosen to attend one of three venues for the day; Literacy @ Killara, Numeracy @ Sunbury West PS and Wellbeing @ Kismet Park PS. The network has arranged presenters of high quality so this will be a fantastic learning opportunity for our staff. Our office staff will also be involved on the day so they will be unavailable to assist with any enquiries. **This is a pupil free day.**

2017 ENROLMENTS

We have had a number of enquiries recently about enrolling prep students for 2017. We are in the process of preparing enrolment packs and will be able

to start taking enrolments in May. If known, families of new Prep children with siblings already at the school will receive an enrolment package directly.

Morning information sessions and tours will be held on May 16 and 18 with an evening information session on May 17.

If you know of new families please encourage them to attend one of the sessions.

ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

As is tradition at our school, we will be having an ANZAC Day Assembly on Monday May 1, at 9.00am. The choir will be singing and the Leadership students will be doing readings. This will be instead of our regular assembly.

A group of students, accompanied by some local teachers including Karen Francis who is organising, will lay a wreath and be present at the Sunbury RSL ANZAC service on Tuesday morning.

A reminder that Tuesday is a public holiday for ANZAC Day and the school will be closed.

RCH GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

Congratulations to the students who represented our school on Channel 7 for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. A special thank you to Madeleine M and Shaila M for their work on creating the big cheque. Congratulations to Eric S, Rylan H, Talesha Irvine, Luke H, Rehan H and Hayley B on their amazing work representing our school during the Channel 7 cheque presentation.



Thank you to everyone in our school community who helped raise \$1293.80 for a very worthy cause! A great effort and thanks for your support!

Well done to Jade Batey and Maddy Nelson for the time they put in to organising the activities and events associated with the Appeal.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP EXECUTIVE

The Student Leadership Council held an election at the end of last term to vote in some of their members as Executive Leaders. These members will head up smaller committees that will focus on specific areas of the school – for example; Sports, Arts, etc.

All Student Leadership Council members will be given opportunities to lead and make changes at our school. The Executive team will be given extra opportunities such as speaking at memorial services and attending leadership conferences. They will then bring their knowledge back to the other members of the SLC and teach them and others in their year level. Congratulations to the following seven students who will be forming our Student Leadership Executive Team: Eric S, Maddie M, Patrick C, Stephanie C, Stephanie O and Tyler T.

The Student Leadership Executive attended a Student Leadership Conference (Grip Leadership) with Mrs Hurley and Mr Hansen today at Moonee Valley Racing Club with hundreds of primary school aged students across Victoria. They learnt about responsibility, modelling values, upholding the trust of others, creativity and developing their own strengths. The conference aims to provide student leaders with a clear vision of leadership and ideas for their time as leaders. The students represented our school with pride and we congratulate them on their involvement today.

Killara's Leadership Executive will be recognised at our school assembly on May 8.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing is fast approaching for Year 3 and 5 students. Please remember that NAPLAN is a point in time measurement of progress and only one piece of information in the assessment jigsaw.

Students can be prepared for NAPLAN, by being familiarised with the format and learning some simple strategies to assist when solving the problems posed in the test. Teachers reinforce the importance of asking for help when needed (teachers are able to read questions to students in the Mathematics component), making sure to read the whole question and all the answer choices, eliminating obvious incorrect answers, circling key words, skimming text for answers and checking answers at the end.

All students have also had experience at writing persuasive and narrative texts, one of which will be the task for the Writing component.

Despite this preparation, it is important to reinforce the message that this testing is simply another part of a student's work. We wish to avoid, as much as possible, students becoming anxious when doing the tests. The important messages are to "do your best" and "do as much as you can".

The NAPLAN tests occur May 9-11. All Year 3 and 5 students participate, unless parents formally request that their child does not participate (please contact your child's teacher) or an exemption is granted.

PAYMENTS DUE

Year 5/6 Term 2 Netbook: Overdue
Year 1/2 Cultural Incursion: May 2

STUDENT TOILETS

We have recently experienced a number of incidents with students behaving inappropriately whilst using the student toilet facilities. Incidents have included objects being disposed of in toilet bowls or left in sinks, taps intentionally left running with sinks blocked, wet toilet paper thrown on walls and ceilings and graffiti. Students have been reminded of the trust that is placed in them when going to the toilet and of appropriate behaviour when doing so. Reminders have also been given about using time before school starts and at recess and lunch times to go to the toilet. This minimizes the need to go during class time – something that results in learning time being interrupted.

Please re-iterate these messages at home with your child. If your child mentions that they have been involved in or witnessed such behaviour, please encourage them to bring this to the attention of their classroom teacher.

Best wishes,
Phil, Pete and Andrew

CURRENT NEWS

PFA NEWS

Tesselaar Spring Bulb Fundraiser

Tomorrow, all families will receive a flyer providing information on how to order Tesselaar Bulbs – our first fundraiser for the year. Tesselaar are a company with more than 70 years experience in trialing and testing garden plants. Tesselaar offers a fundraiser program where organisations can purchase bulbs of garden plants and flowers whilst at the same time raising money for the organisation. The flyer being sent home tomorrow will provide information on how to order Tesselaar bulbs online. Your order will then be processed and delivered to your door!

Killara Primary School will receive 40% of all profits. So here is the perfect opportunity to get the garden ready for Spring, or provide someone with a gift so that they can get their garden ready for Spring (Mother's Day is just around the corner!). And of course, you will also be supporting the school.

Please look out for the Tesselaar flyer tomorrow. All orders must be **finalised by Friday May 5**. Alternatively, you can order right now by going to www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/KillaraPS.

Our Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday May 4 – a week earlier than normal due to NAPLAN testing in the following week. Mother's Day is Sunday May 14. Donations can include soap, candles, kitchen, gardening or sporting items or any other Mother's Day related item. All donations are greatly appreciated.



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