



# Killara Primary School

*Our Best – Every Child, Every Day*

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support

Newsletter 30

September 20 2017

## CALENDAR

21 Sept	Colour Run 2.00pm
22 Sept	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish
9 October	TERM 4 BEGINS 9am
10 October	Special Group photo day
18 October	Maths Night
26 October	Year 1/2 Community Helpers Expo
6 November	<b>CURRICULUM DAY</b>
7 November	<b>MELBOURNE CUP DAY</b>
10 November	T20 Milo Blast Year 5/6 Teams
22 November	Prep 2018 Information Night 7pm
28 November	Prep 2018 Orientation Session 1 9.15 – 10.15am
5 December	Prep 2018 Orientation Session 2 9.15 – 10.15am
12 December	Prep 2018 Orientation Session 3 9.15 – 10.40am
12 December	Year 3-5 Swimming Trials
19 December	Year 6 Graduation
22 December	Last Day Term 4 1:30pm Finish

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

### LAST DAY OF TERM - FRIDAY

A reminder that we have early dismissal at the end of each term. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm tomorrow, Friday September 22. Please make sure that **ALL** students are picked up on time. We ask that there are no late pick-ups on the day, as staff will not be available to supervise students.

### “RUN FOR COLOUR!”

Our Colour Run is on tomorrow THURSDAY, September 21! This is our major fundraiser for the year with all funds being used to establish our vegetable garden and outdoor library.

As well as fundraising via creating an online page, you can also fundraise by collecting cash and handing it over to the school by the cut-off date - which is not until next term (13th October). Your child will still receive a prize of their choice according to the amount of funds they raise. After the event don't forget to hand back your order form with your prize(s) clearly marked on the back page. Be sure to fill out all details so you don't miss out.

Every bit of fundraising counts whether it be \$10 or \$500. It is all money raised for your child's school and will go to help Killara be the best it can be.

Tomorrow students are to wear casual clothes with a white top which increases the effectiveness of the colour. As students will be lightly sprayed with water from spray bottles, the white top needs to be worn over another layer of clothing. Each child will receive a

wrist band and funky sunglasses to wear during the event and after the event they will receive a frozen fruit juice stick.

Parents and relatives are encouraged to come along for the afternoon and support your children. We will have the Sacco Coffee Van onsite to enjoy a hot beverage during the event. Come down for our 2pm start.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow afternoon and encourage you to join in the spirit of the afternoon by throwing on a splash of colour!

This week, our Killara **COLOUR Congratulations** go to...



Logan V Prep A  
\$265!



Isabella B 1/2F  
\$215!



Connor B Prep B  
\$215!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council met last night and the following business was covered:

- Council endorsed further negotiations with the Boilerhouse Theatre group regarding hire of and use of the school theatre
- An update on the building program and endorsement of variations, including extra painting and replacement of the office benchtop
- An overview of Sunbury growth from now to 2041 – including population growth, new schools and housing developments
- An outline and illustration of the next 1:1 device program for years 5/6, with endorsement to seek quotes and finalise
- An outline of planning processes for 2018
- Presentation of data from the parent School Values survey
- Discussion about communication and managing change at Killara

## HOLIDAY SECURITY

We would like to encourage the school community to 'keep an eye' on the school over the holidays. Please report any unwanted or illegal behaviours to the police on '000', even if you only have suspicions.



We unfortunately continue to experience occasional vandalism and damage to our school by people using the school grounds. The costs involved with repairing

damage cannot be afforded by our school and means that valuable funds that should be used to support our students may be used to make such repairs.

Also, as a result, I issue this statement:

*“Except for certain limited purposes under the Summary Offences Act 1966, a school is not a ‘public place’. There is no general right of the public at large to be there, either within or outside school hours. A school ground is not ‘public land’. It is land held by the Minister for Education for educational purposes.”*

(Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide, Section 6.16 Legal Liability and Associated Matters)

#### TERM 4

Phil will be resuming his leave during term 4. Pete Hansen has been selected by the region to undertake the acting Principal role. An acting Assistant Principal is being sought to fill Pete’s position during this time.

**Best Wishes for a safe and happy holiday, Phil, Pete and Andrew**

### CURRENT NEWS

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 3, WEEK 5 - 6			
Senior School Writing a letter to a famous author		Senior School Enthusiastically participating in Book Week activities	
R5	Jayden W	R5	Rianna G
R6	Ishmam Y	R6	Kain M
R7	Alicia M	R7	Liam B
R8	Brad C	R8	Phoenix M
R9	Noah M-W	R9	Hauyie L
R10	Haylee G	R10	Rourke G

#### PAYMENTS DUE

**Understanding Ourselves:** Overdue Year 5/6 Netbook Term 4: 22 September

**Please Note:** If payment has not been received by tomorrow September 22, students will not be permitted to take their device home over the holiday period. If you are having difficulties with payment please contact the office.

**Graduation Bears:** October 20



#### ADVANCED LIFE GROUP PHOTO DAY

On Tuesday 10 October Advanced life photographers will be at Killara to take the following group photos.

Year 6 Graduation Group  
Classroom Heros Semester 1 and 2

Class Captains and Vice Captains Semester 1 and 2  
2017 Student Leadership Council

If your child is a member of any of these groups, they will receive an order envelope from the classroom teachers prior to the end of term. If you place an order before photo day the early bird price will be \$14 per photo. If you place an order online after photo day the regular price \$17 will be in place. An information sheet will accompany the order envelope your child receives next week. If you have any concerns regarding ordering these photos please contact Advanced Life on 9852 1133 or email [info@advancedlifevic.com.au](mailto:info@advancedlifevic.com.au)

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 3, WEEK 7					
<b>Junior School</b> Being responsible and conscientious learner					
R1	Mya R				
R2	Gracie G				
R3	Brinleigh L				
R4	James S				
<b>Year 1/2</b> Exploring using different division strategies		<b>Senior School</b> Responding to a Morris Gleitzman text			
R17	Harlow H				
R18	Luka J				
R19	Cordelia B				
R20	Hayley G				
R23	Hayden G			R5	Sebastian E
R24	Sophie J			R6	Ollie A
R25	Tonyah W-W			R7	Millie J
R26	Cohen S			R8	Jackson W
				R9	Darcy F
		R10	Brianna M		

#### COMPASS

The following task for Year 1/2 will go live on Friday September 22:

- Critique and Time learning tasks

The following learning tasks will be made available to parents of Year 3/4 students by Tuesday October 10:

- Mathematics: Shape and Angles
- Inquiry: Australian History

#### CANTEEN – Friday 22 September

Please note, the canteen will be open for counter sales at recess only and lunch orders on Friday due to our early dismissal time. It will **NOT** be open at lunch time for counter sales.

#### YEAR 3-6 WRITERS EXPO

The Year 3-6 writers expo has been open for viewing all week, with fantastic published work by students from 3/4 and 5/6. The expo will be open for half an hour after school Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September for members of the school community to view the work of our students. We look forward to seeing you all there.



## PFA NEWS

Trivia Night

What do Aliens, Bel-Air and the Wild, Wild West have in common? SAVE THE DATE!!!! Our Term 4 fundraiser will be on Friday November 17, and will be Killara's first. Can you guess our theme?

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 3, WEEK 8			
Junior School Creative writing in their narrative piece		Middle School Showing resilience and great teamwork whilst on camp	
R1	Tom G	R12	William Z
R2	Connor B	R13	Darcie M
R3	Nicholas N	R14	Bridget S
R4	Kaylah R	R15	Taylah T
Year 1/2 Using clear sub-heading to organise their information report		R16	Mitchell B
		R21	Ella R
		R22	Samuel M
R17	Shayla M	Senior School Being a supportive class member	
R18	Matilda G		
R19	Abbi M		
R20	Bryce P		
R23	Daina K-B	R5	Jacynta O
R24	Reeve M	R6	Talesha I
R25	Leah D	R7	Madison S
R26	Piper E	R8	Ella W
		R9	Josh C
		R10	Samuel R

## BOOKFAIR

This year our sales reached \$3621. Our thanks to all of the students, parents and teachers who bought items and helped at the Book Fair. Thanks to the families who purchased books to donate to classroom libraries as well. We have been able to select \$1260 worth of books for the school through commission from sales.

## QKR APP FOR SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Our preferred method of payment for excursions, canteen lunch orders and fundraising activities is QKR.



This easy to use free app by Mastercard gives you flexibility to make your school payments at a time and place that suits you.

No need to find cash to send to school with your child, you will have a QKR receipt on your phone and receipt number for your records.

A brochure on how to set up your account is available from the school office or just follow the simple instructions when you download the app.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Compare your electricity suppliers to check you are getting the best deal on your rates at [switchon.vic.gov.au](http://switchon.vic.gov.au)

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 3, WEEK 9

Junior School Making connections to help them better understand the text		Middle School Cooperating and demonstrating great teamwork during rotation week	
R1	Isabelle W	R12	Oakley S
R2	Alex T	R13	Sienna T
R3	Lily G	R14	Jordan M
R4	Conor S	R15	Matthew D
Year 1/2 Describing a character's traits and predicting how they could behave differently		R16	Selina S
		R21	Quinn L
		R22	Lucas A
R17	Vaughan R	Senior School Publishing a piece of work for the Writer's Expo	
R18	-	R5	Zoe W
R19	Connor M	R6	Stephanie O
R20	William S	R7	Keisha H
R23	Blake A	R8	Patrick C
R24	-	R9	Charlotte LG
R25	Jamieson H	R10	Rylan H
R26	McKenzie R		

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HOOP SMART

Free Basket Ball holiday camp for boys and girls 6 – 12 years old. Monday 25 September 9.30 – 3.00pm at Sunbury Boardman Stadium. Register at [www.hoopsmart.com.au](http://www.hoopsmart.com.au) by 24 September or call 0406488313 email [admin@hoopsmart.com.au](mailto:admin@hoopsmart.com.au)

### SUNBURY LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Registrations opened online August 21 2017. For more details see the website <http://www.sunburylac.org.au> Registration day Saturday September 23 from 9.00am – 12.00pm at Boardman Reserve, Mitchells Lane, Sunbury. Season starts 8.15am on Saturday October 7 2017.

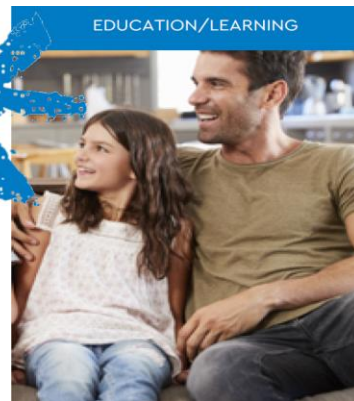
### COLLINS BOOKSELLERS

Jo Stanley will be at Collins Booksellers Sunbury on Thursday October 5 at 1.00 – 2.00pm signing her new Aussie Rules series for girls, 'Play Like A Girl'. The book follows a group of young girls who play for the Flyers, a fictional inner-city suburb. The Flyers are a diverse group of clever, cheeky, funny, love their team, and love being fit and active.

### WE'RE LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES

Become part of an international network! Not-for-profit student exchange organisation, WEP Australia, is looking for volunteer host families to welcome high school exchange students arriving in Australia in February 2018! Can you host? Request free information pack [wep.org.au/host](http://wep.org.au/host) or SMS 'host' to 0428246633

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## Not in front of the children!

by Michael Grose

*The things parents say in front of their children have wide-ranging effects on their learning, confidence and behaviour.*

Ever said something about another person in front of your children, only to hear one of the kids repeat those words in public when the subject of your comments is around? Yes, children's blatant honesty can embarrass the hell out of their parents. We need to be mindful of what we say in front of our children.

But being embarrassed by our children is only half the communication story. As celebrated US psychologist Martin Seligman found in his ground-breaking research about optimism, children usually reflect the explanatory style of their primary parent by the age of eight. So, for instance, if a parent is a raging pessimist there's every chance that their kids will pick up and convey the same 'woe is me' way of viewing the world from an early age. As parents, this means we need to be really mindful of how we present the world to our kids.

### Kids take their cues from parents as trusted adults



But it's not just with optimism or pessimism that we need to be careful about our messaging. Kids take their cues from their parents as they work out how to behave and belong in all sorts of ways. Tell a child he has a learning difficulty and he'll believe it. Tell a child she has a behaviour problem and she will believe that. Tell them they are no good at maths and the message will more than likely stick. And why not? Children look at parents as wise, trusted adults who know a thing or two about the world. Even adolescents, who are renowned for wanting to challenge the authority and world view of their parents, still use their parents as significant reference points.

Parents who talk down other people – including teachers, friends and family members – in the vicinity of their children are teaching those kids to devalue those same people. Even when we vent about someone else out of sheer frustration we are shaping our children's views about those people.

For all these reasons, as parents we need to be so careful about the messages we give out.

### 'I don't have to do that work'

Recently I heard how a thirteen-year-old girl refused point blank to work for a teacher as her mother had said that the teacher's expectations were unreasonable. Miss 13 cited her mother's views when she refused to get to work saying, "My mum says I've got a problem with learning. She says you need to take it easy on me but you don't. I don't have to do your work!"

This type of entrenched view is very difficult for a teacher to encounter without ridiculing the parents and the young person. However stories like this are more common than most people think. They reinforce the notion that parents need to be mindful of what they say in front of their children, whether that be about the child's abilities, their teachers or anyone else.

Negative views can easily shut down kids' learning. Some children are quicker than others to latch on to even a skerrick of their parents' negativity as an excuse either not to work or to lower the expectations of others.

### Sometimes it best to say nothing at all

As adults we have all sorts of opinions that don't necessarily need to be shared with our kids. We may hold strong political views for example, but if young people are to formulate their own opinions then it may wise to curb our opinions when they are around.

Similarly, it may be smart to keep mum if our views about religion, sexuality and ethnicity are intolerant or don't follow the mainstream. That's not to say we don't discuss these issues at home. Children and parents in healthy families are able to discuss all manner of issues, with even extreme views tolerated and challenged rather than mindlessly expressed and held as if they are the only possible truth.



### Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World* and *Last Borns Want to Change It*, and his latest release *Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children*. A trailblazer in the parenting and educational scenes Michael regularly appears in the media throughout Australia in programs including *The Project*, *The Today Show* and ABC radio.