



# Killara Primary School

*Our Best – Every Child, Every Day*

**Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support**

Newsletter 4

February 22 2018

## CALENDAR

<b>22 February</b>	Grade 3-6 District Swimming at Sunbury Aquatic Centre at 4.30pm
<b>26 February</b>	Class Captain & Vice Captain Presentations 2.40pm
<b>26 February</b>	PFA afternoon tea for new families 2.00pm
<b>27 February</b>	Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival
<b>27 February</b>	School Council Dinner Meeting 6.00pm
<b>7- 9 March</b>	Year 5/6 Camp Rumbug
<b>12 March</b>	Labour Day Public Holiday
<b>13 March</b>	<b>CURRICULUM DAY</b>
<b>15 March</b>	Parent Helpers Course Session 1: 3.00 – 3.30pm Session 2: 6.00 – 6.30pm
<b>20 March</b>	PFA Meeting 7.30pm Sunbury Football Club
<b>27 March</b>	Year 5/6 Algorithmic Thinking Competition
<b>29 March</b>	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

### MEET THE TEACHER

Thank you to all parents/guardians who attended and met with teachers at school to share information about their children. 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 their 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. We also thank our staff for giving up their evenings to enable parents who have commitments during the day to meet with them.

Should you have further information to share with us about your child that could affect them at school, please don't hesitate to let us know. If you did not manage to arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher(s), please make contact with your child's teacher to arrange a time in the future.

More formal interviews will again be conducted midyear when semester reports have been made available to parents.

### STRANGER NOTIFICATION

In light of a recent social media post relating to our school, a number of parents have enquired about

what the school's response is in the event of an incident involving an adult unknown to the school.

First and foremost, we take such incidents extremely seriously. Our first action is to gather as much information as possible. When the incident is identified as a concern, or where we are uncertain of events, any information gathered is forwarded to the Department of Education's Security Services Unit, and to the Sunbury Police. With regards to informing our community, we make that decision based on all the information we have and whether we feel this information is something our families need to act on (e.g. talking with your children). In some circumstances, where the information indicates a false alarm, we choose not to inform the parent community so as not to create any unnecessary concern.

Our staff are always kept up to date on any developments and regularly address with their students appropriate behaviour around strangers. Rather than encouraging our children to never speak with a person they do not know, we need to make children aware of how to interact with strangers. After all, there may even come a time when a child may need to turn to a stranger to ask for help. It's also important to explain to our children that strangers look like normal people, not monsters.

If you would like more information on how you can support your child in staying safe around strangers, go to: <http://www.theparentreport.com/2015/04/stranger-danger-how-to-street-proof-children/>

### SOCIAL MEDIA

At Killara, we recognise social media as a powerful tool for communication. We regularly use social media to celebrate recent events and communicate with our community. When you are considering using social media to discuss school related matters, please consider the impact such a post will have on other members of the community. Ill-informed posts can result in causing damage to the school's reputation via the distribution of inaccurate information. However, far more importantly, misguided posts can result in particular members of our community feeling targeted and hurt. When discussing Killara on social media forums, the first steps need to be to discuss the matter with the school. We also ask that when you see the school being discussed on social media, before commenting on such posts, you approach the school with any questions or concerns that you may have.

We all know that social media posts can quickly go "viral". It is very important that posts that link to our school contain accurate information. We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

## SWIMMING

Best wishes to our swim team, who will represent the school tonight at the Sunbury District Swimming Carnival. The carnival will be held at the Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre from 4:30 – 7pm.

Thanks to staff and parents for being part of the trials last year to prepare our students for this evening. Thank you to the staff and parents who will be volunteering tonight, your support is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Bec Gerber for being part of the overall organisation to ensure the evening is a success!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The School Council elections for 2018 have been formally announced. School Councillors are elected for a 2 year term, with half of the Council retiring each year. This year we have 3 (three) parent vacancies and 3 (three) DET (Department of Education and Training) vacancies. Nominations are now called for and forms can be picked up from the office.

**Nominations must be made by the close of business this afternoon Thursday February 22.**

## CLASS CAPTAIN & VICE CAPTAIN PRESENTATIONS

The presentation of certificates and badges to our Class Captains and Vice Captains will take place at assembly on Monday 26 February at 2.40pm. A note will have gone home with those students who have been selected as Class Captains and Vice Captains for Semester 1. We hope families can join us at this presentation assembly.

Best Wishes,  
Pete and Andrew

## CURRENT NEWS

### CAMPS, EXCURSIONS AND SPORTS FUND

**If you have a Health Care Card or Pension Card, you may be eligible to receive government assistance.**

By applying for this funding, if eligible, the school will receive \$125 to be used for your child's excursions, camps and sporting activities. This amount will be held against each eligible child's name and utilised accordingly.

Applications MUST be finalised by next Wednesday 28 February 2018. Forms can be picked up from the office if needed.

If you applied last year then you don't need to fill another form out this year as your application will go in automatically.

### PAYMENTS DUE

**Athletics:** February 23  
**Year 5/6 Camp:** March 1  
**Maths Competition:** March 2

## 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 Thursday March 15. Session 1 will be from 3:00 – 3:30pm and Session 2 from 6.00 – 6:30pm. You will need to attend one or the other and sign 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 session times with our office staff so that we ensure that there are adequate handouts for participants. 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](http://www.workingwithchildren.com.au). If you have recently renewed your WWCC please ensure you provide a copy of your new card to the office. If you have completed the parent helper course in a previous year, you are not required to attend again.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1, WEEK 3			
Prep Being helpful and responsible in the classroom		Year 3/4 Using effective strategies to select appropriate reading texts	
R1	Layla P/Mamik B	R11	Liana M
R2	Caitlin W/Haysen D	R12	Sienna F
R3	Lola L/Noah W	R13	Megan B
Year 1/2 For showing a good understanding of their rights and responsibilities		R14	Isabella W
		R15	Leah H-B
		R16	Mansehaj B
R4	Callum J-B	Year 5/6 Writing about our life experiences with thought and detail	
R19	Xanelle V-D	R5	Tamarah J
R20	Vaughan W	R6	Kiana T
R21	Hayley G	R7	Taliah K
R22	Sienna P	R8	Arabella A
R23	Carter S	R9	Bailey N
R24	Lachlan H	R10	Emily K
		R17	Norbet B

## PFA NEWS

The next PFA meeting will be a night meeting held on Tuesday 20th March at 7.30pm at the Sunbury Football Club. The PFA meets on a monthly basis to organise school events and fundraisers. Our first event will be a PFA Welcome Afternoon Tea for Prep Parents and new families. This will be held in the School Theatre at 2.00pm on Monday February 26 with school assembly to follow. Come along for a cuppa, meet new people and make new friends. If you are interested in joining the PFA in 2018 feel free to send us an email at [killarapfa@gmail.com](mailto:killarapfa@gmail.com)

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