



Killara Primary School

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Newsletter 37

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CALENDAR

27 Nov	Prep 2019 Orientation Session 1 9.15 – 10.15am
27 Nov	Year 5 'Show Off' Sunbury College
27 & 28 Nov	Year 3/4 Mad About Science Incursion
28 Nov	Prep – Year 2 Responsible Pet Incursion
4 Dec	Prep 2019 Orientation Session 2 9.15 – 10.15am
6 Dec	Clothing Collection 8.15am
6 Dec	Step Up Day
11 Dec	Year 6 High School Orientation Day
11 Dec	Prep 2019 Orientation Session 3 9.15 – 10.40am
11 Dec	Year 2-5 Swim Trials
14 Dec	Casual Clothes Day Fundraiser
18 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
21 Dec	Last Day Term 1.30pm Finish

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

2019 CLASS DEVELOPMENT

Parents were given an opportunity to provide feedback and requests regarding the placement of students in classes for 2019 with the closing date for these requests occurring at the end of October. The process for developing these classes is well underway and as such the opportunity for to make requests closed on this date.

When developing classes for the upcoming year we work hard to ensure that there is an even spread of students across each grade in gender, academic abilities and the additional needs of students. Central to this process is the feedback from students regarding who they would like to be in a class with. While we can never ensure they get all of their friends, we do make every effort to combine them with some of the students they have requested and students they work well with.

Please be assured that our teachers know your children well and use this knowledge when working out the best possible combination of students for your child to be placed in a class with. All our staff have feedback into every class to ensure that historical information is also taken into consideration in the development of the classes.

STUDENT USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Today I spoke to all students in Grades 3/ 4 and 5/6 regarding their use of social media because it has come to my attention that some of our students have

developed a 'Killara Chat' group that has students giving each other 'dares' or things to do based on viewing of profiles. While at this stage most of what has been posted is relatively innocent I am concerned that the risk behaviour may escalate or some students feel pressured to do something they are not comfortable with. I would like to encourage all of you to closely monitor your children's use of social media to ensure that they remain safe and use technology in a responsible manner. Unfortunately, things that are posted in the online environment are very difficult to take down and once posted, control over where images and comments are forwarded is lost.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Maddy Nelson who has been successful in obtaining a position for Aitken Hill Primary School next year. While we will miss Maddy here at Killara we are excited for her as she gets ready to embark on the next phase of her career. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Maddy for all she has done while being a staff member at Killara. Her hard work and dedication to our school is evident in the positive relationships she has built with all members of our school community.

2019 START DATE

Please note that the first day for **ALL** students for 2019 is **WEDNESDAY 30 JANUARY**. Prep students will begin on Thursday 31 January.

2019 TERM DATES

Term 1: Wednesday 30 January – Friday 5 April
 Term 2: Tuesday 23 April – Friday 28 June
 Term 3: Monday 15 July – Friday 20 September
 Term 4: Monday 7 October – Friday 20 December

SEMESTER REPORTS

All reports will once again be online and you will be able to access them through Compass. As with semester one, reports will contain less information than in previous years, as we have been communicating results in a more timely manner throughout the year via the learning tasks.

Reports will include a summary page of Victorian Curriculum levels, a general comment, student work habits and behaviour grading as well as a student self-reflection.

We remind parents to keep in touch with their child's progress, by regularly accessing Compass when learning tasks are announced.

If you don't have a Compass login please contact the office and they will provide you with one. Reports will be accessible on Compass at 3:30pm on Friday 16 December

PREP INFORMATION NIGHT

On Wednesday evening, the school hosted a very informative presentation for parents of our Prep 2018 students. Information presented included tips on how, in these final months, parents can best prepare their child for commencing primary school. Important details about being a Prep student at Killara Primary School - including information about the classroom, developing independence, the You Can Do It program, and Kidsmatter framework as well as specialist classes - were also presented. These sessions serve as a vital tool in establishing a strong partnership between the home and our school. Thank you to all those families who were represented on the evening, and to our Prep team, we also thank you for the time and effort you put in to this evening and congratulate you on such an informative – and also welcoming – presentation.

MATERIALS & REQUISITES 2019

Consistent with DEECD policy, parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that their children are provided with essential education items their children use in a range of school activities. Killara Primary School Council makes every effort to keep the cost of items that need to be purchased to a minimum. To assist parents, we will provide a “Materials and Requisites Package” for **each** child. In 2019 the cost of this package will be **\$130.00** per child. This will ensure your child is provided with all essential items as listed in Section A, as well as the resources listed in Section B and C. This is not only extremely economical, it ensures each child has access to the **same resources**, that the materials provided are **correct for that age level** and that they are in the classroom **when they are needed**.



The Materials and Requisites Package (*Essential Education Items – Curriculum requirements and consumables*) will be made up of 3 sections:

Section A – “Bookpack” - Each child receives an individual pack of materials & requisites – there will be some variation between bookpacks, depending on which year level your child is in for 2019.

Section B - Each classroom including specialist classes receive a wide range of materials and requisites for students use relative to that year level. This includes headphones for IT use, a range of papers, pastes, other writing and drawing implements, plastic pockets, card, glue, craft supplies etc.

Section C – Photocopying and Printing

Killara Primary School locally raised funding is dependent on ALL families paying for their children/s essential items. Students will be issued with their book pack at the start of the year, once payment is received.

An integral part of the Year 5/6 curriculum is the 1:1 digital device program.

In an age of ever-increasing and almost exponential growth in technology and the influence technology has on our lives socially, creatively, academically and in

employment, Killara School Council is committed to providing our students with opportunities to develop and strengthen skills and understandings in relation to effective use of technology. The Killara 1:1 program provides every student with a tool for learning that allows such opportunities to be built into their day to day learning.

To ensure all students can participate and enable the successful implementation of this program the school leases appropriate devices specifically imaged with the required licensed school programs. Killara subsidises the cost of leasing these devices and request that parents contribute \$45 per term towards the cost of the equipment. This co-payment plan keeps costs to a minimum for all families and ensures students have the appropriate devices to participate in this valuable program.

The Materials & Requisites has gone home with students today.

Materials & Requisites fees (\$130) can be pre-paid from now.

Payment can be made by QKR, cash, eftpos or direct deposit to the school account.

YEAR 5/6 1:1 DIGITAL DEVICE PROGRAM 2019

All documentation regarding the netbook program for 2019 will go home with students in Years 4 and 5 early next week. Year 4 students going into Year 5 in 2019 will receive a pack with information flyers about the netbook program in 2019 and there will be paperwork that needs to be signed and returned to the school as soon as possible. Year 5 students going into Year 6 next year will only have information regarding the program in 2019 as paperwork has already been completed for this year. The cost of the of the netbook program in 2019 is \$180 for the year. You can pay the year in advance or pay term by term via QKR, direct deposit or cash. Term 1 payment of \$45 is due by January 30 2019.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

Killara Primary School is a large school and, with over 500 students, caring for the safety of everyone is a challenge that we are all responsible for.

We teach the children that everyone has the right to feel safe and comfortable while at school and that there is an individual and communal responsibility to uphold safety and comfort levels.

It is important that this responsibility is modelled and reinforced by all members of the school community.

Please encourage children to follow road rules – in particular to use crossings to safely cross roads. Even if you are with your children, they should be shown that crossing at the school crossings is the way to go.

When driving and parking around the school, road rules must be followed for the sake of all concerned and, most importantly, the safety of our students. Parking will be at a premium if everyone tries to park right outside the school. Families can assist by walking, not driving, if that is feasible. If you need to drive, please be patient and consider parking and

walking.

Be fair to our friendly neighbours, by not parking over driveways and being aware of their rights.

Please be aware that the area around the school is patrolled regularly by the authorities and fines will be issued for misdemeanours.

**Best wishes,
Michelle and Andrew**

CURRENT NEWS

UNWANTED CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR DIABETES AUSTRALIA - DECEMBER 6, 2018.

Killara has partnered with Diabetes Australia to raise funds and reduce our carbon footprint.

We are asking Killara families and friends to have a spring clean. Go through your wardrobes and cupboards over the next few weeks and put aside any unwanted clothing, accessories, belts, shoes, linen etc. that is no longer needed.

This program helps raise money for our school, reduces waste to landfill, supports those living with diabetes in our community and provides funding into research for finding a cure for diabetes.

The collection will happen on Thursday December 6 at 8.15am. Our Student Leadership Council students will be around to help you unload your car. See you then.

Robyn Smith, Sustainability Team and SLC students

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY – FRIDAY DECEMBER 14, 2018


Timor-Leste is one of the poorest countries in our region. Thirty percent of households (about 60,000 homes) have no access to the national electricity grid. Since 2003, Renew (a not for profit organisation) has been working with communities in Timor-Leste to provide clean, renewable lighting and electricity. They have helped install solar lighting and power to more than 2,000 homes and over 100 community centres, orphanages, schools and hospitals in remote rural villages. They have also helped train 180 village-based solar technicians. Our Term 4 fundraiser will help Renew continue their wonderful work. Friday December 14 is a casual clothes day. All students are asked to bring a gold coin donation for this important program. Student Leadership Council.

LIBRARY NEWS

The priority for Term 4 is to track down missing items or books long overdue. Time for that pre-Christmas clean up at home. Over the next few weeks items should be returned. They will be part of a new stocktake, which identifies items that have been returned without using the Library Management System. Students will be able to borrow until December 1. We will keep books in the classrooms until December 15.

Please use Sunbury library for borrowing over the Christmas period

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 4, WEEK 5

Prep Displaying persistence and resilience in the classroom		Year 3/4 Offering thoughtful and insightful observations when analysing texts	
R1	Ruby R	R11	Sam M
R2	Dakota T	R12	Hannah W
R3	Lucy M	R13	Chloe T
Year 1/2 For being an active participant during our Mad Science Incursion		R14	Sarah H
		R15	Eli J
		R16	Ashe P
		Year 5/6 Maintaining a positive attitude towards their learning	
		R4	Rebecca H
R19	Jett B	R6	Angus R
R20	Ava G	R7	Ella H
R21	Connor B/Ella S	R8	Abrah H
R22	Kiallah B/Ruby G	R9	Liam M
R23	Kaiden T	R10	Talesha I
R24	Jack F/Ruby M	R17	Ela M

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST

Yesterday our Year 5/6 girls cricket A team played in the regional finals at Victoria Park, Ballarat. Although the weather reports threatened cold and rain, it turned out to be a beautiful sunny day. Once again the girls performed their best on the field and won 2 of the 3 matches. No State finals this year, but with some solid training next year, we have a really good chance. Thanks to all the girls: Alannah, Alysha, Amber, Chelsea, Ela, Emmerson, Jessica, Lorenza and Rowan, Lineen for driving and Emmerson's parents for coming to cheer us on. Well done. Robyn Smith – coach.



LOST PROPERTY

As we rapidly head towards the end of the year, we are, of course, looking to sort, clean and tidy. There is lots of lost property in the lost property area and families are reminded that uncollected property will be bagged and donated before the end of the year. Please check for any property during next week and please remember that naming items is the preferred option.



THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR OF SCHOOL BANKING

Our final School Banking day for 2018 will be Tuesday 11 December. If your child is eligible to order a reward item please ensure that the reward coupon is completed and returned by this date. Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2019.

PAYMENTS DUE
Year 3/4 Science Incursion – Overdue
Year 6 Graduation – 26 Nov
Year 2-5 Swim Trials – 4 Dec

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:

Simple ways to cut back on water use:

- *Take shorter showers
 - *Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth
 - *Don't rinse your dishes before putting them in the dishwasher
 - *Only put the dishwasher or washing machine on if you have a full load
 - *Check the weather forecast for rain before watering your garden
 - *Mulch your garden to reduce evaporation
- Sustainability Team

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PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 4, WEEK 6

Prep Using descriptive words within their writing		Year 3/4 Reading aloud with fluency and expression	
R1	Tristan B	R11	Brooklyn M
R2	Caitlin W	R12	Samuel M
R3	Sage M	R13	Maya W
Year 1/2 For being an active listener and joining in during class discussion		R14	Maddison M
		R15	Ella B
		R16	Zoe G
R4	Holly B	Year 5/6 Displaying respectful behaviour during our Remembrance ceremony	
R19	Layla H	R5	Angus L
R20	Piper W	R6	Caden S
R21	Brinleigh L	R7	Clancy E
R22	Eden M	R8	Zac S
R23	Charlotte P	R9	Haylee G
R24	Harlow H	R10	Sienna T/Yazelle V
		R17	Mitchell H

HATS – TERM 4

A reminder that it is school policy that students wear hats outside during term 4. Please make sure your child has a hat and that it is clearly named. This is a Sunsmart measure and ensures students have good sun protection during the months when the sun's ultra-violet rays have the highest impact.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Parents who wish to volunteer at our school regularly and are likely to be working with a child on a 1:1 or small group basis and/or wish to attend an excursion or overnight camp are required to hold a current Working with Children Card. Working with Children application forms can be obtained online. There is no cost to obtain a Working With Children Card and the check is valid for 5 years. Once you have received your card please submit it at the office and a photocopy will be made for our records.

We also ask that you display your Working With Children card when volunteering at school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNBURY BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Christmas theme - Friday 7th December 2018, 6–8pm at Sunbury Memorial Hall for primary school age. Entry \$7. Sunbury Blue Light provides a fantastic opportunity for primary age kids to have positive interaction with local police and also to socialise with their peers in a safe supervised environment. The disco is a not for profit organisation, run by police members and valued volunteers, all of whom hold current Working With Children Check.

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