



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

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Newsletter 15

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CALENDAR

21-25 May	Education Week
29 May	CURRICULUM DAY
30 May	Division Cross Country
4-6 June	Year 3/4 Camp D,E,F
6-8 June	Year 3/4 Camp A,B,C
7 June	Prep Wildlife Incursion
11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
15 June	Year 5/6 Winter Sports Day
29 June	Last day term 2.30pm finish
26 October	Killara School Fete

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

REMINDER

Curriculum Day

Tuesday 29 May

Please make other arrangements for your children for this day as they are not required at school.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

At this week's assembly, we congratulated a number of students on their recent academic achievements. For winning the title of Killara's greatest speller, we congratulated Angus E who went on to represent Killara at the recent Sunbury Rotary Spelling Competition. We also recently received the results of the Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Challenge – which had problems that believe it or not were even more perplexing than the title of the challenge itself! In these results we were pleased to see that recognised for their efforts with a Credit mark, were Kiana T, Jordan M, David O, Ashley H, Hannah L, Diya N and Baylee M. Congratulations to all these students on these great achievements.

CROSS COUNTRY

Continuing on the celebration front, last Friday our school cross country team won the overall category at the District Cross Country event at John McMahon Reserve. Notable performances on the day included Finn B and Bella J winning their events, as well as the overall behaviour of our students in representing our school in such a positive way. Thanks again to Robyn Smith, Nadine Murphy and a number of parent helpers, who supported our students on the day. Thanks also to super coach Miss G for organising and preparing our champion athletes!

CURRICULUM DAY

A reminder that next Tuesday is a student free day as we will be having a curriculum day. Staff will be joining colleagues from all of the other primary schools in Sunbury (including Macedon Ranges Special School) in a day of professional engagement and learning at Moonee Valley Racecourse. Schools will be focusing on how we can create more positive cultures within our schools, with

a focus on positive behaviours and building resilience. We look forward to sharing our learning with the Killara community.

REPORTING PROCESS SURVEY

A reminder that the Reporting Process Proposal that was sent out on Monday, is due back tomorrow. This proposal is all about refining our reporting process to make it a more thorough and timely one. As mentioned in the notice, the main change that will occur will be shifting Parent Teacher Interviews from the end of Term 2 to the first week in Term 3 this year. We welcome your feedback on this proposal and thus encourage parents and guardians to complete the survey. The survey will remain available online until tomorrow at the address or QR code below.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IrlqJM78HE-ZEIt9NrbKdc_AEEft8-VHk1fmLNb2gvFUQ1ZUVDhKsJzQMVY5R1Y5QUxTTUU4NUo1SC4u



Best Wishes,
Pete and Andrew

CURRENT NEWS

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE – UPDATE

Well done to all students who have been reading in class or at home! It's been great to see so many students taking part in the Premiers Reading Challenge this year. To complete the challenge, students in Prep to Year 2 need to read a total of 30 books, including at least 20 challenge books. Students in Year 3 to Year 6 need to read a total of 15 books, including at least 10 challenge books.



Below is our leader board so far. Congratulations to all students featured below, who make up the top 5 in each age group!

PREP – YEAR 2	YEAR 3 - 6
Gabby C 1/2D – 41 books	Joshua C 5/6 F – 26 books
Lily H Prep C – 36 books	Isabella M 3/4B – 23 books
Claire H 1/2E – 35 books	Emily K 5/6F – 19 books
Caitlin W Prep B – 35 books	Zak M 5/6F – 18 books
Joshua M 1/2B – 31 books	Maleesa H 3/4C – 17 books
	Hayley P 3/4C – 17 books

Don't forget, you have until September 7 to complete the challenge! Keep up the great reading.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY MAY 18

On Friday May 18, it was National Walk Safely to School Day. It is a day on which everyone should walk to school. At the start of the day, 10 members of the Student Leadership Council were standing at every gate, asking people if they walked to school. If they did, they would get a sticker! There were approximately **200 students** who walked to school. We would like to thank families who walked to school and we hope that everyone keeps up the good work.

Written by Anna T, Lorenza K and Morgan O (Room 7)



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Yesterday, all students at Killara participated in National Simultaneous Storytime!

National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

This year 1,062,230 children of all ages from all across the country, including our 553 students, read 'Hickory Dickory Dash' by Tony Wilson and Laura Wood. Please visit our Killara Primary School Facebook page if you would like to relive the story with your family by listening to Mrs Moloney's captivating read aloud. At Killara, our teachers and students love reading. If your child has a book that they would like to see read by a particular teacher, please feel free to put your request in the 'comment' section of our Facebook post.

Finally a big thank you to Lauren McShanag for her organisation of this event.



PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 5

Prep Using the Chunky Monkey strategy when reading		Year 3/4 Demonstrating excellent strategies and attitude when working in a team			
R1	Lincoln H	R11	Matilda L		
R2	Caitlin W	R12	Taylah T		
R3	Lola L	R13	Dexter P		
Year 1/2 For writing a detailed recount about our zoo excursion		R14	Zoe L G		
		R15	Chloe M		
		R16	Madi T S		
Year 5/6 A positive attitude during NAPLAN week					
R4	Braylon S/Hayley B				
R19	Maeve A				
R20	Alex R				
R21	Joselyn C				
R22	Chloe A/Lachlan T			R5	Wilson L
R23	Aleisha S/Ethan D			R6	Carly C
R24	Axel H/Vanessa A			R7	Jordan S H
				R8	Cayden K
				R9	Wiremu A
		R10	Yazelle V D		
		R17	Dylan B		

PFA NEWS

We have quite a few fundraisers and events organised throughout the year. This term we are having a Cookie Dough Fundraiser, more information will go home towards the end of term. Also at the end of the term, during the Term 2 holidays, we will once again participate in the Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt. In the second semester, we have our Father's Day Stall and also Vision Portraits. Finally, we are very excited to announce that this year we are holding a school Fete on Friday, October 26 to celebrate Killara's 25th anniversary. If any of our families have any ideas in regards to our fete or if you would like to help out, we would love to hear from you. Feel free to contact us at killarapfa@gmail.com

CANTEEN

Help is needed in the canteen on Fridays, if you are able to spare a few hours on a Friday please contact the office on 97446432 or see Andrea in the canteen.

COMMUNITY NEWS

VILLAGE THERAPY

Village Therapy literacy groups are now taking bookings. Run by experienced speech pathologist with current school experience, these small groups are aimed at children who are struggling to keep up with class spelling and reading skills.. Maximum of 4 per group. Groups will run subject to numbers. Cost is \$480. Includes individual assessment, 6 x 1 hour sessions with weekly home practice activities and a report on completion with activities to consolidate skills learned during the group. Call Polly on 9811 7026

KILLARA SCHOOL HOUSES SURVEY

This survey is to determine how the school community feels about Killara approaching the following local, well-known families and asking permission for their names to be used for our new School Houses. These families have been chosen because of their unwavering commitment over many years to the development of the Sunbury area. These names epitomise many desirable qualities that we would like our students to emulate in their lives - leadership, commitment, motivation, passion, generosity, resourcefulness and imagination.

You can do this survey here and return to school by June 28 or scan the QR code below with a mobile/tablet device and complete it online. Please read about the following families before answering questions 6, 7 and 8.

GEYER

Ron Geyer and his wife Glenise moved to Sunbury in 1951 to run the newsagency originally owned by Glenise's parents. Whilst managing hectic schedules at the newsagency, Ron not only gained many business awards in his field, but was implicit in helping community groups, clubs and individuals. Ron never sought recognition for his involvement in helping others; however the Rotary Club named the rotunda on the corner of Ligar and Riddell Road in his honour.

Some of the committees and clubs Ron worked with over the years were: Rotary Club (he was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship), Sunbury Football Social Club, the Sunbury Bowling Club, RSL, and served on the Sunbury Water Trust and Water Board for more than 20 years from 1960.

Ron was active within the clubs as they were being established and remained an active member throughout his life, even after suffering an incapacitating stroke in his later years. His last cause was 'Wheelchairs for Kids'.

WATKINS

Ralph Watkins came to Sunbury in the 1930s, first working as a baker then turning to the field of psychiatric nursing. Although never participating actively in football, tennis or bowls, Ralph saw the need in the community for these sporting facilities and was very pro-active on a number of committees resulting in the facilities we see today.

Ralph was the first president of the Sunbury Lawn Tennis Club and with his wife, Betty, worked tirelessly with other families to raise money for the development of the courts.

Another integral role Ralph played was on the recreational committee of Sunbury Agricultural and Horse Show. With other volunteers he did whatever it took to make the shows a success, including working on show days and cleaning up the grounds.

Ralph was awarded the Kiwanis' Australia Day Citizen Award in 1992, the Lions Club's Certificate of Appreciation in 1997, the Rotary Club's Kathleen Aitken Citizen of Distinction Award in 2000 and the Sunbury Historical and Heritage Society Inc. Member in 2010.

Ralph will always be considered an outstanding member of our community.

McMAHON

John McMahon was born in Sunbury in 1924. John and his brother Bernie took over the running of McMahon's Dairy from their father Michael. Since the 1940s, John was dedicated to the development of Sunbury and was instrumental in many changes in the area.

John's achievements and community spirit is well known. He was Sunbury Water Trust and Water Board chairman for 30 years and member for 40 years. In 1967 John, as chairman, along with members of the Water Trust recognised that for growth to continue in the Sunbury area, more water storage was needed. After investigating many alternatives John and the Board canvassed authorities for a new dam. The land was eventually purchased in 1971 and Roslynne Dam was completed in 1973. John was a life member of the Sunbury Football Club and president for 12 years. A life member of the Sunbury Urban and Rural Fire Brigades, captain of both for 16 years, chairman of Sunbury Housing Co-operative Society for 25 years, chairman of the Board of Directors of Sunbury Bowling Club, a member of the Catholic Church Finance Council and a Shire of Bulla councillor for 15 years with three terms as president.

John's generosity, commitment and contribution to many organisations resulted in many of the facilities and infrastructure we now see throughout Sunbury and district today.

McKINNON

Col McKinnon moved to Sunbury in 1962 after leaving the army in Diggers Rest and marrying Beth.

The first McKinnon Shop (appliance repairs) was in Evans Street and over the years progressed to McKinnon's Retravision which was located in Horne Street.

From the beginning, Col and Beth were passionate in their support of small businesses and in support of many community causes. As members of the original Traders Association and the Chamber of Commerce and other committees, they were instrumental in changes within the Sunbury region.

For over two years, Col fought tirelessly with other traders, including John Dunlop, against the State Government to ensure that land (the strip along Evans and Horne Streets), which was owned by the railway and leased to businesses, could be bid for and therefore owned.

Beth was on the first committee to raise funds for the equipment at St Andrew's Kindergarten (the first in the area) in the 1960s, the first swimming pool, and was on the committee for raising money over several years for a public hospital.

Unfortunately the hospital was never established, but the funds were directed to the Lions Aged Care Hostel. In his later years, Col was involved in small business coaching and was a member of the U3 after being chairman for many years.

WHORLOW

Les Whorlow started selling real estate from his car in 1968 and by 1970 had moved to Sunbury and set up the LJ Whorlow Real Estate Agency. After moving to Sunbury Les became an integral part of the community, his participation in the local Rotary Club earned him the Paul Harris Fellowship. His wife, Shirley, was also involved in the Rotary Anne's community fundraising.

Les was a strong opponent to the building of a jail in Sunbury and lobbied hard to have a local hospital built instead. Les has supported many sporting clubs, schools, local churches and other community groups over the years. In 1979 he was made a Justice of the Peace in recognition of his work in the community.



QR CODE

Here is the digital link:

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6. Do you think using these family names as our School Houses, is a good idea?

Yes

No

7. If no, what would you rather see as the House names keeping in mind the qualities we are wanting to develop in our students and the connection to Sunbury?

8. Are you happy for us to approach these families to ask permission to use their names?

Yes

No

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