



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork

Newsletter No 32

24 October 2013

TERM CALENDAR

29 Oct	Year 1/2 Melbourne Zoo
30 Oct – 7 Nov	Scholastic Book Fair
5 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day holiday
10 Nov	School Working Bee
20 Nov	2014 Preps Information Night
27 Nov	2014 Prep Orientation Session 1
4 Dec	2014 Prep Orientation Session 2
10 Dec	2014 Prep Orientation Session 3
11 Dec	End of year School Picnic & Disco
20 Dec	Last day of Term 4

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

WORKING BEE

Please refer to the [attached flyer](#) regarding our upcoming Working Bee on Sunday November 10. There are lots of tasks to complete – so the more helpers the better!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council met on Tuesday evening and discussed the following issues:

- Parent communication strategy
- Annual Implementation Plan progress
 - The development of teaching and learning protocols
 - Sunbury Learning Walk at our school
 - NAPLAN results
- End of year celebration and the notion of looking to reinvigorate the end of year function
- Parent opinion survey results:
 - Improvements noted in approachability, behaviour management, reporting, student safety and classroom behaviour
 - Some minor declines were noted in a few areas, however none were of concern due to the previously high scores
 - It was noted that our response rate was poor – 49% of the 101 sample
- All financial reports were received and approved
- The Book Pack/Materials and Requisites price was approved at the same rate as 2013 (\$120)
- Improvements in the grounds noted
- Plans for the Working Bee approved and discussed
- Noted that school signage has been ordered and artwork being completed, prior to approval

LEARNING WALK AT KILLARA

Yesterday 14 visitors from other Sunbury Schools visited Killara to participate in a Learning Walk. Learning walks are evidence-based observations of practice, allowing the walkers to discuss the practice they view and prepare feedback for the school and the teachers.

Our visitors (many of whom were Principals and Assistant Principals) all expressed how impressed they were with the way our students were on task and their ability to articulate their learning. In all, 9 classrooms were visited and excellent learning and teaching practices were evident.

Currently, the network of schools is applying for funding to allow an extension of these Learning Walks to teachers and each of the Sunbury schools. This activity allows for strong professional learning that is classroom based and gives participants a view of how others conduct their practice in classrooms.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

After discussion at both School Council and PFA, it has been decided to try a new activity as our end of year celebration this year, following the “disaster” at our picnic of last year with the weather.

As PFA had been planning a disco for the children, it seemed a logical opportunity to make that event *the* event for children and to provide parents with the opportunity to meet and “relax” whilst the children participate in the disco.

As a lot of energy was applied last term to prepare for the School Production, we thought it best to move away from a performance based event, also recognising that many children are often unable to attend the picnic.

More details about this event soon!

Best wishes,
Phil, Marie & Andrew

CURRENT NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Killara. This is a great time to start shopping for Christmas gifts for your family or provide suggestions for grandparents while supporting our school at the same time.

When: Wednesday, October 30 until Thursday afternoon, November 7.

Where: The library will be open before school from 8:30 until 8:55 and after school from 3:30 until 4:30.

Children will tour the Book Fair during their library time and fill in their wish list. They will bring this home to share with you. We will also send home a brochure explaining how you can order from the Book Fair at home and send the completed form with your child to school.

Save the date on your home calendar. We look forward to seeing you there.

Deb Shepherd
Teacher Librarian

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 4, WEEK 2

Junior School Preps For making and breaking numbers well		Middle School For accurate and speedy recall of times tables	
R1	Caden S	R11	Mitchell J
R2	Jacob S	R12	Cooper W
R3	Zoe A	R13	James W
R4	James G	R14	Blake T
R5	Rhiannon T S	R15	Chloe W
Year 1/2 For consistently using good manners		R16	Marni T
		Senior School For asking interesting and relevant questions at our CERES excursion	
R6	Lachlan D	R7	Riley E
R17	Shelyse W	R8	Raees A
R18	Chelsea T	R9	Mia N
R19	Mia D S	R10	Grace T
R20	Anna T	R25	Josh S
R21	Cooper M	R26	Alex C
R22	Luke B		
R23	Ben C		
R24	Mary-Jane W		
Specialist Class of the Week Performing Arts 1/2 A – Cynthia Follett The way they worked together as a team in performing arts. Visual Arts Prep C – Emily Farrell Working and sharing together when using clay. Physical Education Prep C – Emily Farrell Fantastic focus on rotations Library Prep A – Emma Heywood Contributing ideas about sharing			

PFA NEWS

At this week's PFA Meeting it was decided that the Disco scheduled for November would be moved to December as an end of year celebration for students in conjunction with the School Picnic. Children will be encouraged to dress in Christmas colours and spot prizes will be offered.

The PFA are developing a Parent Survey as part of the Community Links sub-committee to seek input into future directions our community would like the PFA to take in terms of fundraising, support and community learning.

The PFA are linking in with Farmer's Direct. Killara Community members who order from Farmer's Direct and mention Killara then 2% of the total order will be donated to our school. More about this to follow.

SCHOOL HATS

Killara hats can be purchased from PSW at school on Thursdays from 2:30pm – 4:30pm in the gym foyer.

GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS

Prep: Callum G
Yr 1/2 : Kingston T
Yr 3/4 : Sophie B

GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE

I am riding in the Great Cycle Challenge this month to fight kids' cancer!

The funds I raise will support Children's Medical Research Institute to continue its work in developing treatments and finding a cure for childhood cancer.

I am now on my way to reaching 500km by 31st October! With only 7 days left, I would appreciate your continued support and donations.

Please sponsor my challenge to fight kid's cancer by making a donation through my fundraising page: www.greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Riders/SarahRound

Cash donations with your name (and email address, if you require a receipt) are also accepted at the office.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE TERM 4

Applications for conveyance allowance close on Friday 8 November.

Families who currently receive this allowance in 2013 do not need to reapply for Term 4.

This allowance may be available to those families who reside more than 4.8km from their nearest government primary school. If you would like further information regarding conveyance allowance, please see the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMPLETE KIDS OUTSIDE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Have you heard? At our outside hours care program, children are involved in music, art, sport, relaxation, technology, role play and many more fun activities.

To book your place for 2014 Before or After School Care on 9740 2111

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life Team Hope Heroes present Thor –The Dark World at Reading Cinema Sunbury On Sunday 3rd Nov at 3pm
Nibbles and soft drink provided

\$25 per ticket

Please contact Carolyn on 0459145320 or email cazhat13@hotmail.com

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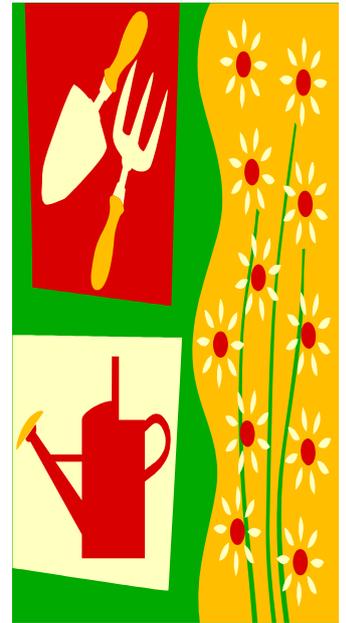




WORKING BEE

**Sunday November 10
10am – 2pm**

Tidying gardens and pruning –
Phillip Drive boundary
Spreading playground and garden
mulch
Attaching boards to fencing



RSVP using the form below

Please bring wheelbarrows and shovels if you can

We need as many helpers as we can get!

**We would appreciate any time you can spare even if only an
hour!**

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Working Bee – Sunday November 10, 10:00am – 2:00pm

I/we will be attending the Working Bee on **Sunday November 10**

Names of those attending:

Signed: _____

Please return by Thursday November 7