



CALENDAR

1 May	Anzac Day Ceremony Assembly
4 May	Mother's Day Stall
9-11 May	NAPLAN Testing
11 May	Cross Country
9 May	Year 1/2 Cultural Incursion
16 May	2018 Prep Tour 9.30am
17 May	2018 Prep Information Session 7pm
18 May	2018 Prep Tour 9.30am
19 May	District Cross Country
22-26 May	Education Week
23 May	Year 3/4 Werribee Zoo A, E & G
24 May	Year 3/4 Werribee Zoo B, C, D & F
9 June	Year 5/6 Winter Sport
12 June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
26 June	Alpha Productions 'Snow Queen'
30 June	Last Day Term 2.30pm dismissal

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

ANZAC DAY



Congratulations and thanks to the group of students who represented the school at the annual Sunbury ANZAC Day march. The students represented us with dignity and respect, and laid a wreath on behalf

of our community. Thanks to Karen Francis for organising the group and arranging for pickup of the wreath. See Zoe and Shaila's article below.

A reminder that our school ANZAC ceremony will be held next Monday, May 1, starting at 9:00am. Parents welcome.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Members of the Student Leadership Executive along with Pete Hansen and Katelyn Hurley ventured to Moonee Valley Racecourse on Thursday 20 April for the GRIP Student Leadership

Conference. The theme was Responsibility and the

students participated in a variety of activities that outlined what responsible leaders do. A key part of the day was students planning an idea they have for our school; these included fundraising days, lunchtime clubs and activities. We look forward to supporting the students to make their ideas a reality.

Patrick. C, Keisha. H, Madeleine. M, Stephanie. O, Eric. S and Tyler. T represented our school with pride and we congratulate them for their enthusiasm and involvement on the day.

(see Keisha, Steph and Maddie's article below for more details).

2018 ENROLMENTS

A reminder to let us know if a sibling is starting school next year so that we can arrange an enrolment pack for you.

Tours and information sessions will be held in May to introduce new families to our school and give them some insights into starting preps.

Morning information sessions and tours will be held on May 16 and 18 (at 9:30am) with an evening information session on May 17 (at 7:00pm).

If you know of new families please encourage them to attend one of the sessions.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing is fast approaching for Year 3 and 5 students. Please remember that NAPLAN is a point in time measurement of progress and only one piece of information in the assessment jigsaw.

Students can be prepared for NAPLAN, by being familiarised with the format and learning some simple strategies to assist when solving the problems posed in the test. Teachers reinforce the importance of asking for help when needed (teachers are able to read questions to students in the Mathematics component), making sure to read the whole question and all the answer choices, eliminating obvious incorrect answers, circling key words, skimming text for answers and checking answers at the end.

All students have also had experience at writing persuasive and narrative texts, one of which will be the task for the Writing component.

Despite this preparation, it is important to reinforce the message that this testing is simply another part of a student's work. We wish to avoid, as much as possible, students becoming anxious when doing the tests. The important messages are to "do your best" and "do as much as you can".

The NAPLAN tests occur May 9-11. All Year 3 and 5 students participate, unless parents formally request that their child does not participate (please contact your child's teacher) or an exemption is granted.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

The annual Attitudes to School survey will be conducted during next week with our Year 4, 5 and 6 students. It will provide us with data on students' views of their wellbeing, teaching and learning, and school in general, to support school improvement.

As a school we also conduct a similar survey once per term in all classes across the school, allowing classes to discuss the things that are going well and the improvements they can make.

Best wishes,
Phil, Pete and Andrew

CURRENT NEWS

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

On April 25 some of the SLC members went down to the ANZAC ceremony to march from Jolly Miller to the Sunbury Memorial Hall. We especially would like to thank Madeleine M, Patrick C, and Keisha H for laying the wreath. A special thanks to Karen for being there on the day and some of the SLC for joining us on the day and representing Killara so well. Thank you.

Written by Zoe W and Shaila M.

CHOIR SCHOOL PHOTOS

Choir photos will be available to order at the office. Due date for payment is 10 May. There is a copy at the office if you would like to see it before you order.

YEAR 1/2 ATHLETICS

The 1/2 Athletics will be postponed due to the conditions of the oval, a new date will be announced soon.

This is a fun event run only for students to experience some of the events. The Year 1/2 teachers will be running the day that will start recess.

Each child who participates will receive a participation ribbon.

SLC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Thursday April 20 the SLC executive team went to Moonee Valley racecourse to attend a leadership conference called GRIP leadership. We had a great experience meeting other schools from all around Victoria and learning things that they do at their school. We got to share our opinions with other students from many different schools and learnt the values of being a good leader.

We learnt about responsibility and what it takes to be a leader. We got little booklets and pens to fill out when they were speaking. There were some little pre-conference activities that we all filled out in record time. There were times when we stopped and played games like "Loud Noises" and had morning tea and lunch. We learnt about how the quality of a leader was important to all leaders and how to handle difficult situations. Session 1 was called "Leading in the Land of Zootopia" where we learnt about strengths and weaknesses and that no person is strong at

everything, but a team is strong at many things. Session 2 was about the four expectations of responsibility. We learnt that we should role model our values, uphold the trust of others, responding to strengths, and developing our own strengths. Session 3 was about keeping an open mind and thinking outside the box. We had to think of different ways to use a brick rather than as a brick. Then we thought of our big idea that we wanted to put into action. Session 4 was about putting an idea into action. We learnt what action stands for. We talked about our school and how to change different issues.
By Keisha H, Steph O and Maddie M

PFA NEWS

Tesselaar Spring Bulb Fundraiser

Yesterday all families received a flyer providing information on how to order Tesselaar Bulbs – our first fundraiser for the year. Tesselaar are a company with more than 70 years experience in trialing and testing garden plants. Tesselaar offers a fundraiser program where organisations can purchase bulbs of garden plants and flowers whilst at the same time raising money for the organisation. Your order will then be processed and delivered to your door!

Killara Primary School will receive 40% of all profits. So here is the perfect opportunity to get the garden ready for Spring, or provide someone with a gift so that they can get their garden ready for Spring (Mother's Day is just around the corner!). And of course, you will also be supporting the school.

All orders must be **finalised by Friday May 5**. Alternatively, you can order right now by going to www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/KillaraPS.



Our Mother's Day stall will be held next Thursday May 4 – a week earlier than normal due to NAPLAN testing in the following week. Mother's Day is Sunday May 14.

PAYMENTS DUE
District Athletics: 28 April
Year 1/2 Cultural Incursion: May 2

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNBURY BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Friday 28th April 2017, 6-8pm at Sunbury Memorial Hall for primary school age children. **MASQUERADE** theme! 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 run by police members and valued volunteers, all of whom hold current Working With Children Check.

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