



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork

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CALENDAR

28 Nov	PFA Annual General Meeting
4 Dec	2014 Prep Orientation Session 2
5 Dec	2:45 pm 1:1 Netbook Info session
	6:00pm 1:1 Netbook Info session
10 Dec	2014 Prep Orientation Session 3
12 Dec	End of year Picnic & Disco
13 Dec	Yr 3 – 6 House Swim Carnival & trials
18 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
20 Dec	Last day of Term 4 1.30pm dismissal
24 Jan 2014	Bookpack sales & pickup 10am – 5.00pm
30 Jan 2014	1st DAY FOR STUDENTS TERM 1 2014
4 March 2014	School Photos

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

YEAR 5/6 1:1 NETBOOK PROGRAM 2014

When researching background to the introduction of 1:1 Netbooks at Killara last year, an interesting fact came to light that today's Year 5/6's will be retiring about the year 2060. We have no idea of what the world will look in five years, much less in the next 58 years, yet we are charged with preparing our students for life in that world. *How do we prepare students for jobs and technologies that don't yet exist? How do we teach them to solve problems that we don't even know exist?*

Children today live in an on-demand, technology-dependent world; they expect answers instantly and they know how to get them and how to share their learning, transforming learning from teacher-centred to student-centred. Schools now recognise that we can either capitalise on young people's affinity for technology and prepare them for an increasingly technology driven world — or struggle to engage them as technology advances.

The 1:1 Netbook Program is about trying to address the realities of the world of the 21st Century. The world of work is increasingly collaborative, giving rise to reflection about the way student learning is structured. Today 'People expect to be able to work, learn, and study whenever and wherever they want.' (Horizon Report 2011.)

Using the Netbooks has less to do with computing, and more to do with the use of a tool that enables students to be involved in the 5C's of 21st Century Learning.

It is about:

- Creating
- Communicating
- Collaborating
- Critical Thinking and
- being Curious about the world around us.

“The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read or write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn.” (Alvin Toffler, American writer and futurist 1928 -)

At Killara “Our Best, Every Child, Every Day” is about preparing our students for their future.

Two information sessions have been organised for parents of current year 4 students regarding this program – see the announcement below.

NETBOOK PROGRAM INFO SESSIONS

Parents of current year 4 students are invited to one of two sessions regarding our 1:1 netbook program in 5/6.

These sessions will explain why we have our 1:1 program and the logistics relating to the parent renting of the devices.

These meetings will both be held next Thursday December 5 – one at 2:45 and the other at 6:00pm. A notice will be sent out about this today.

END OF YEAR NETBOOK RETURNS

Our 1:1 netbook program draws to a close for 2013.

The collection of all year 5/6 netbooks will take place from Wednesday December 11. All students are expected to have their netbooks, chargers and carry cases at school **from December 11 onwards**. Students will not be able to take netbooks home from that date onwards.

It is an expectation that netbooks are presented in working order and presentable condition. Any damage and to the netbooks, chargers or carry cases will incur costs, which must be paid by the end of the year.

Unfortunately there will be no option to purchase the netbooks.

CLASS LISTS

Many parents have expressed needs and considerations for their children for next year. As a school we endeavour to ensure that this information is taken into strong consideration when establishing class lists.

In some instances, requests cannot be totally satisfied and, in such cases, parent contact may be made. In particular we endeavour to ensure that issues and needs relating to learning are best catered for. Social-emotional learning is an essential part of that. We aim to develop resilient people and, as such, children can't always be with all the people they want to be with. It is most important that they are with people with whom they learn best.

As is practice at Killara, students will meet their new teachers and classes on the last day of term. For this session we also invite any new enrolments to attend and meet their new classmates.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL CONGRESS.

“We are citizens too! What we do makes a difference. “

Last Monday Joel Muir and Shelby Holter attended Parliament House with Mandy Marks-White.

The purpose of the day was so kids could have a say about school issues that concern children across Victoria. We had the chance to speak with the VicSSRC (Secondary School Congress) and use our voices to help solve common problems in schools.

We met in the Upper House and after a welcoming speech, pairs of children (from various schools) discussed the issues that their school communities were facing.

We were organised into different groups and moved to discussion workshops throughout the building. When we were there we thought of other issues that were commonly faced in the school grounds. When we came up with issues, we discussed them with the group and came up with solutions.

Issues that kids identified were things such as, bullying, asbestos, littering, crime, graffiti and second languages. Kids shared their reasons for and against these issues. Most of the motions that students thought were important were carried and then prioritised for voting and presented in both the Upper and Lower House later that afternoon.

Overall the day was a major success and most schools motions were carried passed.

It was a great educational and worthwhile experience, an experience we will remember and one which will benefit us in taking on leadership at Secondary School.

Thank you
Joel and Shelby

GATE FROM COMPLETE KIDS CHILDCARE

For safety reasons parents and children are not to use the gate that connects the Complete Kids facility to our land. This open onto car parking areas, which are out of bounds to all students, and the track, which is, in effect, a roadway. In future, it is expected that the gate will be kept locked.

END OF YEAR EXPECTATIONS

School continues right through until the last day of term. Students are expected to be in attendance and on time and expectations relating to behaviour and effort remain high. Whilst there are some special events and activities over the coming few weeks, it is important that everyone can enjoy and be part of such happenings. Please remind your child(ren) of school requirements.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

- School structure and staffing for 2014
- Progress against the school strategic plan, in particular the development of codes of practice across all aspects of learning and teaching
- Confirmation that we will engage in a one term trial of the instant messaging app “Tiqbiz” for term 1, 2014
- Follow up to the working bee, with some extra work proposed to be completed before the end of the year (plinth boards on back fence)

- Approval to purchase new split system air conditioners for rooms 17 and 18
- Approval to purchase blinds for west facing windows in portables
- Discussion about the upcoming events, including the disco/picnic
- Recognition of recent student leadership activities
- Approval of Curriculum Days and pupil free days for 2014
- Discussion about the uniform suppliers – further investigation to be undertaken

Council will meet one more time this year, on December 10.

CURRICULUM DAYS 2014

School Council has approved the following dates as Curriculum Days for 2014:

- Tuesday January 28
- Wednesday January 29
- Friday March 7 (immediately prior to Labour Day weekend)
- Tuesday June 10 (immediately after Queens Birthday)

A pupil free day will also occur on Monday November 3 as a day in lieu of after-hours professional learning that teachers will undertake outside of their usual working hours. Council recognised the low attendance rates (approximately half of the school) for the Monday before Cup Day and could see that a practical application relating to teacher development would be more beneficial to the school and to children’s learning. It is likely that staff will undertake renewed professional learning in You Can Do It so that we can reinvigorate that program in our school.

IMPORTANCE OF READING ALOUD

The graphic below illustrates some salient points regarding out loud reading. Research shows that reading aloud is the single most important thing you can do to help a child prepare for reading and learning.



Educational Technology and Mobile Learning website: <http://www.educatorstechnology.com/>

15 minutes out loud reading a day can make a difference – over a five year period, it equates to 456.25 hours of out loud reading!

Best wishes,

Phil, Marie & Andrew

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 4, WEEK 7

Junior School Preps For writing letters to a friend or buddy		Middle School Using creative writing techniques to improve writing	
R1	Michael J	R11	Patrick H
R2	Arabella A	R12	Anjelina M
R3	Will E	R13	Jasmine P
R4	Oakley S	R14	Jordan G
R5	Alexandria R-D	R15	Jayden T
Year 1/2 Persisting with difficult tasks		R16	Erin G
		Senior School Maintaining concentration while working on learning tasks	
R6		R7	Callum G
R17	Tierney G Summer J-D	R8	Caitlyn K
R18	Jonathan M	R9	Jess E
R19	Ardelina Z	R10	Courtney H
R20	Taryn P	R25	Victoria G
R21	Christian J	R26	Corey S
R22	Lachlan M & Ben W		
R23	Tahlia D		
R24	Hamish P		

CURRENT NEWS

CHRISTMAS DISCO / PARENTS PICNIC



This year we will be holding a disco as an end of year celebration for our students. Two separate sessions will be held – one for Prep to Year 2 and one for Years 3-6. The children will be able to take part in the disco suitable for their age group, whilst their parents enjoy a café style BBQ outside. A sausage sizzle and cold drinks will be available for parents (and students not involved in the disco session), as well as a coffee van. You are encouraged to bring chairs or a blanket and have a peaceful time whilst waiting for children.

- When:** Thursday 12 December
- Time:** Prep to Year 2, 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Grade 3 to Year 6, 5.45 to 7pm
- Cost:** \$5 entry per student
(includes wrist band and a bottle of water)
- Dress code:** "Christmas spirit"

For safety and security reasons, children will be expected to remain in the gym throughout their disco session. Parents will be invited in at the end of each session to pick up their child(ren). No students will be allowed to leave until a parent has picked them up. Prompt pick-ups are requested

Notices need to be returned by Wednesday December 4, 2013

**Killara Primary School
Parents and Friends Association**

PFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Killara Primary School PFA will be held this evening at the Golden Emperor Restaurant, starting at 7pm. All welcome.

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE NEWS



It was fabulous to see so many students who participated in the Challenge in 2013 at Killara. The school has received the Certificates of Achievement for each student who met the requirements of the Premiers' Reading Challenge between February and September. These will be handed out to the students in the coming week and we would like to take the opportunity to thank our parent community in supporting the fantastic reading efforts of their children and extend a huge congratulations to all those students who participated and achieved the challenge in 2013.

It is interesting to note that this year the challenge was expanded to include younger children from birth to 5 years. Research unequivocally shows the benefits of reading to children from birth to promote brain development and language learning, and that reading frequently to young children has a direct effect on schooling outcomes, including NAPLAN scores for Reading and Numeracy at Year 3.

Once again, congratulations to the students and I look forward to continuing to working with staff and the school community in building the literacy skills of the students at Killara.

Literacy Coordinator
Jo Fogarty

PSW UNIFORM SHOP KILLARA 12 DECEMBER

Please note change of time for our uniform shop on the above date. The shop will be open for sales from 9am – 11am in the gym foyer and not in the afternoon on this date.

MATERIALS & REQUISITES 2014

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 2014 the cost of this package will be **\$120.00** (no change from 2013) 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 2014.

Section B - Each classroom receives a wide range of materials and requisites for students use relative to that year level. This includes a range of papers, pastes, other writing and drawing implements, children's files, plastic pockets, card, glue, scissors etc.

Section C – Photocopying and specialist program consumables including Art, Performing Arts, PE and Library, for student use

Killara Primary School locally raised funding is dependent on ALL families paying for their children/s essential items. Students will be issued with their backpack once payment is received. Payment options available:

1. Payment in full; or
2. EMA has been authorised to be paid to the school to cover school fees etc (if eligible for BOTH payments – if EMA application is rejected due to ineligibility, full payment - \$120 - will still be required); or
3. An Instalment Agreement has been signed and the first instalment has been paid

The Materials & Requisites letter was sent home to all families last week. If you have not received this notice please collect one from the office.

Materials & Requisites fees \$120 can be pre paid from now and collected on 24 January 2014. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, eftpos or direct deposit to the school account. Instructions regarding direct deposit are detailed on the M & R notice.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Recycling: Don't forget you can drop household batteries, old mobile phones, asthma inhalers into the office for recycling. Plastic bags and wrappers (without foil lining) can be dropped into the box outside room 16.

Bird Boxes:

Our bird boxes have been installed in some of our big gum trees. Thank you to Chris Weedon, Sarah Round, Kellie, Eric, Stephanie and Georgia Eastaughffe for all their assistance.

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.

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS WANTED

Hoban Recruitment have multiple vacancies across Melbourne for School Crossing Supervisors. A range of locations and flexible shifts are available to suit you.

If you are interested call 9325 3200 or email jessicab@hoban.com.au

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES 3rd Sunbury Scout Group



Freshly cut Christmas Trees from \$40

Miller St Scout Hall:

7th & 8th Dec
14th & 15th Dec
Delivery available

To pre order trees contact Mike 0419 810 727 or Liz 0419 887 648 or online

<http://www.3rdsunburyscouts.org.au/component/rsform/form/3-xmas-trees-order-2013>

HUME LIBRARY SUMMER READING CLUB

Hume Libraries will be working in co-operation with the State Library of Queensland, and ALIA (Australian Library and Information Association) to open the 2013 Summer Reading Club. The Summer Reading Club is an exciting opportunity to encourage your students to read over the summer school holidays.

The Summer Reading Club 2013 introduces the theme of *Investigation*.

During nine weeks from Monday 2 December 2013 until Friday 31 January 2013, we will be asking children to take on a reading challenge – read as many library books as you can and/or have them read to you. There are fabulous prizes such as iPads, iPods and much more, to motivate kids into spending time reading these school holidays.

Summer Reading Club Launch parties:
Sunbury Library, 44 Macedon Street, Sunbury
Wednesday 4 December, 4pm – 5pm



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