At Killara Primary School we believe the purpose is to encourage educational achievement and excellence, build individual self-esteem, foster connectedness to others and prevent absences and inappropriate behaviour. As teachers we should:
1. Ensure that students feel valued and cared for.
2. Provide meaningful opportunities for students to contribute to the school and to effectively engage in learning.
3. Promote a safe, inclusive and supportive school environment.
4. Develop successful partnerships with parents/carers and families.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

At Killara we have decided to develop our Rights and Responsibilities to take over from previously developed rules. This allows students to have input and ownership in how our school functions as a mini community. We are keen to assist our students to become people who take personal responsibility for their performance and behaviour and to take communal responsibility to ensure that others are reminded of their responsibilities too.

Teachers are assisting students to develop their understanding of their responsibilities in classrooms and students will also be asked to contribute to a list of yard responsibilities.

Please read the below listed Rights and Responsibilities and have a discussion with your child regarding these issues:

RIGHTS
- Students and teachers have the right to learn and do as much work as possible
- Students and teachers have the right to be safe and comfortable in the classroom and outside

RESPONSIBILITIES
- Personal Responsibility (I do the right thing)
- Communal Responsibility (I encourage others to do the right thing)

2015 STAFF
We welcome Dianne David (1/2), Madelaine Psarianos (1/2), Adriana Torkar (3/4), Lauren McShanag (5/6) and Daniel Rona (technician) as new members of the Killara staff. We wish them well in their endeavours and offer them congratulations on becoming part of the Killara community.
Likewise, we wish all of our other staff a successful and enjoyable year – we’re sure you do too!
Here is a full staff list:

**Executive Team**
- Phil Clinkaberry (Principal)
- Andrew Guthrie (Assist Prin, Student Well-Being and Manag’t)
- Pete Hansen (Assist Prin, Learning and Teaching)

**Administration**
- Deb Wilson (Business Manager)
- Andrea Heales
- Lineen Milam
- Hannah Haarhoff

**Prep Team**
- Sarah Round
- Michelle Douglas (team leader)
- Jessica Sharp
- Alex Chettle

**1/2 Team**
- Deb Shepherd
- Cynthia Marchment
- Susan Moloney
- Dianne David
- Sam Burnett
- Madelaine Psarianos
- Kellie Eastaughffe
- Shannon Ingleton (team leader)

**3/4 Team**
- John Boland
- Adriana Torkar
- Kathryn Pollock (team leader)
- Katelyn Fraser
- Alex Tenni
- Sarah Barclay
- Julie Stanley
- Robyn Smith

**5/6 Team**
- Rebecca Gerber
- Chris Weedon
- Nancy Smith
- Karen Francis
- Emma Heywood (team leader)
- Lauren McShanag

**Specialist Team**
- Andrew Pizaro (PE)
- Marie Ryan (Art)
- Julie Macdonald (Art)
- Kelli Brogan (team leader)
- Heather Huke
- Emily Farrell
- Jo Fogarty
- Mandy Marks-White
- Carol Ellis

**Student Support Team**
- Carolyn James

**Integration Support Team**
- Hannah Haarhoff

**Technician**
- Daniel Rona

**Canteen**
- Andrea Farrugia

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**COMMUNICATION**

All families will receive a copy of the Killara Primary School Parent Handbook soon. The handbook will also be placed on our web site for digital access.

As well as the handbook we operate a phone app (Tiqbiz) to help you stay up to-date with our school events and activities! Instructions are attached.

Other official forms of communication are:
- This newsletter – your weekly update on events, activities and learning. Please read!
- Our school webs site [www.killaraps.vic.edu.au](http://www.killaraps.vic.edu.au)
- Term newsletter from your child’s team outlining programs, activities and requirements
- Email to teachers – addresses will be provided

You are encouraged to maintain regular communication with your child’s teacher and bring to their attention any issues that may have an impact on the child’s emotional or physical health, as well as any learning concerns.

For administrative issues, please call or drop into the office.

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**READING AT HOME**

As a school we continue to highlight and emphasise the importance of reading at home. Encouraging daily out loud reading, and reading to and with your child, serves to help them with their literacy skills.

Consider having a special reading space and remember, reading at home is from a text that is at an “easy” level for the child, so that the reading is positive and enjoyable.

All classes will start home reading programs within the next week. Please be sure to read any information and assist by using the reading record diaries.

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**TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Killara Primary School is in the “large school” category and, with over 620 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.

Please be fair to our 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,
Phil, Andrew and Pete

CURRENT NEWS

STUDENT ALLERGIES
Please be aware that within our school we have students with severe, and in some cases life threatening allergies to - NUTS, EGGs, SESAME SEEDS, WHEAT, and ANIMAL FUR / HAIR. Some children suffer life threatening reactions if near a child eating the trigger item or if they are touched by someone who has only handled that item! Birthday celebrations are always exciting, but for health reasons, if you intend to send along a class celebration item please do not send food. Perhaps you might consider sending ‘party favours’ such as balloons, whistle blowers etc.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

HATS
A reminder that it is part of our uniform policy and Sunsmart policy that students wear sun protective (wide brimmed) hats during term 1 and 4. Please make sure your child is equipped with a hat for times outside.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING DAY REMINDER:
☑ Remember School Banking is every Tuesday
☑ You can bank as much as you like every week,

COMMUNITY NEWS

PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE
Instrumental Music Program At Your School
Primary Music Institute (PMI) provides small group and private instrumental music lessons at your school for both keyboard and guitar.

Enrol Now
To enrol now please visit our website (www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au). If you have a paper enrolment form you can either enrol online or fax your completed form to 1300 764 674.

The PMI Approach
- Lessons are held on school campus – with exact lesson days and times confirmed on an individual student basis depending on availability and school preferences
- Structured learning objectives and student development plans – provided as part of the PMI Stars program
  - Outlines a student learning plan for all program participants
- Each level passed by completing activities across theory, aural and sight reading, scales and performance
- Parental engagement and visibility of student progress – including via open lesson days, progress reports (as part of the PMI Stars program), recitals, school performances, etc.
- Unique curriculum – developed with the input of a panel of musical and education experts
- Continual innovation – led by new Program Directors since mid 2013
- Quality teaching – stringent selection criteria, safety certification, ongoing curriculum development and teacher coaching

Contact Us
For more information about any of the PMI programs please have a look at our website and to receive any further information please contact our Parent Support Team at admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au or call on 1300 362 824.

SALESIAN COLLEGE OPEN DAY
Friday 13 February 2015
9.30am – 11.30am
Enrolments for Year 7 2016 close on 27 February 2015
Contact Marylou Jones College Registrar for more information mjones@scr.vic.edu.au

KANGAROOS JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
2015 REGISTRATION DAY
Sunbury Kangaroos JFNC – 6.30pm
Boardman Oval No3, Mitchell’s Lane Sunbury
WANTED FOR 2015 SEASON - PLAYERS FOR:
U10, U12, U14, U16 FOOTBALL
U11, U13, U17 NETBALL
For more information contact:
Jason Tirchett (Football) 0405 656 311
Kate Tirchett (Netball) 0400 066 943