



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

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Newsletter 9

March 28 2018

CALENDAR

29 March	Pyjama Day Fundraiser – Good Friday Appeal
29 March	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish
16 April	First Day Term 2 Begins
16 April	Assembly 2.45pm
17 April	PFA Meeting 2.30pm Staffroom
23 April	School Photo Day
24 April	School Tour (2019 Prep enrolments) 9:30am
24 April	Anzac Ceremony 2.10pm (Memorial Site) Anzac Assembly (Gym) 2.45pm
25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
30 April	Assembly SLC Presentation 2.30pm
2 May	Information Night and School Tour (2019 Prep enrolments) 7:00pm
10 May	School Tour (2019 Prep enrolments) 9:30am
10 May	Mother's Day Stall
15-17 May	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
29 May	CURRICULUM DAY
4-6 June	Year 3/4 Camp D,E,F
6-8 June	Year 3/4 Camp A,B,C
11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

LAST DAY OF TERM

A reminder that students will be dismissed at **2:30pm** tomorrow Thursday March 29

Please ensure prompt pick up.

FIRST DAY OF NEW TERM

The new term begins on Monday April 16.

PRINCIPAL VACANCY KILLARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

We wish to advise the selection process was completed last week and unfortunately the panel were unable to appoint a successful applicant at this time.

The position will be readvertised in the first week back next term. Pete Hansen will continue as Acting Principal at Killara for the duration of Term 2.

Neil Christie

School Council President

CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness that we inform our school community that Les French has recently passed away after a brave battle with Leukaemia. Many of you would know Les as the man who has greeted you with a smile and hello every morning and afternoon for

over the past decade on our Philip Drive school crossing. Les loved his role within the Killara community and will be sadly missed.

Les was a local man who is survived by his wife and two children. We have sent Les's family flowers and a card to express our deepest sympathies and to let them know that the school community is thinking of them at this difficult time.

Next term, we will have a "Crazy Hair Day" to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. More information to follow.

RCH GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

Look out for our students on TV during the Good Friday Appeal. The final total of donations raised will be announced tomorrow afternoon. Thanks for your support!

Well done to Jade Batey and helpers for the time they put in to organising the activities and events associated with the Appeal.

COMMUNICATION

We will be phasing out Flexibuzz as of tomorrow. Compass will be the main way we communicate, although the newsletter, Facebook and school website will continue to be avenues for sharing of information. We thank parents for their recent feedback regarding our communication tools; please continue to share your experience with us so that we can improve our approach and the tools we use.

SCHOOL ENTRANCE FOCUS GROUP

If you would like to be part of a focus group to develop ideas and feedback from the community regarding the entrance to the school and the school foyer, please leave your name at the office. The focus group will consist of parents, teachers and students. The first meeting will be early in Term 2. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

TERM AND SEMESTER REPORTS FOCUS GROUP

During Term 2, we will working with a focus group made up of parents, teachers and students to improve our reporting process. If you are interested in being part of the focus group, or would like to know more information please contact the office.

ANZAC MEMORIAL

Thank you for everyone's feedback regarding the ANZAC memorial. The memorial will be located at the side of the 3/4 building. On Tuesday April 24, a ceremony will be held at the memorial; a small number of students will be present to represent the school as well as representatives from community organisations. Following the memorial, our whole school ANZAC assembly will be held in the gym.

HOLIDAY SECURITY

I would like to encourage the school community to 'keep an eye' on the school over the coming holidays. Please report any unwanted or illegal behaviours to the police on '000', even if you only have suspicions.

We unfortunately continue to experience occasional vandalism and damage to our school by people using the school grounds. The costs involved with repairing damage cannot be afforded by our school and mean that valuable funds that should be used to support our students may be used to make such repairs.

In addition, as a result, I issue this statement:

*"Except for certain limited purposes under the Summary Offences Act 1966, a school **is not a 'public place'**. There is no general right of the public at large to be there, either within or outside school hours. A school ground is not 'public land'. It is land held by the Minister for Education for educational purposes."*

(Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide, Section 6.16 Legal Liability and Associated Matters)

Wishing all of our students a safe and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to seeing your bright, happy faces when you return on Monday April 16

**Best Wishes,
Pete and Andrew**

CURRENT NEWS

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL PYJAMA DAY FUNDRAISER TOMORROW

The winner of the easter egg competition will be announced tomorrow Thursday March 29. We would like to thank Woolworths Sunbury for donating chocolate eggs.



The Pyjama Day is on tomorrow Thursday March 29. Students may come to school for the day dressed in their favourite, most comfortable pyjamas and are asked to bring a gold coin donation in support of the Good Friday Appeal. Please remember to ensure your child wears appropriate footwear as well as age and weather appropriate clothing.

CANTEEN – 29 MARCH (TOMORROW)

Please note, the canteen will be open for counter sales at recess only and lunch orders tomorrow due to our early dismissal time. It will NOT be open at lunch time for counter sales.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Last week interested students presented their application for SLC to their classes. Their peers and teachers gave feedback and students were shortlisted to attend an interview with Mr Hansen and myself during lunchtimes this week. It has been my absolute pleasure to be part of the interview process and hear what the students have to say about their leadership skills and the ideas they have for our school.

Interviews will continue into tomorrow. We were hoping to let all candidates know the result by end of school tomorrow, however we have decided to delay that and announce results during Week 1 of Term 2, making sure we have enough time to fully evaluate their answers and make the best selections.

Robyn Smith
SLC Co-ordinator

PARENT HELPERS COURSE

All new parents intending to assist in classrooms will need to attend a Parent Helper Program session before they begin working in classrooms. A final session for 2018 will be offered on Thursday April 19 from 9:00am-9:30am. Please register your interest with our office staff so that we ensure that there are adequate handouts for participants. Please note: All parents assisting with any school activities/programs are required to have a **Working with Children Check**. You can apply online at www.workingwithchildren.com.au. If you have recently renewed your WWCC please ensure you provide a copy of your new card to the office. If you have completed the parent helper course in a previous year, you are not required to attend again.

LEARNING TASKS

As mentioned in our newsletter earlier this term, majority of Learning Tasks for each year level will be available to view on Compass from Friday March 30 2018. If you have any queries about your child's results, please contact your child's classroom teacher and make an appropriate time to meet and discuss your child's progress early in Term 2. Specialist tasks and a small number of other tasks across the school will not be available until early next term to allow teachers to have time to collate data from current units of work.

ANZAC MEMORIAL WORKING BEE

Thank you to the families who provided feedback on the location of our ANZAC Memorial garden and mural, we appreciate and acknowledge your thoughts and opinions. We are happy to announce that great progress is being made in this project and we are excited about its unveiling in time for ANZAC Day. We are looking for volunteers to help with the installation of the garden during Week 1 of Term 2, (16th-20th April). Specific dates and times will be confirmed closer to this time and will be publicised via our Monday assembly, Compass and the Killara Facebook Page. The project team thank you for your support and look forward to your participation and to sharing the final result with you soon.

MESSENGER DOGS

Last week we were lucky enough to be visited by Cultural Infusion's "Messenger Dogs". All classes participated in an engaging and informative presentation that shared the true story of Nell, Trick and Bullet. Our students learnt about teamwork, some of the conditions endured by our soldiers and animals during WW1 as well as the important role held by messenger dogs. There have been lots of great

questions and discussions since the visit and our students are to be congratulated on their positive attitudes and engaging behaviours during the presentations. We look forward to more discussions nearer to ANZAC Day.



KILLARA SWIM TEAM REPORT

The Killara swim team competed at the Sunbury District twilight swimming carnival on February 22. On the night the team took home a number of first, second and third places. From the night many of the team proudly won a spot through to the Divisional Championships. Killara also placed a close second overall in the 'big' school competition, with St. Anne's winning. Thank you to Miss G for organising the team and to the teachers and parents who attended on the night to marshal and cheer us on. On March 5, the team participated in the Woodlands Divisional Championships and represented the school well. The team again won many first, second and third places and most of the team won their way through to the Regional Championships. It was a great day. On March 14, the team went along to the Northern Metropolitan Regional Championships and although we didn't come home with any medals we did place well against the tough competition from the other schools. We placed well in our heats but only first, second and third fastest overall out of the two heats held for each race won a medal, with the first place winner going through to the State Championships, which is being held next month. The team enjoyed competing and we were all very happy to get as far as we did. We were proud to represent Killara and we congratulated each other on our swimming. Thank you to the parents who took the team to all of the events and whom were there to cheer us on during our races.

By Ashley H 5/6F

PFA NEWS

All important PFA dates can be found in the calendar. We had our first Night meeting last week and it is safe to say it was a success. We would like to welcome all our new members and some old returning members to the PFA. If you are interested in joining the PFA we would love to hear from you. Feel free to send us an email at killarapfa@gmail.com

The PFA wishes all families a happy and safe Easter and School Holidays. We would like to remind everyone of the Reading Cinemas Rewards Program. You can pick up your reward coupons from the office. Every time to go to the movies, hand it in and you can win our school free cinema tickets.

We will be having a 'Cookie Dough' fundraiser, please keep an eye out for more information towards the end of Term 2

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1, WEEK 8

Prep Being organised and ready to learn		Year 3/4 Using descriptive words and phrases when writing narratives	
R1	Alby B/Mia K	R11	Rebecca E
R2	Holly A/Mason L	R12	William P
R3	Chloe I/Zara R	R13	Kody T
Year 1/2 For using the language of chance in Maths		R14	Lillian W
		R15	Taelynn S
		R16	Ashe P
R4	Zarlie R	Year 5/6 Being a positive and hard-working member of the class throughout term 1	
R19	Xander M	R5	Mirri L
R20	Mitchell J	R6	Abi C
R21	Brinleigh L	R7	Anna T
R22	Cruz L	R8	Rianna G
R23	Gabby C	R9	Jackson V G
R24	Matilda G	R10	Claire K B
		R17	Alannah D

PAYMENTS DUE

Year 5/6 Term 2 Digital Device: March 29
Please note: if digital device payment is not received by the due date, the student will be unable to take their device home on the holidays.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNBURY DOWNS COLLEGE

Sunbury Downs Discovery Night will be held on **Monday 30 April 2018**, starting at **6.30pm**. Please phone 97440500 for more information.

WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY EASTER



FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX

On Friday March 23, seven extremely lucky grade 5/6 students were drawn out of the hat to go to the Formula 1 Grand Prix to learn about mechanics, robotics and physics and possible career opportunities. There were virtual realities, car driving simulations, military vehicles, solar powered car models, pilot training, an air show, the Formula 1's of course, the chance to change a tyre, and even some V8 Supercars!

The seven lucky students rode in Mr B's and Kathryn's cars to Crown Casino, where we caught a tram to the final destination. The time there was less about the Formula 1's, and more about the different technologies. However, we did see the noisy yet speedy Formula 1's for some practice laps.

Afterwards some of the students purchased items from the team merchandise stands. It was a great honour for the students to go, and what made it even more exciting is that it was the first time that Killara Primary School went on an excursion to the Formula 1 Grand Prix! In my opinion, the best part about the whole trip was being able to go inside army vehicles, one of which was a helicopter! Hopefully this will not be the last time Killara students have an excursion to the Grand Prix. A big thank you to Mr. B for organizing the day. Another big thank you to Mr. B, Kathryn and Mr Hansen for supervising the students on the day.

By Jonathan M 5/6F



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