



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support

Newsletter 20

June 29 2017

CALENDAR

30 June	Last day term 2:30pm dismissal
17 July	Term 3 Begins 9.00am
21 July	National Pyjama Day
27 July	Maths Competition Years 3 - 6
1 August	Prep 100 Days School
15 August	Year 1/2 Scienceworks Excursion A,B,C,D
16 August	Prep Zoo Excursion
17 August	Year 1/2 Scienceworks Excursion E,F,G,H
21-25 Aug	Book Week
21 August	Book Week Parade
28 Aug-1 Sep	Literacy/Numeracy Week
28 August	Author Visit Prep – Year 2
29 August	Author Visit Year 3 - 4
31 August	Father's Day Stall

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

LAST DAY OF TERM - TOMORROW

A reminder that we have early dismissal at the end of each term. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm tomorrow, Friday June 30. Please make sure that ALL students are picked up on time. We ask that there are no late pick-ups on the day, as staff will not be available to supervise students.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all parents who came out in the cold to speak with their child's teacher on Wednesday. Our face to face meetings support our reporting process and give us an opportunity to further build our partnership with you in your child's education.

Thanks to all of our teachers, too, for their work and dedication in preparing the reports and taking time to meet with parents.

If for some reason you were unable to make or to keep an appointment, the teacher would still like to meet you. Please contact them for an appointment day and time early next term.

VALUES CLARIFICATION SURVEY

By the time you receive this newsletter, a survey will be available on-line, seeking parent/guardian opinion about our school values.

For many years our school values have been neatly packaged into the acronym CARES. Killara CARES works well, but we think it is time to reflect on and refresh our values. Given that they are values that we all can and should uphold, as they generally reflect societal values, we are inviting people to take some

time and consider what the values mean to us and how we should enact them.

There are two parts to this survey. In the first part you will be asked to respond to each of the values by selecting three words that define that value for you. We will be using that information to form a common understanding of what each value means to each section of community – parents / guardians, students and staff. Each group will be asked to make their own responses.

In the second part you will be asked to consider actions and behaviours that should keep happening, start happening and stop happening in relation to each value. This will allow us to report back to each group and build the thoughts and responses into our codes of conduct as well as encourage further reflection.

Please use the following link to access the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/69MHNFY>

The survey will remain open until the second week of term 3.

HOLIDAY SECURITY



We would like to encourage the school community to 'keep an eye' on the school over the 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 means that valuable funds that should be used to support our students may be used to make such repairs.

Also, 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)

PLANNING FOR 2017

Next term we begin planning in earnest for 2017. To be able to accurately and effectively plan, we need to have a fairly firm idea of the number of students we will have at the school next year. In particular, we seek to have an accurate idea of our prep numbers. Please assist by completing enrolments and reminding others that you know of to do the same. We would appreciate it if all enrolments could be completed by Monday 25 July.

RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION GUIDELINES

The Department of Education has recently updated its guidelines regarding restraint and seclusion in Victorian Government Schools. As a Victorian Government school, Killara Primary School's approach to the restraint or seclusion of a student is in line with these guidelines

Restraint and seclusion of a student within a Victorian Government school is not permitted except under the following circumstances:

- in situations where the student's behaviour poses an imminent threat of physical harm or danger to self or others;
- where such action (i.e. to physically restrain or seclude) would be considered reasonable in all the circumstances; and
- where there is no less restrictive means of responding in the circumstances.

Where restraint or seclusion has been deemed necessary, it should cease as soon as the immediate danger has passed.

For further information on these guidelines, please see the Department's [School Policy and Advisory Guide – Restraint of Student](#).

THE GREAT SUNBURY GNOME HUNT FUNDRAISER

Once again we are joining other Sunbury schools in participating in the Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt.

The hunt will take place over the school holidays from the 1st to the 16th of July. Families can purchase a passport from school for \$10 which lists 25 shops and businesses in Sunbury that will be participating in The Hunt.



In each shop there will be a gnome which has been hidden by the shop or business owner. Once you find the gnome you record its name on the passport and receive a stamp from the owner. There is no

obligation to purchase anything from the shop, however, your passport will show special discounts available for all gnome hunters.

Return your passport to school after the holidays and go into the draw for some major prizes. The prize draw will take place on Monday July 24.

NEXT TERM

Next term Phil is taking a well-earned break and will be on long service leave for the first six weeks of the term. During this time, Pete Hansen will be the Acting Principal and will continue to be supported by Andrew O'Callaghan as Assistant Principal.

**Wishing all of our students and families a safe and happy semester holiday. Best wishes,
Phil, Pete and Andrew**

CURRENT NEWS

CANTEEN – 30 June (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.

THANKYOU FROM THE JUDD BLOOMFIELD FAMILY

To the amazing families and teachers at Killara Primary we cannot thank you enough for your amazing and kind support for Callum. To see the look on his face on super hero day made our day and your wonderful donations has brought our family so much love happiness smiles laughs and tears of appreciation. Words cannot express how grateful we are for everything, in moments of pain fear and the unknown this will continue to bring a smile to our face. Thank you again to everyone our hearts have been filled with love support and hope.



PAYMENTS DUE

Year 5/6 Term 3 Netbook: Tomorrow

Please Note: If payment has not been received by tomorrow 30 June, students will not be permitted to take their device home over the holiday period. If you are having difficulties with payment please contact the office.

COMPASS

The following learning tasks for Year 3/4 will be made live to parents by Tuesday 18 July:

- Writing – Poetry
- Mathematics - Graphing and Data
- Inquiry - Life Cycles

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