



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork

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TERM CALENDAR

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| 4 Sept | Killara Family Maths night |
| 6 Sept | 5/6 Summer Sports Round Robin |
| 17 – 19 Sept | School Production: "WIPING OUT WASTE" |
| 20 Sept | Last day of Term 3 Early dismissal 2.30pm |
| 7 October | First day of Term 4 |
| 23 – 25 Oct | Yr 3/4 Phillip Island Camp |

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

There is a pleasing sense of community in our school at the moment, delightfully enhanced by a number of key events such as Book Week, the Father's Day stall, our Walkathon and the up-coming school production.

We are thrilled to see lots of parental involvement and are very grateful for the work of our PFA as they assist with some of these happenings.

Our next big event is our School Production, "Wiping Out Waste". Tickets are selling fast and the students are getting close to being ready for the shows. We are very thankful to Kelli Brogan for all her hard work with this massive undertaking!

WONDERFUL WALKATHON!



What a terrific afternoon we had! It was wonderful to see so many parents and to see our students energised and happy as they walked around the course. It felt like a carnival atmosphere and everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

Many thanks to our PFA – for their wonderful work organising the sausage sizzle, fruit, drinks and coffee van.

Thanks also to all staff for their efforts, especially to Andrew Pizaro for his work in preparing the students and our office staff for administrative work before, during and after the Walkathon.



We are also thankful for some very generous sponsorship from some supportive businesses:

- Coles and Sunbury Square Shopping Centre Management for vouchers towards sausage purchases
- Woolworths for water bottles and fruit (all donated)
- Learning With Technology for donating our 1st prize: A Samsung Galaxy Tab3
- Bicycle Superstore for a generous price reduction on the BMX bike
- Bakers Delight for bread donation

Students should now collect their sponsorship money and return it to school by no later than Monday September 9 to be eligible for entry into prize draws. As money comes in, the office staff are checking and counting, then putting entries into the raffles for those entitled.

Prizes will be drawn by September 12 and winners announced at school and in the newsletter.

FATHERS DAY STALL

Our PFA has had a very busy week! Many thanks to the PFA members who assisted with purchases, preparations and sales for our Father's Day stall. Essentially, this provides a nice "service" for our students to access reasonably priced Father's Day gifts, but it also helps to raise valuable funds for our school, this time raising about \$1400.

WIPING OUT WASTE – TICKET SALES

Tickets are now on sale for the production, as per the notice sent out to all families on Tuesday.

Tickets are available for purchase at the web site 'Try Booking'. We are using this system to make booking and seat selection easy for you



and to ensure that there is not an unnecessary workload for our office staff. There is a 30 cent per ticket booking fee associated with the Try Booking site. Should you need the office personnel to assist with bookings there will be a \$2 administration fee attached.

An initial 2 ticket per family limit has been imposed to ensure all families are able to see their child perform. Ticket sales will revert to general sales on Wednesday September 11 at 6pm. Any remaining seats will then be able to be purchased, on a first come - first served basis.

We encourage those that can come to daytime performances to do so. These tickets are currently not selling as fast as the evening shows, which we expect to sell out soon.

Questions have been asked about bringing toddlers and sitting them on knees during performances. This practice is discouraged, as it will lead to distractions for the audience and, most importantly, the children on stage. We ask you to make alternative arrangements.

FAMILY MATHS NIGHT

Our next big community event is our Family Maths Night. Our Maths Specialists, Kathryn and Hayley, have been working hard to ensure a fun and enriching program is provided. Come along for an interesting and enjoyable evening. The Maths Family Night is being held next Wednesday September 4, starting at 6:30pm.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council met on Tuesday evening and the following decisions were made and discussions held:

- Financial statements checked and payments approved
 - New Parent Handbook viewed and feedback given (to be distributed to all families in 2014)
 - Communications strategy discussed, including Facebook and instant messaging
 - Concreting approved for area near prep playground and path down to 3/4 playground
 - New fencing to be financed to secure front and side of school
 - New signage to be arranged for main entrances and directional signs throughout
 - Bollards and chains to be installed along track
 - Working bee set for October 27 – to focus on surrounds of 3/4 playground
 - Progress against our strategic plan and Annual Implementation Plan outlined
 - Policy review schedule released and discussed
- We continue to be thankful for the work of our School Councillors and their commitment to our school

LATE ARRIVALS

A reminder that students are expected to be at school by 9:00am. Classes start straight away and the start of the day procedures in classrooms are aimed at tuning the children in and getting them ready to learn. A new process will be adopted from the start of next term, whereby parents will receive official correspondence if their child is regularly late to school.

Please also remember that you **MUST** bring children to the office when they are late.

EARLY ARRIVALS

On the other extreme, there are a number of students arriving very early to school. Teachers are not on duty until 8:45 and, as such, are not responsible for children in the morning until that time. For the safety of our students, please do not allow children to be here early, or drop them off early. If you are unable to supervise them yourself, childcare should be arranged.

EXTRA NOTICES

We are finding that we need to print many extra notices for students/families that have lost or misplaced them. Please help us by having a system at home to make sure notices are kept secure until needed. Please check bags and have an expectation with your children that notices are handed directly to you when they are received. We expect our students to be responsible with this matter.

Recently we have had to print off as many as 100 extra sheets for particular events. The costs associated with this printing go directly to the school, thus taking valuable funds from other things.

All of our notices are put on the school web site, so if a notice does go missing, please use this facility and print off your own copy.

Web site address: www.killaraps.vic.edu.au

Best wishes,

Phil, Marie & Andrew

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 3, WEEK 6

| Junior School Preps For getting into character on dress up day | | Middle School Improving the presentation of their work | |
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| R1 | Nirvana M | R11 | Julie M |
| R2 | Chelsea H | R12 | Ethan W |
| R3 | Morgan OS | R13 | Charlize H |
| R4 | Dion D | R14 | Sarah B |
| R5 | Jaxon JT | R15 | Holly H |
| Year 1/2 Enthusiastically participating in book week dress up day | | R16 | Lachlan R |
| | | Senior School Listening to and following instruction | |
| R6 | Alyssa T | R7 | Thomas W |
| R17 | Cooper G | R8 | Madelyn H |
| R18 | Matthew D | R9 | Patrick B |
| R19 | Felicity J | R10 | Emily L |
| R20 | Bailey N | R25 | Tarleea P |
| R21 | Felix O | R26 | Stephanie E |
| R22 | Isabella B | | |
| R23 | Bailey B | | |
| R24 | Madeleine M | | |
| Specialist Class of the Week Performing Arts Year 1/2 AH Great production rehearsal Visual Arts 5/6 Karen F Awarded for their assistance in making props for the production Physical Education Prep MD Great endurance and efforts walking around walkathon track Library 1/2 RA Being a fantastic audience with Kym Lardner | | | |

CURRENT NEWS

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Just a friendly reminder to everyone that the Premiers' Reading Challenge is fast drawing to a close. The last day for entering the books that the children have read is 12th September 2013. The teachers are also entering the books that are also read during class and Library lessons. Don't forget to also enter your child's Home Reading texts as these contribute to the final count of books read. Of our enrolment of 600 students at Killara, we currently have 147 students who have already completed the Challenge and it would be fabulous to see this number increase 3 or 4 fold. Certificates will be issued during October/November and The Age Honour Roll published acknowledging the achievements of the students. Keep up all the fantastic reading.

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