



# Killara Primary School

*Our Best – Every Child, Every Day*

**Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork**

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## TERM CALENDAR

<b>10 June</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday holiday</b>
<b>18 June</b>	Sausage Sizzle Canteen Meal Day
<b>19 June</b>	Prep incursion "Insectamania"
<b>June 21</b>	Mid-year reports distributed
<b>June 26</b>	Parent – Teacher interviews
<b>June 28</b>	Last day of Term 2. <b>2.30pm dismissal</b>

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

### PREP 2014

Thank you to the Prep Team for preparing their presentation for our information session for 2014 enrolments. We look forward to welcoming new students next year and are eager to get enrolments sorted, so please get these in.

If you are yet to collect an enrolment pack, please request one at the office.

### MATHS ACTIVE AWARD

The School was officially awarded the Maths Active plaque, as one of only 3 schools in Victoria to receive this award to date, at assembly on Monday. Congratulations to Nancy Smith for her leadership in Mathematics and to all our teachers, parents and students. Please see Nancy's article in "Current News".

### EDUCATION WEEK

We hope that the various events during education week were enjoyable for all. It was great to see so many special people of our students visit on the open afternoon. A big thank you to Mandy for her preparation and organisation of the events for the week.

### CANTEEN HELPERS

We are in great need of assistance to ensure the best possible running of our school canteen. Andrea and her very small group of helpers do a fabulous job in providing this service, but are in desperate need of volunteers. If you can assist, even if it is on a one off basis, please contact the school and we will let Andrea know.

### WORKING BEE

A working bee has been organised for **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** commencing at **10am** and concluding at **2pm**. If you are available for all or part of that time it would be appreciated. Some of the tasks that are to be undertaken include: placing soft fall around play equipment, planting trees, extending a retaining wall, spreading Tuscan toppings and installing some seats.

If you are able to bring some tools particularly wheelbarrows and shovels/rakes that would be useful.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

- Review into School Governance – Council agreed to write to the department stating their desire to continue with the current arrangements and not moved to a Board approach
- Gonski funding – Council will write to the Premier, Minister for Education and others expressing support for signing up to the Gonski reforms
- Student voice – Marie demonstrated the classroom based surveying that we have introduced with a view to providing a feedback mechanism from students to teachers
- Progress and implementation of our mobile technology program and 1:1 program
- Financial audit received – only very minor points of improvement required (already initiated)
- Various grounds actions to be undertaken including tree check, paving pergolas
- Grounds improvements, including further security fencing, landscaping and area near prep playground
- Playground audit completed and items to be actioned
- Upgrading of the portable area to include planters and child friendly aspects – plans shown and discussed
- Concerns regarding canteen helpers situation (see other article)

Best Wishes,  
**Phil, Andrew and Marie**

## CURRENT NEWS

### MATHS ACTIVE AWARD

It was with great anticipation that at Monday's assembly, Killara Primary School was officially awarded its "Maths Active" award from the Mathematics Association of Victoria (MAV).



We were thrilled to have the CEO, Mr Simon Pryor, of MAV attend morning assembly to present our school with an official plaque. MAV's 'Mathematics Active Schools' initiative is a way of identifying and supporting schools who are effectively engaging their students mathematically. This award recognises the wide-ranging contributions of staff, parents and students to the learning of Mathematics at Killara.

We were delighted to be told by Simon that Killara is one of only three schools in Victoria, presently holding this status, with 80 further applications being considered.

Mr Simon Pryor presented four of our 'Maths Active' Year 6 students with the plaque at assembly and a selection of mathematical resource books. We look forward, as a school community, to continuing our great work in Mathematics.

### 3/4 WALK TO SUNBURY - ADVERTISING

On Tuesday the 3/4 classes walked to Sunbury as part of their Unit of Work on Advertising.

They were asked to identify the different ways advertising is displayed and used to entice consumers. Here are some of their observations:

***Milk is at the back so the people might buy something else.***

***Advertising can be auditory, visual or kinaesthetic.***

***Bread is at the front because of its beautiful smell.***

***Specials are a great way to get people into the shop. They buy the specials and other things as well.***

***Sale items are placed at the front.***

***They mark some items with kangaroos to tell us they are made in Australia.***

### SLC FUNDRAISER – WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF VICTORIA

Around the world an estimated 50 million people have epilepsy, a condition of the brain, at any given time. We have students at Killara with epilepsy. People with epilepsy can face social stigma and exclusion. A fundamental part of reducing this stigma is to raise public and professional awareness. The Epilepsy Foundation provides support and public education programs to assist people and families living with epilepsy.

On WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK we are asking everyone to wear something PURPLE and to bring a gold coin donation for the Epilepsy Foundation.

Thank you from  
The Student Leadership Council

### CANTEEN HELP NEEDED!

Preparing lunch orders each day is a huge task for such a large school and Andrea relies on the ongoing support of parent volunteers. If you can help for even an hour or so, please contact Andrea or call the office.

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE MEAL DAY 18 JUNE

The Canteen will run a special meal day on Tuesday 18 June. Order forms have been sent home with all students today with this newsletter. Please return orders and payment, no later than Thursday 13 June.

No other lunch orders will be available on sausage sizzle day.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SCHOOL READINESS

This is an information evening for parents of pre school children. Rachel Fox, Professional in childhood growth and development, speaks about factors contributing to your child's readiness for school.

**Where:** Sunbury Community Health Centre  
Macedon Street, Sunbury  
**When:** Wednesday 29 May 2013  
**Time:** 7pm

Dinner and chat from 6.30pm, films start at 7.00pm. This is a FREE event however bookings are essential. Email [environment@hume.vic.gov.au](mailto:environment@hume.vic.gov.au) or call 9205 2473.

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 6

Junior School Preps For showing great organisation skills		Middle School For improvement in handwriting and letter formation.	
Rm 1	Lucas S	Rm 11	Josh C
Rm 2	Arabella A	Rm 12	Anjelina M
Rm 3	Mia-Lilly B	Rm 13	Lachlan H
Rm 4	Emily K	Rm 14	Alouise D
Rm 5	Mitchell R	Rm 15	Alex B
Year 1/2 Teacher's Choice		Rm 16	Tom E
		Senior School Showing care and respect towards others	
Rm 6	Darcy F	Rm 7	Connor F
Rm 17	Jacob W	Rm 8	Jack L
Rm 18	Harry R	Rm 9	Molly Mc
Rm 19	Ardelina Z	Rm 10	Angus W
Rm 20	Crystal T	Rm 25	Chelsea H
Rm 21	Audrey H	Rm 26	Mia W
Rm 22	Abbey C		
Rm 23	Max E		
Rm 24	Bailey P		

### Specialist Class of the Week

#### Performing Arts

3/4 A – Rebecca Gerber  
For the discussion and work they did in Performing Arts.

#### Visual Arts

3/4 C – Heather Huke  
For working well, listening well and following instructions to learn a new skill.

#### Physical Education

1/2 H – Sam Moore  
For excellent concentration on striking the shuttle.

#### Library

Prep D – Sarah Round  
For excellent listening skills in library time.

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