



Killara Primary School

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Newsletter 38

November 30 2017

CALENDAR

4 – 8 Dec	Year 1/2 Swimming Program
5 December	Prep 2018 Orientation Session 2 9.15 – 10.15am
12 December	Year 7 Orientation Day
12 December	Prep 2018 Orientation Session 3 9.15 – 10.40am
12 December	Year 3-5 Swimming Trials
12 December	Step Up Day
14 December	Whole School Disco
19 December	Year 6 Graduation
22 December	Last Day Term 4 1:30pm Finish Whole school assembly 12.30pm

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

CONGRATULATIONS!

This week, we are celebrating the wonderful news of the safe arrival of Archer Hurley. We pass on our warm wishes to proud parents Katelyn and Brenton Hurley and wish them well in the sleepless journey ahead – a rite of passage for all parents!

Congratulations also go to Tyler T from Room 9 whose excellent score in the Australian Mathematics Competition earned him a result of 'High Distinction' and placed him in the 99th percentile for the Year 6 participants from all over the country. So what does this actually mean? Here is some information about how percentiles are calculated:

- Scores of all students that participated in each year level are arranged in rank order from lowest to highest
- The scores are divided into 100 equally sized groups or bands
- The lowest scores are "in the 1st percentile" (there is no 0 percentile rank)
- The highest scores are "in the 99th percentile" (there is no 100 percentile rank)

So as you can see, this is an outstanding result that Tyler has achieved. Well done to Tyler! What an achievement!

2018 START DATE

Please note that the first day for **ALL** students for 2018 is **TUESDAY 30 JANUARY**.

2018 TERM DATES

Term 1: Tuesday 30 January – Friday 29 March
 Term 2: Tuesday 16 April – Friday 29 June
 Term 3: Monday 16 July – Friday 21 September
 Term 4: Monday 8 October – Friday 21 December

SEMESTER REPORTS

All reports will once again be online and you will be able to access them through Compass. As with

semester one, reports will contain less information than in previous years, as we have been communicating results in a more timely manner throughout the year via the learning tasks.

Reports will include a summary page of Victorian Curriculum levels, a general comment, student work habits and behaviour grading as well as a student self-reflection.

We remind parents to keep in touch with their child's progress, by regularly accessing Compass when learning tasks are announced.

If you don't have a Compass login please contact the office and they will provide you with one.

Reports will be accessible on Compass at 3:30pm on Friday 15 December.

STEP UP DAY

As the majority of our Year 6 students will be attending Orientation Day at secondary schools and our future Preps will be coming in for an Orientation Day we are having a Step Up day for our current students on Tuesday December 12. This will involve moving to another classroom for the day to 'practice' being in the next year level as a form of transition to demystify what may lay ahead. This day, in no way indicates what room or class group students will be in next year.

FAMILY END OF YEAR PICNIC AND SCHOOL DISGLO!

We will be holding our annual disco as an end of year celebration for our students. This year, we are once again going with a "disglo" to reflect that students will receive a glow stick. Additional glow sticks and other glow items will also be available for purchase at the disglo with prices starting at 50c.



Two separate sessions will be held on the evening – one for Prep to Year 2 and one for Years 3-6. The children will be able to take part in the disglo suitable for their age group, whilst their parents enjoy a café style BBQ outside. A sausage sizzle, cold drinks and ice-creams, at canteen prices, will be available for parents (and students **not involved** in the "disglo" session), as well as a coffee van. You are encouraged to bring chairs and/or a blanket and have a relaxing time whilst waiting for your child's disglo to finish.

When: Thursday, December 14

Time: Prep to Year 2: 4.30 - 5.30pm

Year 3 to Year 6: 5.45 – 7:00pm

Dress code: "It's Glow Time"

For safety and security reasons, children will be expected to remain in the gym throughout their disco session. Parents will be invited in at the end of each session to pick up their child(ren). No students will be allowed to leave until a parent has picked them up.

THE SNAKES AND THE BEES

As the weather continues to warm up and Spring leaves behind blooming plant life everywhere, it is very important that you have the snakes and the bees talk with your child. We have had a number of bees around the school and students have been seen attempting to catch them. Not surprisingly, this has resulted in children requiring first aid due to being stung. There has also been a report made to local council regarding the sighting of a snake in the backyard of a residence close to the school. Due to our proximity to the creek and surrounding reserve, ideal habitat for snakes, this is not surprising. Please remind your child/children that bees do not make good play mates and that playing in long grass areas at this time of year is quite dangerous due to the potential of snakes being in the vicinity.

P-2 SWIMMING

Our P-2 Swimming Program commenced this week with our Prep students heading down to the Sunbury Aquatic Centre for a dip. Classroom teachers have praised our students for their behaviour and manners and report that the next generation of Ian Thorpes and Susie O'Neills are on their way – they'll just need to learn how to put their bathers on the right way! Our 1/2s commence their swimming program next week.

SCHOOL OFFICE

Please note the office is unable to accept payments on Friday December 22, the last day of term.

END OF YEAR NETBOOK RETURNS – 5/6

Our 1:1 netbook/digital device program draws to a close for 2017.

The collection of all year 5/6 netbooks will take place from Monday December 11. **All students** are expected to have their netbooks, chargers, styluses and carry cases at school **Monday December 11** Students will not be able to take netbooks home from that date onwards.

Year 6 students will be given their memory cards.

It is an expectation that netbooks are returned in working order and presentable condition. Any damage to the netbooks, chargers or carry cases will incur costs, which must be paid by the end of the year.

There will be no option to purchase the devices.

Best Wishes,

Pete and Andrew

CURRENT NEWS

COMPASS

The following learning tasks will be made available to parents of year 3/4 students by Tuesday December 5:

- Mathematics – Location and Mapping

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR OF SCHOOL BANKING

Our final School Banking day for 2017 will be Tuesday 5 December. If your child is eligible to order a reward item please ensure that the reward coupon is completed and returned by this date. Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2018.

COMMUNITY HELPERS DRESS UP DAY

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff for joining our picnic and being part of our Community Helpers Costume Day. It was fantastic to see students dressed as a community helper, what a great celebration of our Inquiry about community and culture!



PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 4, WEEK 7

Junior School Showing persistence in their learning		Middle School Demonstrating persistence when completing mapping and location tasks	
R1	Amon B	R12	Ayden V
R2	Jackson W	R13	Angus M
R3	Emily C	R14	Mirri L
R4	Jack E	R15	Jet L
Year 1/2 Using their confidence skills while counting money		R16	Ashlyn D
R17	Maddex W	R21	Caden S
R18	Lincoln E	R22	Lachlan S
R19	Caelan T	Senior School Embracing the transition to secondary school with maturity and respect	
R20	Rhys W	R5	Alannah S
R23	Ruby J	R6	Maddie
R24	Charlotte E	R7	Jesse L
R25	Kayden M	R8	Lachlan P
R26	Maeve A	R9	Eric S
		R10	Summer J-B

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