



CALENDAR

4-6 June	Year 3/4 Camp D,E,F
6-8 June	Year 3/4 Camp A,B,C
7 June	Prep Wildlife Incursion
11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
15 June	Year 5/6 Winter Sports Day
25 June	Sausage Sizzle
28 June	Year 5/6 Science Dome Incursion
29 June	Last day term 2.30pm finish
18 July	Parent Teacher Interviews
26 October	Killara School Fete

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

BASKETBALL TEAM COMPLETE!

It seems we are celebrating a baby on the way every week! This week, we are very excited to announce that Kathryn Adams and her husband Karl are expecting a little bundle of joy in December. Kathryn joins 4 other staff who are currently pregnant. Thus we have five staff proudly displaying their baby bumps - the school's 2018 basketball team! We wish Kathryn and Karl all the best for the journey ahead and look forward to welcoming the latest member of the Adams family!



CURRICULUM DAY

A teacher was walking through a dark street at night when in an alleyway he heard a noise. Upon investigation, the teacher found one of his students, a 10 year old boy, ripping up a cardboard box, preparing one piece as a pillow and the rest as a blanket. The teacher asked the boy what he was doing. The boy replied that he needed a good night's sleep because he had a big day of school the next day. When the teacher asked why he was sleeping here, the boy smiled and pointed above him. The teacher looked up and noticed that above the boy was a shop awning. "If it rains, I will be dry," the boy smiled. The teacher asked the boy, "Where is your family?" to which the boy shrugged his shoulders and stated, "Not know family."

This is a true story that our staff were told when attending The Resilience Project at our Sunbury schools combined curriculum day on Tuesday. The teacher in this story, was our presenter, an Australian man, and the student was a boy from a school in India where the man was teaching. The most remarkable thing about this story was that the teacher described this student as the happiest person in the world. A young boy, an orphan, living on the streets. The happiest person in the world. We learnt from this story that happiness is about resilience and in order to be resilient we need to focus on three things: gratitude, empathy and mindfulness. It

was a powerful presentation that our staff took a lot away from. We invite you to look into The Resilience Project at <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/>. More information about our curriculum day will be in next week's newsletter.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTING AND PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our Reporting Process Survey. We had approximately 110 families take part which has allowed us to collect a great deal of data that we can use to improve our reporting processes into the future.

One piece of information that we collected from the surveys was focused on when we should conduct our Parent Teacher Interviews relating to Semester 1 learning. Families were overwhelmingly supportive towards our suggestion to move Parent Teacher Interviews to the start of Term 3, so as a result we would like to confirm that Semester 1 Reports and Term 2 Learning Tasks will be available for viewing on Compass from 4pm on Thursday June 28 (Week 11, Term 2) and Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday July 18 (Week 1, Term 3). The booking system for Parent Teacher Interviews will also open on Compass on Thursday June 28 from 4pm and will be open throughout the school holiday period to allow families to book in an interview time with their child's teachers.

Please be aware that as on previous Parent Teacher Interview days, interviews will commence on Wednesday July 18 at approximately 12.45pm and we will be requesting families help to support this process by collecting their children from school at 12.30pm on this day if possible. More information regarding our Parent Teacher Interview process will be released closer to the end of Term 2.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Killara Primary School recognizes May 27 to June 3 as being National Reconciliation Week. This is an important week that aims to maintain focus on the reconciliation journey in Australia. It is an opportunity to commemorate two significant milestones in this journey, the successful 1967 referendum, and the 1992 High Court Mabo decision that recognised the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the traditional owners of their land. More information on this week can be found at <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/>.



We encourage you to visit this website and have a conversation with your child about what this is all about. This is an opportunity to recognise, respect and understand the diversity of backgrounds and cultures we

have at Killara Primary School as well as the history of our nation.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

The annual Attitudes to School survey has been conducted this week with our Year 4, 5 and 6 students. It will provide us with data on students' views of their wellbeing, as well as the teaching and learning occurring in their classrooms, and school in general. This data will be used to support us in celebrating successes and guide us in school improvements.

As a school we also conduct a similar survey once per semester in all classes across the school, allowing classes to discuss the things that are going well and the improvements that can be made.

**Best Wishes,
Pete and Andrew**

CURRENT NEWS

KILLARA GARDEN CLUB INCURSION

Last Tuesday some of our garden club members were treated to an incursion by Western Water. They met Sammy, learnt about tap water being sooooo much cheaper than bottled water, the effects of plastic bottles, and plastic in general in our environment, and that only the 3Ps should be put down the toilet! The highlight of the session was the hands-on activity: trying to clean water once it has been contaminated by rubbish, oil, dirt etc. (Wouldn't it be easier to keep these things out of our waterways?) There was plenty for them to go away and think about. Thank you to Alice and Western Water for a great lunchtime, to the students who were so well behaved and to the SLC members who helped out. Deb, Cynthia and Robyn – Garden Club



ANZAC WRITING COMPETITION

It is great to see the wonderful writing talent of the students at Killara from Year 1 - 6, so far. This competition accepts all writing types, of any length, that shares your knowledge, interest and feelings about the ANZAC Spirit. We look forward to seeing what other creative pieces are submitted in the coming weeks. Entries close Friday June 22. For further details or submissions, please contact Sarah Round in Room 1.

CANTEEN

Help is needed in the canteen on Fridays, if you are able to spare a few hours on a Friday please contact the office on 97446432 or see Andrea in the canteen.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 6

Prep Being a bucket filler		Year 5/6 Showing resilience in their interactions with others	
R1	Charlotte S	R5	Orin E
R2	William V E	R6	Cody V
R3	Sage M	R7	Max E
		R8	Bella J
		R9	Ben P
		R10	Ashley H
		R17	Erin G

DIVISIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Finn B (1st), Bella J (2nd) and Cairo P (4th) who competed in the Divisional Cross Country yesterday May 30. They have all made it through to Regionals which will be held on June 20.

PFA NEWS - BOOMERANG BAGS

Boomerang bags works to reduce the use of plastic bags by engaging local communities in the making of Boomerang Bags. Community made using recycled materials, these bags provide a free, fun, sustainable alternative to plastic bags. Keeping with Killara's sustainability view, the PFA is asking for donations of any sheets, doona covers, pillow cases and off cuts of material that may be taking up space in your linen cupboards to go to this worthy environmental cause. Donations of any sewing thread will also be appreciated. (Please note they cannot accept doonas, heavy backed curtain material, clothes etc). The PFA will be collecting donations up until Friday June 15. If you have anything you would like to donate you can drop them off at the office. If you would like more information on Boomerang Bags or as a sewer are interested in volunteering your skills you can check out their website at

www.boomerangbags.org

PREP ENROLMENTS 2019

Enrolments are currently being accepted for 2019. Enrolments should be made by Monday 23 July, 2018 (or earlier if possible!). This will assist the school with planning for 2019.

Existing families who have previously indicated they will have enrolments for 2019 will have received enrolment forms and these should be returned by Monday 23 July. If you require enrolment forms please see the office.

Enrolments must be accompanied by a birth certificate and immunisation certificate. Copies of these documents are acceptable.

Please be sure to alert family and friends who may be interested in the excellent learning opportunities that Killara Primary School provides.

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