

Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day Respect, Resilience & Accountability

Newsletter 15 October 10th 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

TODAY—FRIDAY 19TH SEPTMBER

Saturday 11th October Sunbury Show

Monday 20th to Friday 24th October Prep Swimming Program

Thursday 23rd October Year 5/6 Scienceworks Excursion

Monday 27th October to

Thursday 6th November Smile Squad Visit

Tuesday 4th November Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Friday 7th November P-2 Athletics Day

Tuesday 11th November Prep RACV Safety Squad visit

Prep 2026 Parent Information Night 7.00pm

Friday 14th November Lego League

Year 2 Billycarts Incursion

Monday 17th November Prep Kaboom Incursion

Tuesday 18th November Sunbury Downs Transition Day

Prep 2026 Orientation Session 1—9.30am to 10.30am

Tuesday 25 November Year 1 Scienceworks Excursion

Prep 2026 Orientation Session 2—9.30am to 10.30am

Tuesday 2nd December Prep 2026 Orientation Session 3—9.30am to 10.30am

Wednesday 3rd December Celebration of Learning 2.45pm

Tuesday 9th December Statewide Transition Day

Prep 2026 Orientation Session 4—9.30am to 11.00am

Wednesday 10th December Whole School End of Year Concert 5.30pm

Monday 15th December Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 16th December Year 6 Celebration Day

Friday 19th December Last Day of School—School finishes at 1.30pm

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Welcome back to Killara for Term 4! We hope you enjoyed the school holidays and were able to make the most of the sunshine we had. It has been extremely pleasing to see our students return to school with such enthusiasm and there certainly has been a smooth resumption of learning programs and routines. Term 4 is always a busy time, and we have lots of exciting activities happening at Killara this term, so please keep an eye on future newsletters and Compass for more information.

SUNBURY SHOW

The annual Sunbury Agricultural Show is being held tomorrow, **Saturday 11 October**. Killara will be represented with a fabulous

display of student art work in the Sunbury Show Community Hub expo which is being held in the Function Room at Club Sunbury (Bowling Club). Throughout the day, children collecting Trail Bag prizes will be given voting cards for the **PEOPLE'S CHOICE for BEST SCHOOL DISPLAY** competition, as well as voting cards being handed to the public. We encourage everyone in our school

community to go along and see our students' work but also cast your vote for our display, as it could win Killara a wonderful prize!

A huge thank you to our Visual Art teacher, Jessica Stevens, for the time and effort she has put into creating our display for the Sunbury Show.



2026 PLANNING

It is almost that time of year when we begin planning for 2026. In order to be able to accurately and effectively plan, we need to have a firm idea of the number of students we will have at the school next year. This assists with determining the number of classes / teachers we will be able to operate/support in 2026. If you are aware of anyone who is considering sending their child to Killara in 2026 and has yet to enrol, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible to arrange a school tour or obtain enrolment forms.

Similarly, if you will be leaving Killara next year, can you please

notify the office so we can obtain a firm idea of enrolment numbers for 2026.

In addition, the process of creating classes and student class placement begins months before the end of the school year. At Killara, we understand how important classroom environments are for student growth and success. Our goal is to



create balanced classrooms that support the academic, social, and emotional needs of **every child**.

How Placement Decisions Are Made:

Class placement is a collaborative process involving current classroom teachers, Specialist teachers, support staff, and administration. Together, we consider a range of factors, including:

- Learning styles and academic strengths
- Social-emotional development
- Peer relationships
- Teaching styles

Special learning needs and supports

Our goal is to ensure that each class is well-rounded, and that every student is placed in an environment where they can thrive. *Parent Input:*

We understand that certain situations arise over the course of a child's educational journey. If parents have any educational or wellbeing information about your child that you believe the school needs to know as they consider student class placements for 2026, please do so in writing to Sue (killara.ps@education.vic.gov.au) before Tuesday 28 October 2025.

Please note, our staff are committed to doing what is best for **all** students and ensuring every child has a positive start to the new school year. Your written reasons will be considered as part of the overall process, but not guaranteed, as we make thoughtful, student-centred decisions drawing on the professional expertise of our staff.

Student Voice:

Killara Primary School recognises the importance of fostering and maintaining friendships. We also understand that it is equally important for students to mix and learn with peers who may have different interests. As such, all students will be provided with the opportunity to provide input themselves regarding a friend they would like teachers to consider placing them with next year when formulating classes.

SPORT NEWS

Our school's girls and boys cricket teams played today in the Sunbury Primary Schools Gala Day at Langama Park. Despite the blustery conditions, our teams performed admirably, with many exciting moments witnessed during the competition. Congratulations to all of the members of our cricket teams and many thanks to Tyla (PE teacher), Mitchell (Cricket Coach) and



Tash (Education Support Staff), for ensuring our students had the valuable experience of representing our school at a District level.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder that all students at Killara Primary School are expected to wear their full school uniform to school each day. If for any reason a student is out of uniform, they will require a note from home explaining the reason, as per our School Uniform Policy.

Now that Term 4 has commenced, in line with our school's SunSmart Policy, all students are required to wear a school SunSmart Hat during recess, lunch and PE lessons. Both broad brimmed and bucket style school hats are available for purchase from our



uniform supplier, PSW, located opposite Aldi. Students who do not have an approved hat will be expected to sit under in the shade area outside the gym for recess and lunch breaks. We understand



that at this late stage in the school year, some families may face challenges with acquiring new uniform items. We have quite a large supply of second-hand uniforms available at the moment at a drastically reduced price. Please contact Michelle in the office if you are interested in purchasing second-hand uniform items.

PREP SWIMMING

Our Prep Swimming & Water Safety Program is fast approaching. The five-day program aims to develop students' confidence and



abilities in water familiarisation and stroke development, as well as developing their water safety knowledge. Another important aspect of the program is developing students'

independence, responsibility and decision-making skills, which includes caring for their own belongings, dressing themselves and following instructions in a public setting. We hope our Prep students enjoy their Swimming Program!

STAFF CARPARK

Please remember that the staff car park is a restricted zone and is a

designated 'out of bounds' area for students and unauthorised vehicles. This includes parents/carers dropping off or picking up children, parking in the car park to enter the office or attend a meeting at school without prior authorisation.



THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA

Thunderstorm asthma — be prepared this pollen season Grass pollen season, which runs from October to December each year, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of thunderstorm asthma. For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Killara Primary School will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe when the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases. Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we

will monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater level of risk.

How you can prepare:

During pollen season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

• If your child has ever had asthma:



talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect your child from the risk of thunderstorm asthma, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.

- If your child has hay fever: see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing: it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'. Protect yourself this pollen season managing asthma and allergies matters.

Warm regards Sue & Anne

CONSENT AND PAYMENTS DUE

Year 5/6—Scienceworks Excursion
Year 5/6—Dance Incursion
Year 2—Billy Cart Incursion

STUDENT WELLBEING

This term, our staff are engaging in a *deep learning dive* on **Positive Classroom Management Strategies (PCMS)**. To get us started, we've been asking students how teachers have helped them deal with issues or challenges—big or small—to better understand what's making a difference. Here's what some of our students said:



- "When I missed out on getting a ball and the teacher helped me with some other things I could do." Year 1 student
- ### "Actually listening to us, not pretending to listen." Year 3/4 student
- Listening to me because I was sad that I forgot my hat." Year 1 student
- 💃 "My teacher knows when I need help and when I can work independently." Year 3/4 student
- "Allowing all of us to say our side of the story, not just going off the first kid because they know them." Year 5/6 student

PCMS are eight evidence-informed practices that help create safer, more purposeful learning environments, supporting student learning, wellbeing, and behaviour. These practices are grounded in the research base of **School-wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)**, which our staff already know well.



How can parents help?

We encourage families to talk with their children about classroom expectations and the positive behaviours being encouraged at school. By working together, we can help our students thrive—socially, emotionally, and academically.

Conversation Starter for Home: "If something was bothering you at school or home, who would you talk to about it?" This simple question can open up meaningful conversations and help your child feel supported and heard.

BUNJIL BUCKS REWARD SYSTEM

We are proud to acknowledge positive behaviour through our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) whole school reward system, known as Bunjil Bucks. Students can earn Bunjil Bucks by demonstrating our school values of Respect, Resilience and Accountability. Whether it's showing kindness to others, trying their best in learning or taking responsibility for their actions, students are recognised and rewarded for making positive choices.



Students are able to redeem their Bunjil Bucks at our Bunjil Buck Shop, which is filled with a range of exciting rewards! Rewards include small items such as fidgets and stationery, as well as special experiences like eating lunch with a friend, becoming a VIP at Assembly or even being Principal for a Day.

We would like to recognise the students that have joined the 50 Bunjil Buck Club this year! These students have shown outstanding commitment to our school values, earning and redeeming 50 Bunjil Bucks for their positive behaviour and efforts.

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Melanie S	Chase F	Maverick T	Logan W-H	Julius D
Jude H	Harry C	Azariah D	Chelsea P	Dylan P
Harlow M	Emerson H	Eliza R	Elijah W	Chloe T



	PUPIL OF THE WEEK			
	TERM 3—WEEK 9			
	Prep			
For participating and showing sportsmanship				
during Footy Colours Day.				
PA	Whole Class			
РВ	Whole Class			
PC	Whole Class			
	Year 1			
For di	For displaying good sportsmanship during the			
	Footy Colours Day.			
1A	Issaiah A			
1B	Josey W			
Year 2				
For displaying good sportsmanship during our				
Footy Day Clinic.				
2A	Isabella H			
2B	Elliott W			

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Year 3/4 For being a great team member and showing outstanding sportsmanship in the Muddogs/			
3/4A	Neveah F		
3/4B	Jack B		
3/4C	Cooper R		
For e	Year 5/6 For enthusiastically participating in Footy Day activities.		
5/6A	Dylan S		
5/6B	Koby H		
5/6C	Alex W		
5/6D	Ella E		

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 3—WEEK 9



Dear Killara Primary School families,

THE SMILE SQUAD FREE SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM IS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL! MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER—THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

The Smile Squad team from Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health are coming to our school.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means ALL students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care:

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic

OR use the below QR code:





Please complete and submit the consent form by Wednesday 22nd October 2025.

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is currently available in 30 languages.

Smile Squad oral health packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free oral health pack to bring home. The pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.



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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

KILLARA P.S.

THURSDAY'S

- Kid's class 4:00pm
- Junior class 5:00pm
- Adv. Junior class 6:00pm
- We operate 6 days a week
 - KID'S JUNIOR'S ADULT'S
 SEE WEBSITE FOR TIMETABLE

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