



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Respect, Resilience & Accountability

Newsletter 02

February 14th 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 17th –Wednesday 19th February	Year 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp	
Monday 17th February	No Assembly	
Thursday 20th February	School Photo Day	
Monday 24th February	School Assembly 2.30pm	
Tuesday 25th February	District Swimming	
Thursday 27th February	Meet the Teacher 2.30pm to 7.00pm	
Monday 3rd March	National Young Leader’s Day (Student Leadership Team)	
Thursday 6th March	Division Swimming	
Monday 10th March	Labour Day Public Holiday	
Wednesday 12th March	NAPLAN testing begins	
Thursday 13th March	Parent Helper Session—2.30pm	
Thursday 13th March	Parent child Safe Inducation Session—3.00pm	
Friday 21st March	Harmony Day	
Monday 24th March	NAPLAN testing concludes	
Wednesday 2nd April	Celebration of Learning 2.45pm	
Friday 4th April	Last Day of Term 1—school finishes at 2.30pm	
Tuesday 22nd April	Term 2 Commences	

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

OFF TO A GREAT START

We have continued to have a very pleasing start to the year with students settling back in with smiles on their faces, as we have navigated through some incredibly hot weather, There has been plenty of positive feedback from teachers, students and parents alike, and we were able to celebrate the return to school with a zooper dooper frozen icy-pole for everyone on Wednesday. This was certainly a welcomed treat to help us all cool down (teachers included), as the temperature began to soar during the day. It was just one way for us to acknowledge the positive and happy start our students have had to 2025, including our newest Killara students, our wonderful Preps!



SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP

Our Year 5/6 students head off to camp at Sovereign Hill on Monday morning! This is a unique camping opportunity for our students, as they will get to experience life on the goldfields during the colonial period. Students will participate in a range of exciting activities including education sessions related to the Gold Rush and Eureka Stockade, a gold mine tour, gold panning and they will also attend the amazing Aura Sound and Light night show.



Our sincere thanks to our camp co-ordinator, Michelle Romic, for her thorough organisation and to our dedicated staff attending camp – Kim, Michelle, Mitchell, Ms Surgeon, Mr Harry, and Mr Moore, together with our parent volunteers, Aaron Henderson, Chloe Speers, Ben Hannan and Stuart Thomson. We truly appreciate you all for taking time away from your homes to ensure our students have a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

MEET THE TEACHER

‘Meet the Teacher’ discussions will be held on Thursday 27th February with 10-minute bookings available from 2:30pm – 7:00pm. Information on how to book your individual time with your child’s classroom teacher has been sent home today, or you can find the booking details below:



All bookings can be made through the online booking procedure via Compass from 4pm Monday 17 February:

<https://killaraps-vic.compass.education>.

Once logged into your parent portal, please go to ‘Conferences’ and then to ‘2025 Meet the Teacher’. If you are unable to access the internet or have difficulties in accessing Compass, please don’t hesitate to call the general office so that we can book a time for you. Bookings close on Compass on Tuesday 25 February at 4pm. We encourage all parents/carers to make a booking, as these discussions are a valuable opportunity to meet with your child’s classroom teacher early in the new school year and further supports the home/school partnership by sharing information pertinent to your child.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP / SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Student voice, agency and leadership is an important aspect of a comprehensive education, allowing students to be involved in their own learning, develop confidence and acquire lifelong skills. Leadership is about the art of motivating, influencing, supporting, encouraging and guiding others, as we all work together to achieve our school goals and uphold our school values of respect, resilience and accountability. It's important for students to experience leadership opportunities during their school life and at Killara we provide opportunities to access a variety of formal leadership roles. This could be as a HERO, Class Captain, House Captain or School Captain, or demonstrating leadership through working as a valuable team member in school activities such as Choir, Lego League or Inter-School Sport.

Over the past few weeks, we have been incredibly proud of how many students have nominated or shown interest in taking on a leadership position this year. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and desire to represent our school in a formal capacity. A huge congratulations to each and every student who put themselves forward and 'had a go', in true Killara spirit. Well done everyone!

At our special assembly on Monday 24 February, (2.30pm start) our 2025 Student Leadership Team will be officially announced and presented with their badges by MP Josh Bull and Hume City Council Mayor, Jarrod Bell. Following the presentations to our Student Leadership Team, our Class Captains, and HEROs (heating, electricity, recycling officers) will also be announced at assembly and presented with their badges. We warmly invite family and friends to attend.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The last School Council meeting for the current School Council will be held on Tuesday 18 February in the Conference room commencing at 6pm. I would like to sincerely thank our school councillors whose terms have expired for their service over the past two years. Your valuable contributions to Killara Primary School have been greatly appreciated.

With gratitude to:

Renee Barry
Terri Cassar
Lisa Lacoria

Participating as a member of School Council is another way of supporting the school and being involved in your child's education at a more formal decision-making level. School Council meetings are held on the third Tuesday evening of each month commencing at 6:00pm. Nomination forms for the 2025 School Council will be available shortly from the office (we can email you a form if required). Please keep an eye out for further information regarding School Council elections next week. This year there will be:

- 3 vacancies in the parent category
- 2 vacancies in the school employee category

VICTORIAN HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM (VHAP)

The Victorian High-Ability Program is an opportunity for students in Years 5 to 8 at government schools to participate in 10-week online enrichment programs, in English or Mathematics. The virtual program, delivered by [Virtual School Victoria](#) during school time, focusing on extending and developing students' mathematical and

English abilities. Students participate in an online workshop and masterclass with other high-ability students from schools across Victoria. The Department of Education and Training manage the selection process for the program based on student academic performance.



We would like to congratulate Stevie from 5/6C, who has been selected to participate in this term's VHAP for English (Writing) and look forward to her sharing her new learning with us.

PARENT HELPERS SESSION – SAVE THE DATE!

Killara is strongly committed to building important relationships between school and home. An integral part of our literacy program is parental assistance. Classroom teachers value the help of parents to enable them to provide high quality teaching and learning programs. On **Thursday 13 March** starting at 2:30pm, Kim Pezzano, Killara's Leading Teacher, will offer a Classroom Helpers session. The session will give an insight into the types of activities that are part of our literacy program, the procedures and protocols involved in assisting in your child's classroom, as well as relevant questions and prompts to support students.

Parent Helpers



PARENT CHILD SAFE INDUCTION SESSIONS

We strongly value parent assistance at Killara and any parent who would like to volunteer at our school and are likely to be working with a child on a 1:1 or small group basis and/or wish to attend an excursion or overnight camp, are required to hold a current Working with Children Card and have also completed the Child Safe Standards Induction and signed the 'Child Safe Code of Conduct'. We shall hold several opportunities for parents to complete the Child Safe Induction, with the first session planned for:

Thursday 13 March at 3:00pm

Working with Children application forms can be obtained online at <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>.

There is no cost to obtain a Working With Children Card and the check is valid for 5 years. Once you have received your card please submit it at the office and a photocopy will be made for our records.

ISSUE RESOLUTION

Just a reminder that if you have a concern at all regarding your child, the first point of call should always be your child's classroom teacher and then if the issues continue or you are still concerned, please come and speak to either Anne or myself (Sue). If you would like more information regarding our school's Complaints and Grievances policy and processes, please access this on the school's website on the following link:

<https://www.killaraps.vic.edu.au/page>



STUDENT BELONGINGS

Often students like to bring to school to share a special toy with their classmates, but unfortunately, this can result in the toy being lost, damaged or the student's focus during learning time is centred on playing with the toy as opposed to their classroom learning. We would appreciate your co-operation with not sending toys to school.

Every classroom is equipped with a 'Calm Kit' which has a variety of appropriate sensory items for students to use if required. Please remember that fidgets are a small object used discretely in the palm of the hand and are designed to support an individual manage sensory, cognitive or emotional levels.

SAFETY

Student safety is of paramount importance to us all, and as we know, last year in Victoria there were several devastating incidents involving children. Please remember that when dropping off your child to school to observe the signage and using the school crossing supervisors when crossing the road. Hume City Council regularly patrol school drop off zones and will issue hefty fines. Please be aware that parking outside the school in Phillip Drive is only a 5 minute drop off zone.



Another concern recently has been the number of students who are playing on the Year 1/2 playground after school without parent supervision. Our school grounds are monitored from 3:30pm – 3:45pm by a staff member positioned in the front of the school in Phillip Drive and also at the gates in Rees Road. The playgrounds are not monitored by staff and therefore, pose a child safety risk if not supervised by their parent.

STAFF CAR PARK

A reminder to parents that the staff car park is for staff member vehicles only. Whilst the convenience of parking in close proximity to the school's buildings is very appealing, this is far outweighed by the risk of injury to students and other members of the school community.

We appreciate your co-operation on all of these matters, as we all work together to ensure our children are safe.



Best Wishes
Sue and Anne



2025 TERM DATES

Term 1: Wednesday 29 January to Friday 4 April

Term 2: Tuesday 22 April to Friday 4 July

Term 3: Monday 21 July to Friday 19 September

Term 4: Monday 6 October to Friday 19 December



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CONGRATULATIONS



PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1— WEEK 1	
Year 1 For settling into the classroom routines and expectations for Year 1.	
1A	Issaiah A
1B	Elijah W
Year 2 For demonstrating the School Values of Respect, Resilience and Accountability.	
2A	Harrison C
2B	Hannah S
Year 5/6 For displaying School Values whilst settling back into our school routines.	
5/6A	Hiro E
5/6B	Coen H
5/6C	Amelie C
5/6D	Ava M

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1— WEEK 2	
Prep For a positive start to school.	
PA	Audrey B & William T
PB	Annika S & Hendrix M
PC	Matilda H & Levi W
Year 1 For demonstrating our School Values of Respect, Resilience and Accountability.	
1A	Hudson L
1B	Chloe T
Year 2 For demonstrating accountability for their learning during Independent Reading.	
2A	Harry H
2B	Elliott W
Year 3/4 For creating a well structured persuasive text.	
3/4A	Eden M
3/4B	Eva G
3/4C	Alessia C
Year 5/6 For showing resilience whilst working as part of a team during our 'Survival Island' activity.	
5/6A	Hiro E
5/6B	Coen H
5/6C	Amelie C
5/6D	Ava M





PHOTO DAY

COMING SOON!

Thursday, 20th February 2025

Head to our website to view the available packages and to place your order

*****ONLINE ORDERING WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 1ST JANUARY 2025*****

VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE:

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www.theschoolphotographer.com.au



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

MONDAYS
15'S - 17'S - OPENS - STARTS 10TH FEB
THURSDAYS
13'S - START 6TH FEB

SNA - BOARDMAN STADIUM

REGISTRATION.NETBALLCONNECT.COM
OR CONTACT
CHELSEA - 0413251602 VIA MESSAGE

13'S NEED TO BE BORN - 2012 / 2013
15'S NEED TO BE BORN - 2010 / 2011
17'S NEED TO BE BORN - 2008 / 2009



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Martial Arts**

KARATE



**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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