

## **Killara Primary School**

Our Best - Every Child, Every Day **Respect, Resilience & Accountability** 

Newsletter 12 **August 22nd 2025** 



#### **Monday 25th August**

#### **CURRICULUM DAY—STUDENTS NOT TO ATTEND SCHOOL**

Orders for Tony's Pies Close tonight Monday 25th August

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th August **Bullying No Way Week** 

Wednesday 27th August Understanding Ourselves (parent session)

Thursday 28th August Pop of Purple Day

Tony's Pie Delivery

Friday 29th August Year 5/6 Bicycle Program

Thursday 4th September Father's Day Stall

**CFA Prep Visit** 

Year 5/6 Understanding Ourselves—Session 1 Father's Day Card Making—6.00pm to 7.00pm

Friday 5th September **Summer Sports** 

Brainstorm Productions—Being Brave Monday 8th September

Thursday 11th September Year 5/6 Understanding Ourselves—Session 2

**CFA Prep Visit** 

Friday 12th September Year 5/6 Parliament Process Incursion

Year 1/2 Dinner and Year 2 Sleepover

Wednesday 17th September Celebration of Learning

Thursday 18th September Year 5/6 Understanding Ourselves—Session 3

Friday 19th September **Footy Colours Day** 

Last Day of Term 3—school finishes at 2.30pm

Monday 6th October Term 4 commences

#### FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

#### **BOOK WEEK**

What an exciting week we had last week celebrating Book Week at Killara! It was a great opportunity to bring children and books together and engage in a variety of activities associated with the theme for this year, 'Book an Adventure!', which encouraged children to see reading as a journey of discovery. Highlights of the A huge thank you to all involved, particularly, our Book Week week included, our multi-age activities, where students from all year levels got to work together on a book related activity, and of course, a visit to Killara by highly accomplished Australian author, Morris Gleitzman, and author and illustrator, Jess Racklyeft.

Sincere thanks to everyone who dressed up for our Dress-up 2 Parade and to parents / carers and students for the effort, 5/6 imagination and creativity you put into this year's costumes. This

year's theme inspired costumes of characters from classic and modern stories, as well as those from fantasy and fairytale worlds, and we all got to explore new worlds and meet unforgettable characters during the parade!

It was wonderful to see younger siblings come along and join in the fun of the parade, as well as our dedicated staff for dressing up as a character from their favourite book.

organisers Miss B. and Miss O.

Congratulations to the following students (and staff) who were the winners of our Dress Up Parade:

Prep Ellie T & Levi W Haig M & Harlow M Maple D & Lachlann W 3/4 Piero L & Amity G

Meg H & Hugo H Staff Tash

#### **BOOK WEEK**





#### **BOOK FAIR**

Our love of reading at Killara continued as we hosted the LAMONT BOOK FAIR in our school library last week! The Book Fair offered our families the opportunity to purchase a quality book for their child, with the school receiving a percentage of all sales. Sincere thanks to those families who came along and supported this. The school received over \$800 in books from Lamont and these will

further enhance our Reading program.

Remember, our aim at Killara is for every student to be a reader by choice!



#### **PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY**

Students at Killara receive positive acknowledgements when they display the expected behaviours identified on our whole school 'Behaviour Matrix', as part of the School Wide Positive Behaviours Framework (SWPB). They earn 'Bunji Bucks' for demonstrating our school values and are able to redeem them at the Bunji Bucks shop each Wednesday and Friday. Some students prefer to redeem their Bunjil Bucks immediately for items such as stationery, small toys, fidgets etc., whilst others prefer to save their Bunjil Bucks for more significant items such as 'Gold Class at Assembly', extra Specialist classes or a special lunch.

However, last week, we had one student who had saved her Bunjil Bucks to exchange for being 'Principal for a Day'!





Congratulations to Chloe (1B) for the incredible job she did last week when she sat in the office chair and completed a variety of 'principal' jobs, including conducting a playground safety inspection, selected prizes for the Book Week parade, helped approve the organisation for the upcoming Grade 1 Dinner and Grade 2 Sleepover, and provided feedback for the Department of Education regarding our school's Swimming & Water Safety Program. Chloe also got to have lunch in the staffroom with the other teachers and even did a stint of yard duty!

Thank you so much Chloe for all of your hard work – you were amazing! I thoroughly enjoyed having you spend the day with me.

I used my Bunji Bucks to be the Principal and it was very fun. I got to do a lot of work with Sue. I got to have lunch in the staffroom and I loved all of it. It was very cool.

I got to check the asthma bags to check that the names were there. I went outside and made sure the playgrounds were ok for people and they could play on them.

Principal Chloe

#### **SUNBURY DISTRICT ATHLETIC SPORTS**

Congratulations to our Killara Athletics' Team who recently represented our school at the Sunbury Primary Schools' Athletics Championships at Boardman Reserve Athletic Track. Our squad of 42 athletes competed in a variety of track and field events, including triple jump, high jump, sprints, hurdles, discus and shot put. The relays are always a highlight of any athletics carnival, and our Killara relay teams did a fabulous job. There were so many outstanding performances on the day, with everyone trying their very best and demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship. A number of students have now qualified for the Division Athletics Championships later this term. A huge thank you to our PE teacher, Tyla Evans, for the enormous amount of time and effort she put into ensuring this event was a great success for our students. Go Killara!









#### **TONY'S PIES FUNDRAISER**

Our Term 3 fundraising event, Tony's Pies, closes on Monday 25 August. This is an ideal opportunity to stock up on delicious baked goods such as a variety of pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls. Ordering is simple and just requires you to scan the QR code



below, which will take you directly to the order form. All products will be delivered freshly baked and suitable to freeze - perfect for this chilly weather or when you just need a break from cooking! We would greatly appreciate it if you could ask your family, friends and neighbours to place an order as well, and help us achieve our 2025 fundraising goal of replacing the external bubble drinking taps around the school. Every bit helps!



https://tonyspiedrives.com.au/ fundraiser/killara-primary-school/

#### **CURRICULUM DAY**

Just a reminder that our next Curriculum Day will be held this coming Monday, 25 August. This is a student free day, with students not required at school. All staff will be participating in professional learning related to Wellbeing, including building our understandings around the newly released Department of Education resource, 'Positive Classroom Management Strategies' and School Wide Positive Behaviours (SWPB).

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#### **PARENT OPINION SURVEY**

Each year the Department of Education conducts an online Parent/ Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey for parents to provide feedback to schools regarding a range of school operations. A sample of 30% of our families will be randomly selected via CASES21 to participate in this year's survey and further information related to this year's survey will be sent home next week. The survey will be conducted from Friday 29 August until Friday 19 September and is completed online.

If you are selected, can you please ensure the survey is completed before Friday 19 September, as the response rate from our parent community is collected by the Department and the results from the survey responses go towards helping us inform future school planning and improvement measures. Your opinions really are important to us.

THANK YOU!



#### **FATHER'S DAY STALL – THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**

Father's Day is fast approaching, and we are busy getting ready for our Father's Day stall at school on Thursday 4 September.

Each grade will have the opportunity to attend the stall during the day to carefully select and purchase a gift for dad or the special person in their lives. Gifts are available at a range of prices, starting at \$2.



Families can prepay an amount up to \$10 for their child to spend at the Father's Day Stall. Students will then be provided with a voucher to use at the stall. Students can also pay with cash on the day.

To prepay, please follow the link:

#### https://compasstix.com/e/e9t5gwisxt

For any assistance using CompassTix, please don't hesitate to reach out to Michelle or Emily in the office.



**HELP NEEDED**: To run these events we rely on volunteers. If you are able to assist on Thursday 4 September (even for an hour or two) and have a current 'Working with Children Check', please contact the office. Without our wonderful parent helpers, events such as this would not be possible.

#### FATHER'S DAY / SPECIALS PERSON'S DAY CARD MAKING EVENING

Shhhhh, it's a secret from Dad!!

To help celebrate Father's Day, all students are invited to attend a special card making evening at school on Thursday 4 September from 6pm – 7:00pm. Students can come to school with their mum or another adult from home to work together to create and decorate a Father's Day card. There will be all sorts of crafty materials available to produce a memorable card for dad or that

special person in your child's life. If another adult is unable to bring your child to school, then of course the recipient of the card can come up to school with their child and thev welcome to in wait the staffroom whilst their child creates their 'surprise' card. You



can come any time between 6:00pm and 6:40pm, to ensure your card is completed by 7pm, when the school will be closed. This is also a lovely opportunity for parents or other significant adults to spend some quality time with their child creating something

In addition, every student who attends with an adult, will receive a free ticket for the lucky door prize. Please keep the date free and we hope to see you then.

#### **2026 PREP ENROLMENTS**

Please remember that if you have yet to submit a 2026 Prep enrolment application or know of someone who is yet to do this, can you please do so as soon as possible so that we can begin the timeconsuming task of workforce planning for next year. If you have any questions regarding 2026 Prep enrolments, please contact Michelle in the office on 9744 6432.



#### **SWIMMING & WATER SAFETY PROGRAM**

Our Grade 1 & Grade 2 students recently participated in a Swimming & Water Safety Program at the Gisborne Aquatic Centre. The confidence displayed by our Grade 1 & Grade 2 students and the progress made in a short amount of time was incredible. Well done everyone! Sincere thanks to our amazing Grade 1 & Grade 2 staff and parent volunteers for ensuring this valuable program was such a success.



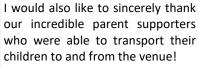


The Prep students will commence their Swimming & Water Safety Program next term and information related to this will be sent home closer to the date. Swimming and Water Safety is an integral part of the Victorian Curriculum's Health & Physical Education Learning Area.

#### **SPORTING SUCCESS**

As a result of their outstanding success at the Woodlands Division Championships, our Mixed Netball team qualified to participate in

the North West Region Championships in Greensborough this week. The standard of competition was extremely high, and our team came a very impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. This was a wonderful achievement and recognition for the hard work the team have put in. Many thanks to Miss Paige Surgeon, for her passion and tireless efforts put into coaching the team.





#### LEGO LEAGUE

Well done to members of our Lego League Squad who participated in a 'hands-on' day at the Dulap Wilim Hub last week, as the preparations for the FIRST Lego League Tournament next term draws closer. Our Lego League coach and co-ordinator, Mr Mitchell Boyd, was extremely impressed with how our squad members collaborated and persevered during the day, as they problem solved solutions for their robot missions. Great effort!

#### **RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOURS**

We love having our Killara community come together to celebrate our wonderful school and students. We have worked tirelessly over the past few years to build strong and respectful partnerships with our Killara families and in the wider Sunbury community. Our goal is to foster a supportive and empathetic school culture where all

members model our school values of Respect, Resilience and Accountability in our day-to-day interactions and that we treat each other with kindness and politeness.

Positive school environments are important because everyone has the right to be safe and we all play a shared role in being respectful. Respectful behaviours are important in building strong, healthy and thriving school communities.

It is a timely reminder for everyone in the Killara Primary School community that we all have an obligation to ensure this happens. When there is unacceptable behaviour towards students, staff or another member of the school community, my role as principal, is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone within our school grounds. Unacceptable or unreasonable behaviour will be escalated to the Department.

#### **ILLNESS**

As mentioned in a Compass post to all families earlier this week, it is that time of year when we are experiencing a high number of illnesses across the school. In particular, there have been confirmed cases of Influenza A, which is a very contagious virus.



We continue to ask that if your child is unwell or has any cold or flu symptoms, that they stay home to recover and help prevent further spreading, especially to those in our school community who may be more vulnerable.

Unfortunately, the impact has also spread to our staff, and when a staff member is affected by sickness, the challenge to replace them with Casual Relief Teachers at this time of the year, is extremely difficult due to staff shortages across Victoria. We have managed the situation this week as best as possible, and I can't thank the staff at Killara enough for their flexibility and support for their unwell colleagues.

To help us effectively manage the situation, please ensure that if your child is unwell, they are cared for at home until they fully recover.

Thank you so much for your understanding and support with this.

Best wishes, Sue & Anne

#### SAFE CROSSINGS—SAFE KIDS

The Department of Transport and Planning has launched a new road safety initiative for school crossings. This initiative:

- Reminds road users of the special road rules that apply at school crossings.
- Promotes 8 safe behaviours at school crossings for drivers.
- Outlines how to identify a school crossing.

For more information visit the link: Safe Crossings, Safe Kids initiative





# MONDAY 25TH AUGUST CURRICULUM DAY STUDENTS NOT TO ATTEND SCHOOL

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**COMPLETE KIDS—OSHC** 

**Curriculum / Pupil Free Day program** 

Monday 25th August will be open and operating on this day from

6.30am – 6.30pm.

Families can register their interest by sending an email to: oshc@completekids.net



#### KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS – PASS IT ON!

At Killara PS, we believe every child has the right to feel safe, respected, and included. In the lead-up to our *Bullying*. *No Way!* Week (25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August), we are encouraging our community to take a stand together against bullying.

Bullying can take many forms — physical, verbal, social, or online — and it's never okay. Prevention starts with strong partnerships between school and home. Here are some ways families can help:

- Talk openly with your child about kindness, respect, and what bullying looks like.
- **Encourage inclusion** remind children to look out for others, especially those who may be feeling left out.
- **Model positive behaviour** show your child how to solve problems calmly and respectfully.
- Monitor online activity and talk about safe, respectful online behaviour.
- **Encourage speaking up** let your child know they can talk to you or a teacher if they see or experience bullying.

Remember to wear a 'pop of purple' on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

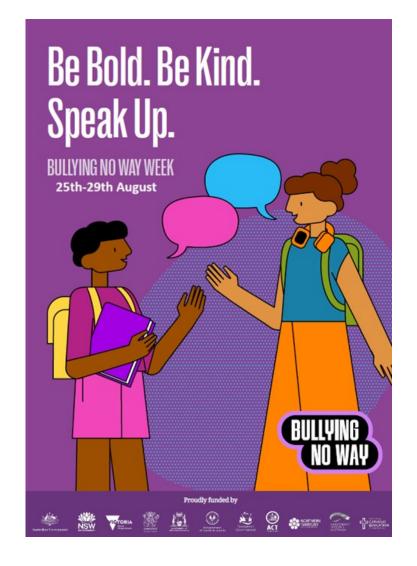
August to show our support for Bullying No Way Week.

#### **HELPFUL RESOURCES**

#### Keep communication open

Children are more likely to seek help if they feel adults genuinely care about them and their concerns. Regularly checking in, asking about their day, and showing interest in their feelings builds trust. Get to know their friends, ask about school, and listen to their worries. You don't always need to solve their problems—sometimes it's better to ask what they think they could do. Be alert to the signs of bullying. Sensitive and caring conversations about what is happening for your child can make a difference.

This link takes you to the Australian Government's <u>Help Your Child Stop</u> <u>Bullying</u> resource. It's a practical and easy -to-read guide filled with tips and information to support families in understanding and addressing bullying.



	PUPIL OF THE WEEK
	TERM 3—WEEK 2
	Prep
For	effectively subtracting numbers using a
	variety of different strategies.
PA	Ingrid T & Elsie M
РВ	Amira M & Samuel M
PC	Alexis T & Wolf W
	Year 1
For	showing resilience and trying their best.
1A	Hudson L
1B	Paris H
	Year 2
For disp	playing a growth mindset during our maths
	session.
2A	Logan M
2B	Maple D
	Year 3/4
For h	aving a positive attitude when trying new
	things on camp.
3/4A	Florence S
3/4B	Nate W
3/4C	Amity G
	Year 5/6
For cre	ating detailed summaries of biographies of
	famous Australian federators.
5/6A	Ravneet G
5/6B	Madeleine W
5/6C	Milly G
5/6D	Maddy M
•	SPECIALISTS
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Phys.	Chloe T (1B) for being helpful and
Ed.	respectful.
STEM	Maverick T & Isa K (1B) for conducting experiments in a responsible manner.
Vis.	Eliza R (1B) for showing resilience when
VIS. Art	creating a foam printing plate, allowing
AIT	her to make a well pressed ink print.
Perf.	Brax M (1B) using good manners and
Arts	designing a creative photo story landscape.

































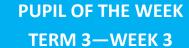












Prep

For enthusiastic and active participation during reading groups.

PA	Zoey A & Viraaj G
РВ	Josephine M & Harley P
PC	Harlen B & Hazel C

Year 1

For displaying our school values during swimming.

1A	Stirling G
1B	Chelsea P

Year 2

For displaying our school values during our swimming program.

2A	Julius D
2B	Presley S
	Year 3/4

For writing a detailed small moment about camp.

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3/4A	Isla S
3/4B	Charlotte W
3/4C	Callum T

**Year 5/6** 

For accurately following the division algorithm during mathematics.

5/6A	Jake C
5/6B	Jack G
5/6C	Amelie C
5/6D	Brian Z
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SPECIALISTS	
Phys. Ed.	Addison C (PC) for showing fantastic progression in her kicking skills, demonstrating improved control and direction.
STEM	Harlen B (PC) for showing great enthusiasm for the pushing /force rotation.
Perf. Arts	Nate B (PA) for signing and singing the rainbow song and using the Ipad

responsibly.



PUPIL OF THE WEEK
TERM 3—WEEK 4

#### **Prep**

For writing an excellent Book Week r	ecount.
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PA	Theodore G & Julian W
РВ	Emilia S & Penelope S
PC	Ozan D & Matilda W

#### Year 1

## For showing enthusiasm and enjoyment during Buddy Reading.

1A	Edward C
1B	Amelia K

#### Year 2

## For displaying respect, accountability and creativity during our Author visit.

2A	Dantae A
2B	Isabelle W
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#### **Year 3/4**

## For challenging themselves when solving subtraction problems.

3/4A	River M			
3/4B	Rylee W			
3/4C	Ariyah A			

#### **Year 5/6**

#### For participating in Book Week with enthusiasm.

5/6A	Josh F				
5/6B	Shelby W				
5/6C	Levi P				
5/6D	Jemma R				
SPECIALISTS					
Phys. Ed.	James R (5/6C) for showing great skill, focus and improvement during badminton.				
Visual Art	Nadia M (5/6D) for weaving magic into her Book Week artwork.				
Perf.	Brax D (5/6B) for all the hard work he				

put into his podcast.

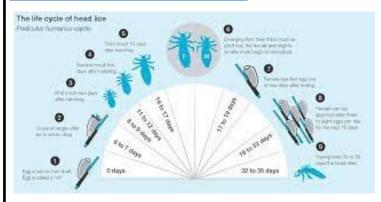
Arts

#### **CURRENT NEWS**

#### **HEAD LICE**

We have had a number of reported cases of head lice in the past few weeks. Can you please assist with checking your child/children's hair tonight and treating if necessary. More information can be found by clicking the link below:

https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/head-lice-nits



#### **LOST PROPERTY**

The tubs are overflowing with not only Killara uniform items but casual jackets and drink bottles. The tubs will be cleared and donated to charity at the end of term so please take some time to have a look if you are missing any items. The tubs are located at the end of the corridor outside the Art Room.



#### **EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL**

Parents are reminded that students should not be dropped off at school early. Teachers are not required to supervise students until <u>after 8:45am</u> and there is no yard supervision until that time. Should this be problematic for your family, we encourage you to utilise the Before School Care program provided by Complete Kids. Casual and permanent bookings are welcome.

#### **CONSENT AND PAYMENTS DUE**

Year 5/6—Bike Ed Program
Yeart 6—Graduation Bear
Year 5/6—Understanding Ourselves
Year 5/6—Summer Sport
Whole School—Brainstorm Production
Year 5/6—Parliament Process Incursion
Year 2—Dinner and Sleepover
Year 1 — Dinner

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### **Killara Primary School**

We have organised with **Tony's Pies of Essendon** to conduct a fundraising pie drive. Tony's Pie's will supply us with a range of their freshly baked pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls on **Thursday, August 28, 2025**.

Last day to order is midnight, Monday, August 25, 2025.

All the products will be freshly baked and will be suitable to go straight into the freezer if you wish.

So order up BIG. Remember, the more you order the more we make.

We need the support of everyone to make this fundraising a success.

Product Per 1/2 Dozen	Our Instore Retail Price	Special Pie Drive Price To You	Family	Our Instore Retail Price	Special Pie Drive Price To You
Steak Pies	\$45	\$39	Steak Pie	\$20	\$18
Steak & Mushroom	\$45	\$39	Steak & Mushroom	\$20	\$18
Steak & Cheese	\$45	\$39	Steak & Cheese	\$20	\$18
Chicken & Vegetable	\$45	\$39	Chicken & Vegetable	\$20	\$18
Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$45	\$39	Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$16	\$14
Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$45	\$39	Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$16	\$14
Pasties	\$45	\$39	Pasties	\$20	\$18
Sausage Rolls	\$27	\$24	Apple Pie	\$15	\$13
Party Pies	\$15	\$12	Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$15	\$13
Spinach & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Mac & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Lasagna Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Apple Pies	\$45	\$39			
Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$45	\$39			

To start ordering open your smartphone camera and hold it over the QR code till the link pops up.



Or copy and paste the link below into your browser to start ordering on your PC.

https://tonyspiedrives.com.au/fundraiser/killara-primary-school







**Ascent Footwear** works closely with the **medical community** to ensure that their shoes meet the needs of school kids and their growing feet.

A part of this commitment is hosting education programs, like their **free lace tying lessons**. This fun and interactive workshop guides students through the steps of tying their shoe laces, helping them to **build their confidence** and practice this very important fine motor skill.

Students take home their own **shoe pencil case** and **lace tying guide booklet**. Plus, they also get access to the step-by-step video to keep practising tying their laces at home!











## **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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