



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Respect, Resilience & Accountability

Newsletter 16

October 24th 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 27th October to Thursday 6th November	Smile Squad Visit
Tuesday 28th October	5/6D Dance Incursion
Friday 31st October	World Teacher's Day
Tuesday 4th November	Melbourne Cup Day—Public Holiday
Wednesday 5th November	5/6A & 5/6B Dance Incursion
Thursday 6th November	5/6C Dance Incursion
Friday 7th November	P-2 Athletics Day
	Year 6 Secondary School Visit
Tuesday 11th November	Prep RACV Safety Squad visit
	5/6D Dance Incursion
Wednesday 12th November	Prep 2026 Parent Information Night 7.00pm
	Year 3/4 Hands on Science
Thursday 13th November	5/6A & 5/6B Dance Incursion
Friday 14th November	5/6C Dance Incursion
	Lego League
Monday 17th November	Year 2 Billy Cart Incursion
Tuesday 18th November	Prep Kaboom Incursion
	Sunbury Downs Transition Day
Wednesday 19th November	Prep 2026 Orientation Session 1—9.30am to 10.30am
Thursday 20th November	5/6D Dance Incursion
	5/6A & 5/6B Dance Incursion
	5/6C Dance Incursion
	Christmas Raffle—Casual Clothes Day
Friday 21st November	STUDENT FREE DAY—Professional Practice Day for Staff
Tuesday 25th November	Year 1 Scienceworks Excursion
	Prep 2026 Orientation Session 2—9.30am to 10.30am
Wednesday 26th November	5/6D Dance Incursion
Thursday 27th November	5/6A & 5/6B Dance Incursion
Friday 28th November	5/6C Dance Incursion
Monday 1st—Friday 5th December	Prep Breakfast
Tuesday 2nd December	Whole School Dance Curriculum Workshop
Wednesday 3rd December	Prep 2026 Orientation Session 3—9.30am to 10.30am
Tuesday 9th December	Celebration of Learning 2.45pm
	Statewide Transition Day
Wednesday 10th December	Prep 2026 Orientation Session 4—9.30am to 11.00am
Monday 15th December	Whole School End of Year Concert 5.30pm
Tuesday 16th December	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 19th December	Year 6 Celebration Day
	Last Day of School—School finishes at 1.30pm

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

2026 PLANNING

As mentioned in our last newsletter, planning for 2026 is now underway. A great deal of thought, time and effort goes into planning for the new school year, and we are committed to doing what is best for **all** students at Killara.



Part of the planning process for 2026 includes developing the grade structure for the upcoming year. The number of classes / teachers we are able to support in each school year is influenced by the number of confirmed enrolments we have. To assist us with this, if you are aware of anyone who is considering sending their child to Killara next year, please encourage them to contact the school before the end of October 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 each year level for 2026.

We also understand that certain situations arise over the course of a child's educational journey and that there may be information that you would like the school to consider when developing new classes. 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.**

Our goal when creating new classes is to ensure that each class is well-rounded, and that every student is placed in an environment where they can thrive. Please note, your written requests 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.

SUNBURY SHOW

Many thanks to Jessica Stevens (Visual Arts) for preparing the creative display of our students' artworks in the community exhibits section held in the function room at the Sunbury Club during the recent Sunbury Agricultural Show. Building strong relationships with the wider Sunbury community and being actively involved in community events is something we pride ourselves on at Killara. It helps foster a rich and rewarding connection to where we live and enhances a greater sense of pride and belonging for our school. Well done and thanks Jess!



Killara students experienced further success at the Sunbury Agricultural Show with Prep students, Alina and Luna, winning the Heritage Scarecrow competition. They created twin scarecrows of themselves with their old clothing and named these Straw-shine and Hay-moon. Wow!! Congratulations Alina and Luna on your creativity and fabulous achievement.



PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY

The Victorian Government Schools Agreement (VGSA) has provision for all teachers to access one Professional Practice Day (PPD) in 2025, where teachers are released from their face-face teaching duties to focus on professional development, assessment, planning or collaboration. Under the Agreement, this day can be designated a 'common' day where students are not required at school on that day. The date for the common Professional Practice Day for staff has gone through the school's Consultative Committee and School Council. I can confirm it will be held on Friday 21st November. Students are not required to attend school on this day.

FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER
STUDENT FREE DAY
Professional Practice Day for Staff

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY – FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER

World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to say thank you to the teachers who continue to make a difference today – and everyday – to children and young people's lives.

This is a day to acknowledge the contribution that teachers make in our lives, and to our schools and communities. We are incredibly fortunate at Killara to have such dedicated, caring and passionate teachers. Please take a moment on Friday 31st October to thank our incredible teachers.



PREP SWIMMING

This week our Prep students participated in a five-day intensive swimming program to improve their level of water confidence and swimming abilities. The five-day program held at Gisborne Aquatic Centre saw our Preps make enormous progress in areas such as water familiarisation, stroke development, and water safety knowledge. I was excited to attend on a couple of the days of the program and was extremely impressed by our youngest students. Congratulations Preps!

Many thanks to Jenelle Stancombe for her organisation and to our other Prep teachers, Education Support Staff and all of our parent helpers for ensuring this program was such a success and positive experience for our students.



OHS AUDIT

Our school recently underwent an Occupational Health and Safety Management System (OHSMS) assessment by Ernst & Young on behalf of the Department of Education. These audits occur once every four or five years and I would like to extend a huge thank you to our Business Manager, Emily Healey, who oversees OHS at Killara, for her efforts in preparing our school for the audit. The auditor reviewed a range of areas, including: Contractor induction, Chemical register, Working at heights, Electrical management, First Aid & CPR, Risk Registers, Staff Training & Induction (related to

workplace safety such as manual handling), Mental Health & Wellbeing – staff training and Emergency Management Planning.

SPORT SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Volleyball Team (boys) who proudly represented Killara at the Woodlands Division Championships in Craigieburn this week. Coach, Ms Paige Surgeon, was extremely impressed with the team's commitment and efforts. Many thanks also to our parents for transporting their children to this event. We appreciate your assistance in ensuring our students had the valuable opportunity of participating in this high level of competition. Well done everyone!



SCHOOL EVENTS

We have a busy calendar of school activities and events happening over the next few weeks and organisation for these is well underway. Please keep your eye out for further information communicated to you through newsletters, Compass or notes sent home with students.

Our Year 5/6 students had an exciting day at Scienceworks this week, where they participated in electrifying experiences in the 'Lightning Theatre' and built their understandings related to different kinds of energy, including light, sound, electricity, and how they intertwine. Many thanks to our Year 5/6 team and parent volunteers for ensuring this day was such a success.

Amongst just some of the activities being planned include:

- Prep RACV Safety Squad incursion & Kaboom Sports incursion
- Grade 1 excursion to Scienceworks to explore the phenomena of light and sound
- Grade 2 'Billy Carts' incursion (forces, including push and pull)
- Grade 3/4 'Hands-On Science' incursion where they will explore how heat is produced and can move from one object to another
- Dance Curriculum for Prep – Grade 6

We will also be holding our final 'Celebration of Learning' for 2025 on Wednesday 3 December from 2:45pm – 3:15pm in your child's classroom where students will showcase artefacts and presentations related to their Physical Science learning in Inquiry this term.

Our School Picnic / End of Year Celebration will be held on Wednesday 10 December from 5:30 – 7:30pm, so please keep this date free. Students from Prep



– Grade 6 will perform the choreographed dance routine they will learn as part of 'Dance Curriculum', as well as another class performance. These events are important occasions on our school calendar, and we look forward to coming together to celebrate and finishing off 2025 with our strong community spirit!

Warm regards, Sue & Anne

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 4—WEEK 1	
Prep For a positive start back to Term 4.	
PA	Avneet G & Alina H
PB	Azariah D & Penelope S
PC	Wolf W & Mia A
Year 1 For showing resilience and respect during our first week back at school.	
1A	Bobbie P
1B	Savannah H
Year 2 For starting term 4 off with a 'can do' attitude!	
2A	Talen M
2B	Logan T
Year 3/4 For effectively implementing the Bar Model when identifying fractions of an unknown number.	
3/4A	Dylan W
3/4B	Anita M
3/4C	Jaxx L
Year 5/6 For displaying leadership, team work and school values when representing our school at District Cricket.	
5/6A	Luc O
5/6B	Koby H
5/6C	James R
5/6D	Mayson G



PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 4—WEEK 2	
Year 1 For finding rhyming words in poems studied.	
1A	Ante B
1B	Amelia K
Year 2 For demonstrating accountability for their learning during our Maths sessions.	
2A	Dantae A & Kora L
2B	Archer O
Year 3/4 For taking on feedback to improve their writing.	
3/4A	Hunter M
3/4B	Rylee W
3/4C	Hudson H
Year 5/6 For using a variety of persuasive techniques when writing our persuasive texts.	
5/6A	Meg H
5/6B	Juliet S
5/6C	Stevie P
5/6D	Josiah S
SPECIALISTS	
PE	Lincon R (3/4B) for having an excellent start to our lacrosse unit, showing great enthusiasm, team work and effort in learning new skills.
Perf. Arts	Cooper R & Laykin M (3/4C) for displaying great enthusiasm and persistence when completing their stop motion animation.

CONSENT AND PAYMENTS DUE

Year 5/6—Dance Incursion

Year 2—Billy Cart Incursion

Year 1—Scienceworks Excursion

Year 3/4—Hands on Science Incursion

You're invited to wear

CASUAL CLOTHES ON THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER

It's Christmas Raffle time!

To help create some great Christmas hampers as prizes for our end of year raffle, we will be having a Casual Clothes Day on Thursday 20th November.

We are inviting all students to wear casual clothes to school on Monday in return for making a donation for our Christmas hampers. Ideas include Christmas themed treats, such as chocolates, biscuits, decorations, books, tea towels, toys, baskets and hampers, etc.



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.

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) would have received 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.





SUNBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD
HOUSE

DROP IN LEGO CLUB

Bring your kids, we supply the Lego (and tea & coffee)

This drop-in group session is for the builders! And is run by SNH volunteers/ parent volunteers (including yourselves!). Working with mixed Lego, let's encourage social connections, inspire creativity and most importantly, have fun!

All participants set up & pack up together and all equipment is provided. Caregiver participation is welcomed or just enjoy a cuppa while the kiddos create (caregivers must be present at all times). You're invited to contribute a piece of fruit to our group fruit snack.

Please let us know of any allergies at sign-in on the day.
Severe allergy? Please phone ahead & let SNH staff know.

Who: Primary School Aged Children & their Parents/Caregivers

Where: Sunbury Neighbourhood House - Activity Room

Cost: Gold Coin Donation is Appreciated

Enrol: Sign in on the day

When: Tuesday's 3.30pm - 5pm (except public & school hols)



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SUNBURY STREET life

O'Shanassy & Brook Streets
Sunday 23rd November
10am to 4pm

Featuring:
Live
Entertainment
& Family Fun!

**Showcasing over 120 stalls, kids activities,
interactive shows, live music & more!**

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