



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Respect, Resilience & Accountability

Newsletter 03

February 28th 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 3rd March	National Young Leader's Day (Student Leadership Team) NO Assembly Today
Tuesday 4th March	Photo Catch up Day
Friday 7th March	Lego League
Monday 10th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 11th March	Hot Cross Bun Orders open (via Compass)
Wednesday 12th March	NAPLAN testing begins Prep Special Person's Day
Thursday 13th March	Parent Helper Session—2.30pm
Thursday 13th March	Parent Child Safe Induction Session—3.00pm
Saturday 15th March	Sunfest Street Parade and Choir Performance
Thursday 20th March	CURRICULUM DAY—Students Do not Attend School on this day
Friday 21st March	Casual Clothes Day—Easter Raffle Donations Harmony Day
Monday 24th March	NAPLAN testing concludes Easter Raffle Tickets available to purchase (via Compass)
Thursday 27th March	Last Day for Hot Cross Bun Orders
Friday 28th March	Year 3-6 Students—House Athletics Day
Wednesday 2nd April	Celebration of Learning 2.45pm
Friday 4th April	Year 3-6 Students—House Cross Country Hot Cross Buns sent home Easter Hat Parade Easter Raffle Drawn LAST DAY OF TERM 1—SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.30PM
Tuesday 22nd April	Term 2 Commences

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

We were overwhelmed with the number of students who nominated for Student Leadership positions this year. As part of the selection process, candidates planned and presented a speech to an audience, students voted, Specialist teachers were consulted and finally short-listed candidates were interviewed by a panel comprising the Leadership Team (Sue, Anne & Kim) and all of the Grade 5/6 teachers. The quality of the presentations by students and their responses to the interview questions was outstanding and made for a very tough selection. All candidates should feel very proud of their efforts.

It was wonderful to see so many families and friends attend our whole school assembly on Monday where MP for Sunbury, Josh

Bull and Hume City Mayor, Cr Jarrod Bell had the honour of announcing our 2025 School Captains and House Captains.

A huge congratulations to the following students who will form our Student Leadership Team:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS: Ellyse & Henry

HOUSE CAPTAINS:

Watkins (Green) House: Lilleth & Willow

Geyer (Blue) House: Ace & Jack

McKinnon (Red) House: Juliet & Luc

McMahon (Yellow) House: Brax & Tayte

We look forward to working closely with you during the year and developing your skills and understandings of what being a leader in our school and in our wider Sunbury community means. Our 2025 Student Leadership Team will have the opportunity to attend the National Young Leader's Day at the Melbourne Convention Centre next week. The school proudly sponsors each of our newly appointed leaders to attend this event where they will gain a greater insight into leadership from inspirational leaders from around Australia.



We were also excited for our special guests to present our Class Captains and our H.E.R.O.s (Heating, Electricity, Recycling Officers) with their badges and acknowledge the important role they will play in building school pride, connectedness and ensuring our school maintains a strong sustainability focus. Well done everyone!

Grade	Class Captains	HERO
Prep A	Lyrik S	Mellanie H
	Jude H	Nate B
Prep B	Sidney S	Madeline C
	Sage O	Ryder B
Prep C	Hamish S	Ozan D
	Bonnie L	Mia A
1A	Molly S	Hudson L
	Dominic L	Rosie B
1B	Chloe T	Harry C
	Chelsea P	Dylan P
2A	Dantae A	Billy R
	Tommy S	Daani D
2B	Hannah S	Logan T
	Elliott W	Lachlan W
3/4A	Dylan W	Spencer S
	Elsie T	Nevaeh F
3/4B	Eva G	Piper S
	Amelie L	Jai L
3/4C	Cooper R	Lachlan B
	Alessia C	Jack M
5/6A	Emmy E	Scarlett H
	Archie M	Eva F

5/6B	Coen H	Ariana R
	Cooper M	Hugo H
5/6C	Amelia G	Layla-belle P
	Josh D	Kobe M
5/6D	Ella E	Jemma R
	Connor A	Lucia C

I would like to sincerely thank all of those students who nominated for any of the leadership positions this year. We were overwhelmed by the number of students who were brave enough to put themselves forward to represent our school in this capacity. If you weren't successful on this occasion, we strongly encourage you to keep seeking opportunities to be an active member of our school in a variety of ways and to demonstrate leadership in your classroom, in the school yard and when representing our school at events.

CURRICULUM DAY

At our recent School Council meeting, a motion was passed for our school to hold our Term 1 Curriculum Day on Thursday 20 March. *This is a student free day and students are not required to attend school on this day.* On this day, all staff will be participating in professional learning presented by our school's external Numeracy consultant, Nicole Thompson. As one of our 2025 Annual Implementation Plan goals is to improve student learning outcomes in Numeracy, Nicole will work with teachers to further enhance understandings related to the teaching & learning in Mathematics, with a specific emphasis on student engagement and explicit teaching.

KILLARA SWIM TEAM

Congratulations to our swim team who represented Killara at the Sunbury District Swimming Championships during the week. We are very proud of not only your amazing efforts on the day, but also the way in which you supported and encouraged each other. Sincere thanks to Tyla (PE) for her thorough organisation and setting up of the marquees so that our swimmers had shade to sit under between their events, and to Mitchell Boyd and Tash for ensuring our students got to their events.



As a result of their incredible successes, five members of our swim team have now qualified to represent our school and also our district at the Woodlands Divisional Championships. Well done Jemma, Luc, Nadia, Nevaeh, and Ariana! Best of luck to you and we know that you will be great ambassadors for our school.

MEET THE TEACHER

Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' discussions last night. The information teachers gained from these discussions will be invaluable in planning for a happy and successful year for your child. If for any reason you were unable to attend a discussion with your child's teacher, please contact them to make an alternate time, as your involvement in your child's education further supports and strengthens the home/school partnership.



NAPLAN

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3 and Year 5 sit each year.

As students' progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress. In 2025, NAPLAN test dates will be from **Wednesday 12 March to Monday 24 March**.



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION 2025

Nominations for 2025 School Council close at 4pm today. Parent and staff vacancies are for two years. We encourage you to put in a nomination form (available at the office) and support our school to achieve our Strategic Plan goals.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our catch up photos will take place on the **morning of Tuesday 4 March** for any student who was absent on photo day. The School Photographer has provided a list of the absent students for us to follow up with.

Individual and sibling photos can be ordered via:

<https://store.theschoolphotographer.com.au/>

Please use the following code to access our orders: **X3142PER56K**



FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

Killara Primary School is once again participating in the very popular *FIRST* Lego League. This is a national challenge where teams of students from across Australia are introduced to real-world problem-solving experiences through a robotics program. Teams engage in hands-on learning which aims to grow critical



thinking, coding and design skills. As part of this program, our 2025 Lego League co-ordinator, Mitchell Boyd, will be guiding and coaching our teams through a variety of experiences as they build their understandings and skills to build and program a LEGO robot that navigates the missions of a robot game. The first practise day will be held next week with some of the members of our training teams at Dulap Wilim Hub. We hope they have a fabulous day and are inspired by the challenge ahead!

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 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

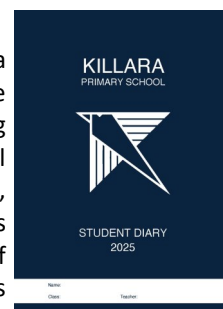


Working with Children application forms can be obtained online at <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>.

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.

SCHOOL DIARIES

Each year, every student is required to have a school diary for use in the classroom. The diary serves multiple purposes, including incidental teaching related to mathematical concepts such as calendars and timetables, acting as a record of home reading, as well as providing a consistent form of communication between the home and class teacher. We still have a number of students without a school diary and this does have an impact on ensuring consistency between classrooms. School diaries are available for purchase via Compass or from the office for \$10, where the office staff will label each child's diary.



EASTER RAFFLE / CASUAL CLOTHES DAY—HARMONY DAY

One of the first community events & fundraising activities for 2025 is our traditional Easter Raffle. All students are invited to wear casual clothes to school on **Friday 21st March**, in return for a donation to the giant Easter Raffle.

Donations can include anything to do with Easter, such as chocolate, Easter eggs, gift baskets, Easter colouring books, Easter story books, soft toys etc. All donations will be made into hampers to create as many prizes as possible!

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase from Monday 24th March until Thursday 3rd April via Compass. The raffle will be drawn at our assembly / Easter parade on the last day of term, Friday 4th April.

All fundraising efforts this year will go towards upgrading our drinking taps and outdoor play spaces.

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's amazing cultural diversity. During this week, schools celebrate inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians, from the traditional custodians of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Students are asked to wear a splash of orange to celebrate this special day.



STUDENT MOBILE PHONES/DEVICES

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban including devices such as smart watches, requires students who bring mobile phones to school to have them switched off and securely stored at the office during school hours.



The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the school year.

The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state.

This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office on 9744 6432 where our wonderful office staff will pass on a message as required.

School mobile phone policy: A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is available on our school website.

Parent support: The [Mobile phones in schools webpage](#) provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.

If you have further questions, please contact the office.

SUNFEST

We value our participation in community events and look forward to Sunbury's SunFest festival on Saturday 15 March. SunFest is a community celebration of music, art and culture and brings together a range of local artists. This year our school choir will participate in 'Battle of the School Choirs'. Lauren (Performing Arts & choir leader) will be sending out information shortly via Compass events to our choir members. It was wonderful to hear our choir rehearsing today at lunchtime and they are already sounding fabulous. Keep up the great effort choir!



Our school will also participate in the Grand Street Parade commencing at 11:30am. It would be wonderful to have as many Killara students from Prep – Grade 6 as possible participate in the parade, including representatives from our student leaders. This is a great way to demonstrate school pride and connectedness, as well as raising the profile of our school in the wider community. Please keep this date free and more information regarding where to meet prior to the parade will be available shortly.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Whilst Killara Primary School understands that many families in our school community keep dogs as pets, to ensure that our school remains a safe and inclusive place for everyone, pet dogs are not permitted on school grounds under any circumstances.



Our school community is diverse, and may include people that are allergic or uncomfortable around dogs. We are also conscious of the health hazards that may be posed by some dogs. We ask that families do not enter the school grounds when dropping off or picking up students from school or attending any school event.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

This year we will continue to build strong connections between school and home with our 'Celebration of Learning.' On Wednesday April 2, all parents/carers are invited to come up to school and share in the learning that has occurred in Inquiry this term in their child's classroom. The Inquiry focus across the school this term is on the Humanities (History, Civic & Citizenship, Geography). Classroom doors will be open from 2:45pm until 3:20pm for students to showcase their work. Further information will be sent home via Compass shortly.



VISITORS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We understand that there may occasionally be a reason why a parent or carer may want to speak to or see their child at school, during school hours. If there is a particular pressing or unavoidable issue that cannot wait until the end of the school day, we ask that parents or carers call the school office. We also ask that parents avoid arranging to visit their children at school wherever possible, as this can cause inappropriate disruptions to the school day.

All parents or carers who visit our school during school hours are required to sign in as a visitor at the school office.

Best Wishes, Sue and Anne

Well Done!



PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1— WEEK 3	
Prep For showing the school value of Respect.	
PA	Lyrik S
PB	Sidney S
PC	Sophia E
Year 1 For successfully writing high frequency words during word work.	
1A	Chelsea S
1B	Chelsea P
Year 2 For applying learned strategies to solve mathematical problems.	
2A	Billie W
2B	Sophie H
Year 3/4 For accurately identifying the genre of a text in reading.	
3/4A	Florence S
3/4B	Amelie L
3/4C	Jack M

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1— WEEK 4	
Prep For demonstrating enthusiasm and engagement during word work.	
PA	Jude H
PB	Sage O
PC	Harlen B
Year 1 For making 2 digit numbers using tens frames.	
1A	Molly S
1B	Maverick T
Year 2 For being kind and a good friend.	
2A	Fyfe R
2B	Raf P
Year 3/4 For writing an engaging narrative.	
3/4A	Piero L
3/4B	Georgia W
3/4C	Lucas C-M
Year 5/6 For demonstrating resilience on 5/6 camp at Sovereign Hill.	
5/6A	Koby M
5/6B	Lucas B
5/6C	Hannah G
5/6D	Noah S
Specialists	
STEM	Dylan W & Sebastian L (3/4A) showing resilience and persistence during STEM Problem Solving challenge.
Phys. Ed.	Florence C & Kodie T (3/4C) for displaying excellent sportsmanship skills and resilience during our athletics units.
Perf. Arts	Georgia W (3/4B) & Dylan W (3/4A) for demonstrating resilience and persistence when playing the glockenspiel.
Vis. Art	Charlie C & Hudson H (3/4C) for using the colour wheel when selecting colours for their art project.

THURSDAY 20 MARCH
CURRICULUM DAY
STUDENTS NOT TO
ATTEND SCHOOL





HOT CROSS BUNS FUNDRAISER

WE ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR

Killara Primary School

Dear Families,

Killara Primary School is hosting an Easter Fundraiser, and we would be delighted to have your support in making it an egg-straordinary success.

We are selling Ferguson Plarre's famous Hot Cross Buns.
Choose from a 6 pack of Traditional Fruit or Choc Chip.

Orders will be on sale from Tuesday 11 March, via CompassTix.



**FOR EVERY
PACK SOLD**

\$2.50 WILL BE DONATED





Killara Primary School

Home/School Learning

One of Killara Primary School's key focus areas this year is to continue to improve student outcomes in Reading. As such, our goal for Semester 1 is to engage all students in reading by selecting 'Just Right' or 'Good Fit' books to read at school and at home. We want our students to develop a love of reading and to be readers by choice.

'Independent Reading' is an essential component of the school's instructional model used by teachers in all classrooms. To support this, our Home/School learning is to establish sound routines and practices at both school and home for reading.

Reading with your child at home - The importance of regular home reading.

You were your child's first teacher and taught them many important skills, including how to speak. Your child will experience the most success in reading when school and home work together. Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing for every day purposes. Reading for pleasure, sharing a story with your child, using a recipe or reading street signs teaches them that reading is a useful skill in today's world.

Reading with your child at home will help your child in all areas of school. Research shows the importance of reading on a daily basis in developing their use and understanding of vocabulary.

Variation in amount of independent reading

Percentile rank	Minutes/Day	Words/Year
98 th	67.3	4,733,000
90 th	33.4	2,375,000
70 th	16.9	1,168,000
50 th	9.2	601,000
30 th	4.3	251,000
10 th	1.0	51,000
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Anderson, R., Wilson, P. & Fielding, L., *Reading Research Quarterly*, Vol.3, 1988
"Growth in reading and how children spend their time outside of school"

On Monday the 17th of February I was going crazy because I was going to camp with my school. We stopped at the Botanical Gardens in Ballarat to have our snack and then we went back on the bus to camp. We went to gold panning and so many other fun activities such as bowling, going into the mines, candle dipping and AURA night show. It was an amazing trip!
By Ravneet 5/6A



5/6 camp to Sovereign Hill was really fun. My favourite part was going into the mine on the cart because it was dark and we learnt about mining. I liked gold panning and I found some gold. I liked candle dipping and my candle is green, blue, yellow, pink and orange. The AURA night show was pretty fun, we watched a 3D movie and then went to the light show. At the end there was a big screen and it opened up and we got to see outside which was a story about a miner's camp and how they needed a license. By Harper 5/6A



I liked Sovereign Hill camp because I liked gold panning and really liked the AURA show. The food was amazing and seeing the details in the shops and buying the lollies! I liked seeing the horses and going into the mines, going on the tram to get us down. By Scarlett 5/6A



SunFest

Village Green

25

Grand Street
Parade

Battle of the
School Choirs

Carnival
Rides

Live
Entertainment

Market Stalls

Food Stalls

Fireworks

Colour Run



SunFest

March 15 & 16

Sunbury
Village Green



Saturday &
Sunday



www.sunfest.org.au



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SUNFEST

COLOUR RUN 2025



EVENTBRITE
REGISTRATION

\$10



SUNDAY

16TH MARCH

START 10.00 AM

VILLAGE GREEN

SUNBURY, 3429

**\$3 FOR ADDITIONAL
COLOUR POWDER**

MEDALS

WARMUP

TICKETS:





Wellbeing
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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