Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Respect, Resilience & Accountability

Newsletter 05 **March 28th 2025**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 28th March	Year 3-6 Students—House Athletics Day
Monday 31st March	School Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 1st April	Prep 2026 Information Session & School Tour 6.00pm
Wednesday 2nd April	Celebration of Learning 2.45pm
Friday 4th April	Hot Cross Buns sent home
	9.15am Year 3-6 Students—House Cross Country
	1.45pm Easter Hat Parade
	2.15pm Easter Raffle Drawn

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.30PM

Tuesday 22nd April	Term 2 Commences
Friday 25th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 30th April	Prep 2026 Group Tour 9.15am
Wednesday 7th May	Mother's Day Card Making Night 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday 8th May	Mother's Day Stall
	Prep 2026 Information Session 6.00pm
Friday 9th May	District Cross Country

FROM THE LEADERSIP TEAM

END OF TERM

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of Term 1! It has been wonderful to see how smoothly students have settled into the new school year. Well done everyone!

We are all feeling very positive about the year ahead and look forward to continuing to celebrate the learning and achievements of our students throughout the remainder of the year. We would like to thank our dedicated and hard-working staff for ensuring our students have had the best possible start to school in 2025.

Please remember that we finish at 2:30pm on the last day of term, Friday 4 April and resume back at school for the start of Term 2 on Tuesday 22 April.

PLANNING WEEK

This week, all our teachers have participated in a collaborative planning day where they met as a whole team to plan the sequence of learning for the coming term. To enable teachers to be released from their teaching duties to facilitate this, all classes had their Specialist classes on the one day. This was a valuable time for teachers to work alongside Kim Pezzano (Leading Teacher) to review student assessment data and the Victorian Curriculum content and learning outcomes for Term 2.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Our 'Celebration of Learning' afternoons are held in the last week of each term and are just one way we endeavour to enhance the valuable partnership between home and school. Students are always so excited to showcase what they have been learning in Inquiry during the term with their families.

We are looking forward to hosting our first 'Celebration of Learning' for the year on Wednesday 2 April. Family and friends are invited to come along and visit classrooms anytime between 2:45pm – 3:20pm to share in the learning that has occurred in Inquiry. The focus across the school this term has been on the Humanities (History, Geography, Civics & Citizenship).

Next term's Inquiry focus from Prep – Grade 6 is on Earth & Space Science! We look forward to our students participating in a wide range of Science investigations in Term 2.

END OF TERM FUN

On the last day of term, we will be holding a special outdoor assembly (weather permitting), as we celebrate the end of a very busy but productive end of term. The assembly will commence at 1:45pm on the basketball courts and feature our Easter / Fancy Hat Parade, followed by the drawing of our mammoth Easter Raffle! All parents/carers are invited to attend, with students being dismissed at 2:30pm.

Our regular 'Coffee Van' that we invite along to whole school events is no longer in operation. If anyone knows of someone who operates a Coffee Van and would be able to attend on this afternoon, please let the office know, as it's a great way for our parent community to come together with a coffee, sit back and enjoy the end of term festivities!

EASTER / FANCY HAT PARADE

As mentioned above, all students will have the opportunity to participate in our Easter Hat / Fancy Hat Parade on the last day of this term. Students will have the opportunity at school to create their own Easter Hat or Fancy Hat in preparation for our Parade on Friday April 4 at 1:45pm. Students are encouraged to bring in recyclable and sustainable items to enhance their creation. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative hat in each year level.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all those families who generously donated Easter goodies for our Easter Raffle. Many thanks also to some of our parents who have been able to put together 25 wonderful prizes for our Easter Raffle.

Just a reminder that the Easter Raffle will be drawn at a special end of term assembly on Friday 4 April 3 commencing at 1.45pm. Please keep selling those tickets (more are available from the office). All raffle tickets will need to be returned to school by Thursday 3 April. All proceeds from this year's raffle will go towards replacing our outdoor drinking taps and fountains.

2026 PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS / SCHOOL TOURS

We have commenced our school tours this week for prospective 2026 Prep families.

If you know of someone who is looking to start with us next year, please let them know about our additional upcoming sessions.

Similarly, if you have a child that is due to begin school next year please come and collect an application form from the office so we can make sure we have accurate indications for our enrolment numbers in Prep for 2026.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting of our 2025 School Council was held recently, and we would like to sincerely congratulate the following office bearers for the year:

President – Terri Cassar
Vice President – Jodie Longton
Treasurer – Anne Killeen

Our 2025 School Council is looking forward to a positive and productive year. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our outgoing School Council President, Emma Sirgiovanni, and Vice President, Sig Wallis. Both Emma and Sig have worked tirelessly for our school in their roles over the past couple of years and we are incredibly appreciative of their efforts. We are fortunate that Emma and Sig will remain as School Council members this year and know that they will be instrumental in sharing their knowledge and supporting our 2025 office bearers. Thank you Emma and Sig!

Families are reminded that if you would like anything raised at School Council, please see one of our parent representatives (published in our last newsletter) or you are welcome to attend as a visitor to any School Council meeting.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SYSTEM (SWPBS)

Your children may have come home recently talking about 'Bunjil Bucks.' Killara is a SWPBS school.

What is SWPBS? SWPBS (School-wide Positive Behaviour Support) is an evidence-based framework designed to help schools create positive, safe, and fair settings where students and teachers can thrive. It focuses on teaching and encouraging positive behaviour, supporting all students, and providing extra help to those who need it. By doing this, SWPBS helps improve behaviour, wellbeing and academic success.

It also supports teachers by giving them strategies to manage classrooms effectively, reduce disruptions, and spend more time on teaching and learning.

Positive acknowledgment is a major component of SWPBS. In recognition of students who are following our school values and/or displaying positive behaviours may receive a 'Bunjil Bucks' Card. Our Reward System is not intended as a preventative measure to avoid negative behaviour but rather to encourage students to do the right thing, show initiative and potentially change those less desirable learned behaviours.

Students will be able to redeem their 'Bunjil Bucks' cards at our shop, open on Wednesday's at lunchtime.

SPORT NEWS

HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We always look forward to our House Athletics Carnival and today is no exception. Students and teachers from Years 3-6 look fabulous as they departed for Boardman Reserve Athletics Track this morning, dressed spectacularly in their 'house' colours. School events such as our House Athletics Carnival provide all students with the opportunity to feel connected to their school, as they actively participate in a range of track and field events, including sprints, long distance, hurdles, long jump, triple jump, shot put and discus, whilst earning points for their 'House'.

The highlight of these days are always the relays, and in particular the teacher relay (I certainly hope there are no injured staff members)!!

A huge thank you to our PE teacher, Tyla Evans for the time and effort she has put into making today's event so successful and fun for our students. Special thanks also to Tyla, Mr D. and Mitchell for arriving at the track very early this morning to set everything up for a great day of competition.

REGION SWIMMING

A huge congratulations to Jemma (5/6D) for her outstanding performances at the Northern Metropolitan Region Swimming Championships recently. The competition at this level is incredibly strong, and Jemma performed admirably with achieving personal best times in both her 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke events. Well done Jemma on your amazing performances at this very high level and for representing our school and the entire Sunbury District with distinction. Great job!

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Due to the School Sport Victoria timelines, our House Cross Country event will be held on the last day of this term, Friday 4 April for students in Years 3-6. Students are welcome to wear their 'House' colours as they represent their 'House' over a 2km or 3km course. This activity is an important part of our school's Physical Education and Sport Education program. Good luck everyone!

Best Wishes, Sue and Anne

Congratulations!

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1— WEEK 6	
Prep For demonstrating accountability by trying their best with all learning tasks.	
PA	Luna H
PB	Madeline C
PC	Matilda W
Year 1 For working co-operatively with someone from the other class during Inquiry.	
1A	Aubrey H
1B	Melanie S
Year 2 For displaying accountability with their take home reading.	
2A	Danni D
2B	Hazel S
Year 3/4 For being an active participant of a reading group.	
3/4A	Liam W
3/4B	Winter W
3/4C	Hudson H
Year 5/6 For showing team work whilst representing our school at Lego League.	
5/6A	Dylan S
5/6B	Ariana R
5/6C	Kobe M
5/6D	Kaila L
SPECIALISTS	
STEM	Elijah W (1B)— for great work with coding instructions.
Phys. Ed.	Jaxson R (1A)—for not giving up and trying his best during the group game.
Perf. Arts	Henry S (1A)—for his excellent explanation of how the Boomwhackers make sound.
Vis. Art	Chloe T (1B)—for being a role model for her classmates by listening to and following instructions to complete a challenging infinity background.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1— WEEK 7	
Prep For enthusiastic participation during Special Person's afternoon.	
PA	Alina H
PB	Aria K
PC	Ozan D
Year 1 For giving and following directions to a location in Maths.	
1A	Edward C
1B	Josey W
Year 2 For displaying respect in the classroom by using their manners.	
2A	Chantelle L
2B	Milla D
Year 3/4 For being resilient during a busy NAPLAN week.	
3/4A	Lotti E
3/4B	Anita M
3/4C	Indie C
Year 5/6 For showing resilience whilst complete NAPLAN assessments.	
5/6A	Harper C
5/6B	Koby H
5/6C	Venessa V
5/6D	Lucia C
SPECIALISTS	
STEM	Julian W (PA)—for excellent coding during STEM.
Phys. Ed.	Hamish S (PC)—for showing great listening skills when learning news games and playing fairly with classmates.
Perf. Arts	Mellanie H (PA)—for playing the percussion instruments safely and showing resilience during Musical Statues.
Vis. Art	Matilda W (PC)—for demonstrating the ability to follow instructions to complete a water paint painting.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1— WEEK 8	
Prep **For applying their knowledge to describe and copy a repeating pattern.**	
PA	Julian W & Mellanie H
PB	Ellie T & Ryder B
PC	Connor C & Hazel C
Year 1 **For visualising while reading—making pictures in their mind.**	
1A	Dominic L
1B	Eliza R
Year 2 **For working co-operatively during our construction of our Inquiry Project.**	
2A	Brax C
2B	Logan T
Year 3/4 **For using excellent researching skills in writing.**	
3/4A	Paddy S
3/4B	Jai L
3/4C	Harvey P
Year 5/6 **For working collaboratively to make an amazing start on their group inquiry project.**	
5/6A	Scarlett H
5/6B	Ava J
5/6C	Lachlan C
5/6D	Angad B

SMILE SQUAD

Smile Squad six month fluoride varnish visit, 30th April – 2nd May

The Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health Smile Squad team are heading back to our school to complete six-monthly fluoride varnish applications for those students who have provided consent. Fluoride varnish applications help make sure students have the best chance of preventing tooth decay, so we're excited Smile Squad is coming back.

Consent for this fluoride varnish application was provided when students' initial consent forms were returned last year. However, if anyone has changed their mind and do not wish to receive a fluoride varnish application, they can contact Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health directly to let them know. Please contact the Smile Squad team via: 03 9744 44555 or Admin.Sunbury@scchc.org.au

Get brushing with the Smile Squad dental pack!

The friendly Smile Squad dental team will visit our school to do free dental checks in **October** this year.

In preparation for the visit, every student will be provided with a Smile Squad dental pack.

Make the most of your pack and get brushing now! More information will be sent out in Term 3.

To find out more about the Smile Squad visit www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

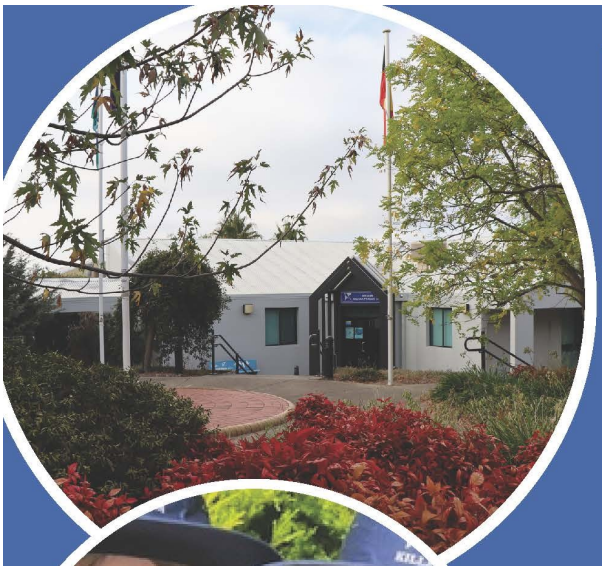
If you have a Health Care Card or Pension Card, you may be eligible to receive government assistance.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides payments for eligible students to attend school camps, excursions, and sports and outdoor education programs.

By applying for this funding, if eligible, the school will receive $154.00 to be used for your child's excursions, camps and sporting activities. This amount will be held against each eligible child's name and utilised accordingly.

Forms can be picked up from the office if needed. If you applied last year then you don't need to fill another form out this year, your application will go through automatically.



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2026 PREP TOURS & INFORMATION SESSIONS

Parents of children commencing Prep in 2026 are invited to attend one of the information sessions or group tours listed below.

We look forward to sharing information with you about our great school!

Group Tours:

- **Thursday 27th March at 2:30pm**
- **Wednesday 30th April at 9:15am**

Information Session & School Tour:

- **Tuesday 1st April at 6:00pm**

Information Session:

- **Thursday 8th May at 6:00pm**

Bookings can be made on CompassTix or call the school office on 9744 6432

Sunbury Downs College

OPEN NIGHT 2025

Monday 28 April 2025

Tours between 5:00pm and 7:00pm

Presentation at 7:30pm

On our open night:

Join College tours

Meet our students and teachers

Explore our facilities

Additional tours by appointment only on Thursday 24 April & Thursday 1 May at 3:30pm, 4pm & 4:30pm

Bookings Essential 03 9744 0500

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Experience our culture

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APRIL VACATION CARE PROGRAM

MONDAY 7TH
COLOUR CRAZE
THEME DAY - $110

- Colour run 2.0
- Revealing colours workshop
- Rock Painting
- Stained Glass windows
- Colour Butterflies

TUESDAY 8TH
NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA
KUSAMA EXHIBITION

EXCURSION 1 - $130

- Hand prints
- Dot tree art
- Kusama colour

WEDNESDAY 9TH
SUPER ZU PLAYCENTRE
DINGLEY VILLAGE

EXCURSION 2 - $130

- Cotton Candy playdough
- Croquet challenge

THURSDAY 10TH
EASTER FUN DAY
THEME DAY - $120

- Bunnies catching eggs
- Easter bonnet styling
- Egg and spoon races
- Easter Bunny cupcakes
- Easter egg hunt
- Chicken chatterboxes

LUNCH PROVIDED

FRIDAY 11TH
MET ART WORLD
PORT MELBOURNE

EXCURSION 3 - $130

- Foil Art
- Ball race

MONDAY 14TH
ROBOTICS & CODING
INCURSION - $130

- Musical statues
- Build a scarecrow
- Fruit salad game

TUESDAY 15TH
NINJA HQ
ROWVILLE

EXCURSION 4 - $130

- Ninja star origami
- Ninja style biscuits

WEDNESDAY 16TH
MINUTE TO WIN IT
INCURSION - $120

- Puff paint pandemonium
- Confetti trinket plate
- Play the Link Ball challenge

THURSDAY 17TH
MOVIE DAY
READING CINEMAS

EXCURSION 5 - $130

- Elastic band & straw race
- Bead mobile
- Sensory bags

FRIDAY 18TH
SERVICE CLOSED
GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

COMPLETE KIDS
EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

BOOK NOW via School Stream app. Click on FORMS and select Booking Form

P: 03 9740 2111 (press 3) E: oshc@completekids.net

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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