



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Respect, Resilience & Accountability

Newsletter 01

January 31st 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 3rd February	School Assembly 3.00pm
Tuesday 4th February	2025 Prep Students Commence
Monday 17th –Wednesday 19th February	Year 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp
Thursday 20th February	School Photo Day
Tuesday 25th February	District Swimming
Thursday 6th March	Division Swimming
Monday 10th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 12th March	NAPLAN testing begins
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

A warm welcome back to our Killara school community! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break and had the chance to spend some quality time with your families or friends. It has been wonderful to see how quickly and smoothly everyone has settled into class this week.



There is a very positive and happy feeling around the school, and we are certainly looking forward to an exciting year together.

We have lots of new faces at Killara this year and we would like to give a very special welcome to the many new students who have commenced at our school this week from Grade 1- Grade 6.

A big Killara welcome to:

Kaiden	Dilan	Owen	Elsie	Dino
Ismael	Isla	Emmanuel	Danni	

We are excited to have you join our school and look forward to getting to know you and your families.

We would also like to wish our new Prep students who commence on Tuesday, a wonderful start to their Primary School years! Many thanks to our Prep teachers who have been busy conducting the Department of Education & Training school entry assessments.

2025 STAFF

In addition to all the new students to Killara this year, we are also extremely pleased to welcome our new teachers – Jenna Hubbard, April Heatherill, Laura Giles, Ashley Harry and Nathan Moore. We are thrilled to have you join our team of dedicated and caring staff and know that you will be valuable assets to our school.

Principal Team	Sue Muir	Principal
	Anne Killeen	Assistant Principal (Wellbeing Leader)

Leading Teacher	Kim Pezzano (Curriculum Teaching & Learning Leader)		
Administration	Emily Healey	Business Manager	
	Michelle Baker	Office Administration	
Prep	Sam Burnett	PA	Room 1
	April Heatherill	PB	Room 2
	Laura Giles/Hayley Mitchem	PC	Room 3
Grade 1	Susan Moloney	1A	Room 17
	Cynthia Marchment	1B	Room 19
Grade 2	Fiona Allison	2A	Room 9
	Megan Bennett	2B	Room 10
3/4	Jenna Hubbard	3/4A	Room 11
	Michael Dullard	3/4B	Room 12
	Rebecca Oliver	3/4C	Room 13
5/6	Michelle Romic	5/6A	Room 7
	Ashley Harry/Nathan Moore	5/6B	Room 8
	Paige Surgeon	5/6C	Room 6
	Mitchell Boyd	5/6D	Room 5
Specialist Team	Tyla Evans, PE/Tutor Learning Initiative Lauren Kirkpatrick, Performing Arts Jessica Stevens, Visual Art & STEM Grade 2 Rebecca Gerber, STEM		
Integration Support Team	Lisa Harris	Lineen Milam	Natasha Reid
Student Wellbeing Officer/Chaplain	Vanessa Blazey		
Technical Support	Mohamed Luqmaan		

As you can see, our enrolment numbers are increasing with an additional two classes operating in 2025. Word is certainly getting out in the wider community about our wonderful school and the great work our amazing staff at Killara have undertaken in the past couple of years to improve student learning & wellbeing outcomes.

COMMUNICATION

We endeavour to use a variety of platforms to communicate with and reach our entire school community. Each fortnight, the school newsletter will be sent electronically via Compass to all families to access up to date information, celebrate achievements and disseminate school news. In addition, Compass posts are sent via SMS to parents across the school or even within a cohort, depending on the nature of what is being shared. Our school's official Facebook page, is also another valuable tool we use to promote events, acknowledge student learning and share news. Team newsletters are also sent out to families as a paper copy at the beginning of each term, with relevant news related to that particular team, including information about the curriculum being taught that term and any dates for special events. Please keep an eye out for any communication from the school, as it certainly helps build a strong school-home partnership.



STUDENT SUPPLIES

Maxim are the official suppliers of our student backpacks and booklists were distributed in November last year. All backpacks ordered through Maxim prior to the cut-off date in December were delivered to school in January. These backpacks were waiting for your child on their first day of school in their classrooms. Maxim close the option of late orders at the **end of business today**, so if you intend to purchase your child's supplies for 2025 through them, please do so before the end of today. Alternatively, families yet to purchase the required books and supplies for their child are encouraged to source the materials through suppliers such as Office Works or Big W. Copies of the booklist for each year level are still available from the office.



Each year, we endeavour to keep the cost of parent financial contributions as low as possible, and these are made up of:

- Educational items for students to own (this is the booklist of required materials and supplies for each student). The booklist items are purchased by families directly through Maxim or can be sourced from another supplier. The cost of this is dependent on the year level your child is in and where the supplies are purchased.
- Curriculum contribution – this includes the supply of equipment and materials required to operate each of the Specialist classes in 2025 (Physical Education, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, S.T.E.M.). In addition, the contribution also goes towards classroom supplies to provide a quality Inquiry program (e.g. Science & Humanities equipment), printing of learning materials for students, English & Mathematics resources & equipment such as reading materials, fiction & nonfiction books, library books, calculators, concrete materials including counters, measuring equipment. This is capped at \$100 per student.
- Digital Technologies program (including provision of technology devices such as individual laptops or iPads, access to online educational subscriptions). The cost to provide this program in 2025 is as follows:
 - Prep – Grade 2 \$20 per student
 - Grade 3-6 \$40 per student
- 2025 Killara student diary (used for home reading records and communication between home-school). If backpacks were purchased through Maxim, the cost of the school diary was included. If supplies have been purchased elsewhere, the school diary can be purchased separately at the office for \$10.

As all Specialist programs and classrooms are currently busy setting up their books, organising supplies and planning programs, it is really important that your child has the materials required. Contributions can now be made directly through the school office, if you have yet to do so through Maxim.

TEA & TISSUES FOR PREP PARENTS

Parents of our Prep students are invited to the staffroom on Tuesday morning after dropping off your child at the Prep classrooms for a 'Tea & Tissues' catch-up. This is a nice way for the parents of our newest students to celebrate their child's first day of school. I promise to have tissues on hand if needed!



2025 BELL TIMES

8:45: 'Getting Ready to Learn' – students are able to enter classrooms anytime between 8:45am and 9:00am under teacher supervision. This is an important time where they can prepare for the day ahead including organising their belongings or other organisational tasks (collection of notes, money etc), change take home books or catch-up with their friends or teacher prior to the commencement of learning at 9:00am.



9:00am: Session 1
10:00am: Session 2
11:00am – 11:10am: Students eat in the classroom under their teacher's supervision
11:10am – 12:00pm: Outside play
12:00pm – 1:00pm: Session 3
1:00pm – 2:00pm: Session 4
2:00pm – 2:30pm: Afternoon recess & outside play
2:30pm – 3:30pm: Session 5
3:30pm: Bell rings for dismissal

SCHOOL UNIFORM & HATS

Our School Uniform and Sun Protection policies are available at the office for parents to view. The purpose of these policies is to outline Killara Primary School's requirements for student dress and SunSmart practices. The student uniform policy aims to foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop school pride. In Term 1 students are required to wear our summer uniform consisting of:



Navy shorts, skort or navy tracksuit pants
Killara polo top
Killara windcheater / fleece
Killara dress
Killara sunhat
Closed toe shoes

A reminder that it is part of our Sun Protection policy that students wear a school sun protective hat during Terms 1 and 4. Please make sure your child is equipped with a Killara school hat for times outside, otherwise they will be asked to stay in a shaded area of the playground and observe our 'No hat, No play' policy.



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

All students should arrive at school between 8:45am and 9:00am and proceed straight to their classrooms. High performing schools maximise student learning time and as such, begin with a 'soft start' to the school day or a



'Getting Ready to Learn' approach. This means that when students arrive at school anytime between 8:45am and 9:00am, they head directly to their classroom, where their teacher will be on duty. This time provides students with the chance to greet their classmates, unpack their school bags, change their take-home books, organise the materials or equipment they will need for the day. This approach supports classroom instruction commencing promptly at 9:00am.

Arriving after 9:00am causes disruption to the learning programs which have already commenced, and students miss critical parts of the lesson. Specialist classes also commence promptly at 9:00am and students can often become unsettled if they arrive and find their class has already left for one of our Specialist classes in different areas of the school.

If any student needs to be onsite **before 8:45am**, please make arrangements to have them booked into Before School Care (operated by Complete Kids) or make alternative plans. Teachers are **not on duty** at school until 8:45am and the grounds are



not supervised until then. We sometimes have maintenance being carried out onsite before school commences with workmen in the grounds and under Child Safe Standards, children should only be on the school grounds under teacher supervision.

After school, the school gates are supervised by teachers from 3:30pm until 3:45pm and it is important your child is collected by then, as teachers have work commitments & meetings to attend. If any child has not been collected by 3:45pm when the teacher finishes their duty, they will bring them inside to the office area to wait for you or for office staff to phone your emergency contact.

There are times that you may need to collect your child early from school and we ask that you keep these occasions to an absolute minimum, as it does cause disruption to their learning and the learning of other students. Please also understand, that during outside play (11:10am – 12:00pm and 2:00pm – 2:30pm) it is extremely difficult for students to hear announcements outside to come to the office ready to go home when they are outside playing. Teachers have yard duty responsibilities during break times and may not be able to go and unlock classrooms or supervise students collecting their belongings if they need to leave early.

READING AT HOME

As a school, we continue to highlight and emphasise the importance of reading at home. Encouraging daily out loud reading, reading to and with your child, serves to help them with their literacy skills and build a love of reading by choice.



Consider having a comfortable reading space at home and remember, that most books sent home with your child to read will be at a level that your child can manage to read independently to help promote fluency, but importantly, so that reading is a positive and enjoyable experience.

All classes will start home-reading programs within the next week. Please be sure to read any information sent home with your child and assist by using the reading record diaries.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER 2025

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website. For more information about privacy, refer to the DET website: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

A reminder to parents and guardians that the school and the Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Parents are advised to restrict the items that students bring to school and ensure that items of value are not brought to school.

CANTEEN

Our school canteen is privately operated by 'Peppa's pantry' and is open for lunch orders and counter sales at recess and lunch times. Lunch orders can be purchased via the Flexischools App or using the traditional brown paper bag method!



We kindly ask that parents do not send children to school with large amounts of money to spend at the canteen. We experienced some concerns last year with students having an excessive amount of money and purchasing treats from the canteen for their many friends. As part of our school policy, students cannot share food with each other nor purchase items from the canteen for anyone except a sibling/s. Please refer to the Peppa's pantry Facebook page for more canteen news.

Due to the high temperatures expected this coming Monday and Tuesday, the Canteen will be open for students to purchase a snack or icy pole at lunch time.

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



MOBILE PHONES / WEARABLE DEVICES

It is both Department of Education and Training and school policy, that all students who bring either a mobile phone or wearable device such as a smart watch to school are required to hand these into the front office on arrival to school each morning, where they will be stored securely. Students will be able to come to the front office after the 3:30pm bell to collect their device.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

As a school community, ensuring the safe arrival and departure of everyone from school is the responsibility of us all when dropping off or collecting students in either Phillip Drive (2 minute drop off zone only) or Rees Road.

It is important that we all model and reinforce safe road safety practices.



Please encourage children to follow road rules – in particular, to use school crossings to safely cross roads. Even if you are with your children, they should be shown that crossing at the school crossings is the way to go.

When driving and parking around the school, road rules must be followed for the sake of all concerned and, most importantly, the safety of our students. Parking will be at a premium if everyone tries to park directly outside the school. Families can assist by walking, not driving, if that is feasible. If you need to drive, please be patient and consider parking a little away from our school and then walking.

There is **NO PARKING** in the staff carpark. Please do not enter. This includes for drop off and pick up for out of school hours care.

Please also be considerate to our neighbours, by not parking over driveways and being aware of their rights. The area around the school is patrolled regularly by the Hume City Council authorities and fines will be issued for misdemeanours.

Thank you for your understanding and support on this matter.

COMPASS PAY IN 2025

In 2025, Killara Primary School will be using CompassPay to pay and consent for school events and activities. This is an easy to use platform that you access using your Compass log in via the Compass website or app. Notifications will be sent to your email and via the app when you have a new event/activity to pay and consent for.

If you have any questions regarding this, please

email killara.ps@education.vic.gov.au or call (03) 9744 6432.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

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

By applying for this funding, if eligible, the school will receive \$150.00 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.

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.

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLANS

If your child has asthma please ensure you provide us with an up to date plan.

An Asthma Action Plan allows you and your doctor to create an individual plan for you to manage your child's asthma. An action plan advises you about what your child must do to stay healthy and what to do when their asthma is unstable and they need help.

There is no 'standard' asthma action plan, as everyone's asthma is different. The child's plan needs to be written to deal with their individual triggers, signs and symptoms, and medications.

Your child's action plan might be based on symptoms, peak flow readings or both.

The Asthma Action Plan

An Asthma Action Plan outlines:

- how to care for your child's day-to-day asthma (it lists their regular medications and how many times each day they should take them)
- key things that tell you when your child's asthma is getting worse or an 'attack' is developing, and the steps they should take to manage it

Best Wishes
Sue and Anne



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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

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

www.wellbeingmartialarts.com.au

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EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

KILLARA CANTEEN MENU TERM 1 2025

The canteen is open on Wed, Thur & Fri for lunch orders and counter sales

Everyday (green)		Wednesday only (green)	
sandwich or wrap		SUSHI (GF)	\$6.50
cheese	\$3.00	*honey soy chicken, cucumber & carrot	
cheese & lettuce	\$3.50	*tuna & cucumber	
vegemite	\$3.00	*vegetarian- carrot, cucumber & avo	
salad - cucumber, carrot, lettuce & tomato)	\$4.50		
tuna	\$3.20		
tuna & salad	\$4.70	Thursday only (amber)	
ham 97% fat free	\$3.50	traveller meat pie	\$4.80
ham & salad	\$5.00	lite party pie	\$1.50
chicken	\$4.00	lite sausage roll	\$3.50
chicken & salad	\$5.50	spinach & ricotta sausage roll	\$4.00
EXTRAS		vegetable Pasty	\$4.80
cheese	\$0.50	vegetarian spring rolls 2pk	\$3.00
buttered			
toasted	\$0.30	Friday only (amber)	
Salads (green)		hot dogs skinless with tomato sauce	\$4.50
Everyday - garden salad	\$4.50	puppy dogs (mini hot dog) w tomato sauce	\$2.50
Hot food (amber)		frankfurts (bag of 5)	\$3.50
mini pizza - ham & cheese/hawaiian	\$4.50	Drinks	
zucchini slice (gf)	\$5.00	juice- (apple or orange)	\$2.00
nuggets 3pk	\$2.50	big m 300ml (chocolate or strawberry)	\$3.00
chicken tenders 2pk	\$3.50	water	\$2.00
pasta with cheese	\$4.00	up & go (chocolate or vanilla)	\$2.50
chicken burger (chicken, lettuce & mayo)	\$5.00	Moo choc milk	\$2.00
Peppas twisty spagetti bolognese	\$5.00	glee sparkling juice can -	\$3.00
butter chicken & rice (gf)	\$5.00	- tropical treat, blue lemon, sour watermelon	
macaroni cheese	\$5.00	bubblegum grape & rockin raspberry	
mac n cheese toppa	\$4.00		
apple jaffle	\$3.50	Frozen treats	
noodle cup (beef or chicken)	\$3.00	monster twister	\$3.50
GF noodle cup (chicken)	\$3.00	paddlepop (rainbow or chocolate)	\$2.50
steamed mini dim sim 3pk	\$1.50	icy twist	\$2.00
Sauce		callipo	\$2.00
soy	\$0.40	zooper dooper	\$1.00
sweet chilli	\$0.40	vanilla ice cream cup	\$2.00
tomato	\$0.40	strawberry ice cream cup	\$2.00
barbeque	\$0.40	cyclone	\$3.50
Snacks		zooper dooper holder	\$3.50
vaalia yoghurt squeezie vanilla or strawberry	\$2.50		
fruit salad small (green)	\$3.00		
fruit salad large (green)	\$5.00	SNACK BREAK BOX	\$6.00
cut up apple (green)	\$1.70	cabonossi, dip, crackers, cheese, carrot	
apple (green)	\$1.50	& cucumber	
cobs popcorn Gf (natural /sweet & salted)	\$1.50		
packs of chips - red rock	\$2.00		
- (honey soy chicken/sea salt)			
fresh muffin	\$2.00		
banana bread	\$2.00		
corn on the cob (green)	\$1.30		

All items can be ordered for lunch orders(except the snack box), items such as hot drinks, snack boxes and icecreams are highlighted on lunch bag, the student is then required to pick these up from the canteen. Making sure they bring their bag with them.