



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day
Respect, Resilience & Accountability

Newsletter 11

July 31st 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 30th July-Friday 1st August

Thursday 31st July

Monday 4th to Friday 8th August

Wednesday 6th August

Thursday 7th August

Monday 11th to Friday 15th August

Tuesday 12th—Thursday 14th August

Wednesday 13th August

Thursday 14th August

Friday 15th August

Monday 18th August

Friday 22nd August

Monday 25th August

Monday 25th August

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th August

Wednesday 27th August

Thursday 28th August

Friday 29th August

Thursday 4th September

Friday 5th September

Monday 8th September

Thursday 11th September

Friday 12th September

Wednesday 17th September

Thursday 18th September

Friday 19th September

Monday 6th October

Year 3/4 ADANAC Camp

Orders now open for Tony's Pies

Year 1/2 Swimming

District Athletics

Year 1B—Meet the teacher 2.30pm to 6.30pm

Division Mixed Netball

Book Week

Book Fair— School Library after school only

Book Fair— School Library, before and after school

Prep—Year 2 Author Visit

Year 3—Year 6 Author Visit

Book Fair—School Library before school only

Book Week Dress Up Parade 9.15—school gym

Year 3-6 Rugby Tag

Pyjama Day

Curriculum Day—Students not to attend school

Orders for Tony's Pies Close tonight

Bullying No Way Week

Understanding Ourselves (parent session)

Pop of Purple Day

Tony's Pie Delivery

Year 5/6 Bicycle Program

Father's Day Stall

CFA Prep Visit

Year 5/6 Understanding Ourselves—Session 1

Summer Sports

Brainstorm Productions—Being Brave

Year 5/6 Understanding Ourselves—Session 2

CFA Prep Visit

Year 5/6 Parliament Process Incursion

Year 1/2 Dinner and Year 2 Sleepover

Celebration of Learning

Year 5/6 Understanding Ourselves—Session 3

Footy Colours Day

Last Day of Term 3—school finishes at 2.30pm

Term 4 commences

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



We hope you had a wonderful break and enjoyed some quality time together during the school holidays. It has been fantastic to see our students return with such positivity and enthusiasm—clearly

happy to be back and ready to learn.

Our dedicated staff have been hard at work preparing an engaging and challenging teaching and learning program for the term ahead. In addition to classroom learning, students can look forward to a variety of exciting extracurricular activities designed to enrich their educational experience and support their wellbeing. We are looking forward to a productive and inspiring Term 3!

Staffing update

Changes to staffing throughout the school year are a natural part of school life and can happen for many reasons. At the end of last term, we farewelled Ms Fiona Allison (2A), who has taken leave for the remainder of the year. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Fiona for her many years of dedicated service and the positive impact she has had on our school community. While it is always hard to say goodbye, it is equally exciting to welcome new team members. We are delighted to introduce several new staff who have joined our enthusiastic and committed team at Killara. Together, we continue to work towards our vision of developing caring, confident, resilient, and curious learners who embrace challenges and seize opportunities.

A warm Killara welcome to:

- Ms Narelle DeYoung (1B)
- Ms Stephanie Chartomatsidis & Ms Hannah Lawrence (2A)
- Ms Katie Ross (ES member)

Sue is currently on Long Service Leave and will return to school Monday 11th August. We look forward to hearing about her travels.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN individual student reports were sent home earlier this week for students in Year 3 and Year 5. NAPLAN tests occur every two years and are only one aspect of how students are assessed. New standards were introduced to NAPLAN reporting last year. The 'proficiency standards' provide information on student achievement. The tests are set at a challenging but reasonable level expected for the child at the time of the NAPLAN testing (early in Term 1), based on what has been taught in previous years of schooling. There are four proficiency levels: Exceeding Strong Developing Needs Additional Support Please be mindful when reading your child's NAPLAN report, that NAPLAN results do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. We are extremely pleased with the overall achievement results of our students this year, with growth demonstrated in many learning areas. In both Reading and Numeracy, for Year 3 and Year 5, the



percentage of students achieving strong or exceeding proficiency levels is above other schools within our own Network of schools and above similar schools. 'Similar schools' in this context are schools serving students from statistically similar backgrounds to our school.

Wishing Our Year 3/4s an Amazing Camp Experience!

On Wednesday, our Year 3/4 students set off for an exciting adventure at Camp Adanac in the beautiful Yarra Valley! Camp is a wonderful opportunity for students to step beyond the classroom, develop independence, take on new challenges, and create unforgettable memories with their classmates. From outdoor activities to shared experiences around the campfire, there is so much to enjoy and learn. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures when they return on Friday afternoon!

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing staff and parent volunteers for giving their time and energy to support our students and help make this experience possible.



One hundred Days of School

Can you believe it?

Our wonderful Prep students have reached a major milestone—**100 days of school!** Time truly flies when you are learning, growing, making friends, and having fun together. To celebrate this special occasion, our Preps took part in a variety of engaging activities all themed around the number 100 on Wednesday. It has been such a joy to witness their journey so far—mastering new skills, exploring fresh ideas, and embracing school life with energy and excitement. We feel privileged to share in their educational journey and look forward to watching them continue to grow in the months and years ahead.



Book Week and Book Fair

(Week 4 Monday 11th – 15th August)

It is almost time for one of our favourite events of the year – Book Week!

In **Week 4** (Monday 11th to Friday 15th August), we have a range of exciting activities planned to celebrate our love of reading. Don't forget to start planning your costumes for the much-loved **Book Week Costume Parade**, happening on **Friday 15th August at 9:15am in the gym**. Families are warmly invited to join us for the Special Assembly! This year's theme is "**Book an Adventure**", and we cannot wait to see everyone dressed as their favourite characters and stories. Let the literary adventures begin!



THE **LAMONT BOOK FAIR** IS COMING TO KILLARA IN WEEK 4 (11th -15th August) Each class will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during their Library time, with the library being open for sales before and after school each day. This is a great opportunity to purchase a book for your child as we all work together growing the love of reading!



A Reminder About Safety and Parking

Ensuring the safety of our students during busy drop-off times is a shared responsibility, and we appreciate your

continued support in making the start of each school day safe and smooth for everyone.

The morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up period can be particularly busy, and we ask all families to remain vigilant and patient during this time. Please remember that children can be unpredictable near traffic, so reducing speed and staying alert is essential. Always use designated crossing points and encourage your child to exit the car on the footpath side wherever possible. Please note that parking near the school is limited and subject to local council regulations. We kindly ask that you observe all signage and do not park in staff car parks, driveways, or no-parking zones. Parking illegally, even for a short time, can create dangerous situations for students and significantly impact traffic flow. We thank all parents and carers for their cooperation and understanding.



Uniform

With the chilly weather upon us, we'd like to remind students to dress appropriately in our school's winter uniform to stay warm during the colder months. The school puffer jacket and Killara beanie have been especially popular and effective in keeping students comfortable while outdoors. Our classrooms are well-heated, so there is no need for extra layers while indoors. However, we do encourage students to wear jackets or beanies during recess and lunch breaks to stay warm. Please note that black pants and coloured tops are not part of our school uniform policy. While navy pants do not need to be purchased through our official uniform suppliers, they are readily available and affordable at retailers such as Big W and Target, or through our second-hand uniform shop. If you are interested in purchasing second-hand uniform items at a significantly reduced cost, please contact the school office. As always, if a student is not in full uniform, they are required to bring a note explaining the reason. It is expected they will return to full uniform the following day. Wearing the school uniform with pride helps foster a sense of belonging and supports the positive culture we are building at Killara.

HEATH & WELLBEING

As winter continues, there has been an increase in the number of respiratory illnesses within our community, including whooping cough, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), influenza A and influenza B infections. It is important that we all work together to keep our school community well. This includes keeping unwell children at home where they can be comfortably cared for, increase hygiene practices, such as washing and sanitising hands regularly and covering noses or mouths when coughing or sneezing.



Best wishes, Anne & Kim

book an ADVENTURE



Book Week 2025

BOOK WEEK

Monday

Book Fair - After School
Buddy Reading
Story time - Wellbeing Hub



Tuesday



Book Fair - Before & After School
Whole School - Multi Age Activity
Story time - Wellbeing Hub

Wednesday

Book Fair - Before & After School
P-2 Author Visit
Jess Racklyeft



Thursday



Book Fair - Before & After School
3-6 Author Visit
Morris Gleitzman
Story time - Wellbeing Hub

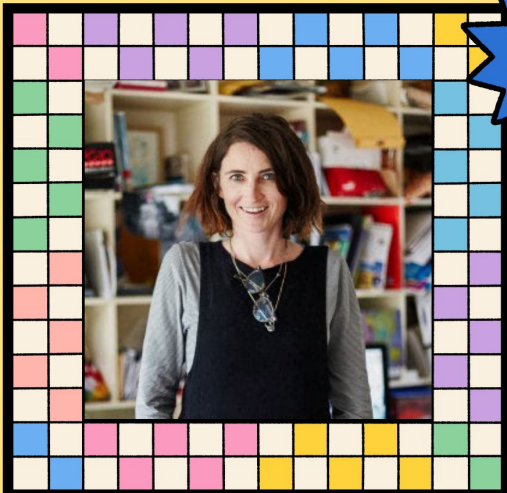
Friday

Book Fair - Before School
Whole School - Dress Up Parade 9:15am - Gym
Story time - Wellbeing Hub



PREP-2 AUTHOR VISIT

Wednesday
13th August

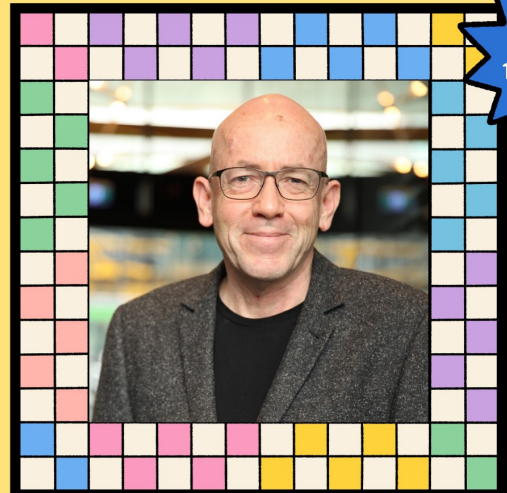


welcome
JESS RACKLYEFT
Author & Illustrator



YEAR 3-6 AUTHOR VISIT

Thursday
14th August



welcome
MORRIS GLEITZMAN
Author





PUPIL OF THE WEEK

TERM 3—WEEK 1

Prep

For settling back into Term 3 with a positive attitude.

PA	Audrey B & Nate B
PB	Jacob M & Ryder B
PC	Archer M & Ismail K

Year 1

For settling in well to classroom routines after the holidays.

1A	Addi C
1B	Harry C

Year 2

For displaying our school values during our shoe lace incursion.

2A	Mia L
2B	Archer W

Year 3/4

For using poetic devices to write a range of poems.

3/4A	Phoebe W
3/4B	Noah M
3/4C	Laykin M

Year 5/6

For demonstrating our school values each day.

5/6A	Archie M
5/6B	Cooper M
5/6C	Tayte M
5/6D	Connor A

SPECIALISTS

Phys. Ed.	Julius D (2A) for demonstrating excellent focus, effort and skill during our kicking and punting lesson.
STEM	William E (2B) for showing great enthusiasm and predicting during our STEM experiment.
Vis. Art	Tommy S (2A) for experimenting with colour while exploring the printing process.



The Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHiPS) program, is an important initiative supported by the Victorian Department of Education, in partnership with the Murdoch Children's Research Institute and the University of Melbourne. The program is designed to support the mental health and wellbeing of students, fostering a positive school environment for everyone.

What does the MHiPS Program Entail?

The MHiPS program focuses on a whole-school approach to mental health and wellbeing, with the appointment of a dedicated Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader (MHWL). The MHWL is distinct from allied health positions as it does not involve one-one-one counselling. Instead, it takes a broad and proactive approach, supporting the entire school community through initiatives, strategies, and practices that promote positive mental health. At Killara Primary School, the MHWL will be instrumental in building upon our existing commitment to student wellbeing, with the understanding that creating positive and lasting change takes time.

Our focus

We know that learning and wellbeing are deeply connected, and we want every child to thrive. At Killara we have a dedicated wellbeing leadership team that includes Anne (AP), Jean (Chaplain) and Jennifer (MHWL).

We will regularly share wellbeing tips, initiatives, and updates with our school community.

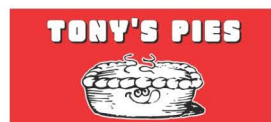
For the remainder of 2025 our focus will be undertaking additional training in mental health and wellbeing, updating and refining the referral process at Killara, and further embedding our whole school approaches: SWPBS and Respectful Relationships.

Working together

As a school team, we know that our students and families are important partners in our continuous growth and success. We have been speaking with staff and students about what is working well here at Killara and identifying areas where we can continue to improve.

We welcome your feedback and ideas. To make this easier, we've developed a [short form](#) that provides another platform for you to share your insights. This form will remain open throughout the term and will be reviewed regularly. You can access the form by [clicking this link](#).

It is also saved on the school website under Information-Wellbeing and Inclusion.



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>

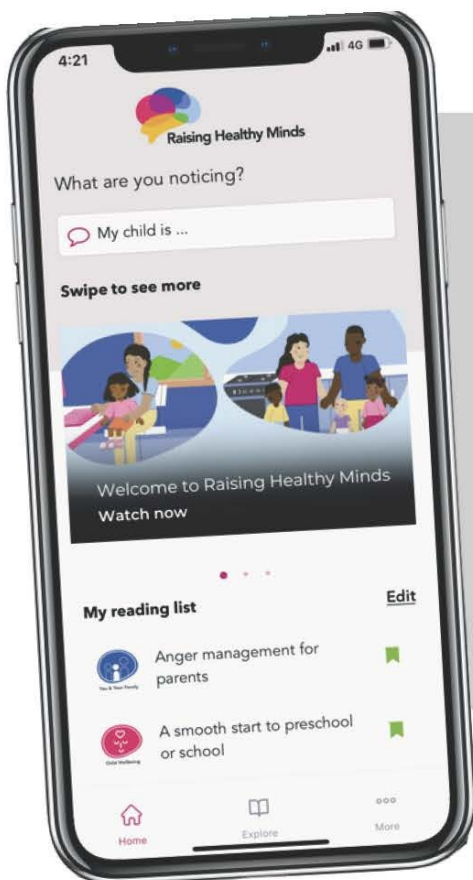


Raising Healthy Minds

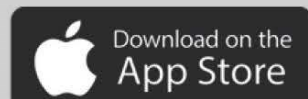
Do parents have questions about their child's behaviours and wellbeing?

The Raising Healthy Minds app is a FREE, personalised pocket resource to help parents raise confident, resilient children.

Co-designed with parents and experts and funded by the Australian Government, the app offers a mix of quick-read articles, videos and animations designed to support children's social and emotional wellbeing from birth to age 12.



Download the app from Google Play or the App Store.



Find out more about Raising Healthy Minds at raisingchildren.net.au/rhm



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For New Students in 2025.

Get two **FREE** lessons in Term 3

when you sign up for a full-term of instrumental music lessons, for any instrument of your choosing!

HOW TO CLAIM:

Simply write "FREE LESSON" in the notes section of the application form to receive the Free Lesson!

T&C's apply. Get in touch for more information.

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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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