



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support

Newsletter 5

March 1 2018

CALENDAR

5 March	HERO Presentations 2.30pm
7- 9 March	Year 5/6 Camp Rumbug
12 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
13 March	CURRICULUM DAY
15 March	Parent Helpers Course Session 1: 3.00 – 3.30pm Session 2: 6.00 – 6.30pm
20 March	PFA Meeting 7.30pm Sunbury Football Club
27 March	Year 5/6 Algorithmic Thinking Competition
29 March	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

REMINDER

*****Curriculum Day*****

Tuesday 13 March

Please make other arrangements for your children for this day

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our swim team, who represented the school in an excellent way last Thursday evening at the Sunbury District Swimming Carnival.

It was great to hear of students, staff and parents enjoying the whole school event and getting into the spirit of the carnival. The support from staff and parents was fantastic! Parents and staff alike were ensuring students were ready for their events, were encouraging students and congratulating them for the effort and achievement.

Special thanks to Bec Gerber for her organisation of the event and overall involvement in the carnival.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Similarly to our swim team, congratulations to our Grade 3-6 students who on Tuesday, participated in our KPS Athletics Carnival. The day was exhausting and quite warm for many (students, parents and staff alike!), however a very positive day was had overall. Whilst some stand out performances saw many students draped in ribbons of blue, the most outstanding achievements on the day were simply students not only doing their absolute best, but also encouraging others to do the same.

Congratulations to all competitors on their efforts and thanks to all the parents and staff who assisted in making the event such a successful one. Of course, even with all the efforts from staff and our parents, this day would never have got off the ground, let alone been the success it was, without the organisation of one Miss G. So special thanks to Bec for all her organisation in the lead up. She's now taking a well

earned break by running 800m trials in her release time!

We look forward to sending off our representative team to the district carnival in two weeks time.

A further report from Bec Gerber can be found in this newsletter. Photos of the day have been uploaded to our Killara Facebook page.

CLASS CAPTAIN & VICE CAPTAIN

We proudly presented our Class Captains and Class Vice Captains to the school community at Assembly on Monday. These students become ambassadors, helpers, organisers and empathisers of our student body. They will represent others by seeking and gathering opinion and by helping others to also become leaders.

It is important that our new student leaders uphold their positions with pride and act as role models for those around them and for the school community.

We wish them every success in their new roles and look forward to hearing about and seeing the way they make a positive difference to our school community.

Special thanks to Josh Bull, our local member of parliament who came along to help celebrate with us.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

When nominations closed last Thursday, we had two parent nominations, leaving one further parent vacancy. As per guidelines, nominations were opened for a further 3 days. The second call for nominations closed on Tuesday afternoon and we had the one further nomination needed.

Congratulations to parents Ian Theodore and Natalie Harrison. DET representatives to be finalised

The first meeting of the new School Council will be on March 28. At that meeting office bearers will be elected and committees formed.

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

The "retiring" School Council held their last meeting on Tuesday evening, in the form of a dinner meeting at the Olive Tree function room. Business and discussion included:

- An expression of thanks and gratitude to all School Councilors for their work over the last 12 months and a special thanks to retiring members Stacey West and Kate Hunter.
- A special thanks to Stacey for her involvement with Council over the past 7 years. Your contribution is greatly appreciated by the school community.
- An outline of the school structure and how the leadership and team approaches we adopt impact positively on our improvement directions

- Information about progress against the Annual Implementation Plan
- Thanks expressed to those involved in key events – in particular Prep transition (the Prep Team), Meet the Teacher sessions (all staff) and the Twilight Swimming Carnival and Athletics Day (Bec Gerber and group of helpers and supporters)

COURTEOUS CAR PARKING

It has been brought to our attention that some of our neighbours are concerned that their driveways are regularly being parked across. Please be aware that **finer will be issued** for this practice.

Blocking a driveway could be a serious matter if there is a medical emergency or the person who lives in the house has a medical condition, and is blocked from entering or exiting their property. The practice of parking across driveways is illegal.

We remind everyone to be patient and courteous when parking and driving around the school and encourage you to consider parking further away and walking if all available parking is taken.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Late last year, the Department of Education undertook a review of the Attendance Guidelines for schools. As an outcome of this review, next term, all Victorian Government schools will be required to contact parents/guardians as soon as practicable when a student absence is unexplained. This update to guidelines regarding student absence will help ensure the safety of school-aged children during school hours.

In order to assist us in adhering to these new guidelines, we ask that our parents and guardians ensure that any student absence is communicated to the school preferably via Compass or the website portals as soon as possible once it is confirmed that your child will not be attending school.

Today, 31 students were recorded as having an “unexplained absence”. As of next term, this would mean school staff would be required to contact a minimum of 31 parents & guardians of these children to confirm the reason for absence. This would take up a significant amount of staff time – time that can be better spent on improving and managing school operations, tasks and procedures. This highlights the importance of your assistance with this matter.

We thank you in advance for your proactivity in this area.

SCHOOL GATES

As mentioned regularly in our school communication mediums, our school gates are closed at the start of the day and opened at the end of the day. As of next week, just after 9am, the gate located in the corner of the school between the oval and Blind Creek will not only be closed but also locked for the day. The gate will be unlocked at 3pm. We are considering whether this will be the case with other gates and will keep you informed with any updates.

PFA AFTERNOON TEA

Thank you to our PFA who ran an afternoon tea for parents of our Prep students last Monday. The PFA play a vital role in the partnership between the school and the parent community and events such as this help to strengthen that partnership.

If you would like to get in touch with the PFA, they can be contacted at killarapfa@gmail.com.

Best Wishes,
Pete and Andrew

CURRENT NEWS

HERO PRESENTATIONS

Families of our Semester One HEROs are invited to come along to assembly on Monday March 5 to see the presentation of vests. It's always an exciting time for the students and it would be wonderful to see you there.

Sustainability Team

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Athletics Carnival went very smoothly this year, it was a lovely day and the kids showed some excellent talent and sportsmanship. I think Killara will once again have a very strong Athletics Team.

Thank you to the very efficient staff who ran each event. A massive thank you to the parents who helped run an event. This day couldn't be possible without you!

Also a big thank you to Dave from Sunbury Little Athletics for helping me set up for the day.
Miss G



GOOD CITIZEN

Prep: Lola Rm 3
Year 1/2: Nicholas Rm 22
Year 3/4: Rebecca Rm 11

PAYMENTS DUE

Year 5/6 Camp: March 1
Maths Competition: March 2 - No late entries can be accepted.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1, WEEK 4

Prep Knowing and using their letters and sounds of the alphabet		Year 3/4 Demonstrating correct use of punctuation when writing sentences		
R1	Santina A/Lincoln H	R11	Luke H-B	
R2	Hailey P/Farron I	R12	Kayla S	
R3	Indigo B/Harvey W	R13	Lucas H	
Year 1/2 For positive participation in learning about place value		R14	Ryda W	
		R15	Cairo P	
		R16	Ella I	
		Year 5/6 Demonstrating our knowledge and understanding of place value		
R4	Kailey S	Year 5/6 Demonstrating our knowledge and understanding of place value	R5	Angus M
R19	Hayden G		R6	Rory M
R20	Blake C		R7	Sam R
R21	Liya N		R8	Isobel R
R22	Indiana R		R9	Callum F
R23	Max I		R10	Luke C
R24	Emily G		R17	Alysha T
				

CLASS CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS

Room	Captain	Vice-Captain
Prep A	Charlotte S	Tristan B
Prep B	Caitlin W	Haysen D
Prep C	Lola L	Harvey W
1/2A	Holly B	Callum J-B
1/2B	Mackenzie W	Xander M
1/2C	Isabella H	Xavier M
1/2D	Caelan T	Macie G
1/2E	Jai V	Bianca T
1/2F	Sophie J	Eden M
1/2G	Brinleigh L	Jackson W
3/4A	Brooklyn M	Luke H-B
3/4B	Samuel M	Abigail S
3/4C	Nash D	Hayley P
3/4D	Mason K	Lillian W
3/4E	Jamieson H	Abbey M
3/4F	Ashe P	Lilly G
5/6A	Tamarah J	Mitch W
5/6B	Rory M	Chelsea S
5/6C	Charlie P	Taliah K
5/6D	Isobel R	Xavier A
5/6E	Jackson V-G	Chelsea H
5/6F	Cooper M	David O
5/6G	Alysha T	Caleb A

PARENT HELPERS COURSE

All new parents intending to assist in classrooms will need to attend a Parent Helper program session before they begin working in classrooms. This program initially addresses issues of protocols and confidentiality and then looks at Literacy and Numeracy assistance. There will be two sessions offered on Thursday March 15. Session 1 will be from 3:00 – 3:30pm and Session 2 from 6.00 – 6:30pm. You will need to attend one or the other and sign in so that your name can be added to the school register of

Parent Helpers. Can you please register your interest in either of these session times with our office staff so that we ensure that there are adequate handouts for participants. Please note: All parents assisting with any school activities/programs are required to have a **Working with Children Check**. You can apply online at www.workingwithchildren.com.au. If you have recently renewed your WWCC please ensure you provide a copy of your new card to the office. If you have completed the parent helper course in a previous year, you are not required to attend again.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MACEDON RANGES SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL 2018

Saturday March 3 9.00am – 4.00pm

In conjunction with the Woodend Community Farmers' Market.

Corner of High and Forest Streets, Woodend.

Hope to see you there. Info at: www.mrslf.org.au
Sustainability Team

SUNBURY KANGAROOS JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

Come and join the Sunbury Kangaroos Junior Football Netball Club. Registrations are now open. Players wanted for football U9's, U11's, U13's, U15's U17's Youth Girls Football and U11's netball. For registration/joining enquiries visit our website (Sunbury Kangaroos Junior Football Club) or contact: Registrar Bec 0414924519 or Roxy 0423358413

SUNBURY LIONS FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

If you are interested in playing junior football or netball or seeking a new club then look no further we have teams actively recruiting the following in football and netball U9's, U11's, U13's. Season starts April 15 2018. Tring on Wednesdays between 5-6.30pm. For more information contact Mark 0412684338 or Andrew 0419252609

EFFECTS OF FOOD ON CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR

Many aspects of food can affect children's behaviour. Processed foods, excess sugar, artificial colours, allergies, food intolerances and meal skipping can all have an impact. Learn about these, along with specific food groups and nutrients that have a positive or negative effect on children's behaviour.

Where: Sunbury Youth & Library Services 51-53 Evans St, Sunbury

Who: 18+

When: Thursday March 8 6.30pm

Cost: Free

For bookings phone: 03566970

Book online at www.humelibraries.vic.gov.au

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