



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork

Newsletter 5

March 2 2017

CALENDAR

6 March	School Photos
6 March	Zone Swimming finals
6 March	Session 1: Parent Helpers Course 10-10.30am
6 March	Session 2: Parent Helpers Course 6-6.30pm
8 March	Prep Special Person Day
8-10 March	Year 5/6 Camp
13 March	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
14 March	CURRICULUM DAY
20 March	Class and Vice-Captain presentations
22 March	Year 3/4 Athletics Carnival Boardman Oval
	Year 1/2 Athletics Carnival Killara – postponed till Term 2
24 March	Year 5/6 Athletics Carnival Boardman Oval
31 March	Last Day Term 2.30pm finish

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

REMINDER

*******Public Holiday** Monday 13 March (the school will be closed)

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

Tuesday 14 March

Please make other arrangements for your children for this day

Teachers will be undertaking professional learning relating to the learning and teaching of Mathematics

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

When nominations closed last Thursday, we had three parent and one DET nomination, 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, meaning that all positions have been filled, without the need for an election.

Congratulations to parents Neil Christie, Natalie Harrison, Brenton Anderson and Jennifer Wallace, and to DET representative, Andrew O'Callaghan, who are duly declared elected for the coming two years.

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 Chris Weedon, Lauren Pierce and Jo Dinsdale
- 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 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 (Bec Gerber and group of helpers and supporters)
- Facilities report including updates on the installation of the new veggie garden (coming soon!), major maintenance plans and rectification of water damage

STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, CLASS

CAPTAIN & VICE CAPTAIN PRESENTATIONS

Teachers and students are currently going through a process to determine who our Student Leadership Council and Class Captains and Vice Captains will be.

Representatives elected to the Student Leadership Council will remain in the role for the whole year while Class and Vice Captains will be a semester-based role.

The presentation of certificates and badges to our Class Captains, Vice Captains and Student Leadership Council members will take place at assembly on Monday 20 March. A note will go home with those students who have been selected as Class Captains, Vice Captains and Student Leadership Council members and we hope families can join us at the presentation assembly.

SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

As a school we place utmost importance on making sure our school is a safe, secure and supportive environment. From time to time parents and members of the community may observe something that they think looks suspicious. We always urge vigilance and suggest that people err on the side of caution – letting the school know immediately of anything that concerns them or they have doubts about. The school will then investigate and take any actions necessary.

AFTER SCHOOL DEPARTURE

Parents are reminded to move straight from the school grounds after dismissal time, as the grounds are used by the Complete Kids Before and After School Care program and supervision becomes

confused when there are other children using playgrounds.

CAR PARK

The staff car park is not for parent parking at any time. For safety reasons, please do not use the car park for pick up and drop off.

PFA

The PFA Annual General Meeting was held this past Tuesday, February 28. During this meeting, the 2017 committee was formed and stands as follows:

President - Tanya Hennessy

Vice President - Manuela Irvine

Secretary - Candice Palmer

Treasurer - Jennifer Wallace

Congratulations to all the successful committee members. The PFA meets on a monthly basis at school to organise school events and fundraisers. New members are always welcome to join the team.

The next PFA meeting will be held on the 21 March at 2:30pm in the staffroom. Tanya and the rest of the team would love to see you there.

We look forward to the 2017 PFA making a significant contribution to the school community both through their fundraising efforts and community engagement events

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 see 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.

Killara finished 2nd overall in the "big school" category and it was great to see some of our swimmers excel and reach the Zone finals which will be held on Monday March 6 at the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre.

Good luck to our Zone team – Patrick Cahill, Ben Clewer, Sebastian Ellis, Audrey Hanlon, Keisha Hudson, Lily Morgan, Shaila Mychal, Felix Ostanin, Tyler Theodore, Ben West and Eden Wilkins.

**Best wishes,
Phil, Pete and Andrew**

CURRENT NEWS

ADVANCED LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

Checkout Advanced Life's bonus offer of a free black and white sibling photo order with any student package order of A-D. If you wish to receive this offer you MUST complete the sibling order envelope available from the office or online order choosing option F. Only those families who have ordered a

sibling photo (paid or bonus offer) will have a sibling photo taken. Please Note: Only siblings that attend Killara.

SIBLING ORDERS ONLINE

If you would like to place your sibling photo order online please note orders must be finalised prior to midnight tonight.

After that time you will need to complete a sibling order envelope (available from the office) and return it to school before photo day on Monday 6 March.

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 Monday March 6. Session 1 will be from 10:00 – 10:30am 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.

ACTIVE APRIL AT KILLARA

Join Killara's active April team using Team ID: Killara-primary-school. Its free and fun for everyone. All it takes is 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. Enjoy great benefits and win awesome prizes. Register to get:

- 10 Free YMCA passes or access to a local government recreation facility
- 15% off at Sportsmart in store and online
- One hour free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- 20% off any annual membership with Cycling Australia
- A 2 for 1 ticket offer to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
- Entry into the draw to win tickets to the 2018 Australian open Tennis Finals

Register today – activeapril.vic.gov.au

MATHS CALENDARS

This week, every student should have received a March Maths Calendar aligning to their current year level.

These calendars are designed to provide simple, fun and engaging ways to strengthen the real life application of maths concepts throughout our daily lives. The Maths Curriculum team will endeavour to create and share one new calendar each term. Students are not required to complete all the tasks,

however we encourage families to have a go at some of the challenges listed throughout the month of March to engage in mathematical tasks with their loved ones at home.

We are anticipating the next calendar will be released for the month of June. We hope all of our families enjoy utilising this resource throughout the year.

Maths Curriculum Team

COMPASS

The following Compass Learning Tasks will be made visible on Monday 6 March.

Prep learning tasks:

Reading – Concepts About Print

Writing – We are Writers

Inquiry – Me As A Learner

Year 1/2 learning tasks:

Writing - Recount Term 1

Reading: Thinking Beyond the Text - Making

Predictions Term 1

Mathematics - Place Value Term 1

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1, WEEK 4

Junior School Showing excellent counting skills during our Maths classes		Middle School Being precise and accurate when writing sentences	
R1	Isabelle W/Ava C	R12	Zoe R
R2	Arran M/Gabby C	R13	Hannah C
R3	Brinleigh L/Macie G	R14	Imaan K
R4	Conor T/Charlie M	R15	Claire K
Year 1/2 For setting a goal to improve their organisation		R16	Ela M
		R21	Noah Y
		R22	Piper S
R17	Jack F	Senior School Applying past knowledge to new learning and situations	
R18	Deacon S		
R19	Connor O		
R20	Zoe G		
R23	Ava H	R5	Baylen P
R24	Ella I	R6	Crystal T
R25	Bianca T	R7	Felix O
R26	Aiden W	R8	Ella W
		R9	Talysa D
		R10	Tahlia D
		R11	Zoe W

"For showing a desire to strive for accuracy in their specialist classes".

Visual Arts

Prep C – Alycia Holland

Performing Arts

1/2A – Deb Shepherd

Physical Education

5/6B – Stuart Mills

Auslan

3/4B – Lauren McShanag

PAYMENTS DUE

Year 5/6 Camp: OVERDUE

Year 3-6 Maths Competition: 6 March

OUR NEW HEROS

Congratulations to our Semester 1 HEROs. Two students from each class were presented with their certificates and vests at assembly on Monday. Captain HERO was in attendance to congratulate each student and, as you can see, stayed around for a photo shoot!

HEROs are responsible for encouraging and influencing others to turn lights off at recess and lunchtime, recycle within the classroom, monitor their class's participation in '3 For the Sea', keeping an eye on our young seedlings and making suggestions to make our school more sustainable. They will meet with a member of the Sustainability Team and Student Leadership Council facilitators from time to time to voice their ideas, get to know HEROs from other rooms and build their leadership skills.

Well done to all our HEROs.

Sustainability Team and Student Leadership Council

Rm 1 Prep A	Ava C / Blake C
Rm 2 Prep B	Caitlin B / Carter S
Rm 3 Prep C	Chanel M / Aidan B
Rm 4 Prep D	Evana W / Angus H
Rm 5 5/6 A	Cooper G / Ashley H
Rm 6 5/6 B	Madeleine M / Adam H
Rm 7 5/6 C	Madison S / Millie J
Rm 8 5/6 D	Bayley D / Stephanie C
Rm 9 5/6 E	Lachlan R / Rylan C
Rm 10 5/6 F	Lexie R / Joel Q
Rm 11 5/6 G	Matthew B / Noah K-C
Rm 12 3/4 A	Isabella J / Bailey H
Rm 13 3/4 B	Liana M / James G
Rm 14 3/4 C	Dion D / Charlize H
Rm 15 3/4 D	Claire K B / Zayne H
Rm 16 3/4 E	Chelsea W / Aaron D
Rm 17 1/2 A	Adam S / Jack F
Rm 18 1/2 B	Ebony G / Lachlan H
Rm 19 1/2 C	Cordelia B / Connor M
Rm 20 1/2 D	Juliette W / William S
Rm 21 3/4 F	Abbey M / Matthew B
Rm 22 3/4 G	Sarah H / Lachlan S
Rm 23 1/2 E	Indiana P / Luca P
Rm 24 1/2 F	Isabella M / Ryan C
Rm 25 1/2 G	Jamieson H / Gabe D
Rm 26 1/2 H	Piper E / Rhylee L



ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER RECYCLING NEWS

Did you know

Aluminium Foil can go into your general recycling bin. You just need to scrunch it in to a ball – about the size of a golf ball or larger - so that it can be sorted correctly by the recycling machines.

Aerosol Cans are made from steel or aluminium and both are fully recyclable. Just make sure they're empty.

QKR APP FOR SCHOOL PAYMENTS.

Our preferred method of payment for excursions, canteen lunch orders and fundraising activities is QKR.



This easy to use free app by Mastercard gives you flexibility to make your school payments at a time and place that suits you.

No need to find cash to send to school with your child, you will have a QKR receipt on your phone and receipt number for your records.

A brochure on how to set up your account is available from the school office or just follow the simple instructions when you download the app.

TIQBIZ APP

Killara Primary School now has available an "app" to use for communicating with our families. The app is called "TIQBIZ" and can be downloaded onto your smartphone, tablet or computer.

Remember to select both "whole school" and your children's year level when prompted. This will ensure you receive all notifications we send for the whole school, as well as those to specific year levels.

CLASSROOM PARENT HELPERS PROCEDURES

Please ensure you report to the front office prior to helping in the classroom and sign in our visitors register. We also ask that whilst on duty you display your Working With Children's identification card. A card holder can be obtained from the office if needed. Prior to leaving the school please sign out.

EARLY PICK UP PROCEDURE

When picking up your child early from school, please ensure you come through the main office and sign your child out. You will be given an early leavers slip which you will then pass on to the classroom teacher when collecting your child. If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child prior to 3.30 you must notify the school by note or phone call prior to pick up.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

When making payments to school or sending coins in lunch orders please refrain from including currency other than Australian as the bank will not accept these coins anymore. Coins other than Australian will be sent back home with the student.

PSW UNIFORM SHOP

Uniforms are available online and at the PSW store Shop 6, 106-126 Gap Rd, Sunbury Vic 97680384
www.psw.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

LIFE ANIMATED SPECIAL SCREENING

Wednesday 15 March 6.30pm Reading Cinemas, tickets \$15 per person. Autism. I'm sure you've heard of it. Maybe you even know a little bit about it. But I'm almost certain you've never seen anything as mind blowing as this. This documentary profiles an autistic young man who learned how to communicate with others and understand the world around him by repeatedly watching Disney movies and using them to make sense of the real world. It's the story of an amazing family. It's about communication. It's about perseverance. It's about trying to understand things which are foreign to us. Go to FB event page "Life, Animated – special screening" or www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=2

COMPLETE KIDS

Are your children bored when they get home from school?

Our Complete Kids Before and After School Care program offers activities from Sport to Cooking to Craft. Children have the opportunity to socialize with their friends and make new friends! Call 9740 2111 for further information or to make your booking.

SUNBURY LIONS FOOTBALL NETBALL

Are you aged between 9 – 17 years of age?

Do you wish to play at a successful club that offers pathways into seniors, providing you with great opportunities to develop your skills, while still having fun and playing with passion?

Then come a join us at the Lions, we are currently recruiting players for the following age groups:

U11 & U13's (boys welcome) U15 & U17's

Coaches wanted for season 2017

Coaching positions are available for the following teams:

Football: U10 & U12's

Netball: U11 & U15's

Please find attached coaching application form:

http://websites.sportstg.com/get_file.cgi?id=3596475

Forward your application form with copies of any qualifications to:

secretary@sunburyfc.com.au

Applications close Wednesday 8th March 2017

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