



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 27

September 3 2021

CALENDAR

17 Sept	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish
4 Oct	Term 4 Begins
29 Oct	CURRICULUM DAY

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

REMOTE LEARNING EXTENSION

Due to the ongoing level of community transmission of COVID-19, the Victorian Government has announced the current restrictions in place in Victoria will now be extended until at least September 23rd. There are no changes at this stage to the current operational guidelines for schools or to the categories of students who are eligible to access onsite supervision. I know how challenging this has been for so many of our families and the additional stresses it has placed on many of you. We are working hard to ensure that we are providing a rich and varied learning program, whilst also being mindful of the mental health and wellbeing of our students and families. We are so proud of all of our students for their resilience and optimism during these lockdowns. If you require additional support or guidance, please don't hesitate in making contact with your child's teacher or myself.

FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

Just a reminder that each afternoon at 3pm on WebEx, all families are invited to join in our Family Fun Activities. Please check the Compass each Monday morning for the week's schedule. Activities include, trivia quizzes, art & craft, cooking and a range of other fun tasks that all members of the family can join in.

STAFFING UPDATE

The selection panel have completed the process for appointing an acting Assistant Principal and I am happy to announce that Anne Killeen was the successful applicant. Anne is currently at Sunbury Heights Primary School and comes to us with previous experience as an acting Assistant Principal, and with a strong background in curriculum and School Wide Positive Behaviours. Anne commences with us next week and we are looking forward to her joining our school.

NAPLAN

As you may have seen in the media over the past week, the 2021 NAPLAN assessments have been released. Whilst NAPLAN is only one small indicator of student achievement, there is much that we can learn as a school from NAPLAN results to sharpen our focus on both individual student needs and whole school improvement.

In our current context, it is the wellbeing of our students that is always our first priority, however, in times like these, we all need something to celebrate. In general, this year's NAPLAN results are enormously encouraging. The five-year NAPLAN trend data for our school indicates that we have either maintained or extended our school's performance, which given the extent of the disruptions last year and the transition to remote learning, is a remarkable achievement and reinforces the crucial role of high-quality teaching and learning – whether it be remote or face-to-face – in attaining positive student outcomes.

I wanted to particularly mention that in Writing, our Year 5 students out-performed similar schools and also performed **above** the state! In the next few weeks, we shall be unpacking and analysing individual student results and using this information to set future learning goals and inform our planning.

Individual reports have been sent home to all Year 3 and Year 5 students. Parents/carers are reminded when looking at this report that it is only one aspect of our school's comprehensive assessment processes over time, whereas NAPLAN indicates how a student performed in an online assessment on one particular day.

Please remember to keep a copy of this report, as often secondary schools ask for it as part of their enrolment processes.

PLANNING FOR 2022

Despite the transition to remote learning, planning for 2022 is already well underway. To be able to accurately and effectively plan, we need to have a fairly firm idea of the number of students we will have at the school next year.

If you are aware of anyone who is considering sending their child to Killara next year, please encourage them to contact the school and get their enrolment forms in soon. This includes prospective Prep enrolments and enrolments in other year levels. Similarly, if your child will be leaving us at the end of the year, could you please let us know as soon as possible because this also impacts on planning for 2022.

FATHER'S DAY

It's going to be a different Father's Day again this year, but we wish all of the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, friends and other significant adults in our children's lives, a very happy day on Sunday. We hope you have a wonderful day!



Best Wishes

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CURRENT NEWS

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

ENERGY CONSERVATION

Laundry:

- Washing clothes in cold water gets them just as clean and can save around \$115 a year.
- Wait until you have a full load to run the washing machine.
- Whenever possible, hang clothes on a line or rack to dry.



KID X PLUS PRESENTATIONS

Congratulations to Cordelia and Sienna T from Year 5/6R who participated in Kid X Plus last Saturday. Kid X Plus is an online event where young people give short talks on BIG topics, like education, the environment, community participation, gender equality, mental health and much, much more! Many influential members of the community were in attendance, including branches of State and local government.

The girls presented their ideas with knowledge and confidence. Cordie spoke about the difficulties of diagnosing autism in young girls and was asking what can be done to rectify this in the future. Sienna spoke about the importance of digital art opportunities being available for students of all ages and asked how such opportunities could become a reality in Sunbury and surrounding areas.

Well done girls. We are very proud of you and look forward to hearing how your ideas can become reality.



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COLES SUSTAINABILITY4SCHOOLS BUDDY BENCH

We are very pleased to announce that our new Buddy Bench has arrived! As soon as we are back at school, it will be sited near the Year 1/2 playground. We are thankful to Coles and their Sustainability4schools initiative.



REMOTE LEARNING PHOTOS - WEEK 8



COMMUNITY NEWS

PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

Online lessons are available via live video link directly to one of our PMI tutors, so students can learn their instrument from their own home.

Lessons are held once a week. Private lessons and pair lessons are also available.

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BOOK WEEK PHOTOS

