



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support

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CALENDAR

14 - 18 Aug	National Science Week
15 August	Year 1/2 Scienceworks Excursion A,B,C,D
15 August	Year 5/6 C,D,E,F Orienteering Incursion
16 August	Year 5/6 A,B,G Orienteering Incursion
16 August	Prep Zoo Excursion
17 August	Year 1/2 Scienceworks Excursion E,F,G,H
21-25 Aug	Book Week
21 August	Book Week Parade
25 August	Daffodil Day
28 Aug-1 Sep	Literacy/Numeracy Week
28 August	Author Visit Prep – Year 2
29 August	Author Visit Year 3 - 6
31 August	Father's Day Stall
1 Sept	Year 5/6 Summer Sports
4 – 6 Sept	Year 3/4 Camp 3/4 B, C, E & F
6 – 8 Sept	Year 3/4 Camp 3/4 A, D, G
5 – 8 Sept	Book Fair
8 Sept	Back Up Summer Sports Day
19 Sept	School Council Meeting
21 Sept	Colour Run
22 Sept	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The Parent Opinion Survey is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year, about 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. It can be accessed from Monday August 7 to Sunday August 27.

Further information has been sent out by mail today to the 30 per cent of parents invited to respond.

PARENT TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Continuing with the theme of parents, we'd like to remind our community of the importance and benefits of positive communication between parents and teachers.

Evidence clearly shows that positive communication between a child's parents and teachers has a number

of benefits for the child, including more positive mental wellbeing and improved academic performance.

As parents, you know if there are any issues going on that might be affecting your child's learning at school. So ongoing communication with your child's teacher is essential to make sure that these factors are being catered for in the classroom.

Whilst it is important that teachers are aware of any issues or concerns you have about your child, we sometimes allow these to dominate communication. Celebrations are vital in acknowledging and promoting progress and are a foundation to a positive relationship. So please also be in close communication with your child's teachers regarding developments to celebrate.

There are many forms of communication that enable you to be in touch with your child's teachers. E-mail, comments in student diaries or homework, phone calls and of course face to face conversation. When dropping your child off or picking up, please remember teachers are busy preparing for their day or preparing to attend after school meetings. As you would do with any professional, arrange an appointment with the teacher that is at a convenient time for all concerned.

Please also remember that staff do have commitments outside of school and cannot be expected to reply to e-mails at all hours of the day.

Your child's educational journey at Killara is a three-way relationship between you, your child and their teacher. By working building relationships through regular and positive communication, we will best ensure your child achieves their full potential.

SHOVELLING SOFT FALL AND SAND



Today, almost 20 cubic metres (feel free to discuss with your senior school child what cubic metres are!) of soft fall and sand arrived at the school. The sand was to top up the main sandpit and the soft fall to top up the Spider playground area.

A big thank you to Kirstie Nagle and Kylie Anderson for answering our call out for parent assistance. Thank you also to Mr. Boland and a number of Grade 5/6

students who learnt a thing or two about the best techniques for shovelling and raking!
 We also express our appreciation to Sunbury Sand and Soil for their support of the school.
 Last but certainly not least, special thanks to Ian, our foreman for the day. Hopefully we gave your back a little break from back breaking work!
 At recess and lunch times, students certainly enjoyed having their beach back and the ladies on First Aid appreciated having their breaks back!
 More photos of our minions hard at work can be found on our Facebook page.

Until next week...
Pete and Andrew

CURRENT NEWS

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

The Woolworths Earn and Learn program is back for 2017. This program gives primary and secondary schools, and Early Learning Centres around Australia the chance to earn amazing school resources. Last time over 16,000 schools and Early Learning Centres earned nearly 450,000 individual items.



Stick your stickers onto the sticker sheet which are available from the school office and drop your completed sheet into our Killara collection box located at Sunbury Woolworths. The program began on July 26 and will finish on 19 September.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS TREE DAY

Last Friday many of our Year 3/4 students were involved in National Schools' Tree Day. Over 100 shrubs were planted in the gardens near the Year 3/4 and Spider playground. A big thank you to the students and teachers involved, especially the group who did most of the mulching – a mammoth effort! Well done. Robyn Smith and the Sustainability Team.



PFA NEWS

The Father's Day Stall is coming up on Thursday August 31. The PFA is asking for any donations to this year's stall. Suggestions can include car care, bbq, fishing, sports, men's grooming products etc. (No food please). We thank you for your help.

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER Composting and worm farming.

Around half of all household waste is made up of food scraps. Hume City Council supports residents to reduce household waste with heavily discounted compost bins and worm farms through the Compost Revolution program. Find out more at compostrevolution.com.au/hume, or consider an organics/green waste bin and visit hume.vic.gov.au/waste

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 3, WEEK 2			
Junior School Solving words by chunking into parts		Middle School Demonstrating effective mental strategies when solving multiplication problems	
R1	Nicholas W	R12	Liam M
R2	Carter S	R13	Dylan B
R3	Mitchell B	R14	Kimberley P
R4	Charlie M	R15	Arabella A
Year 1/2 For making a list and checking it twice		R16	Abigail C
		R21	Oscar A
		R22	Hamish H
R17	Caleb M	Senior School Teacher's choice	
R18	Alyssa S		
R19	Tahlia P		
R20	Bethany R		
R23	Tayha S	R5	Mazeed Q
R24	Sophie J	R6	Cooper M
R25	Kayden M	R7	Jesse L
R26	Isabelle T	R8	Amber M
		R9	Audrey H
		R10	Lee T-S
		R11	Alannah S
Specialist Program " For persevering in a task through to completion"			
Physical Education 3/4E – Nina Cerantonio			
Performing Arts Prep C – Alycia Holland			
Visual Art 1/2B – Kellie Sanderson			
AUSLAN 5/6G – Katelyn Hurley			

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY

Book Week is almost here! To celebrate our love of books at Killara, our annual Book Week dress up day and parade will be held on Monday 21st of August. We encourage all students from Prep to Year 6 to celebrate books and reading by dressing up as their favourite book character. The parade will commence at 9.00 am in our gymnasium and we welcome our parent community to attend and watch their child show off their costume to their peers.

PAYMENTS DUE Year 1/2 Scienceworks Excursion: 10 August Prep Zoo Excursion: 11 August Year 5/6 Orienteering Incursion: 11 August Year 3/4 Camp: 22 August

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