



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 2

February 4 2021

CALENDAR

4 Feb	Year 3-6 Swim Trials
26 Feb	School Photo Day
1 March	'Meet the Teacher' Interviews
2 March	Prep Western Water Incursion
8 March	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
18 March	CURRICULUM DAY
1 April	Last Day Term 1 2.30pm Finish

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

OFF TO A GREAT START

We have had a very pleasing start to the year with students and staff settling quickly into the new school year. There has been plenty of positive parent feedback regarding day to day happenings and our students have also been very positive about their relationships with their new classmates and teachers.



YEAR 5/6 NETBOOKS

All grade 5/ 6 students were allocated their netbooks this week and these have begun to go home with those who have signed the ICT Acceptable Use Agreement and paid their lease fees. This is a timely reminder to all parents to have a conversation with your children about the things that they need to do to stay safe on the Internet and social media.

Please remember too, that once the netbooks go home they are no longer protected by our school's firewalls and servers so students will be able to have open access to the internet once you have connected them to your provider. If you need assistance or advice on how to put further protections in place for your children at home please do not hesitate to talk to either your child's classroom teacher or our ICT technician.

STUDENTS WITH ANAPHYLAXIS AND MEDICAL NEEDS

As you will be aware, we have a number of students who have anaphylaxis to a range of foods. Notes were sent home last Friday with students advising them of specific **LIFE THREATENING** allergies that they should be aware of when choosing food for their snacks and lunch. As part of our school's response to supporting students with anaphylaxis and other health needs, our staff undergo Level 2 First Aid training every two years and a refresher CPR/ Anaphylaxis and Asthma training on the alternate year.

If students need to take medication at any stage during the school day, either as part of ongoing treatment for health needs such as asthma or allergies, or for short periods of time to assist in their recovery from illness, parents are required to sign a permission to administer medication form. These can be collected from the front office or alternatively, if you find it difficult to get here during the day, they can be emailed directly to you.

It is very important that parents keep our school informed about any changes that might occur for your child, including medical conditions, emergency contacts and changes in living arrangements. This helps us continue to make sure that every child is given the best care possible in a range of situations.

If you would like to know more about how our school manages the health care needs of our students please refer to the following policies on our school's website:

- Administering Medication
- Asthma
- Anaphylaxis
- First Aid
- Health Care Needs
- Sunsmart

PRIVACY POLICY

Our school collects, uses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. A copy of this can be found on our school website using the following link:

<https://www.killaraps.vic.edu.au/page/58/School-Policies>

ASSEMBLY

We are currently exploring our options for parents to participate in our weekly school assembly while still adhering to the current requirements to ensure what we do is conducted in a COVID safe way. At this stage unfortunately we are unable to have parents attend assembly onsite due to the density requirements that need to be in place once we have visitors into the space. Please continue to keep an eye on the newsletter and Compass for updates about parent attendance at assembly.

HATS

A reminder that it is part of our uniform policy and Sunsmart policy that students wear sun protective (wide brimmed) hats during term 1 and 4. Please make sure your child is equipped with a hat for times outside.

PLANNING WEEK

This week all our teachers have participated in a planning week where they meet as a whole team to plan the big ideas, learning structure and special events for the coming term. To enable this to happen all classes have had their specialist classes on the one day. This is a valuable time for teachers to review student learning data and the Victorian Curriculum, to ensure that we are continuing to pitch the learning for all our students right at their point of need.

KILLARA SWIM TRIALS

While we might only be a week into school sports have already begun with our annual swim trials conducted today. Thank you to Leonie for organising this event and to Bec Oliver who assisted her with supervising and supporting our students.



All going well our selected team will represent Killara at the District Swimming Carnival on Thursday February 25. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions parents were unable to attend this event but I'm sure you all join with us in wishing our team all the best.

PE CLASSES

Just a reminder to all parents/guardians, if your child has an injury and is unable to participate in physical activity, a note must be sent with them to PE, or email Leonie Wallis or your child's classroom teacher directly otherwise all students are expected to participate.

Best wishes,

Michelle and Sue

CURRENT NEWS

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

If you have a Health Care Card or Pension Card, you may be eligible to receive government assistance.

By applying for this funding, if eligible, the school will receive \$125 to be used for your child's excursions, camps and sporting activities. This amount will be held against each eligible child's name and utilised accordingly.

Applications MUST be finalised by 26th February 2021. Forms can be picked up from the office if needed.

If you applied last year then you don't need to fill another form out this year, your application will go in automatically.

CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS

The canteen will open on Wednesday to Friday only. There will be no canteen on Mondays and Tuesdays. Gluten free options will be available on Thursdays.



If your child forgets their lunch or an order is not completed on QKR by the cut off time of 9.30am we will attempt to contact you to arrange lunch to be brought to school for them.

If this is not possible a sandwich will be supplied by the canteen and an account sent home that day requesting payment. Unfortunately individual order requests (for food other than a sandwich) when lunches have been forgotten or not ordered may not be possible due to the workload of our canteen staff at this time. Please understand that by lunchtime, orders have already been prepared and distributed and staff are busily serving students for counter sales.

EARLY PICK-UPS

It has come to our attention that students are occasionally being picked up early by adults other than the immediate family. Please note that you must notify the office that this will occur, ahead of time. We always aim to ensure student safety and we do not release children to adults unless we know there is permission to do so.

Of course, early pick-ups should be avoided as much as possible and should only occur in unavoidable circumstances, as they disrupt learning for our students

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNBURY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

2021 Registration!! Sunday February 7 from 10.00am – 2.00pm at Langama Park. Girls, Boys, Mens & Women's. All ages and skill levels welcome. Free sausage sizzle.

SUNBURY SCHOOL OF CALISTHENICS

Come and try Calisthenics! 2 free classes. Call on 9539 4349 for more information.

PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

Primary Music Institute offers instrumental music lessons right here on school campus.

To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online. It is only \$18.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes). Phone for more information on 1300 362 824. Lessons are held weekly. Please enrol via PMI's website:

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