



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 34

November 5 2021

CALENDAR

16 Nov	Year 3/4 Science Incursion
17 Nov	Prep 2022 Information Night 7pm
19 Nov	Killara Walk to School Day
19 Nov	Year 3/4 Science Incursion
23 Nov	Prep 2022 Orientation Session 1
30 Nov	Prep 2022 Orientation Session 2
6-8 Dec	Year 3/4 Camp
7 Dec	Prep 2022 Orientation Session 3
7 Dec	Year 6 Transition Day Secondary
7 Dec	Mondo Clothing Collection 8.30-9.00am
15 Dec	Year 6 Graduation

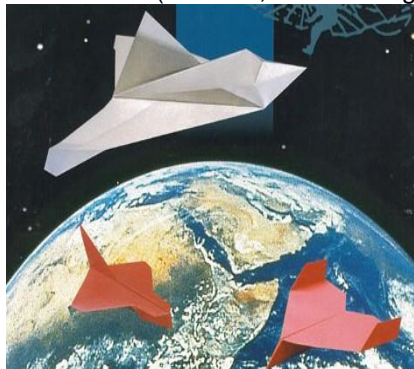
FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and thanks again to all of our parent community for your support and your incredible 'teaching' efforts during 2021 remote learning. The partnership between home and school is such a vital one, and we know that when schools and families work together, children display greater engagement with their learning, achieve academically and develop strong social skills. It has been reassuring to see that despite remote learning, many of our students have continued to show the learning growth that would have been expected for this time of the year. We shall continue to work hard during this term to further strengthen our partnerships with our school community, as we work together to focus on supporting student wellbeing and learning excellence.

PAPER PLANES – STEM

This Friday will see all students engaged in a variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering &



Mathematics) activities related to paper planes. This will be a great chance for students within a cohort to interact with each other and have some fun! Activities planned include

measuring and recording the distances travelled (individually and collectively as a class) and timing the longest flight (hang or hover time).

TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE

Students involved in the Tutor Learning Initiative (Grades 1-5) have returned to school excited to continue building their skills and understandings in Literacy and/or Numeracy. Students continued participating in this program during remote learning via WebEx sessions, and it has been encouraging to see the fruits of their hard work this week. Well done!

SCHOOL EVENTS

With the easing of restrictions, the planning for whole school events is well underway. This includes our Grade 3/4 Camp to Camp Kookaburra, the Grade 1/2 Dinner & Sleepover, Inter-School Sport and the Grade 6 Graduation. These events are important occasions on our school calendar and help build school pride and a sense of belonging. They are certainly events that our students & staff look forward to each year. Please keep an eye out for information sent home regarding these events.

COVID SAFE

Schools are continuing to operate in a COVID SAFE environment where measures are put in place to minimise risk. Our students in Grades 3 – 6 are doing a fabulous job with wearing masks indoors and have developed some responsible behaviours for the appropriate wearing of masks. It is also encouraging to see many of our students in Prep - Grade 2 choosing to wear a mask and this helps affirm a safe and positive environment for students when at school. Each learning space has also ensured that rooms are well-ventilated by having external doors and windows open to ensure air flow, together with making the most of the Spring weather and conducting outdoor learning sessions where possible.

Please remember, that all visitors to the school must phone ahead and speak to the office before entering the school grounds. There are a number of COVID SAFE measures that anyone deemed 'essential services' are required to complete before being able to enter the school buildings.

CANTEEN

Our school canteen is open from Wednesday to Friday for online orders only at this stage (no counter sales). Families are able to order from the full menu for recess or lunch.

PLANNING FOR 2021

We will soon begin planning for next year with regard to staffing and class structures. If you have an educational reason for your child to be placed with particular children that you would like us to consider as part of this process, it would be appreciated if you

could **write a letter to me outlining your request and your reasons by Friday November 12.** Please note **this is not an opportunity to select teachers** and requests for particular teachers will not be considered as part of this process. Students will also be given the opportunity in the coming weeks to provide input regarding friends that they would like to be in a class with next year. These requests will be taken into consideration as part of the overall process.

If you are aware of anyone who is considering sending their child to Killara next year, please encourage them to contact the school and ask for a tour, as I am now able to conduct school tours for individual families.

Best Wishes
Sue & Anne

CURRENT NEWS

YEARBOOK COVER COMPETITION 2021

We are looking for talented artists to design the front and back covers of the 2021 Yearbook!

All entries should be A4 and have the words 'Killara Primary School 2021'. The winning entry will be creative, colourful and filled to the edge with colour! Make sure all of your important artwork isn't too close to the edge.

Please give your entries to your teacher when we return to on-site learning. Entries close next Friday November 12. Don't forget to put your name on your entry so we can let you know if you win.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our friends from the Sunbury RSL will provide us with a range of Poppy badges for Remembrance Day again this year. Students may purchase badges, ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$10.00, from outside the office each morning from next Monday until November 11. Cordie & Nick – School Captains



KILLARA'S WALK TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2021

It's on again KILLARA'S WALK TO SCHOOL DAY.

FEET, SCOOTER, BIKE, SKATEBOARD – you can do it!!

Let's all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Kelli Brogan and Mrs Smith will be at the corner of Riddell Road and Phillip Drive if students can't walk all the way from their homes. Drop them off around 8.30am and we'll walk them to school. Parents are most welcome to join us as well.

If walking all the way to school isn't realistic for you, try building a walk into your family's daily routine. Keep fit and save the environment.

Sustainability Team



ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER PROTECTING OUR BIODIVERSITY:

Following on from last week's hint for helping to protect our biodiversity, here's another one for you to consider and pass on to friends and family:

BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER:

Just like cats, our off-leash dogs can often disturb and attack our native species.

Unless directed otherwise, please keep your dog on a lead when in natural areas, and always pick up after them. There are 9 'off leash' areas for dogs in Sunbury – Clarke oval, Langama Park, Emu Bottom Wetlands, Boardman Reserve, Heysen Drive Reserve, Spavin Drive Reserve, Stewarts Lane Nature Reserve, The Nook and Sunbury Park (69 Harker Street), which also has a fenced dog park with an agility course, mulch and bare ground, a stones, logs and rock area, and a water tap. Sustainability Team

AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT - OCTOBER 2021

Well done to all students and families who participated the recent Aussie Backyard Bird Count. What a great way to spend some time outside in your favourite space, looking out for our beautiful birds.

Remember, the actions we take today will determine the world we live in tomorrow – a world where our wonderful landscapes, fauna, and flora are thriving for future generations to enjoy.

Piper and Claire spotted many species and reported them using the app.



COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNBURY LITTLE ATHLETICS

Summer track and field. Registrations are now open. Visit www.lavic.com.au/membership to register. First week is November 13 at 8.15am and will cost \$140 per participant. Held at Eric Boardman Reserve, Sunbury. For more information, please visit www.sunburylac.org.au

SOFTBALL AND T-BALL PROGRAM

Softball Batter Up and T-Ball Fully Loaded are designed to be fun, flexible and engaging for children aged from kinder to Year 6, focusing on fun activities while learning basic throwing, catching and striking skills. New registered participants will receive a starter pack.

Venue: John McMahon Reserve, Sunbury

Dates: Friday November 12 – Friday December 17

Times: 5.30-6.30pm all age groups

Contact: Karen Wallace 0412 934 518 after 4pm

Email: sunburysa@gmail.com

Register: www.softballbatterup.com.au

Cost: \$60 with pack, \$40 without pack

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