



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 6

March 5 2020

CALENDAR

9 Mar	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Labour Day
10 Mar	Parent Child Safe Induction Session 9.15am
11 Mar	Prep Western Water Incursion
12 Mar	Parent Child Safe Induction Session 2.45pm
13 Mar	Year 5/6 MCG Excursion
13 Mar	Ride To School Day
16 Mar	CURRICULUM DAY
18 Mar	Casual Clothes Day
19 Mar	Interschool Athletics Sports
24 Mar	Sausage Sizzle Day
25 Mar	Prep Special Person Day
27 Mar	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Public Holiday
Monday 9 March – Labour Day

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

I would like to congratulate Luke H and Charleen D who were nominated last week by our students as our school's captains for this year. It was great to see so many of our students in Grade 6 express an interest in these positions and to read their reflections about what good student leadership looks like in action. We look forward to working closely with Luke, Charleen and the rest of our student leadership group over the year to make sure our students have a strong voice in the future direction of the school.

NOTES FOR EXCURSIONS AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

All students are legally required to have a note signed by their parents to attend school excursions and activities. Without this note we are not able to allow students to board a bus or attend a planned special activity at school. While parents may pay for these activities via the QKR app a signed note must still be returned to school for your child to attend.

Excursions and special activity days such as the Athletics Sports Days are part of our regular curriculum and as such all students should attend. If you are experiencing financial difficulties with the costs associated with these please come and speak to either a member of the school leadership or office teams so we can make arrangements to support your child's participation in these events.

ATHLETICS SPORT DAY

On Tuesday our Grades 3-6 students went to Boardman Reserve to compete in our school athletics competition. I would like to congratulate both our staff and students on the way in which they conducted themselves throughout the day. Their dedication meant that we were able to complete the selection of our team for the upcoming District Athletics without the need of using the back up day. Thank you to Rebecca G who organised the event and also to the group of staff who went down to the reserve earlier in the morning to help Rebecca set up before school.



BIKE AND SCOOTER SAFETY

Staff on yard duty before and after school have noticed that a number of our students riding bikes and scooters are not travelling safely and are at risk of being injured. If your child rides a bike or scooter to school please remind them of simple road safety rules such as wearing a helmet, riding at an appropriate speed on pathways and not cutting through the carpark of the shops across the road from the school. We want to ensure our students remain safe when travelling to and from school and appreciate your support with this.

STUDENT ILLNESSES

As the weather changes it is not uncommon for students to become unwell. While we encourage students to continue to attend school for minor illnesses such as a slight cough or cold, we do ask that parents keep children home for a day following an instance of vomiting or gastro like symptoms. Please remember too that if your child requires medication of any type during the school day this needs to be signed in at the office and a permission to administer medication form completed.

HOUSE TEAMS

We are currently in the final stages of identifying our inaugural House Captains and Vice- Captains and these will soon be announced via Compass and the newsletter. For those parents who are unsure of the names and colors of our house teams they are as follows:

- Watkins Green
- Geyer Blue
- Whorlow Orange
- McKinnon Red
- McMahon Yellow

These house teams will be formally launched early in Term 2 and as part of this all students will participate in house related activities. We have also ensured that

siblings are allocated to the same house team to eliminate house rivalry at home!

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

A note went home last week regarding a casual clothes day for next Wednesday March 18. All students who bring a donation for our school's upcoming Easter Raffle are able to come in casual clothes for the day.



PERSONAL PROPERTY

A reminder to parents and guardians that the school and the Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Parents are advised to restrict the items that students bring to school and ensure that items of value are not brought to school.

**Best wishes,
Michelle and Sue**

CURRENT NEWS

PREP MAILBOX WALK

Yesterday, Prep SB and Prep RL walked to the mailbox on Phillip Drive to post invitations to some very special people. Hopefully it won't take long for our letters to arrive at their destinations so that we can all get together for some fun on Special Person's Day on Wednesday March 25.



COLOURING COMPETITION

Coles have partnered with Stephanie Alexander's Kitchen Garden Foundation to help Aussie kids learn healthy eating habits, from growing food right through to cooking it. This year they are holding a colouring competition where 3 winning entries will each receive a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden or equivalent in cash for their school.



If your child would like to enter this competition you can find the colouring sheet, consent form and T&Cs at

https://stikeez.coles.com.au/?CID=COL_eDM_CON_WaspLa_20200212_FL_Placemat_CTA#competition or call in and see Mrs Smith in room 9. Entries must be submitted by April 5, 2020.

Good luck.

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

WHAT CAN WE DO TO CUT DOWN ON WASTE?

Here are some positive actions you can take with waste:

- Reduce. Reuse. Recycle! Reduce consumption where possible, especially of single-use items like plastic bags. Reuse existing items rather than repurchasing something new. If you can't reduce or reuse, then recycle.
- Keep recycling: For more on what can and can't be recycled in your area visit contact your local council and www.recyclingnearyou.com.au
- Be a conscious consumer: and consider the packaging of a product when making a purchasing decision. What will you do with the packaging? Is it recyclable in your area? Can you take your own container or buy in bulk to reduce waste?

Practise a circular lifestyle: Look for products made from recycled materials, such as recycled toilet tissue. Our beautiful planet thanks you!

Sustainability Team

PAYMENTS DUE

Year 5/6 MCG Excursion: March 10

Sausage Sizzle: March 13 (No late orders can be accepted)

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MT.CARMEL TENNIS CLUB

Would you like to start tennis lessons? There is a free starters pack valued at \$50 which includes first lesson, hotshots t-shirt and junior racquet. Book now 0423 382 268 – Jess Laino – jlts.com.au

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