



# Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 24

August 12 2021

## CALENDAR

<b>23 Aug</b>	Book Week Dress Up Day
<b>23-27 Aug</b>	Book Week
<b>25 Aug</b>	Author Visit
<b>26 Aug</b>	Father's Day Stall
<b>27 Aug</b>	Year 5/6 Summer Sports Day
<b>30 Aug – 1 Sept</b>	Year 3/4 Camp Kookaburra
<b>30 Aug – 10 Sept</b>	Prep Swimming Program
<b>2 Sept</b>	Year 1/2 Sleepover
<b>17 Sept</b>	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish

## FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

### PRINCIPAL POSITION

The Department of Education have concluded the selection process for appointing an Acting Principal for Killara Primary School. It is with much excitement and pride that I am able to announce to our community that I was the successful applicant. I feel very honoured to have been selected to lead our school and to ensure a continued journey of improvement and success.

For those of you that I haven't had the opportunity to meet since I commenced at Killara PS in 2019, I am a Sunbury local. My family have lived here for almost 50 years, and we have all been very active members of the community in one capacity or another. I can clearly remember Killara being built and it was the school I chose for my own children to attend. Killara quickly became a school widely recognised for its excellence in teaching & learning and for its community spirit, which is something we continue to strive for. I have over 30+ years' experience in education, with almost 8 years as a Principal Class Office.

My passion is whole school improvement and ensuring that we focus our time and efforts into the things that evidence-based research has proven to have the greatest impact on improving student learning outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy. I am also committed to building a positive climate for learning at Killara, where all students feel safe, respected and empowered to be their best.

Along with all of the Killara staff, we look forward to building even stronger connections with our school community in the coming months and working together to enact our school's vision and provide every student who walks through our school gates with an outstanding education.



If I haven't had the chance to meet you yet, you will usually find me out in the school yard before and after school, and when restrictions ease, please feel free to drop in and say hello.

### CURRICULUM DAY

As you are aware, our School Council approved our next Curriculum Day for Friday August 20. Whether we are still in remote learning or not, this will not go ahead on this day. If we return to onsite learning, our focus will firmly be on student learning and wellbeing. The proposed Curriculum Day will now take place in Term 4.

### 2021 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

**We want our parents/caregivers/guardians to tell us what they think!**

As mentioned in our last newsletter, all families are invited to participate in the 2021 Parent Opinion Survey.

Every year the Department of Education and Training conduct a survey to find out what parents/caregivers think of our school. The results will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement.

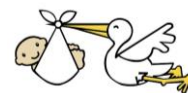
I ask you to please take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us.

- The survey will be conducted online and should take 20 minutes to complete
- The survey can be completed on any internet enabled device (iPad, Desktop or Laptop, Smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.
- The survey will be open for our families from Friday July 30 to **Friday September 3, 2021**

**Please see the link and login information posted to all families on Compass on Friday July 30 to access the Parent Opinion Survey.**

### BEST WISHES

Miss Rebecca Gerber is due to commence her family leave starting on Monday August 23. It is an exciting time for her and her partner Jason, as they await the safe arrival of their first-born child. We would like to sincerely thank Bec for her efforts, commitment and enthusiasm during her time here at Killara and gratefully acknowledge the dedication she put into building strong relationships with her students and the wider school community.



We are fortunate to have return to Killara to take over 3/4G full time, Ms Cynthia Marchment. Cynthia is a long-standing staff member with many years of experience, and we warmly welcome her back in a full-time capacity. Cynthia knows all of the Grade 3/4 students, having taught many of them last year or as part of our Tutor Learning Program currently operating for some of our Grade 3/4 students. Bec and Cynthia will be working collaboratively between now and the end of next week to ensure a smooth and seamless transition for the students of Room 14.

### TONY'S PIES

I am sure you welcomed the delivery of Tony's Pies last week. Sincere thanks to our community for your support with this fundraiser and to those volunteers who assisted with co-ordinating this event, particularly Amanda Vella for her time in ensuring everyone received their pies without delay.



### INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLANS

Last week, teachers sent home a copy of an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) for some of our students. An ILP is a personalised learning plan used to set short-term and / or longer-term goals specifically related to the learning needs of your child.

Your child's teacher has identified in the ILP their current skill or ability level, future learning goals and teaching strategies that are being used over this Semester.

We value the partnership between home and school and each ILP also has a section with recommendations for activities or tasks that you can do at home to further support your child's learning.

As a guideline, students may require an Individual Learning Plan when:

- Academically working 12 months or more **above** or **below** standard in English and / or Mathematics
- Students with **significant** behavioural concerns
- Students in 'Out of Home' care
- Students of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage
- Program for Students with Disability (PSD) funded students

### INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

This year Victorian government schools were given additional funding to conduct tutoring programs as a result of the impact on student learning from extended periods of remote learning in 2020. Selection for this program is based on strict guidelines from the Department of Education, as well as our own analysis of student assessment data. Our school has implemented Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI) and the Getting Ready in Numeracy (GRIN) programs for currently identified students in Grades 1/2 and Grades 3/4, with extremely pleasing progress and growth made so far.

For further information please contact Di Bell  
[dianne.bell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:dianne.bell@education.vic.gov.au)

### VICTORIAN HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM

Complementing our tutoring program, the Department have also identified a number of our students who meet the eligibility criteria for the Victorian High Ability Program. This 10-week program is conducted online by Virtual School Victoria and is taken by one of their 'masterclass teachers'.

This term students are enrolled in the Writing workshops and Mathematics workshops. Our students are able to collaborate with their peers across a range of schools in Victoria, where they are engaged in deeper learning tasks which are designed to challenge and extend their thinking and abilities.

### SCHOOL EVENTS

Schools are incredibly important social institutions where children and their families come together and build strong relationships and support networks. At Killara, we recognise how important it is that our students engage in school events and activities which promote a range of social skills, and where they feel safe, happy and connected to their school, their teachers and their friends.

Some of our planned events such as Book Week and our Book Fair have had to be put on hold for the moment, and we are hopeful of rescheduling these as soon as possible. Our upcoming Year 3/4 Camp and the Year 1/2 Sleepover are also very important events on our school calendar for children to further develop independence, connect with their peers and to enjoy themselves in unfamiliar or new setting. It's certainly something everyone needs at the moment after being in and out of lockdown this year and we are continuing to plan for these events in the hope that they will be able to proceed as planned. Please ensure that you meet the due dates being sent out by the teachers co-ordinating these activities. Given the current COVID-19 restrictions, we are working hard to book in alternate dates to ensure that our students get these valuable opportunities this year and we will continue to communicate with you any updates as we learn of them.

### 2022 PREP ENROLMENTS

Usually during this time of year, we run a range of information sessions and tours for prospective parents looking to enrol their children at Killara the following year.




As mentioned earlier, under the current School Operational Guidelines, we are unable to do this at present. As always, if you would like further information, have any questions or would like to have a chat over the phone, please feel free to call me at school.

If you are aware of any family members, neighbours or friends who are considering sending their child to Killara in 2022, please let them know that enrolments are currently being accepted, by contacting Andrea in the office.

**Best Wishes**

**Sue**

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 3, WEEK 3			
Prep Noticing some features of fairy tales		Year 3/4 Displaying good focus during our Webex meetings	
R1	Isla A	R11	Tahlia S/Tom G
R2	Joshua W-H	R12	Darcy B/Sage M
Year 1/2 For joining the Webex sessions during remote learning and participating		R13	Billy L/Zara R
		R14	Lily H/Nicholas N
		Year 5/6 Participating with confidence and enthusiasm during our Home Learning Webex meetings	
R21	Carter B/Ravneet G		
R22	Jacob T/Kaila L	R5	Lachlan F
R23	Koby H/Amelie C	R6	Maya W
R24	Archie M/Hannah G	R7	Nate R
		R8	Hayley G
		R9	Stella M

## CURRENT NEWS

### PREP 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

Last week, the Prep students celebrated 100 Days of School. This is a fantastic achievement for our students and they have all made significant progress throughout their first 100 days. To celebrate this milestone, the students participated in lots of different activities, including making crowns, writing about their favourite thing to do at school and constructing creations made from 100 items. It was a fantastic week and we are looking forward to the rest of the year.



### WE WON AGAIN!

Recently we submitted 3 Waste Challenges to the CERES Waste Campaign. We were notified that Killara are the winners. Here is what we submitted and what we won.

For Challenge 1 – Resource Recovery, we already had a lot in place. Killara is a drop off point for batteries, asthma puffers and mobile phones, so for this challenge we decided to try something new - ring pulls and bread tags. We ended up collecting 5.4kgs of Ring Pulls and 1.3kgs of bread tags. These will be given to charities to help make wheelchairs for disadvantaged kids. Please continue to drop off your bread tags and ring pulls at the office.

For Challenge 2 – Keep Plastic Out Of the Waterways, we already had nude food at our school and 3 for the sea, where the kids pick up 3 papers at the end of lunch to make sure it doesn't get into our local creek. For this challenge we conducted a waste audit looking at what plastic we are still bringing to school, what plastic would be left at home and what amount of plastic containers are used. The students and staff were surprised by how much plastic is still being used within our school community. This challenge has been a real eye opener for everyone and our HEROs (Heating, Energy, Recycling Officers) in each classroom will be meeting to see how we can tackle this problem further.

For Challenge 3 – Love Food, Hate Waste – We are going to revamp our veggie garden that became unloved during the covid lockdowns and add a herb garden and utilise our 5 vimio composting system on that garden. If you would like to be part of this please let us know.

As the winners of this waste challenge Killara has won a fantastic Buddy Bench from Replas, plus a tour of the Replas Environmental Centre in Carrum Downs. A great educational opportunity for our students.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SUNBURY NEIGHBOUR HOUSE

#### Creative Arts

##### Art:

**Pastel Drawing – All levels with Merle Tait**

Monday 2.00pm – 3.00pm 8 weeks \$80

**Portrait Drawing – Advanced with Shay Downer**

Tuesday 7.00pm – 8.30pm 9 weeks \$135

**Portrait Drawing – Beginners with Shay Downer**

Wednesday 7.00pm – 8.30pm or Thursday 1.00pm – 2.30pm 9 weeks \$135

##### Music:

**Guitar Lessons with Andy – Adults small group tuition**

Tuesday 1.00pm – 2.00pm or 2.15pm – 3.15pm 10 weeks \$75  
Wednesday 6.30pm – 7.30pm or 7.45pm – 8.45pm 10 weeks \$75

Enrol Online [sunburyhouse.com.au/programs-courses](http://sunburyhouse.com.au/programs-courses)

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