



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 13

May 6 2021

CALENDAR

11 May	2022 Prep Information Session 7.00pm
11-21 May	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
15 May	Vision Portraits Fundraiser
17-19 May	Year 5/6 CYC City Camp
20 May	2022 Prep Information 11.30am – 1.00pm
26 May	Prep 'Mad About Science' Incursion
27 May	Year 1/2 Melbourne Star Excursion
28 May	Year 3/4 Organ Pipes Excursion
1 June	Year 1/2 Western Water Incursion
14 June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
18 June	Year 5/6 Winter Sports Day
22 June	Parent Teacher Interviews

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

MOTHER'S DAY

There was a buzz of excitement at school today as students had the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mum or special person from our Mother's Day stall. It was lovely to see the thought and care students put into selecting a gift. We wish all of our mums a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday and hope that you enjoy the day with their families. A huge thank you to our dedicated team of volunteers for the time and effort put into organising and conducting this year's stall.



NAPLAN

Next week our school will be participating in NAPLAN testing online. Grade 3 students will continue to complete the writing task on paper, however all other tests will be completed via the online platform. Given we are completing our testing online, the testing window for our school will occur over a two week period, that is from the May 11 - 21. This gives all students the opportunity to complete all tests during this time, including our Grade 5s who will be attending Camp. It's important to remember that NAPLAN tests show a child's learning as a snapshot in time and are not the only thing we base a child's level of understanding on. Teachers have been working with our students from the beginning of the year, teaching them strategies that they can use to answer the types of questions



they may encounter on the test and how to structure the text types that they may be asked to write about in the Writing component. Students have also had the opportunity to complete a practice online test to familiarise themselves with the online testing environment.

The best way you can support your child is to treat testing days the same way you would any other school day. Encourage them to 'do their best' and to give questions a go and, if you do want to draw attention to the test, organise a celebration for them after the testing period is finished to celebrate their efforts rather than the result at the end.

NAPLAN results will be made available to families and schools later in the year.

CURRICULUM DAY

All staff were actively involved in our Curriculum Day on Tuesday with a focus on 'Student Voice, Student Agency and Student Leadership'. Staff had the opportunity to work collaboratively and identify why it is so important to 'amplify' student voice, agency and leadership as part of our learning environments.

'There is strong evidence that students become more engaged in learning when they have opportunities to:'

- Take ownership of their learning
- Work with teachers in making decisions about their learning
- Ask questions and seek feedback from teachers and peers about their learning
- Understand assessment processes and monitor their own learning growth

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Teachers have begun the task of completing a variety of assessments to support their judgements regarding student achievement and growth, as measured against the Victorian Curriculum.

Student reports will be sent home, as well as being made available on Compass to parents/carers on Thursday June 17.

PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday June 22

10 minute appointments available from 2.30pm.

Bookings will be available on Compass – we will let you know when!

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country team came 3rd in the overall category at the District Cross Country event on Monday at John McMahon Reserve. Congratulations to our athletes who proudly represented our school and tried their very best. Thanks to Bec Gerber, Robyn Smith and Karen Francis, who supported our

students on the day. Thanks also to Leonie Wallis for organising and preparing our athletes!

PREP INFORMATION SESSION

On Tuesday May 11, there will be a Prep Information session held at school for parents considering Killara Primary School for their child in 2022. This session will be an opportunity for those unable to attend one of the day sessions to come along and hear about our school and our Prep program. The evening commences at 7pm and will be held in the Prep classrooms.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the expected weather for the day. We understand that many children prefer to wear shorts, even in cold weather, saying that they aren't cold. The important thing is to simply remind your child of the expected weather for the day and that it may get colder. Packing a pair of pants in your child's school bag could ensure that your child does have access to warmer clothes if they are needed.

Another important thing to remember when your child is dressing for the day is, whether they are wearing appropriate school uniform. In the colder months, many students have been wearing windcheaters that are not school uniform. Please ensure your child's jumper is a Killara Primary School top or a navy blue jumper without any logos. We understand that sometimes school uniforms can be misplaced or in the wash, and in such circumstances, we request that you send a note in with your child explaining this.

A reminder that our school uniform is available from the PSW shop located at 106-110 Gap Road, Sunbury and is open from Wednesday to Saturday.

Best Wishes

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CURRENT NEWS

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE

Last Sunday a few members of our school choir represented Killara at the WRAAC Service at the Shrine Of Remembrance Melbourne. Sienna, Ruby, Ella, Emmy, Caitlin and Lilleth sang 'Lest We Forget' and then Kelli Brogan sang 'I am Australian' and later the National Anthem.

It was a very special event for our school to participate in, as very few children get to perform within the Shrine.

Sienna also participated in the laying of the wreaths,



placing a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier. Our school is proud of the relationship that we have with the WRAAC and were honoured and very proud to be part of their service.

As always our students showed respect and we congratulate them on their performance and the way they conducted themselves on the day.

STUDENT ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS

If you are aware of an upcoming absences, this can be entered into Compass in advance. We strongly urge families to use Compass rather than telephoning the school to avoid congesting the phone lines.



If you haven't already downloaded the App or set up compass on your desktop device, can we please request that you do so as soon as possible. It is an easy process to download the app onto your phone or any other internet device. Compass is the program we use to communicate with families and keep you informed of any changes or updates that you will need to be notified about. eg: camp arrivals, cancellation of interschool school sport, newsletter, student learning tasks and reports etc.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring communication continues to be effective

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Killara's Cross Country team represented the school proudly on Monday. Great to see excellent display of sportsmanship and behaviour by the whole team throughout the day. We had many students making the top 40, scoring points for our school and gaining Killara 3rd place in the Sunbury Big School competition. Congratulations to the students who made the top 8, who will be progressing to represent Sunbury at the Woodlands Division Cross County. Students will be receiving information about this event from Leonie shortly or information is available on the SSV website.

Please enjoy some photos of the Cross Country team. Miss G



CALLING FOR ALL BREAD BAGS AND TAGS!

The Sustainability team has entered Killara into the Bread Bag and tag competition running until June 26. Please help our school and the environment and start collecting today! Please bring your bread bags and tags (any brand) in and put them in the collection box at our office.

Thank you.

Sustainability Team



PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 2

Prep Making accurate observations about the weather		Year 3/4 Demonstrating positive audience participation	
R1	Addison C/Tommy F	R11	Eloise B
R2	Leah C/Riley G	R12	Brody G
Year 1/2 Telling the important events of a text in sequence when summarising		R13	Emily C
		R14	Blake M
R21	Cooper B	Year 5/6 Showing respect during the Anzac Day assembly	
R22	Max S	R5	Ashlyn W
R23	Paige B	R6	Ella S
R24	Ethan M	R7	Tahlia P
		R8	Isabelle T
		R9	Cordelia B
Specialists Arts For working together to collaboratively write a short script 3/4K – Kate Large PE For their effort in chest passes, basketball and listening to feedback 3/4S – Susan Moloney Japanese For working well together in Japanese 5/6O – Rebecca Oliver			

VISION PORTRAITS FUNDRAISER

Help Killara Primary raise some funds and book your photo session. 100% of the booking fee goes directly to our school. Create gorgeous family memories and help raise money for Killara at the same time. \$30 digital image. 1. To book simply go to: www.visionportraits.com.au/fundraise and enter password 'raisefunds' 2. Find your school/organisation 3. Secure your booking time. Vision Portraits will be at Killara Primary on Saturday May 15.

GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS – Week 2

Prep: Amelie Rm 2 – Helping in the yard

Year 1/2: Hannah Rm 24

Year 3/4: Charlie Rm 13 – Keeping the

yard safe for others

Year 5/6: Ebony Rm 5 – Keeping the yard safe for others

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 1

Prep Consistently practising their high frequency words		Year 3/4 Being an enthusiastic Cross Country runner	
R1	Miles C/Orla W	R11	Leila M
R2	Sebastian L/Amelie L	R12	Alyssa B
Year 1/2 Showing persistence and creativity when writing their recount		R13	Chas K
		R14	Xander M
R21	Layla-Belle P	Year 5/6 Writing interesting narratives	
R22	Olly W	R5	Caelan T
R23	Josiah S	R6	Layne W
R24	Sylvia T	R7	Isabella M
		R8	Christine G
		R9	Reeve M
Specialists Arts For using their facial expression, voice and body language when acting 1/2A – Alex Chettle PE For their outstanding sportsmanship in the warm up game 1/2K – Kellie Sanderson Japanese Wonderful work in creating hiragana character 12K – Kellie Sanderson			

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