



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 30

October 7 2021

CALENDAR

29 Oct	Curriculum Day – Cancelled
29 Oct	World Teacher's Day
17 Dec	Last Day Term 1.30pm Finish

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone was able to make the most of the current situation over the holiday period and that you got to find ways of relaxing at home.

As communicated with our families via the Compass posts I sent out during the holidays, we now know that there is a roadmap for the staged return to onsite learning at school for everyone this term.

We are currently planning for the return to onsite learning beginning 18 October for the Prep students. Please look out for further details next week on Compass and in the newsletter.

Staged return to onsite learning for schools

Metropolitan Melbourne
Remote and flexible learning will continue to be delivered to students on the days they are not attending onsite.

Updated: 1 October 2021

Year levels	Tuesday 5 October	From Wednesday 6 October	From Monday 18 October	From Tuesday 26 October	From Friday 9 November
Prep			Monday – Wednesday	Monday – Wednesday	✓
Year 1-2			Thursday – Friday	Thursday – Friday	✓
Year 3-4				Tuesday – Wednesday	✓
Year 5-6				Thursday – Friday	✓

Key: ✓ return to onsite five days

As we have been in remote learning for an extended amount of time, it is a good idea to begin preparing children for this by encouraging lots of positive talk at home about school, having regular bedtimes and the reintroduction of routines similar to the 'normal' school day.

STAFFING

We would like to give a friendly Killara welcome to our newest member of staff, Mr Michael Dullard. Michael joins our team and will take over the Visual Arts program for Term 4. He is excited to meet our students and is already planning some great art activities for the return to school.



VICTORIAN HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM

This term, four of our Grade 5/6 students were selected by the Department of Education and Training to participate in the Victorian High Ability Program. This is an online program conducted by Virtual School Victoria and students participate in a weekly session with other students from around Victoria. Congratulations to Piper & Claire (Mathematics) and Ava & Ebony (Writing). We hope that you are inspired by the challenges presented in the VHAP program and look forward to hearing about your experiences.

CURRICULUM DAY

As you would be aware, our Curriculum Day scheduled for Term 3 was postponed until later this term due to being in lockdown and working in a remote environment. However, we have made the decision to cancel the upcoming Curriculum Day on October 29 as we feel it is in our students' best interests to keep to the staged return to onsite learning and having the Grade 1/2s and Grade 5/6s onsite on that day as identified in the Department's schedule.

SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS

You may have heard through the media that the state government and Department of Education & Training are putting several initiatives in place to support schools with measures to maintain the health and wellbeing of students and staff in the transition back to face-face learning.



Air Purifiers

The Department will be delivering air purifiers to schools at some stage this year.

It is not known how many air purifiers we will receive, however, they are to be prioritised for high-risk areas with poor ventilation and areas where high levels of mixing of staff and students is unavoidable, such as the Sick Bay.

Shade Sail Grant

As part of the return to school transition, we have been encouraged by the Department to maximise outdoor learning areas where possible. To support this, there are grants available for schools to apply for to fund the installation of shade sails for outdoor learning spaces. The grants are not available to fund shade sails over playgrounds or repair / replace existing outdoor learning areas. We are currently working on our school's submission for this grant and we shall keep you posted on this.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

There are currently several Tier 1 COVID sites in Sunbury and surrounding areas, where our Killara families and staff live and work. As a result of this, we do have students and/or staff isolating at present and there are strict protocols in place for reporting and monitoring these occurrences. It is a timely reminder for everyone to follow the guidelines listed below to protect us all:

- Check the exposure site table on the Coronavirus website
- Minimise non-essential trips to 'hot spot' locations
- Use QR check-ins
- Stay at home if you feel unwell
- Get tested if you are experiencing any symptoms
- Follow close contact procedures / DHHS advice and notify employers or the school
- Practice good hygiene and maintain physical distancing
- Get vaccinated as soon as possible
- Wear a mask

These are just some of the things we can do as a school community to reduce the risk and further stop the spread.

Just a reminder that on the advice from the government's public health team, all workers on the Authorised Worker list will require their first COVID - 19 vaccine dose by 18 October in order for their children to attend the onsite supervision program.

PLANNING FOR 2022

Despite the transition to remote learning, planning for 2022 is already well underway. To be able to accurately and effectively plan, we need to have a fairly firm idea of the number of students we will have at the school next year.

If you are aware of anyone who is considering sending their child to Killara next year, please encourage them to contact the school and get their enrolment forms in soon. This includes prospective Prep enrolments and enrolments in other year levels. Similarly, if your child will be leaving us at the end of the year, could you please let us know as soon as possible because this also impacts on planning for 2022.

Best Wishes
Sue & Anne

CURRENT NEWS

MONDO CLOTHING DRIVE

Unfortunately due to restrictions we will be unable to hold the MONDO clothing next week. It will be postponed to early December, a new date will be advertised at a later date. Sorry for any inconvenience.

REMOTE LEARNING PHOTOS



ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Keep your cool in summer

- Air conditioners are among the most energy-hungry appliances in your home. Setting your air conditioner to 26°C will mean you can keep your cool, especially when your electricity bill arrives.
- Keep windows, doors and curtains closed on hot days to retain cool air.
- Update old air conditioners with an energy efficient model and regularly service the unit.
- Make sure your home is well insulated; block gaps, and consider installing window coverings.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

Online lessons are available via live video link directly to one of our PMI tutors, so students can learn their instrument from their own home.

Lessons are held once a week. Private lessons and pair lessons are also available.

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