



CALENDAR

12 Oct	Students in Grades Prep-6 Return to Face to Face Teaching at School
20 Oct	CURRICULUM DAY
21 Oct	Book Week Dress Up & Virtual Author Visit

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

RETURN TO FACE TO FACE TEACHING

As mentioned in Compass Posts over the past few weeks, **all students from Grades Prep- 6 will return to face to face teaching from next Monday 12th October.** Details regarding this have been provided in a Compass Post to parents yesterday. We would encourage you to read all of the information contained in this letter for details regarding what the return to face to face teaching will look like for the students at Killara Primary School and, if you have any questions, to contact either your child's classroom teacher or a member of the school's leadership team.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS TO MINIMISE IMPACT OF REMOTE LEARNING

We understand that many of you will be anxious about the impact that the two periods of remote learning has had on your child's learning for this year. Please be assured that as a staff, we have plans in place to both support your child's return to school and to minimise any interruption to their learning they may have experienced.

One example of this is that all classes will have an increased focus on the teaching of literacy and numeracy. This will mean that while our students will still access the 3 specialist classes of The Arts, Japanese and P.E, there will be a reduction in the number of session spent on areas such as inquiry to enable extra sessions of literacy and numeracy to be taught each week.

We will also continue to assess and monitor their learning growth over the coming weeks and months to ensure that we are as responsive as possible to their learning needs. Please be assured that if your child's teacher is concerned about their learning progress, they will contact you to discuss this and the plan that will be put in place to support them.

ITEMS TO BRING BACK TO SCHOOL

As part of the letter posted to parents regarding the return to face to face teaching, we have also provided a list of items that need to be brought back to school to enable students to participate in learning at school. This list includes:

- Work book
- Writer's Notebook (if applicable)
- Pencil case - ruler, coloured pencils, crayons or textas, blue and red pens, 1 sharpener, 1 eraser, 1 pair of scissors, 1 glue stick, 1 grey lead pencil
- Take home books
- Hats
- Any device that has been borrowed from the school

Within this, we also ask that all students bring a **named water bottle to school each day** as the bubble taps will be turned off until further notice. Students will be able to fill their water bottles by asking their class teacher to use the taps located in their classrooms.

RESTRICTED ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Access to the school grounds and buildings will continue to be restricted, even when students begin to return to face to face teaching. No parent will be permitted within the school grounds (including visiting the office area) without prior permission from a member of the office staff. **This will include all parents who wish to drop off their child for a late arrival or pick them up early. Please ring the school office ahead of time to enable us to facilitate the social distancing requirements in place at this time.**

SOCIAL DISTANCING OF ADULTS AROUND SCHOOL

Many schools will need to implement staggered starts and ends to the school day to enable appropriate social distancing of parents and adults during these busy times in schools. At Killara, we are very fortunate to have 5 entry points to our school (3 gates up the front near the drop off zone, 1 gate at the back of the oval and 1 gate near the Prep playground) this, along with our drop off zone along Phillip Drive, should mean that we won't need to implement this.

This however, is something we will need to monitor over the coming weeks to ensure that everyone in our school community are following the social distancing guidelines and not congregating around school fence lines or the school gate. Please help us support a smooth transition for all students back to face to face teaching by arranging for your child to meet you at your car rather than at a gate.

Please note in line with the current advice from the Chief Medical Officer, all parents/carers are required to wear fitted face masks when dropping off and

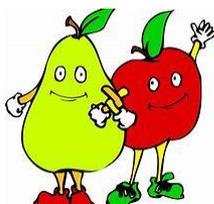
collecting students at the beginning and end of each day.

SCHOOL CROSSINGS

In line with current COVID protocols, our school crossing supervisors are unable to use their whistle to let students know it is safe to cross the road. If your child uses the crossing to access the school grounds, please remind them that they will need to listen carefully to the instructions of our crossing supervisors who will tell them when it is safe to cross, rather than by blowing their whistle.

CANTEEN

Great news! Our canteen will open for our students for lunch orders from next week! **Please remember that this is for QKR sales only**- we are unable to take cash sales until further notice.



The recent addition to the canteen menu of snack packs that can be ordered and delivered to your child's classroom ready for morning recess times are also still on the menu.

GRADE SIX GRADUATION



We know that some of our Grade 6 students are worried about their graduation and wondering whether a graduation for them will happen this year with everything that is going on. We want everyone to know that we will definitely be

holding a Grade 6 graduation this year.

What this looks like might be a little different to what we have experienced in the past due to whatever restrictions may be in place at the time, but please be assured that we are currently developing a Plan A, B, C, D & maybe even E plan to ensure that our Grade 6 students get to celebrate this very important milestone.

What our Grade 6 students can be doing in the meantime is thinking about the song they would like to choose for their class dance so we are in the best position to make this decision in the next couple of weeks.

TERM 4 CURRICULUM DAY- ADVANCE NOTICE

We have a curriculum day planned in a couple of weeks on Tuesday 20th October.

During this time our staff will investigate the impact that feedback has on student learning and how to maximise its impact for students. Please take note of this date and mark it in your diaries.



SCHOOL VIRTUAL TOUR

Normally during Terms 2 and 3 we run a range of information sessions and tours for parents who are

looking to enrol their children at Killara for the following year. This year this has not been possible however our school's virtual tour has now gone live on both our school Facebook page and the school's website under the latest news section.

PLANNING FOR 2021

We will soon begin the 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 October 30**. 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 to provide input regarding friends that they would like to be in a class with next year and these requests will be taken into consideration as part of the process also.

If you are aware of anyone who is considering sending their child to Killara next year please let them know about our virtual tour or share the link from Facebook with them and encourage them to get their enrolment forms in soon. 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 2021.

SUNSMART HATS

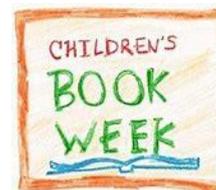
As part of our school's Sunsmart Policy, all students will be required to wear a Sunsmart hat from the beginning of next week. Students who do not bring a Sunsmart hat to school will be required to sit under the shade structure near the Prep playground and will also not be permitted to participate in outdoor PE sessions.

**Best wishes,
Michelle and Sue**

CURRENT NEWS

BOOK WEEK

Due to COVID restrictions the date and rules have changed for Book Week 2020. It will be recognised across 18-24 October for this year. To celebrate, Killara will be holding a special Dress Up and Virtual Author Visit day on **Wednesday October 21**. Students will receive their permission form for the Chris Kennett Virtual Author Visit early next week. This year's Book Week theme is 'CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS'. We will be holding our annual Dress Up Day however we are unfortunately unable to host a whole school assembly like usual. The finer details of the dress up day are still being worked out but we are hoping this note gives you time to sort out an outfit ready for the day. We appreciate your understanding and patience under these circumstances. If you have any questions or concerns



regarding the week's events, please contact Sarah via sarah.round@education.vic.gov.au

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' CORNER

Hi Killara,

It's Charleen and Luke back again for Term 4 with the School Captains' Corner. We hope you all enjoyed your holidays. Hopefully you had a wonderful time at home with the family and had heaps of fun. As always we love to tell jokes, so here are some we found for you...

- What's the king of school supplies? The ruler.
- Why did the music teacher need a ladder? To reach the high notes.
- Where do people go to learn how to make ice cream? Sundae school.

Well, it's finally here! Back to School - Hooray!!! No more digital dramas, no more missing your friends. We will all be back together again on Monday. We can't wait to see everyone.

We would like to give you some last minute optional activities. Give them a try and have some fun.

PREPS:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=re4aKD1mHAg&ab_channel=ArtforKidsHub - How to draw a puppy.

1/2s:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yu2OZt7sPG4&ab_channel=ArtforKidsHub - How to draw Jack Jack from the Incredible.

3/4s: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4vy7H8bdo&ab_channel=ArtforKidsHub - How to draw Stitch from Lilo and Stitch.

5/6s:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRAarF177Y4&ab_channel=ArtforKidsHub - How to draw a dragon.

WARNING: This one is super hard. Are you ready for a challenge?

Here are some websites to get you ready for your return to school.

<https://www.mathplayground.com/>

No login needed for maths playground.

<https://www.getepic.com>

You will need your class code to get into Epic

<https://www.funbrain.com/>

We would like to thank all our parents, grandparents, guardians, teachers, and the whole Killara family for supporting us and helping us during home learning. Another big thank you to all the healthcare workers, supermarket employees, the Premier, and all the other essential workers for doing their best during these tough times. We really appreciate it.

See you all on Monday –Don't forget to bring all your books back (and your hat) - Luke and Charleen

SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB

Issue 7 of Scholastics Book Club is out now and it's a Bumper Christmas Edition!! Students will receive physical catalogues early next week but an online version is also available at https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5692/bc_720.pdf

Please make your orders as per usual via LOOP by **Monday October 26**. If you would like your purchase to be a "Surprise", ensure you select the "GIFT" option in the payments section and you will be notified by the school to organise collection/delivery. If you have any questions please contact your classroom teacher or sarah.round@education.vic.gov.au

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Did You Know....

The energy saved by recycling one plastic drink bottle will power a computer for 25 minutes.

What colour is your WEE?

Check the colour of your wee to see if you've been drinking enough water.

Colour	Visual Cue	Advice
PALE	Yellow smiley face with a green checkmark	Yay! You've been drinking enough water.
LIGHT	Light yellow smiley face with a single glass of water icon	Stay hydrated with a sip of water.
MEDIUM	Yellow smiley face with a tongue sticking out and a glass of water icon	Have a drink of water.
DARKER	Orange smiley face with a wavy mouth and two glass of water icons	Have a big drink of water.
DARK	Brown smiley face with a sad mouth and two glass of water icons	Have a big drink now and another over the next hour.

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