



# Killara Primary School

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

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## CALENDAR

15 Sept	Prep 2022 Information Night
16 Sept	Family Movie Night
17 Sept	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish
4 Oct	Term 4 Begins
29 Oct	<b>CURRICULUM DAY</b>

## FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

### STAFFING UPDATE

As mentioned last week, we are excited to announce that our acting Assistant Principal, Anne Killeen, has commenced with us.

Please see a message from Anne below:

I am really excited to join the team at Killara P.S. I started my teaching career in small country schools before moving overseas and teaching in the UK for a year. In the last 15 years I have worked at Greenvale P.S and Sunbury Heights, in which I have had numerous leadership responsibilities. I have always had a passion for learning, and a love of teaching. I enjoy playing sport, reading and love to travel. I am looking forward to the borders opening, for my next big adventure. I am particularly looking forward to the opportunity to work with all students, staff, and families at Killara.

Anne

In other staffing news, Miss Alex Chettle (1/2A) will commence family leave on the first day of Term 4. This means that her final day at Killara before the impending birth of her second child, will be on Wednesday September 15.

I am sure you will join with me in sincerely thanking Alex for her hard work and dedication not just with the Grade 1/2s, but with her ongoing commitment to our wider school community. We wish Alex, Darren and little Alfie, all the very best for the safe arrival of the new addition to their family and look forward to catching up with them in person, when we are able to.



It is with great excitement that I can announce that Mrs Michelle Romic will replace Alex in 1/2A from the beginning of next term.

Given the uncertainty of what Term 4 may look like in this current climate, we are extremely fortunate to already have on staff someone with Michelle's experience and expertise in teaching, particularly in the early years of schooling.

This decision will ensure a seamless transition between teachers, as Michelle knows the students in

1/2A extremely well and comes with a strong curriculum background.

Michelle has already commenced meeting with the 1/2 team to prepare for next term! As a result of this, we are currently recruiting for an Arts teacher for Term 4.

### R U OK?

Today is an important day for our whole community, as we reach out to you and ask, "R U OK?". Life's ups and downs happen to all of us, so chances are that someone you know might be struggling, particularly during lockdown.

Support and understanding from a friendly face may just make the difference. Please try and make time to connect with family, friends or neighbours and ask them how they're really going.



### PLANNING WEEK

Next week our teachers will participate in a planning week, where each team will meet on one particular day to plan the sequential learning program for the coming term.

Considering the ongoing transitions in and out of remote learning this semester, teaching teams have already been busy in preparation for their Planning Day, by auditing our current whole school curriculum plans and identifying content from the Victorian Curriculum that is considered essential learning for Term 4.

In order to facilitate this, on the day that your child's teacher will be involved in planning, there will be no WebEx sessions held on that day. Instead, we are dedicating that day as a 'Wellbeing Day', where students are encouraged to have a complete break from technology and participate in some of the wellbeing activities that will be posted on Compass on Friday afternoon.

#### Planning Days:

Monday – Grade 5/6, Visual Art & Tutoring (Di)

Tuesday – Grade 3/4

Wednesday – Preps & PE

Thursday – Grade 1/2

Friday – Japanese / Tutoring (Frank)

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT & STEM DAY

As a way of celebrating the end of Term 3 and building a shared experience with all our Killara families, you are invited to a 'Family Movie Night' on Thursday September 16 at 6:30pm. As we can't be together physically as a school community due to the lockdown restrictions in place, we are endeavouring to unite us in other ways.



So, gather your family members up, get the popcorn ready and sit back and enjoy the movie **'Paper Planes'** together! This is a G rated movie about a young Australian boy's passion for flight and his challenge to compete in the World Paper Plane Championships in Japan. The movie has themes of inclusiveness, resilience, and compassion, with an undercurrent of loss, but the story is heart-warming and with plenty of laughs too!



Details of our unique log in for this event using the Department approved online resource, 'ClickView', will be posted on Compass next week so that you are able to access the movie from the comfort of your loungeroom on the night! Of course, if you prefer to watch the movie by another streaming method you have access to, please feel free to do so at a time that is convenient for your family. It would be great if you could take a photo of your family enjoying the movie and send it to your child's classroom teacher.

Once we all return to onsite learning at school, we are planning to celebrate the occasion with a whole school **STEM** Day (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics). Students and teachers from Prep – Grade 6 will be involved in activities related to ... **PAPER PLANES!**

Yes, so not only do you get to watch a great movie, but when we get back to school, we will all be involved in some amazing investigations to do with paper planes, culminating in the inaugural, Killara PS 'Great Paper Plane Fly-Off Challenge'!

Just to get you thinking ... did you know?

*The longest time flying a paper aircraft is currently 29.2 sec and was achieved by Takuo Toda (Japan), in Fukuyama City, Japan, on 19 December 2010.*

### PREP INFORMATION NIGHT

Do you have a child who will be starting school in 2022? Are you yet to enrol your child for school next year? Did you miss our first information session earlier this year? If so, please join our online information session on Wednesday September 15 at 7pm. This session is a repeat of one we held onsite earlier in the year, so there is no need to attend if you were at that session.

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter or email me at [susan.muir@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:susan.muir@education.vic.gov.au) to receive our meeting link.

### SUNBURY SHOW

Congratulations to Lily H from 3/4G for her winning entry in the Sunbury Show's poster competition! Lily's poster was selected from the many entries received from Sunbury schools and her prize is making its way to her from the Sunbury Show Committee. Well done, Lily!



### 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.

### FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

Just a reminder that each afternoon at 3pm on WebEx, all families are invited to join in our Family Fun Activities. Please check the Compass post each Monday morning for the week's schedule. Activities include, trivia quizzes, art & craft, cooking and a range of other fun tasks that all members of the family can join in.

**Best Wishes**  
**Sue & Anne**

## CURRENT NEWS

### SECOND-HAND CLOTHES COLLECTION

It's Spring! Thinking of having a clean out?

Want to help those less fortunate?

We have the answer: On MONDAY OCTOBER 11 FROM 8.00am – 9.00am the MONDO truck will be here to collect any clean unwanted clothing, accessories, footwear, linen and toys. Drop the kids off at school and load your donations into the truck on Phillip Drive. Mondo is part of the SCR group - a company helping to create a better world by reducing waste, creating jobs for people with disabilities and supporting communities in developing countries. Sustainability Team.



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