



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 39

December 9 2021

CALENDAR

14 Dec	Christmas Raffle Drawn
15 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
16 Dec	Last Day School 3.30pm Finish
17 Dec	CURRICULUM DAY

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

THURSDAY DECEMBER 16 – Last day Term 4
Students will be dismissed at normal time 3.30pm

CURRICULUM DAY

Friday December 17 is a Curriculum Day and no students are required at school.

2022 BOOKPACK ORDERS CLOSE DECEMBER 13!

This year we have partnered with Maxim Office Group to ensure a seamless school start for 2022. Supplies will be delivered directly to the school for your child/ren to have ready for their first day. Information has previously been sent home to all families. A direct link to Maxim to order is available on our school Facebook page or simply click here and follow the prompts:

1. Please follow this link:
<http://www.maxim.booklists.com.au>
2. Your access code is: **KILLARAPS**

Orders must be placed by Monday December 13 2021, NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted by Maxim. Please note that if you do not wish to purchase the book pack through Maxim you will still need to use QKR to pay for the classroom consumables, online subscriptions and netbooks.

GRADE 3/4 CAMP

Our 3/4 campers returned to school yesterday afternoon, tired, but full of excitement about their time away at Camp Kookaburra. Highlights of the camp included the low ropes course, canoeing, the flying fox and the food! A special thanks to our staff; Susan Moloney, Kate Large, Stuart Mills, Cynthia Marchment and Lineen Milam who gave up their own time with their families to supervise this year's camp.

A huge thank you also, to those parents who volunteered to attend camp and assist our teachers and students; Mark Lewis, Matt Allen, Tane Kingi and Tania Brierley. Without your help, our students would not have had this memorable experience.

There is plenty of lost property left over from camp, ranging from pillows to sleeping bags to shoes! If your child is missing an item, chances are we have it

at school. Please see your child's classroom teacher before next Tuesday to collect any lost belongings.



PREP TRANSITION

On Tuesday our new Prep classes for next year participated in the last of their transition sessions in preparation for starting school. It was great to see so many smiling faces come in the door ready to begin school. I would like to thank our current and future Prep teaching team for the planning they did throughout each of the transition sessions - the benefit of these was clearly evident in the smooth way in which all our new Preps approached each session.



GRADE 6 – YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY

Our Grade 6 students attended the state-wide Orientation Day at their secondary schools on Tuesday. Before the day, many were expressing that they were feeling a little nervous or apprehensive, but they were all smiles on their return to Killara on Wednesday. Our students were excited by some of the incredible activities they got to try at their new schools, including science experiments and they shared with us stories of the new friends already made on the day!

GRADE 6 GRADUATION

Grade 6 Graduation is on Wednesday December 15 at the Calabria Club in Bulla. Final preparations are being made and all parents attending are reminded that the venue has a COVID Safe plan in place that includes the wearing of face masks inside the building and proof of vaccination will need to be sited.

SEMESTER REPORTS

Student achievement reports will be sent home next week and will also be available online via Compass. As will be explained in the letter which will accompany reports, the Department of Education and Training have modified the reporting requirements for schools this semester due to the impact of lengthy periods of time in Remote & Flexible Learning. Please remember to keep a copy of your child's report on file at home, as often it is required when applying for secondary schools.

2022 CLASS STRUCTURES

Class structures can vary from year to year and from school to school depending on the school's particular needs for the upcoming year, including the teaching & learning focus, curriculum requirements, student needs, funding constraints and staffing profile. After much consultation, Killara PS will operate with 13 classes in 2022:

- Prep – x 2 classes
- Grade 1/2 - x 3 classes
- Grade 3/4 – x 4 classes
- Grade 5/6 – x 4 classes

STEP UP DAY

Our 'Step-Up' Day will occur early next week and this is an opportunity for students to spend some time in their 2022 classroom with their new classmates and teacher for the following year. Students will bring home with them information for parents regarding their room number and class teacher for 2022.

The process to develop class lists for the following year takes an enormous amount of work over a number of weeks to complete, as we take into consideration a variety of factors such as student friendship requests, learning needs, gender, and social/emotional needs. Given this, please remember that class placements for next year are finalised so no further adjustment will be made to them.

CANTEEN

It is with mixed feelings that I announce the retirement of our incredible canteen staff, Andrea Farrugia and Dinah Scicluna from the end of this year. Andrea has been a loyal and dedicated staff member for over 22 years at Killara PS and we can't thank her enough for her many years of service to our school and the kindness she has shown our students over this time. Dinah's care and thoughtfulness towards our students has been an asset in her role in the canteen assisting Andrea over recent years. We shall miss both ladies enormously but are very excited for them as they enter a new chapter in their lives. On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to express our sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Andrea and Dinah and wish them all the very best in their well-earned retirement!

At this stage, School Council are investigating viable options for our canteen in 2022 and beyond. More news about this next year.

Please note, that the last day for lunch orders for 2021 will be Wednesday 15 December.

CHRITMAS RAFFLE

Many thanks to all of our families who donated a gift for our Christmas raffle. There are over 20 prizes and additional tickets are still available at the office. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 14 December. Thanks also to our small band of volunteers who helped sort and wrap the hampers!



2022 START DATE

Please note that the first day for **ALL** students for 2022 is **MONDAY 31 JANUARY**.

2022 TERM DATES

Term 1: Monday 31 January – Friday 8 April

Term 2: Tuesday 26 April – Friday 24 June

Term 3: Monday 11 July – Friday 16 September

Term 4: Monday 3 October – Tuesday 20 December

Best Wishes

Sue & Anne

SCHOOL OFFICE

Please note the last day for payments and enquiries to the office is Wednesday December 15. We are unable to accept payments on Thursday December 16, the last day of term. The office will then be open for normal business from 31 January 2022

CURRENT NEWS

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Last Saturday the Edwards family helped us out with some branch and tree lopping.

A huge thank you to Daniel for bringing the chainsaw and working so tirelessly to make our school look a lot tidier and safer. To Bec and the girls - thank you for helping with the branches. It all made a big job seem a lot smaller.

Sustainability Team

COLLABORATIVE CHALLENGE PHOTOS.



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