



# Killara Primary School

*Our Best – Every Child, Every Day*

**Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support**

Newsletter 13

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## CALENDAR

11 May	Year 1/2 A,C,E,F Zoo Excursion
15 May	PFA Meeting 7.30pm
18 May	District Cross Country
15-17 May	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
29 May	<b>CURRICULUM DAY</b>
30 May	Division Cross Country
4-6 June	Year 3/4 Camp D,E,F
6-8 June	Year 3/4 Camp A,B,C
11 June	<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b>
15 June	Year 5/6 Winter Sports Day
29 June	Last day term 2.30pm finish

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

### THANKS MUMS!

Last week we celebrated the latest 'Baby Boom' at Killara. This week, we of course celebrate our wonderful mums! To all of our wonderful mothers, we hope you have a fantastic day on Sunday as you celebrate Mother's Day with your families. Thank you for all that you do for your children and families.

Today, students had the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mums at our annual Mother's Day stall. A big thank you to our PFA for giving up their time to organise and run the stall. We hope your child got you a wonderful gift mums! If not, you can always return it for next year's stall!

### PRINCIPAL POSITION

After a "No Appointment" in Term 1, we are once again advertising the position for Principal at Killara Primary School. The position is currently being advertised and we envisage the process will be completed within the next month after the panel have shortlisted and interviewed and made their recommendation to School Council. The successful applicant will commence as Principal at the start of Term 3.

### APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE AT SCHOOL

It is an unfortunate fact that children today are being exposed far more regularly to language that is inappropriate for them to hear or use. Whether it be in the lyrics to songs, dialogue in TV shows, movies or video games, or even in written form, swear words are present in all facets of our modern day society. However, schools, particularly primary schools, should be a place where swearing is not part of the norm. Due to children being curious about words they learn, eradicating swearing from the school environment will always be a challenge. Nevertheless, it is important that we take steps to ensure as much as possible that students have minimal exposure to swearing at school. Whilst school staff address and remind

students of the need to use appropriate language at school, it is critical that this message is also given at home. From modelling appropriate language to your child to explaining "slip ups" when you do swear, parents have many opportunities to give their children the right messages about swearing. Please take the time to talk with your children about swearing and remind them that their school should be an environment free of this type of inappropriate language. And as always, please ensure that you are monitoring the content that your child is being exposed to via different media (television, movies, music, gaming, online social networking, etc.). For more guidance and support in raising your child in a world where they are surrounded by swearing, go to [https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/how-to-be-a-parent/angry\\_child/kids-swearing-cursing/#.WvPJYIFOUk](https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/how-to-be-a-parent/angry_child/kids-swearing-cursing/#.WvPJYIFOUk).

### FLAGS

As of the start of this week, we have proudly had on display the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian flags in our office foyer. Each flag was presented at our Monday assembly with students being given information on the colours and symbols that make up these flags. These flags, along with the Australian flag flying on our flagpole, remind us of who we are as a country and as a people, as well as the history of this nation.

### 2019 PREP SCHOOL TOURS

We are currently running school tours each Thursday at 9:30am. If you or someone you know would like to take a tour of the school, please let the office know when you will be attending. If an alternate time needs to be arranged, please don't hesitate to raise this with us.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing for our Year 3 and Year 5 students will take place next week in Week 5, from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of May. Please remember that NAPLAN is a point in time measurement of progress and only one piece of information in the assessment jigsaw.

Students can be prepared for NAPLAN, by being familiarised with the format and learning some simple strategies to assist when solving the problems posed in the test. Teachers reinforce the importance of asking for help when needed (teachers are able to read questions to students in the Mathematics component), making sure to read the whole question and all the answer choices, eliminating obvious incorrect answers, circling key words, skimming text for answers and checking answers at the end.

All students have also had experience at writing persuasive and narrative texts, one of which will be the task for the Writing component.

Despite this preparation, it is important to reinforce the message that this testing is simply another part of a student's work. We wish to avoid, as much as possible, students becoming anxious when doing the tests. The important messages are to "do your best" and "do as much as you can".

NAPLAN is a national assessment and all Year 3 and 5 students nation-wide participate, unless parents formally request that their child does not participate (please contact your child's teacher) or an exemption is granted.

More information on NAPLAN has gone out in a notice to our Grade 3 and 5 students this afternoon. For further information and advice on how you can support your child in preparing for the assessments, go to:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

### LIBRARY ASSISTANCE

Heather Huke, who works in our library is currently on leave. In her absence we are putting out an SOS to our community to assist us in the library. General tasks would be re-shelving and contacting books as well as cataloguing items. If you would be interested in assisting in our library, please let our office staff know and we will be in touch. Please note, you will need to have a current Working with Children Check. More information about the WWCC, including applying for one, can be found at:

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

**Best Wishes,  
Pete and Andrew**

## CURRENT NEWS

### PREP ENROLMENTS 2019

Enrolments are currently being accepted for 2019. Enrolments should be made by **Monday 23 July, 2018** (or earlier if possible!). This will assist the school with planning for 2019.

Existing families who have previously indicated they will have enrolments for 2019 will have received enrolment forms and these should be returned by Monday 23 July. If you require enrolment forms please see the office.

Enrolments must be accompanied by a birth certificate and immunisation certificate. Copies of these documents are acceptable.


**Please be sure to alert family and friends who may be interested in the excellent learning opportunities that Killara Primary School provides.**

### PAYMENTS DUE

Netbook Term 2 – Overdue  
District Cross Country – May 15  
Year 3/4 Camp – May 28

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## PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 3

Prep Hearing and recording sounds in their ANZAC writing		Year 3/4 Demonstrating excellent work habits by completing home school tasks	
R1	Lachie K	R11	Rebecca E
R2	Hailey P	R12	Isabella M
R3	Harvey W	R13	Chelsea W
Year 1/2 For solving addition problems using a range of strategies		R14	Ayden V
		R15	Summer K
		R16	Mansehaj B
R4	Amy R	Year 5/6 Showing persistence when working through a difficult task	
R19	Arya P		
R20	Adam S		
R21	Daina K B		
R22	Eve C	R5	Sebastian E
R23	Tahlia P	R6	Rhys H
R24	Shae P	R7	Max P
		R8	Sienna D S
		R9	Tyrone M
		R10	Sienna T
		R17	Angus E

### LUNCHTIME GARDEN CLUB

A special Western Water incursion has been organised for our Garden Club members on Tuesday May 22 commencing at 1.10pm in room 18. The presentation will focus on the environment, water pollution (in particular looking into the effects that plastic bottles are having on our water quality), the overall environment and animals. This is a voluntary activity for the first 20 students. An announcement will be made during lunch eating time. Parents are most welcome. Deb Shepherd & Robyn Smith (Garden Club)

### SUNBURY ROTARY CLUB SPELLING CONTEST

Congratulations to Angus E from Year 6 who was a finalist in the Sunbury Rotary Club's Saby Sebastian Memorial Spelling Contest on Tuesday night. Angus was Killara's Year 6 winner, having competed against other interested students who had been chosen by their teachers, based on their spelling ability. Angus



made us very proud on Tuesday night, missing out on the 11<sup>th</sup> round final by just a 'whisker'. Angus received \$100.00 from Rotary for being Killara's representative. He also received a finalist cap and certificate on the night. Congratulations Angus. A great effort.

### YEAR 6 TRANSITION FORMS

Year 6 transition forms are due back to school by tomorrow Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

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