



# Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 3

February 11 2021

## CALENDAR

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| 26 Feb   | School Photo Day                 |
| 1 March  | 'Meet the Teacher' Interviews    |
| 2 March  | Prep Western Water Incursion     |
| 8 March  | <b>LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> |
| 18 March | <b>CURRICULUM DAY</b>            |
| 1 April  | Last Day Term 1 2.30pm Finish    |

## FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

### CURRICULUM DAYS 2021

Thursday 18 March

Tuesday 4 May

Friday 20 August

## COVID EXPOSURE SITES IN SUNBURY

Thank you to all the members of our school community who have responded appropriately to the information shared earlier in the week regarding the COVID exposure sites in Sunbury. Please continue to keep an eye on the news and DHHS website for updated information regarding possible exposure sites and testing.

Please remember too, that we often find out information at the same time as you do and if at any stage we are given any further information that should be shared with our community we will do so via Compass. At this stage we have no additional advice other than what has already been communicated. If you are concerned about the impact this may have on your child's learning or wellbeing please contact either their classroom teacher or Sue or myself.

## INCIDENT AFTER SCHOOL ON MONDAY NIGHT

As reported through local social media platforms, the incident that was reported to our school community on Monday night has been fully investigated and closed. Given it has been found that no crime has been committed, from the beginning of next week, our yard duty supervision before and after school will revert to the regular schedule.

## CHILD SAFETY

As you are all aware, our school implements a range of strategies to keep our students safe and to ensure that all members of our school community know the steps that should be taken if we are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of any student in our care. Our



school's Child Safety Policy can be found on our school's website. If at any stage you have a concern regarding the safety or wellbeing of a student at Killara please do not hesitate to contact either Sue or myself.

## YARD SUPERVISION

Please remember that even with our soft start to the school day, our yard is not supervised before 8:45am each morning. While some staff may be on the school site earlier than this, they do not fulfil a supervision role before 8:45am. If you do need to drop your child off early in the morning we encourage you to contact Complete Kids to arrange for them to attend our Before School Care program.

Similarly, we have staff on yard duty at the conclusion of the day until 3:45. Any students who remain at school after this time will be collected and taken to the office to wait.

If you would like more information regarding our school's Child Safety, Visitor's in School, Volunteers or Yard Supervision policies and processes please access these on the school's website on the following link:

<https://www.killaraps.vic.edu.au/page/198>

## PARENT CHILD SAFE INDUCTION SESSIONS

Unfortunately, due to the current exposure sites listed in Sunbury, we have needed put on hold organising parent induction sessions for parents who would like to help in the classroom and have completed the Parent Helpers course in the past years. **Please note that even if you completed one of these training sessions last year you will need to complete it again this year.**

Parents who wish to volunteer at our school regularly and are likely to be working with a child on a 1:1 or small group basis and/or wish to attend an excursion or overnight camp are required to hold a current Working with Children Card. Working with Children application forms can be obtained online. There is no cost to obtain a Working With Children Card and the check is valid for 5 years. Once you have received your card please submit it at the office and a photocopy will be made for our records.

## We also ask that you display your Working With Children card when volunteering at school.

Once we are in a position to arrange these sessions we will let our community know through the newsletter and Compass so please keep an eye on both of these.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

At Killara, we recognise social media as a powerful tool for communication. We regularly use social media to celebrate recent events and communicate with our community. When you are considering using social media to discuss school related matters, please consider the impact such a post will have on other members of the community. Ill-informed posts can result in causing damage to the school's reputation via the distribution of inaccurate information. **Similarly, in keeping with privacy regulations, posts that are made on Compass to our school community should not be shared to the wider public.**

However, far more importantly, misguided posts can result in particular members of our community feeling targeted and hurt. When discussing Killara on social media forums, the first steps need to be to discuss the matter with the school. We also ask that when you see the school being discussed on social media, before commenting on such posts, you approach the school with any questions or concerns that you may have. We all know that social media posts can quickly go "viral". It is very important that posts that link to our school contain accurate information. We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Best wishes,  
Michelle and Sue



## CURRENT NEWS

### CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

**If you have a Health Care Card or Pension Card, you may be eligible to receive government assistance.**

By applying for this funding, if eligible, the school will receive \$125 to be used for your child's excursions, camps and sporting activities. This amount will be held against each eligible child's name and utilised accordingly.

Applications **MUST** be finalised by **Friday 26th February 2021**. Forms can be picked up from the office if needed.

If you applied last year then you don't need to fill another form out this year, your application will go in automatically.

### SCHOOL PHOTO REMINDER

This year our school photos will be held on **Friday February 26**. All students received an envelope last week. If you are ordering online you can use the online ordering code **PRN L5F D85**. If you did not receive an envelope or need a sibling order envelope, these are available from the front office. Sibling orders must be in by no later than Thursday February 25.



## PAYMENTS DUE

**Year 6 Uniform – 23 Feb**

Please Note: No late orders can be accepted.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SONS OF THE WEST INFORMATION SESSION

Facilitated by the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation in partnership with Sunbury Cobaw Community Health, Sons of the West is a free 10 week health program for men starting in Sunbury on Monday March 15. Come along to an information evening at Kismet Park Primary school to learn more about the program, listen to former participants and ask questions.

**Information Evening:** Monday February 15

**Location:** Kismet Park Primary School

**Sons Of The West Contact:** Rob Charlesworth, Sunbury Cobaw Community Health on phone 0425 715 161

**RSVP:** Kismet Park Primary School



### Sunbury Kangaroos Junior Football Netball Club WANTS YOU

Netballers and Footballers wanted in all age groups.

Football training has commenced on Wednesday and Friday nights from 5pm -6pm come on down and have a kick  
Contact Joeb on 0409-826-694

Netball training starts soon.  
Contact Jess on 0431-819-858 for more information.

We are seeking an U9's football coach and are now taking applications for netball coaches.

We are welcoming all new and existing families down to our club registration day on the 28th February where you can meet the coaches, register and find out information for the upcoming season.

Follow our Facebook page for the latest updates  
**Sunbury Kangaroos Junior Football Netball Club**

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