



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

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Newsletter 13

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CALENDAR

12 May	Year 5/6 Graffiti Incursion
16 May	2018 Prep Tour 9.30am
17 May	2018 Prep Information Session 7pm
17 May	School Council sub committees
18 May	2018 Prep Tour 9.30am
19 May	District Cross Country
22-26 May	Education Week
23 May	Year 3/4 Werribee Zoo A, D & G
23 May	School Council
24 May	Year 3/4 Werribee Zoo B, C, E & F
25 May	Classroom Open Afternoon
30 May- 1 June	Year 5/6 Immigration Incursion
6 June	PFA Meeting 2.30pm
9 June	Year 5/6 Winter Sport
9 June	Year 3/4 Commonwealth Bank Incursion
12 June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
26 June	Alpha Productions 'Snow Queen'
28 June	Parent Teacher Interviews
30 June	Last Day Term 2:30pm dismissal

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

NAPLAN

Year 3 and 5 students completed NAPLAN assessments this week. Test taking is an important aspect of a student's education; it enables them to show us what they know, the results guide teachers planning, it provides students with areas to strengthen and celebrates their achievement. The NAPLAN tests provide feedback to schools to see where they/we have made growth as well as areas that we need to focus on.

Students self-reflected at the end of each test using the following success criteria:

Listen to instructions, have the right materials ready, read questions carefully, draw on what they've learned, check their work, read the materials carefully and use their time wisely.

NAPLAN student reports will be distributed to families when they are provided, between mid-August and mid-September.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2017

Next week we will be holding tours and information sessions for prospective new families who have Preps starting next year. Please encourage any families that you know of to come along. Details below:

Tues May 16 – Information session and tour, 9.30am

Wed May 17 – Evening information session, 7.00pm

Thurs May 18 – Information session and tour, 9.30am

If you know of new families please encourage them to attend one of the sessions.

A reminder to let us know if a sibling is starting school next year so that we can arrange an enrolment pack for you.

CURRICULUM DAYS

Following direction from the Department of Education, we will be cancelling one of our curriculum days. The day scheduled for August 17 will no longer take place. Our final curriculum day for 2017 will be Monday November 6.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next School Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday May 23, starting at 6:30pm. The school annual report for 2016 will be presented at this meeting.

School Council sub committees meet next week, on Wednesday afternoon / evening.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week will be held from the May 22 – 26, students will participate in a range of activities through the week. There will be an open afternoon on Thursday May 25 for you to come along and join in your child's classes activities. Further information will be in next week's newsletter.

**Best wishes,
Phil, Pete and Andrew**

CURRENT NEWS

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 2

Year 3/4 Posing and answering questions about a text		Year 5/6 Using text clues and background knowledge to infer when reading	
Rm 12	Sienna F	Rm 5	Lilia P
Rm 13	Fletcher A	Rm 6	Lorenza K C
Rm 14	Wiremu A	Rm 7	Lily M
Rm 15	Charleen D	Rm 8	Piper A
Rm 16	Noah P	Rm 9	Josh C
Rm 21	Zoe L G	Rm 10	Lily D
Rm 22	Ruby E	Rm 11	Natalie W

Specialists

"For a positive start to the term"

Auslan

5/6E – Rachel Withers

Physical Education

3/4 D – Chelsea O'Meara

Visual Art

Prep A – Jessica Cox

Performing Arts

1/2F – Emma Rayner

INQUIRY UNITS

This year the school's Inquiry Curriculum Team has been working hard on building upon new initiatives in our school such as using the Habits of Mind to assist students with their problem solving skills and how they can relate them to real life situations. We have also been researching how we can introduce STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) in our classrooms to support student learning.

Each year level will be covering the following Inquiry units this term:

- Prep – Materials in Motion
- Year 1/2 – Indigenous Australia
- Year 3/4 – Life Cycles
- Year 5/6 – History: Changes throughout the 20th Century to Australia

Here are some useful websites that students can access at home to further support their learning throughout inquiry this term:

<http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/search/Aboriginal%20culture>

<http://www.kidcyber.com.au/>

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/>

CURRICULUM DAYS / PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

The following dates are the Curriculum days and public holidays we have left for 2017:

Queen's birthday – Monday June 12

Curriculum Day – Monday November 6

Melbourne Cup Day – Tuesday November 7

PFA NEWS

Tesselaar Spring Bulb Fundraiser

A big thank you to all those families who participated in our Bulb Fundraiser. We raised \$448.60 for the school. Some families have already started receiving their bulbs, for those who haven't, you should receive them by the end of the week.

Mother's Day Stall

We hope all our mothers enjoy the goodies their children excitingly chose at our stall last week. We would like to thank all those families who donated and especially thank all the PFA members and friends who helped assist with pricing, organisation, set up and running the stall on the day. So far we have raised \$1982.86 for the school. A reminder that there are still a large number of gift bags still being held at the office awaiting payment and pickup.

Our next PFA meeting will be held on Tuesday June 6 at 2.30pm in the staffroom. If anyone would like to attend or has any suggestions for the PFA, feel free to send us an email at killarapfa@gmail.com



PAYMENTS DUE
District Cross Country: 18 May
Year 3/4 Zoo Excursion: 19 May
Year 5/6 Immigration Incursion: 22 May

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 1

Year 1/2 Confidently resuming classroom routines		Year 3/4 Making a positive start to Term 2	
Rm 17	Shaylee C	Rm 12	Blake J-B
Rm 18	Amy R	Rm 13	Riley D
Rm 19	Liam W	Rm 14	Spencer P
Rm 20	Chiara B	Rm 15	Cayden K
Rm 23	Mitchell J	Rm16	Addison C
Rm 24	Daina K	Rm 21	Rachel R
Rm 25	Holly B	Rm 22	Lilah Log
Rm 26	Maeve A	Year 5/6 Questioning & problem posing in addition & subtraction	
		Rm 5	Mazeed Q A
		Rm 6	Caitlyn D
		Rm 7	Keisha H
		Rm 8	Anna T
		Rm 9	Hannah L
		Rm 10	Rylan H
		Rm 11	Noah K C

10 COOL FACTS ABOUT BOOKS AND READING

1. Apparently across the world, people read for an average of 6.5 hours every week. What a great way to spend your time.
2. On average, when you are reading a book, the letter 'e' is one in every eight of the letters that you read.
3. Have you ever been called a 'bookworm'? A bookworm is actually the larva of a wood-boring beetle that feeds on the paper and glue in the spines of books. Yuk!
4. Before paper and cardboard books were invented, scrolls were often used to record, store, share and read information. The scrolls were made of papyrus which came from the stem of a water plant.
5. The smallest book in the world is a copy of 'Old King Cole', held at the Welsh National Library. It measures 1mm x 1mm. A needle is used to turn the pages. Incredible!
6. Did you know that the first printed 'books' were covered in drawings, leather or even gold and did not have the title or the author's name printed on the cover.
7. In the past, to prevent books from being stolen they were chained to the shelves in libraries!
8. Australians love reading. Every year (usually in August) we devote a whole week to celebrating books and awards are given to Australian authors whose books have been voted as the best.
9. According to the researchers from the Oxford English Dictionary. William Shakespeare is

thought to have been responsible for more than 1600 new words in the English language.

- Neighbours will never complain that your book is too loud.

YEAR 6 POLOS

Year 6 polos were designed and ordered with the goal of having them arrive by the end of Term 1. It is unfortunate that due to a problem in the fabric printing process, there was a delay at the factory and the shirts have only been completed this week. We were hoping that the delay would be rectified by week 3 at the latest, and have been in constant contact with our provider trying to bring the delivery date forward. They are now in transit to Killara, and we are hoping for them to arrive and be distributed to students early next week.

We appreciate your patience in this matter. Please direct any further questions to Rachel Withers in Room 9.

QKR APP FOR SCHOOL PAYMENTS.

Our preferred method of payment for excursions, canteen lunch orders and fundraising activities is QKR. This easy to use free app by Mastercard gives you flexibility to make your school payments at a time and place that suits you.

No need to find cash to send to school with your child, you will have a QKR receipt on your phone and receipt number for your records.

A brochure on how to set up your account is available from the school office or just follow the simple instructions when you download the app.



FLEXIBUZZ (Formally Tiqbiz)

Killara Primary School has available an “app” to use for communicating with our families. The app is called “FLEXIBUZZ” and can be downloaded onto your smartphone, tablet or computer.

Remember to select both “whole school” and your children’s year level when prompted. This will ensure you receive all notifications we send for the whole school, as well as those to specific year levels.

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

DID YOU KNOW!!!!

Most councils accept aluminium foil in your general recycling bin. You just need to scrunch it into a ball – about the size of a golf ball or larger - so that it can be sorted correctly by the recycling machines.

Happy recycling.

Killara Sustainability Team.

TISSUES

For hygiene reasons we like to have boxes of tissues available in each classroom for all students to share. To ensure that there is always an ample supply of tissues available, we are requesting that each child bring a box of tissues to their classroom. These will be stored by the classroom teacher and shared by the class. Hopefully, this will ensure that we never run out.

MEDICATION ADMINISTERED AT SCHOOL

If students require medication to be given at school, parents must complete a medication authority form which is available from the office. Medication must be sent in its original packaging, be clearly labelled and any prescription medication must be in the child’s name.

Please note, medication will be administered during recess or lunchtime if possible to ensure classroom learning time is not disrupted.

Where ever possible, medication should be scheduled outside school hours, e.g. medication required three times a day is generally not required during a school day: it can be taken before and after school and before bed.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 3			
Year 3/4 Being persistent when solving addition and subtraction problems		Year 5/6 Using a range of strategies to write a strong persuasive text	
Rm 12	Chelsea S	Rm 5	Jessica M
Rm 13	Liana M	Rm 6	Joel M
Rm 14	Ella B	Rm 7	Charlie P
Rm 15	Mia C	Rm 8	Jackson W
Rm 16	Jaxon G	Rm 9	Tyler T
Rm 21	Finn B	Rm 10	Summer J B
Rm 22	Sarah H	Rm 11	Harry R
Specialists “For taking their time and thinking before acting” Auslan 3/4 F – Karen Francis Physical Education 5/6 D – John Boland Visual Art 5/6 G – Katelyn Hurley Performing Arts 3/4 G – Robyn Smith			

STUDENT ABSENCES

It is a requirement that parents notify the school of any absences. This can be a note sent in prior to or after the absence or even an email to the school or via the Tiqbiz App or Compass. Verbal notification from parents is accepted, however, this can sometimes get lost in the hustle and bustle of the classroom and may be missed on attendance records. It is not necessary to call the school if your child is unwell and unable to attend,

again, a note or email can be sent upon return. killara.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLANS

If your child has asthma please ensure you provide us with an up to date plan.

An asthma action plan allows you and your doctor to create an individual plan for you to manage your asthma. An action plan advises you about what you must do to stay healthy and what to do when your asthma is unstable and you need help.

There is no 'standard' asthma action plan, as everyone's asthma is different. Your plan needs to be written to deal with your individual triggers, signs and symptoms, and medications.

Your action plan might be based on symptoms, peak flow readings or both.

The Asthma Action Plan

An asthma action plan outlines:

- How to care for your day-to-day asthma (it lists your regular medications and how many times each day you should take them)
- Key things that tell you when your asthma is getting worse or an 'attack' is developing, and the steps you should take to manage it.

STUDENT BANKING

This year's School Banking adventure is well underway, as the new-look Dollarmites lead the journey up towards the amazing Savings Hover Park. Students are demonstrating a remarkable saving behaviour.

There are two new reward items to keep students saving in Term 2: the 3D chalk set and the tablet case. Your child can redeem one of these, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Through the School Banking program, CommBank has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and smart money management since 1931. In 2017, the introduction of the CommBank Youth app, an innovative digital banking tool, will help enhance the School Banking program.

With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youth saver account.
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history.
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect.
- Set up savings goals and monitor their progress.
- Create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money.

Explore more about the CommBank Youth app, and how to get your child started, by visiting commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Please ensure you complete all details on your deposit slip including name and account number when sending in your banking each Tuesday.



COMMUNITY NEWS

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

We are keen to hear from suitable VIC families who might be interested to host a student as soon as possible. In July 2017, we will be receiving exchange students from Canada, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France and Italy. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

Experience a new culture, make new friends and learn a new language at home.

Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia.

This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

SUNBURY LIBRARY

Tips on Talking with Toddlers- Learn some clever strategies about communicating with your child.

6.30 pm Sunbury Library

Thursday May 18

This event is free and all parents are welcome.

Please book online at www.humelibraries.vic.gov.au or phone Sunbury library on 9356 6970.

WELLBEING MARTIAL ARTS

After school karate classes.

When: Classes are held on Thursdays from 4.00 – 5.00pm

Where: Killara Primary School

The classes are designed to suit primary school students of all ages and abilities.

Why: The Wellbeing Martial Arts Karate Program combines fun and fitness with the core martial arts values of respect and discipline.

Watch your child's confidence grow as they learn the art of karate.

Places are limited, so if you are interested please call or email Geoff at Wellbeing Martial Arts.

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