



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 17

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CALENDAR

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| 26 June | Last Day Term 2 2.30pm Finish |
| 13 July | Term 3 Begins |
| 28 July | Prep Tour & Information Session 11.30am-1.30pm |
| 4 Aug | Prep Information Session 7.00pm |
| 12 Aug | Prep Tour & Information Session 9.30am-11.00am |

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

WELCOME BACK!

It was great to see all of our Grades 3 -6 students return to face to face teaching at school on Tuesday. All of them have settled in well to school routine and have enjoyed being able to spend time with their class and friends again.



Thank you too, to everyone in our wider school community to assisting us to provide such a smooth transition back to onsite learning by adhering to the social distancing regulations and understanding the requirement for access to our school grounds to remain restricted.

LETTER FROM SECRETARY

Attached to this week's newsletter is a letter for all parents from Jenny Atta, the Secretary for the Department of Education and Training. Within this, she thanks and acknowledges the contribution all parents made to their children and schools during the time of remote learning.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

As a result of the school council nomination process held at the end of last term, we would like to congratulate Natalie Harrison who is our new School Council President for this year. We would like to thank Neil Christie, our previous School Council President for his tireless work in leading the school community over the past few years- including through the school review last year. Neil continues to remain on school council this year.

Thank you too, to our retiring school council members John Boland and Ian Theodore, who have both served as school council members for a number of years.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Given the interruption to the role our class captains and vice-captains have had in the transition to remote

learning, we have made the decision to carry these positions over for the remainder of this year.

We have received the badges for all our student leaders and are hoping to be able to conduct an assembly where these can be presented next term. If we are advised that assemblies are not possible in Term 3 then we will develop an alternative format for the presentation of our student leadership badges. Please continue to watch the school newsletter and Compass for information regarding this next term.

STUDENTS ARRIVING EARLY TO SCHOOL

We have noticed some students are arriving very early for school each morning with some students arriving not long after 8:00am. Our yard is not supervised before 8:45am each morning and while some staff may be on the school site this early, they do not fulfil a supervision role earlier than this. 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.

PREP 2021 SCHOOL TOURS

While we have set some dates for 2021 Prep tours and information sessions we are still waiting for final confirmation from the Department that these can proceed. In the meantime we are providing the dates so people can save them in their diaries. If we receive advice that these dates will need to be adjusted we will advise everyone as soon as possible.

JUNE REPORTS

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, student reports will still be completed for Semester 1. The Department of Education has advised schools that due to the impact of Covid-19 and schools transitioning to remote and flexible learning, these reports will look a little different this semester. Student reports will still contain a description of the content taught and student achievement related to this, though progression points to indicate your child's actual level of achievement have been removed for this semester only. Schools are also required to make a statement about remote and flexible learning during Term 2.

Our staff are currently busy writing student reports and they will be sent home during the last week of this term.

We are currently waiting on further communication from the Department, in regards to Parent Teacher Interviews. At this stage, they are still planned for week 2 of Term 3.

We shall communicate the arrangements for these to our school community, once we have had official advice from DET and the Chief Medical Officer.

PREP ENROLMENTS

Please remember to complete enrolments for new preps for next year as soon as possible and by early next term at the latest. Planning for next year begins next term and accuracy regarding student numbers is an important part of determining staffing needs.

Best wishes,
Michelle and Sue

CURRENT NEWS

SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB

Issue 4 of Book Club is now available. There are 45 titles at \$5 or less in this issue, WOW!!

Students in Years Prep-2 will receive a hardcopy of the catalogue this week and students in Years 3-6 will receive theirs early next week. If families wish to access the online version, please visit: <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

Please place your orders via LOOP no later than tomorrow **Friday June 12**.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah via sarah.round@education.vic.gov.au

Happy Reading Everyone!

STUDENT BANKING

The health, safety and wellbeing of our school community is our first priority. Commonwealth Bank have decided that due to the current situation with coronavirus, School Banking will continue to be paused until further notice. Please do not bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence. Thanks for your understanding.

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.



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ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

What can we do to cut down on waste?

Here are some positive actions you can take with waste:

- Reduce. Reuse. Recycle! Reduce consumption where possible, especially of single-use items like plastic bags. Reuse existing items rather than repurchasing something new. If you can't reduce or reuse, then recycle.
- Keep recycling: For more on what can and can't be recycled in your area visit contact your local council and www.recyclingnearyou.com.au
- Be a conscious consumer: and consider the packaging of a product when making a purchasing decision. What will you do with the packaging? Is it recyclable in your area? Can you take your own container or buy in bulk to reduce waste?
- Practise a circular lifestyle: Look for products made from recycled materials, such as recycled toilet tissue.

Our beautiful planet thanks you!

Sustainability Team

PREP ENROLMENTS 2021

Enrolments are currently being accepted for 2021. Enrolments should be made by Monday 27 July, 2020 (or earlier if possible!). This will assist the school with planning for 2021.

Existing families who have previously indicated they will have enrolments for 2021 will have received enrolment forms via email as requested and these should be returned by Monday 27 July. If you require enrolment forms please see the office or email Andrea at andrea.heales@education.vic.gov.au for her to email you the paperwork.

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.

We will be holding tours and information sessions on the following dates (to be confirmed):

Tuesday July 28 - Information session and tour of the school 11:30am – 1:30pm

Tuesday August 4 – Information session 7:00pm

Wednesday August 12 – Information session and tour of the school 9.30am – 11:00am

PAYMENTS DUE

Year 5/6 Term 2 Netbook: Overdue

(Please pay this as soon as possible via the QKR app)

Year 5/6 Term 3 Netbook: 26 June

Please Note: If payment has not been received by June 26, students will not be permitted to take their device home over the holiday period. If you are having difficulties with payment please contact the office.