



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 35

November 11 2021

CALENDAR

16 Nov	Year 3/4 Science Incursion – 3/4S & K
17 Nov	Prep 2022 Information Night 7pm
19 Nov	Killara Walk to School Day
19 Nov	Year 3/4 Science Incursion – 3/4M & G
23 Nov	Prep 2022 Orientation Session 1
30 Nov	Prep 2022 Orientation Session 2
6-8 Dec	Year 3/4 Camp
7 Dec	Prep 2022 Orientation Session 3
7 Dec	Year 6 Transition Day Secondary
7 Dec	Mondo Clothing Collection 8.30-9.00am
15 Dec	Year 6 Graduation

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT

It is with great pleasure that I write my first newsletter as the incoming substantive principal of Killara Primary School. Killara is a very special place, with a rich history in providing excellence in teaching & learning. It is an honour to be serving such an incredible school community and leading our school into the future. I believe wholeheartedly that every student deserves a high-quality education and that only happens when the school and the families work together to ensure positive outcomes for our children. I look forward to welcoming our Killara community back into our school when restrictions ease and begin the work of building respectful relationships and strong partnerships between students, parents and teachers.

I intend on holding focus groups with our key stakeholders to ensure everyone has voice and agency about our school's future moving forward, though I will need to hold off on this until restrictions ease, as I would much prefer to meet with you in a face-face environment. Until that time, I would like to invite anyone that is interested to a virtual coffee morning online with me on Friday 19 November at 10am. This will give us the chance to catch up and have a chat over a cuppa! Please save the date and I shall provide the link to my WebEx 'space' next week.

CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations to Kellie Sanderson and her partner Tony, on the birth of their precious baby boy (Jidenna). We are absolutely thrilled for them and hope they are enjoying these memorable early days as a family.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Killara's traditional Remembrance Day commemorations looked a little different today, however, we were able to pay our respects as a school and remember those who fought to protect our land, by observing a minute's silence. Our school captains Nick and Cordelia, read a poem, 'In Flanders Fields' and class captains were invited to lay wreaths in our memorial garden.

2022 PREP INFORMATION NIGHT

On Wednesday 17 November, parents of students enrolled for Prep in 2022 are invited to an information evening, 'A Day in the Life of a Prep Student'. This will be a chance to hear about beginning school for the first time and the day-to-day routines, learning and engagement in a Prep class at Killara. It is also an ideal opportunity to ask any of those burning questions you may have and how to best prepare for your child for those early days at school. Again, due to current restrictions (including density limits), this evening will need to be held online via WebEx. There is no need for you to install this platform on your device, just click on the link that will be sent out to you next week. We look forward to meeting all of our 2022 Prep families on Wednesday night at 7pm.

PAPER PLANES – STEM

This was a wonderful way of celebrating everyone being back onsite at school, enjoying themselves and re-connecting with their friends and teachers, as all students participated in a variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities last Friday, culminating in the Great Killara Paper Plane Fly-Off. Representatives from each class demonstrated their skills in flying their planes for the greatest distance and congratulations to Grade 5/6K who collectively flew their planes the greatest overall distance! Prizes and certificates were also awarded to students for categories including, individual distance longest flight time, most flips, best crash, highest altitude, and creatively decorated. A fun time was had by all, and hopefully the great Killara paper Plane Fly-Off will become an annual event.

PLANNING FOR 2022

We are commencing our planning for next year with regard to staffing and class structures. If you have an educational reason for your child to be placed with particular children that you would like us to consider as part of this process, it would be appreciated if you could **write a letter to me outlining your request and your reasons by Friday November 17** (this date has been extended by an additional week).

Please note **this is not an opportunity to request teachers** but an opportunity to share any relevant information that may impact your child's class placement next year. Students will also be given the opportunity in the coming week to provide input regarding friends that they would like to be in a class with next year. These requests will be taken into consideration as part of the overall process.

In addition, if you are aware of anyone who has yet to enrol their child for next year, please encourage them to contact the school and ask to meet with me, as I am now able to conduct school tours for individual families.

Best Wishes

Sue & Anne

CURRENT NEWS

YEARBOOK COVER COMPETITION 2021

We are looking for talented artists to design the front and back covers of the 2021 Yearbook!

All entries should be A4 and have the words 'Killara Primary School 2021'. The winning entry will be creative, colourful and filled to the edge with colour! Make sure all of your important artwork isn't too close to the edge.

Entries close tomorrow Friday November 12. Don't forget to put your name on your entry so we can let you know if you win.



INDIGENOUS GARDEN PROGRESS

We are happy to say that further work has been carried out this week on the Indigenous garden. A huge thank you to Glenn Goodson from ABG Earthworx and Civil (a friend of the Hoobins) who came with his bobcat and moved the granitic sand into the garden's meeting areas and pathways. If you need any excavations carried out, soil or crushed rock moved, Glenn is your man. He can be contacted on 0474 467 104. Once the rain eases, spreading and levelling will continue.

Sustainability Team

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KILLARA'S WALK TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2021

It's on again Killara's walk to school day.

Feet, scooter, bike, skateboard – you can do it!!

Let's all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Kelli Brogan and Mrs Smith will be at the corner of Riddell Road and Phillip Drive if students can't walk all the way from their homes. Drop them off around 8.30am and we'll walk them to school. Parents are most welcome to join us as well.

If walking all the way to school isn't realistic for you, try building a walk into your family's daily routine. Keep fit and save the environment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER PROTECTING OUR BIODIVERSITY

Plant and maintain a wildlife garden (even a small one)

Did you know that wildlife gardening and maintaining local patches of bushland play a much bigger role in conserving biodiversity than was previously thought? It can also be crucial to species survival. Wildlife gardening generates positive benefits for biodiversity and strengthens our connection to nature. Currently in Victoria, [Gardens for Wildlife](#), is encouraging everyone to plant home gardens to benefit wildlife. It can also improve our health and wellbeing. Why not start planting today.

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PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 4, WEEK 5

Prep Participating enthusiastically during the paper plane challenge		Year 3/4 For settling back into school routines	
R1	Ryder M	R11	Heysen D/Charlotte G
R2	Riley G	R12	Alena P/Brody C
Year 1/2 Showing confidence when making equal groups in Maths		R13	Asher L/Zana M
		R14	Frankie G/Dexter R
Year 5/6 Returning to school with a positive learning attitude			
R21	Jack H		
R22	Jaxon A	R5	Ryan C
R23	Emily W	R6	Maya N
R24	Jake C-M	R7	Sophie J
		R8	Isabelle T
		R9	Abbi M



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