



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 3

February 13 2020

CALENDAR

20 Feb	Interschool Swimming Sports
25 Feb	Meet The Teacher
25 Feb	Parent Child Safe Induction Session 6.30pm
27 Feb	Clean Up Australia Day For Schools
28 Feb	School Photo Day
2 Mar	Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival
9 Mar	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Labour Day
10 Mar	Parent Child Safe Induction Session 9.15am
11 Mar	Prep Western Water Incursion
12 Mar	Parent Child Safe Induction Session 2.45pm
13 Mar	Ride To School Day
16 Mar	CURRICULUM DAY
19 Mar	Interschool Athletics Sports
27 Mar	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

MEET THE TEACHER

A note regarding our Meet the Teacher Interview sessions has gone home today with all students. These will be held on Tuesday February 25. As with previous years, parents will be able to book a time through the Compass platform. This is an important opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher for this year and share any information you feel is important for them to know in order to support their learning this year.

If you feel that you need an extended period of time please contact either your child's classroom teacher or the office so we can arrange an alternative time for you to meet.

If you do not have a Compass login, please contact the office and they can arrange one for you.

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.

PARENT CHILD SAFE INDUCTION SESSIONS

We will be running some 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.**

These sessions will be held on:

Tuesday February 25 - 6.30pm

Tuesday March 10 - 9.15am

Thursday March 12 - 2.45pm

For new families to the school and wanting to help in the classroom, we will be running a Parent Helpers course early in term 2.

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.

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>

SCHOOL CROSSINGS

The school has two supervised crossings for all students to cross in the morning and in the afternoon – one on Phillip Drive and the other on Rees Road.

This morning, one of our crossing supervisors came to us and expressed concerns about how some



of our students are not using the crossings safely. There have been several instances of children trying to cross the road close to the roundabout, rather than use the supervised crossing. This is extremely dangerous and unsafe. There have been other instances of children not waiting for the crossing supervisor on the other side of the road and crossing by themselves to the median strip before continuing their journey across. Students and families are reminded to only cross the road when the crossing supervisor indicates it is safe to do so on either side of the median strip on Phillip Drive.


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.

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**

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1, WEEK 2			
Prep Showing independence when coming into class		Year 3/4 Listening actively to others	
PSB	Diezel H/Paige B	3/4C	Claire H
PRL	Shekira A/Jacob T	3/4R	Christine G
Year 1/2 Being able to help create a class graph and state information about their class birthdays		3/4S	Cruz L
		3/4D	Kiallah B
		3/4K	Xanelle V-D
		3/4J	Joselyn C
1/2J	Juliet S	Year 5/6 Being an engaged and active participating in class discussions	
1/2A	Liam S	5/6S	Matilda G
1/2B	Blake M	5/6M	Rhylee L
1/2K	Sylvia T	5/6O	Sarah H
1/2M	Milla M	5/6L	Maya W
		5/6R	Aaron D

CURRENT NEWS

INDIGENOUS EDIBLE GARDEN

You may be wondering what is happening next to the Year 1/2 playground at the front of the school. We are pleased to report that Killara was one of several lucky recipients of a Grant through the Hume Council Schools for Nature project. Over the next few months students will be involved in helping the garden take shape, painting tyres, planting, staking, guarding seedlings, and mulching the area. At the moment this is an 'out of bounds' area for all whilst the soil is settling. A huge thank you to Dave Vick (JJ's dad) from Pro Finish Plumbing and Excavating for all his work last week and for Eb and Jackson for keeping us hydrated and nourished – What a day! Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.
Robyn Smith and the Sustainability Team.



COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNBURY BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Beach Party! Friday February 21 2020, 6–8pm at Sunbury Memorial Hall for primary school age (Prep – Grade 6). Sunbury Blue Light provides a fantastic opportunity for primary age kids to have positive interaction with local police and also to socialise with their peers in a safe supervised environment. The disco is a not for profit organisation, run by police members and valued volunteers, all of whom hold current Working With Children Check.

Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for all the latest news. Send us a message if you'd like to volunteer!

KIDS CHILL ZONE AT SUNBURY LIBRARY

20 minute mindfulness learning, followed by play activities (ages 6-12) guided by Shukona an experienced Mindfulness Coach. Help your child learn how to stay calm and manage their emotions and how to be grateful for good things in life. Sunbury GLC (Library), children's corner every Wednesday 4pm. Book your free spot on 93566970 or search 'chill zone' on Eventbrite.

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