



CALENDAR

14 Dec	Casual Clothes Day Fundraiser – Gold Coin Donation
18 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
21 Dec	Last Day Term 1.30pm Finish

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

FRIDAY DECEMBER 21 – Last day Term 4

A reminder that we have early dismissal at the end of the term. Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Friday December 21. Please make sure that ALL students are picked up on time. We ask that there are no late pick-ups on the day, as staff will not be available to supervise students as the school will be closed. There will be a whole school assembly at 12.30pm on this day.

STAFF 2018

As is often the case at this time of the year, we say farewell to some members of staff and welcome some new ones. We will be bidding a fond farewell to the following staff:

- Jade Batey
- Madelaine Nelson
- Chelsea O'Meara
- Alex Pernice
- Lucy Clyde
- Melissa Cowling
- Hayley Mitchem (Maternity Leave)

We are very thankful to each of them for their valuable contributions to our school and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Katelyn Hurley will return to Killara Primary from maternity leave at the start of 2019.

2019 START DATE

Please note that the first day for ALL students for 2019 is **WEDNESDAY 30 JANUARY**. Prep students will begin on Thursday 31 January.

2019 TERM DATES

Term 1: Wednesday 30 January – Friday 5 April
Term 2: Tuesday 23 April – Friday 28 June
Term 3: Monday 15 July – Friday 20 September
Term 4: Monday 7 October – Friday 20 December

2019 TRANSITION DAY

A thorough transition process aimed at providing a smooth as possible transition for our students to their 2019 classes, has continued this week.

On Tuesday, Grade 6 students were involved in the state wide secondary school Orientation Day where

they attended their 2019 secondary schools and got to experience being a secondary school student for the day. Back at Killara, we had our annual "Step Up" Day. This involved students spending the morning in the year level they will commence in 2019. Students and staff reported that this was a positive experience for our children, giving them an opportunity to hear about the exciting things they will be getting up to in 2019 as part of their new year level. This experience also enabled students to spend time with other students who will be in their year level area next year.

Next Monday, we have our traditional "Meet the Teacher" morning. During the morning, students will move to their 2019 classes where they will meet their classmates and teacher for next year. Whilst every endeavour is made to ensure this process is a smooth one for your child, the prospect of leaving behind their class of 2018, meeting new classmates and a new teacher can be a daunting experience and it is completely natural for children to have some concerns regarding their 2019 class placement. In the event that your child does come home upset after the "Meet the Teacher" session, we encourage you to focus on the positives with them, and assist them in overcoming their perceived challenges. The transition from one class can present the opportunity to develop new friendships and build resilience.

Thank you in advance for your support in this process.

SCHOOL PICNIC

Once again the weather was kind to us and we were able to hold our End of Year Picnic on Monday evening. Thank you to all those families and staff who attended. This was another great opportunity for us to spend time together in an informal way and celebrate what has been a very successful year for our school.

SEMESTER REPORTS

All reports will once again be online and you will be able to access them through Compass. As with semester one, reports will contain less information than in previous years, as we have been communicating results in a more timely manner throughout the year via the learning tasks.

Reports will include a summary page of Victorian Curriculum levels, a general comment, student work habits and behaviour grading as well as a student self-reflection.

We remind parents to keep in touch with their child's progress, by regularly accessing Compass when learning tasks are announced.

If you don't have a Compass login please contact the office and they will provide you with one.

Students that are leaving the school at the end of the year are reminded that all information is no longer available to you once they have left, so save all reports that you wish to keep from over the years.

Reports will be accessible on Compass at 3:30pm on **Monday December 17.**

**Best wishes,
Michelle and Andrew**

CURRENT NEWS

SCHOOL OFFICE

Please note the last day for payments and enquiries to the office is Thursday December 20. We are unable to accept payments on Friday December 21, the last day of term. The office will then be open for normal business from 30 January 2018.

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY – TOMORROW FRIDAY DECEMBER 14, 2018

Timor-Leste is one of the poorest countries in our region. Thirty percent of households (about 60,000 homes) have no access to the national electricity grid. Since 2003, Renew (a not for profit organisation) has been working with communities in Timor-Leste to provide clean, renewable lighting and electricity. They have helped install solar lighting and power to more than 2,000 homes and over 100 community centres, orphanages, schools and hospitals in remote rural villages. They have also helped train 180 village-based solar technicians. Our Term 4 fundraiser will help Renew continue their wonderful work. Friday December 14 is a casual clothes day. All students are asked to bring a gold coin donation for this important program. Student Leadership Council.

YEAR 2-5 SWIMMING TRIALS

On Tuesday we were blessed with beautiful weather for the Killara swim trials.

The competitors all displayed excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. Well done to the students who gave the event a go and also to the placegetters. Big thank you to the staff who attended and the parents who gave up their time to help the event run so smoothly. It was very successful event and the swimmers who have made the 2019 Killara swim team will be notified early next year.



YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Year 6 Graduation will be held next Tuesday December 18 at Pitruzzello Estate. The planned arrangements for the night will be as follows:

6:15pm - Children to be dropped off at Pitruzzello Estate Olive Grove & Vineyard, 25 Deverall Road, Sunbury for a 2 course dinner with their teachers.

7:40pm- Parents join staff and students in the Marquee room at Pitruzzello Estate Olive Grove & Vineyard.

7.50pm (sharp) - Formal ceremony begins.

8.50pm (approximately) – Ceremony concludes.

PFA NEWS


The PFA would like to thank all families for supporting the school with fundraising in 2018. It's been a busy year with the annual mother's day and father's day stalls and the major fundraiser - the Fete, as well as the gnome hunt, the cookie dough fundraiser and Vision Portraits to name a few.

We would also like to thank all of our volunteers and the staff and students at Killara in assisting with fundraising, your help is most appreciated.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year.

Enjoy your holiday break and we'll see you in 2019, where we already have our first event planned for term 1.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 4, WEEK

Prep Taking on special roles and duties in the classroom		Year 3/4 Maintaining focus and always striving to be their best			
R1	Zana M	R11	Luke H-B		
R2	Tyson D	R12	Rhiannon T-S		
R3	William B	R13	Alisha B		
Year 1/2 Using their money skills wisely		R14	Saaya S		
		R15	Aaron D		
		R16	Charleen D		
		Year 5/6 TBA			
		R4	Braylon S		
R19	Xander M	R5	-		
R20	Jacob T	R6	-		
R21	Nathaniel W	R7	-		
R22	Chloe A/Max I	R8	-		
R23	James Stark	R9	-		
R24	Nicholas W	R10	-		
		R17	-		

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen will not be available for lunch orders next Thursday 20 and Friday 21. There will be counter sales available on Thursday but it will be closed on the last day for stock take.

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