



# Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 31

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## CALENDAR

<b>18 Oct</b>	Prep Students Return to School
<b>21 Oct</b>	Year 1/2 Students Return to School
<b>26 Oct</b>	Year 3/4 Students Return to School
<b>28 Oct</b>	Year 5/6 Students Return to School
<b>29 Oct</b>	World Teacher's Day
<b>2 Nov</b>	<b>MELBOURNE CUP DAY</b>
<b>7 Dec</b>	Mondo Clothing Collection 8.30-9.00am
<b>17 Dec</b>	Last Day Term 1.30pm Finish

## FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

### CONGRATULATIONS

We have such exciting news to share with our school community this week - Bec Gerber and her partner Jason, welcomed their first child into the world on Sunday October 10, a precious baby boy (Boston).



Alex Chettle, her partner Darren, and dear little Alfie welcomed their beautiful daughter and sister (Florence) into the world on Tuesday October 12. We are absolutely thrilled for them and extend our heartfelt congratulations. We certainly will be looking forward to the time when they will be able to visit us at school and we can meet Boston and Florence in person.

### STAFFING

I'm not sure if there was something in the water at Killara this year, but our final staff member to commence her maternity leave shortly is Kellie Sanderson (1/2K). Kellie is due to commence her leave in week 4 and we wish her and her family all the very best for the safe arrival of her bundle of joy! I would like to sincerely thank Kellie for all her efforts and for the kindness and compassion she shows towards the students in her grade. Kellie's replacement in 1/2K will be announced next week.



### STAGED RETURN TO SCHOOL

As it has been communicated with our school community in the newsletter and on Compass, there is a staged return to school in metropolitan Melbourne, commencing on Monday October 18.

We are getting excited about our return to face-face teaching and can't wait to welcome the Preps back onsite on Monday and then our Grade 1/2s back on Thursday! Teachers are planning for a positive return to school and the focus will be on student wellbeing, including students re-connecting with, and

strengthening their relationships with their school friends and teachers. We are incredibly mindful and understanding of what many of our families have experienced in recent months and are working towards ensuring the return to school is nurturing, engaging and supportive for all our students.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
18 <sup>th</sup> October	19 <sup>th</sup> October	20 <sup>th</sup> October	21 <sup>st</sup> October	22 <sup>nd</sup> October
Preps	Preps	Preps	Yr 1 & 2	Yr 1 & 2
25 <sup>th</sup> October	26 <sup>th</sup> October	27 <sup>th</sup> October	28 <sup>th</sup> October	29 <sup>th</sup> October
Preps	Preps Yr 3 & 4	Preps Yr 3 & 4	Yr 1 & 2 Yr 5 & 6	Yr 1 & 2 Yr 5 & 6
1 <sup>st</sup> November	2 <sup>nd</sup> November	3 <sup>rd</sup> November	4 <sup>th</sup> November	5 <sup>th</sup> November
Preps	Melbourne Cup Day	Preps Yr 3 & 4	Yr 1 & 2 Yr 5 & 6	All students back on site

### SAFE SCHOOLS

As per the information sent out to you previously, the Victorian Government Schools Operations Guide have put measures in place to support schools with being COVID Safe, including only essential school services and operations entering the buildings and grounds at this stage. We shall have staff at the school gates each morning to welcome students back onsite and assist with getting everyone to their class. If you do need to collect your child early from school, please phone the office and we can arrange to bring your child to the gate. Parents are also reminded to practise physical distancing outside the school gates, as this will assist us in avoiding a staggered start and end to the school day for each of the different year levels.

Other measures in place include students playing outside on their own cohort's playground equipment / play space at recess and lunchtime. We are fortunate at Killara that we have purpose-built playgrounds for each grade level which are age appropriate in their design. This will help minimise mixing of cohorts and therefore, avoid our students having to have staggered break times during the day.

I understand that many families have expressed concerns about the state government's mandate on mask wearing indoors for students from Grades 3-6. All schools are awaiting further advice from the Department on this, and I will share this with you, as soon as it becomes available. As part of your family's preparation for the return to school after such an extended time in remote learning, it may be appropriate for you to discuss mask wearing and how wearing a mask is helping us all get back to school safely.

## WELL DONE

Well done and thank you to all of our wonderful families for your continued support with your children's learning during the past few months. Your efforts, no matter how big or small, have been truly appreciated by all staff. Most importantly, it has been your optimistic attitude and encouragement, even when things became challenging, that has had such an impact on keeping your children positive during these times. We feel that through remote learning, we have been able to learn so much more about our students, their families and their lives outside of the school gates and this has been extremely rewarding as educators!



## HATS – TERM 4

A reminder that it is school policy that students wear hats outside during term 4. Please make sure your child has a hat and that it is clearly named. This is a Sunsmart measure and ensures students have good sun protection during the months when the sun's ultra-violet rays have the highest impact.

## 2022 PLANNING – REMINDERS

A reminder, once again, to let us know of any changes with enrolments for next year. If you know of any Preps yet to be enrolled or families who will be leaving us next year, please let us know.

**Best Wishes**

**Sue & Anne**

## CURRENT NEWS

### 2021 YEARBOOK COVER COMPETITION

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.

Place your entry in the box in the office when we return to on-site learning. Entries close Friday November 12. Don't forget to put your name on your entry so we can let you know if you win!



### REMINDER

Prep 2022 transition forms are due back ASAP. Can you please return them to [samantha.burnett@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:samantha.burnett@education.vic.gov.au)

Thank you to those families that have already returned them.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

### Aussie backyard bird count is back for 2021.

Join in the fun between October 18 and 24.

From backyards to balconies, botanic gardens to local parks, thousands of Australians (and their smartphones) will head outdoors during National Bird Week to count the birds that share their favourite green spaces. Birdlife Australia's Aussie Backyard Bird count begins on Monday October 18. With the aim of counting 5 million birds in 7 days,

BirdLife Australia is calling on all Australians to download the Aussie Bird Count app and spend 20 minutes counting birds during National Bird Week. Register now for the Aussie Backyard Bird Count at <https://www.aussiebirdcount.org.au>. Sustainability Team

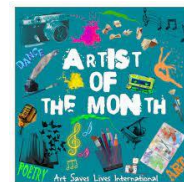
## SECOND-HAND CLOTHES COLLECTION CHANGE OF DATE

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 7, 2021 8.30am – 9.00am**

The MONDO truck will be here to collect any clean unwanted clothing, accessories, footwear, linen and toys.

Drop the kids off at school and load your donations into the truck on Phillip Drive. Mondo is part of the SCR group - a company helping to create a better world by reducing waste, creating jobs for people with disabilities and supporting communities in developing countries.

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## ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Get your pencils, pens, paints out – Artist of the Month is back! Create at home and drop your work into the box near the Art room when we are back at school. Be in it, to win it!

Our Term 4 theme is **YOUR CHOICE**. Good luck. Sienna T.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

Online lessons are available via live video link directly to one of our PMI tutors, so students can learn their instrument from their own home.

Lessons are held once a week. Private lessons and pair lessons are also available.

Please enrol today via PMI's website. **Phone:** 1300 362 824 **Email:** [admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au](mailto:admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au) **Website:** [www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au](http://www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au)

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