



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

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Newsletter 7

March 15 2018

CALENDAR

16 March	Year 1/2 Historical Dress Up Day
17 March	Battle of Choirs Sunfest
20 March	PFA Meeting 7.30pm Sunbury Football Club
27 March	Year 5/6 Algorithmic Thinking Competition
27 March	School Council Meeting 6.30pm
29 March	Pyjama Day
29 March	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

CONGRATULATIONS, WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Congratulations and welcome to Miss. Lucy Clyde who last week became a member of the Killara Primary School staff. Lucy will take on the role of classroom teacher in 3/4D for the remainder of the year. We are very pleased to have Lucy on board and look forward to her contributions to our school community. We encourage our families, particularly those of 3/4D to introduce yourselves to Lucy and welcome her to the Killara community.

Lucy's arrival means the end of Mrs. Jo Cottell's time as classroom teacher of 3/4D. We thank Mrs. Cottell for her efforts and time over the past 5 weeks as she has gone about ensuring the students of 3/4D were provided with consistency and the same learning opportunities as their fellow 3/4 students. Whilst this is a thank you to Mrs. Cottell, it certainly isn't goodbye as we will continue to see her regularly at Killara as a relief teacher.

HAPPY CAMPERS!

By all reports, our Grade 5/6s had a fantastic time at Camp Rumbug. Action and adventure abounded from the muddy depths of the mud run to the dizzying heights of the giant swing. Students were resilient and persistent as they took on not only the physical activities at the camp, but also the general social and emotional challenges of being away from home for three days. On Thursday afternoon, a little bit of unplanned excitement resulted when a fire alarm went off. All campers quickly assembled in the allocated evacuation points and were all accounted for before camp staff confirmed it was a false alarm. Nevertheless, another valuable experience for our children.

A big thank you to all the staff and parents who gave up time with their families to attend the camp and special thanks to Kathryn Adams for her organisation.

Photos of our campers in action will soon be uploaded to our Facebook page as well as further in this issue

of the newsletter where Jonathan and Cooper have written an article about their camp experiences.

CURRICULUM DAY

On Tuesday, our curriculum day focussed on how students learn and think.

We worked with world renowned Lane Clark, who has been prominent in this field over the past two decades.

We unpacked what it means to be a critical and creative thinker and explored thinking tools that will enable teachers to teach students these fundamental lifelong skills.

Lane will continue to work with us throughout the year as we have access to Skype session and her extensive library of resources.

Lane will return to Killara in October for our curriculum day to show our teachers the next steps to teaching students how to learn and think.

Students will begin being exposed to the tools this term and how they can use them to be effective learners.

SOCIAL MEDIA

In Newsletter 4 of this year, we reminded readers of the importance of taking care when posting on social media with regards to school related matters. Negative impacts of inaccurate or biased social media posts are a challenge that face all schools. In this week's newsletter, we have added an article from the Victorian Principals Association that further emphasises the need to be responsible users of social media. The article re-enforces what is and is not appropriate use of social media when referring to school related matters and the most effective ways in working through issues, concerns or queries with the school. The brief article also serves as a reminder that our behaviour online is behaviour our children will emulate.

Best Wishes,
Pete and Andrew

CURRENT NEWS

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL PYJAMA DAY FUNDRAISER

Our school will be holding a fundraiser for the Good Friday Appeal again this year. To raise money for the charity we are running a Chocolate Egg Guessing Jar competition. For \$1, students can guess how many chocolate eggs are in the jar. The jar will be taken around to classrooms during weeks 8 & 9. The winner



of this competition will be announced on Thursday March 29.

We will also be holding a Pyjama Day on Thursday March 29 to raise funds for this worthy cause. Students may come to school for the day dressed in their favourite, most comfortable pyjamas and are asked to bring a gold coin donation in support of the Good Friday Appeal. Please remember to ensure your child wears appropriate footwear as well as age and weather appropriate clothing.

WANTED – BOARD GAMES

We are seeking donations of board games that are no longer needed. These will be used as part of a club that teachers will be running throughout the year. If you have any games that are in good condition and that you are happy to re-home please send them to Sam Burnett in Room 12. Thank you for your support.

YEAR 1/2 HISTORICAL ROTATION DAY

Just a reminder to all year 1/2 students that tomorrow Friday March 16 is our Historical Rotation Dress Up Day. We look forward to students sharing their home learning task during our open afternoon.

SOCIAL MEDIA VPA ARTICLE

The internet and social media provide great opportunities for us to network and stay in touch online. While these technologies can offer a positive space for sharing information and ideas, they also have the potential to cause harm to individuals, groups or even whole communities.

Just as you would discourage your child from acting inappropriately online, it's important to remember that sometimes, negative comments posted about a school community by parents or caregivers can have a bigger impact than expected. Reputations of staff, schools and even parents can be damaged.

Whenever you're online, you are potentially speaking to an unlimited audience, even if you think your conversations are private. Taking a few moments to think about the content you post could save upset, embarrassment - and even possible legal action or police involvement.

Parental and community feedback is important for schools. If you have a concern, complaint or enquiry about an issue at school, the best approach is to speak directly to us, rather than discussing it in a public forum. If you are worried about online content involving the school community, contact the principal.

If you are posting online, remember that your comments help build and support the school community. Make sure you're honest, respectful, considerate - and a good role model for your children.

TEACHERS' ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK MEETING

On Thursday March 22 Sustainability Team hosted the February TEN meeting for interested teachers/principals within the Hume area. 15 guests arrived and were impressed straight away with our vegie garden and compost system at the front of the school. Kelli Brogan hosted the evening and spoke about sustainability at Killara with the help of several

students from Year 5/6. Erin, Hamish, Morgan, Piper and Zac spoke of their experiences being HEROs and being part of our very successful Sustainability Spotlight episodes. We had 2 special guests who spoke about the Sunbury Boomerang Bags, an initiative which has taken off in Sunbury, cutting down on the use of those pesky plastic shopping bags! Check out their web site: <http://boomerangbags.org/about/>

To top off the night, our 5/6 students conducted a guided tour of our grounds, highlighting our vegie garden, orchard, native bee hotel, bird boxes, native trees, shrubs, ground covers, water tanks, and we even saw a huge flock of grass parrots and galahs on the oval! It was an extremely successful night with everyone congratulating us on all our hard work to create, as Hamish would put it, A BIODIVERSITY WONDERLAND!
Sustainability Team.

BATTLE OF THE SCHOOL CHOIRS

This Saturday March 17 at 10am, Killara's School Choir will compete in the Battle of the School Choirs at Sunfest. The students have been working hard 2 lunchtimes a week all term to be the best that they can be and are feeling ready to take on the rest of the schools at Sunfest. If you are available on the day to come down and support the choir, we would love to see you there. The students know that Killara has won this competition twice before, but they also know that this is not about winning it is about working together as a team and giving the best performance that they can on the day. If they happen to get a prize that is a bonus.

The choir will also perform at Assembly on Monday so the rest of the school community can see their performance and any children that are part of choir and are unable to attend on the day can also get the chance to perform.

LOST PROPERTY

Please come along and have a look if your child is missing any clothing. All named items are returned to student classrooms. If unnamed items are not collected by the end of term they will go into our second hand uniform cupboard or be donated to charity.

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.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 of Scholastics Book Club has been distributed to families this week. Purchases for this issue are due tomorrow *Friday March 16*. Killara is a **LOOP only** school and does not accept cash or cheque payments for Scholastics orders. Instructions for making LOOP orders and the current special offers are included in this newsletter, however if you are having difficulty, please speak to your child's classroom teacher ASAP.

PAYMENTS DUE

Year 5/6 Term 2 Digital Device: March 29

Please note: if digital device payment is not received by the due date, the student will be unable to take their device home on the holidays.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

When making payments to school or sending coins in lunch orders please refrain from including currency other than Australian as the bank will not accept these coins anymore. Coins other than Australian will be sent back home with the student.

HATS

A reminder that it is part of our uniform policy and Sunsmart policy that students wear sun protective (wide brimmed) hats during term 1 and 4. Please make sure your child is equipped with a hat for times outside

COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING DAY REMINDER:

- Remember School Banking is **every Tuesday**
- You can bank as much as you like every week.



COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNBURY VISITOR CENTRE

The Sunbury Visitor Information Centre is celebrating 25 years of outstanding volunteer service with a Community Open Day on Saturday March 24, 11am-2pm.

It would be most appreciated if this could be added to next week's school newsletter or even a poster displayed in the office foyer (which I would be happy to supply).

There are a number of FREE kids' activities planned, including face painting, balloons and Parklands mobile farm animals... a great local fun event for our community!

SUNFEST COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

This weekend at The Village Green is SunFest (Sunbury Community Festival). On Sunday March 18th starting at 8am, we will have a 2k Kids Colour Run, 5k Walk/ Run and 10k Run Event.

Come along and help us raise money for Challenge - Supporting Kids with Cancer and CareWorks

SunRanges - supporting those in need. Medallions available to all participants.

For further info please email: walkrun@sunfest.org.au or find us on Facebook;

<https://www.facebook.com/sunfest.sunbury>

Registrations can also be made at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sunfest-runfest-tickets-42857836944?ref=eios&aff=eios>

SCHOOL READINESS INFORMATION EVENING

An informative evening for parents of pre-schoolers Wednesday March 28 7.00pm Sunbury Community Health Centre Macedon St, Sunbury with Melinda VanDerReest. Melinda is a passionate children's advocate with more than 25 years of experience working with young children and their families in Community and Independent settings. She has Early Childhood and Primary training as well as a Bachelor of Special Education and an Advanced Certificate of Child and Family development.

Melinda has recently worked as an Early Childhood parent consultant providing advice to parents of babies, toddlers and pre schoolers in their own homes.

INTERNATIONAL HOST FAMILIES

Hosting overseas students promotes an exchange of cultures, languages and traditions and will enrich your family's lifestyle. Students, aged 15-18, are wonderful role models for Australia's future generation. Become a volunteer host family with WEP. Request your free info pack today! wep.org.au or info@wep.org.au 1300 884 733

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Every two years, School Crossings Victoria, holds an awards night to honour the dedication and hard work put into the community by School Crossing Supervisors from all over the state. It is that time again where we ask all schools to promote the award and ask the school community to nominate the supervisor they feel is worthy of being recognised, and may even be judged Victoria's School Crossing Supervisor of the Year. What an honour that title will be for one of our dedicated supervisors.

The 2015/2016 award night was held in Preston in 2016 with the winner being Robyn Sabljak from Murrindindi Shire Council. The night itself, was wonderful, 250 attended with over 700 nominations received, and there was a lot of pride in the room.

You can pick up a nomination form from the school office. Nominations close on May 25, 2018.

COMPLETE KIDS

Trying to squeeze all those jobs in; cooking, cleaning, shopping? Complete kids offers Before and After school care for as little as \$3.00 per session (after rebate). Hours of operation are from 6.30am – 9am for before school care and from 3.30-6.30pm for after school hours care, allowing you the time to get all those jobs done! Call 9740 2111 for further information

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YEAR 5/6 CAMP RUMBUG

Last Wednesday, the 5/6 cohort departed for Camp Rumbug. We were all very excited as we poured onto the buses. When we arrived at camp, we met Swifty and Mia, then we were sorted into our activity groups. The activities were fun and enjoyable and everybody seemed to have a fun time with most people loving the Flying Fox and the Mud Run. The food was great and almost everyone enjoyed it. This might be one of the best camps that Killara has ever attended even when the fire alarm went off on the second night! Everyone assembled outside quickly and efficiently, even when the staff found out it was not an emergency. But the saddest part was when we said goodbye and piled back on to the buses for the 5 and a half hour bus journey back home!

By Jonathan and Cooper M, 5/6F

