



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 30

October 15 2020

CALENDAR

20 Oct	CURRICULUM DAY
21 Oct	Book Week Dress Up & Virtual Author Visit
23 Oct	GRAND FINAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY
18 Nov	2021 Prep Information Night 7.00pm
24 Nov	2021 Prep Orientation Session 1 9.30 – 10.30am
1 Dec	2021 Prep Orientation Session 2 9.30 – 10.30am
8 Dec	2021 Prep Orientation Session 3 9.30 – 10.30am
8 Dec	Secondary School Orientation Day
16 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
18 Dec	Last Day Term 1.30pm Finish

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

****CURRICULUM DAY****

Reminder that Tuesday October 20 is a Curriculum day.

****PUBLIC HOLIDAY****

Reminder that Friday October 23 is a Public Holiday.

WELCOME BACK

It was great to see everyone back at school with big smiles on their faces this Monday morning. We have been very impressed with the way in which all of our students have settled quickly back into the routine of school and are focussed on their learning. It's already shaping up to be a great term full of reconnecting with friends and learning.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome Nikolina Mitar who joined us during the last period of remote learning as the Department technician for our school. Nikolina will be working each Monday afternoon and all day Wednesdays to support our school's ICT equipment and usage. Nikolina brings to our school a wealth of knowledge with regard to the most efficient ways to manage ICT systems. The increased number of days our staff and students have access to a technician will also assist us in managing the devices we have at school in a much more timely manner.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your cooperation and assistance in making the transition back to face to face learning so smooth. We

appreciate the way everyone has been social distancing during drop off and pick up times. Thank you too for communicating with us about any concerns you or your children may have with regard to returning to school- this has helped us put the appropriate supports in place for them at school. Please remember to contact us at any stage should you feel your child may need some extra assistance during this transition time.

GRADE SIX GRADUATION



We have begun to have some discussions with our students in Grade 6 about their graduation at the end of the year to prepare them for the fact that graduation will probably look quite different this year than it has in previous years.

It is also highly likely that these restrictions will also impact the way in which we as parents experience Grade 6 graduation.

Unfortunately because things are still changing quite frequently we are not in a position to put any firm plans in place however, as explained previously we have a variety of plans and options in mind depending on the restrictions at the time. As soon as we receive concrete advice around what is possible for graduation ceremonies at the end of the year we will communicate these with you.

CURRICULUM DAY NEXT TUESDAY

Just a reminder that Tuesday is a Curriculum Day for our school so no students are required for the day. During this time our staff will investigate the impact that feedback has on student learning and how to maximise its impact for students.

SCHOOL VIRTUAL TOUR

Normally during Terms 2 and 3 we run a range of information sessions and tours for parents who are looking to enrol their children at Killara for the following year. This year this has not been possible however our school's virtual tour has now gone live on both our school Facebook page and the school's website under the latest news section.

PLANNING FOR 2021

We will soon begin the 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 October 30**. Please note **this is not an opportunity to select teachers** and requests for particular teachers will not be considered as part of this process. Students will also

be given the opportunity to provide input regarding friends that they would like to be in a class with next year and these requests will be taken into consideration as part of the process also.

If you are aware of anyone who is considering sending their child to Killara next year please let them know about our virtual tour or share the link from Facebook with them and encourage them to get their enrolment forms in soon. Similarly, if your child will be leaving us at the end of the year could you please let us know as soon as possible because this also impacts on planning for 2021.

**Best wishes,
Michelle and Sue**

CURRENT NEWS

BOOK WEEK

Due to COVID restrictions the date and rules have changed for Book Week 2020. It will be recognised across 18-24 October for this year. To celebrate, Killara will be holding a special Dress Up and Virtual Author Visit day next **Wednesday October 21**.





This year's Book Week theme is 'CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS'. We will be holding our annual Dress Up Day however we are unfortunately unable to host a whole school assembly like usual. The finer details of the dress up day are still being worked out but we are hoping this note gives you time to sort out an outfit ready for the day. We appreciate your understanding and patience under these circumstances. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the week's events, please contact Sarah via sarah.round@education.vic.gov.au

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Did You Know...

Recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator.

**RETURN TO SCHOOL
TERM 4 (OCT 12)
GET THEM READY**

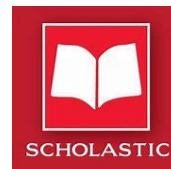
 **OR** 

DELIVERY **CLICK & COLLECT**

START HERE **PSW**

SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB

Issue 7 of Scholastics Book Club is out now and it's a Bumper Christmas Edition!! Students will receive physical catalogues early next week but an online version is also available at



https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5692/bc_720.pdf

Please make your orders as per usual via LOOP by **Monday October 26**. If you would like your purchase to be a "Surprise", ensure you select the "GIFT" option in the payments section and you will be notified by the school to organise collection/delivery. If you have any questions please contact your classroom teacher or sarah.round@education.vic.gov.au

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Could you care for another child?

MacKillop Family Services is urgently seeking foster carers to support young people to heal from trauma and reach their full potential.

If you can support another child - we have children who need you. Can you help?

All carers receive comprehensive training, 24 hour support and an allowance.

Contact: MacKillop Family Services today:
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