



Killara Primary School

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Newsletter 7

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CALENDAR

17 March	Camp Quality Visit
20 March	Class, Vice-Captain and Student Leadership Council presentations
22 March	Year 3/4 Athletics Carnival Boardman Oval
	Year 1/2 Athletics Carnival Killara – postponed till Term 2
24 March	Year 5/6 Athletics Carnival Boardman Oval
30 March	Good Friday Appeal Casual Clothes Day – Gold Coin Donation
31 March	Last Day Term 2.30pm finish
18 April	Term 2 Begins
4 May	Mother's Day Stall

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

CAMPASPE DOWNS CAMP – 5/6

On behalf of the school community, parents and students we express our gratitude and thanks to the teachers and parents who cared for the 5/6 students who attended camp. With over 160 students attending, this was no mean feat and all accounts are that the camp was well run, lots of fun and well enjoyed!

Teachers and parent volunteers give up their personal time to make sure the students are well catered for at camp. It is not a condition of work for teachers to attend camps, so we are very grateful that they willingly give up their time to give our students this very valuable experience.

Special thanks and recognition must go to Katelyn Hurley, who coordinated the camp. So many preparations and administration tasks need to be completed before the camp can happen and Katelyn did a good job of "getting it all together".

Thanks also to Andrew O'Callaghan and Kathryn Pollock for their leadership at the camp. In particular, Kathryn had the thankless task of looking after first aid and medication. It is noticeable how this aspect of taking students on camp has become a major demand.

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

This year we are making an extra big effort for the RCH Good Friday Appeal – because we are going to be featured on TV with a cheque presentation – but also because it is such a worthy cause!

Please see the news item in this newsletter and support this very worthy fundraising effort. Let's make our cheque a big one!

EARLY PICK-UPS

It has come to our attention that students are occasionally being picked up early by adults other than the immediate family. Please note that you must notify the office that this will occur, ahead of time.

We always aim to ensure student safety and we do not release children to adults unless we know there is permission to do so.

Of course, early pick-ups should be avoided as much as possible and should only occur in unavoidable circumstances, as they disrupt learning for the student.

DROP OFF AND PICK-UP

Further to the above:

Parents are reminded that learning starts at 9:00am. Please ensure drop off is made before 9. All late arrivals must be signed in at the office.

Parents are also asked to ensure pickups occur on time. Teachers often have meetings and other commitments after the school day is finished and should not need to supervise students and it is not the responsibility of office or senior staff.

For security reasons, we do not encourage parents to arrive too early at the end of the day (5 to 10 minutes before is sufficient) and would prefer parents to leave once goodbyes have been said in the morning.

Yard supervision at the end of the day is to ensure that students are leaving appropriately and moving on. The teacher on duty's role is not to supervise students that are waiting for parents.

This task is also made difficult when a lot of parents allow children to play on the play equipment before leaving. Please note that you must fully supervise your own children in that circumstance.

(Parent Handbook 2017)

PLANNING WEEK

Teachers, in teams, have begun planning for Term 2, 2017 on a designated planning day which started yesterday and will continue next week. Teachers will be planning units of work for literacy, numeracy and inquiry as well as the specialist areas.

The major change for students is that their Specialist classes will occur on the one day:

Wednesday	15 March 5/6s
Thursday	16 March Preps
Friday	17 March Specialists
Monday	20 March 3/4s
Tuesday	21 March 1/2s

CURRICULUM DAY

The teaching staff had a successful Curriculum Day on Tuesday, with some very productive discussions focussed on strengthening our approach to Numeracy across the school.

Teachers were engaged in a series of tasks and discussions relating to maths learning walls, classroom set up to support students, reviewing whole school data, developing Term 3s home learning mathematics calendar and collaborating together on an open ended learning task.

A key focus was looking at the 4 proficiencies of mathematics, Understanding, Fluency, Problem Solving and Reasoning.

Understanding refers to students building a robust knowledge of adaptable and transferable mathematical concepts and structures. Students make connections between related concepts and progressively apply the familiar to develop new ideas. They develop an understanding of the relationship between the 'why' and the 'how' of mathematics.

Fluency describes the students developing skills in choosing appropriate procedures, carrying out procedures flexibly, accurately, efficiently and appropriately, and recalling factual knowledge and concepts readily.

Problem solving is the ability of students to make choices, interpret, formulate, model and investigate problem situations, select and use technological functions and communicate solutions effectively.

Reasoning refers to students developing an increasingly sophisticated capacity for logical, statistical and chance variation. Reasoning includes conjecturing, hypothesising, analysing, proving, explaining, inferring, justifying, refuting, abstracting and generalising.

Special thank you to Kathryn Pollock for her organisation and facilitation of the day as well as Melissa Bowker for facilitating one of the workshops. Thank you to the Maths Curriculum Team for their assistance and organisation.

We are grateful for the support, focus and hard work displayed by all of the staff on the day.

END OF TERM

As the end of term fast approaches, a reminder that we have an early dismissal on the last day of term. The school will be dismissed at 2:30pm on Friday March 31, and all families are asked to ensure prompt pickup of students.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, CLASS CAPTAIN & VICE CAPTAIN PRESENTATIONS

The presentation of certificates and badges to our Class Captains, Vice Captains and Student Leadership Council members will take place at assembly this Monday 20 March.

**Best wishes,
Phil, Pete and Andrew**

CURRENT NEWS

PFA NEWS

The PFA is now accepting donations towards our Mother's Day stall. Our stall will be held on Thursday May 4 – a week earlier than normal due to NAPLAN testing in the following week. Mother's Day is Sunday May 14. Donations can include soap, candles, kitchen, gardening or sporting items or any other Mother's Day related item. All donations are greatly appreciated. All donations must be new, unopened and cannot include food items. Please hand donations to your child's classroom teacher or to the school office. Thank you from the PFA



GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

Our school will be holding a fundraiser for the Good Friday Appeal this year. The Good Friday Appeal is a not-for-profit charity that raises money to enable The Royal Children's Hospital to continue to provide first class care for children.

In support of our fundraiser, we will be holding a number of activities to help raise funds for this worthy cause. There will be a casual clothes day on Thursday 30 March involving a gold coin donation, and a 'guess how many pebbles in the jar' challenge with 50 cents per guess. The pebbles jar will be coming around to the classrooms during week 8 and 9. We will also be holding a paper plane challenge with prizes to be won.



COMPASS

The following Year 1/2 Learning Tasks will be available for viewing from Monday 20 March.

- Time
- Personal Narratives (Autobiography)
- Solving Words

BOOK CLUB

Families should have received the Issue 2 of Book Club this week. The due date for this issue is Monday 20 March. A reminder to parents that LOOP is our preferred ordering option but Killara does accept cheques or scholastic credit vouchers. If you are having an issue placing your order, contact your teacher or see Sarah Round (Rm 26) or Jessica Cox (Rm 1) for advice.

Happy ordering!



SWIMMING

Congratulations to the following students who competed in Regional swimming.

Lily M, Felix O, Ben W, Ben C, Patrick C, Tyler T, Audrey H, Shailla M, Keisha H, Eden W and Sebastian E.

We are proud to announce Tyler T, Felix O and Ben C have qualified to compete in the State Finals. We wish them the best of luck!

ACTIVE APRIL AT KILLARA

Join Killara's active April team using Team ID: Killara-primary-school. Its free and fun for everyone. All it takes is 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. Enjoy great benefits and win awesome prizes.

Register to get:

- 10 Free YMCA passes or access to a local government recreation facility
- 15% off at Sportsmart in store and online
- One hour free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- 20% off any annual membership with Cycling Australia
- A 2 for 1 ticket offer to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
- Entry into the draw to win tickets to the 2018 Australian open Tennis Finals

Register today – activeapril.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.



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PAYMENTS DUE

Year 3-6 Athletics: 20 March
Year 5/6 Term 2 Netbook: 31 March

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.

BATTLE OF THE CHOIRS

Due to insufficient opportunities, the Choir will not be participating in the Battle of the Choirs at Sunfest this year. Hopefully next year we will be able to compete once more. I will organise for them to perform at assembly next term and prepare them for our ANZAC Day Ceremony. Thanks for your understanding.

Kelli Brogan
Performing Arts

COMMUNITY NEWS

WELLBEING MARTIAL ARTS

After school karate classes.

When: Classes are held on Thursdays from 4.00 – 5.00pm

Where: Killara Primary School

The classes are designed to suit primary school students of all ages and abilities.

Why: The Wellbeing Martial Arts Karate Program combines fun and fitness with the core martial arts values of respect and discipline. Watch your child's confidence grow as they learn the art of karate.

Places are limited, so if you are interested please call or email Geoff at Wellbeing Martial Arts.

Mobile: 0419599206

Email: wellbeingma@bigpond.com

Web: www.wellbeingmartialarts.com.au



SUNBURY KANGAROOS JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB – YOUTH GIRLS

Sunbury Kangaroos are seeking girls for an U13 junior girls football team for 2017 as well as our U18 girls. Training is Monday night 5pm till 6pm at Boardman Reserve oval 3.

The best part is that for 2017 the girls rego is FREE!! So get down to the club Monday night and get involved.

For more information please email the club on skjfnccpresident@hotmail.com

COMPLETE KIDS

Are your children bored when they get home from school?

Our Complete Kids Before and After School Care program offers activities from Sport to Cooking to Craft. Children have the opportunity to socialize with their friends and make new friends! Call 9740 2111 for further information or to make your booking.

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YEAR 5/6 CAMPASPE DOWNS CAMP

Camp is sadly over for another year for the 5/6 cohort. We had an amazing time and battled through some heat. There were many boundaries of fears pushed and some great resilience shown by students attempting new challenges. Many friendships strengthened and new ones forged in opportunities for socialising and team work. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our camp coordinator Mrs Hurley for her hard work and dedication as well as the numerous staff/teachers who worked tirelessly to help keep the camp running so smoothly. To the parents who gave up their time and were not afraid to get amongst it, thank you. Lastly, thank you students for making this such a memorable experience.

John Boland, Room 8



Last week, from 8 – 10 March, we went to Campaspe Downs Adventure Camp. We drove 45 minutes to get there, with a stop at the Woodend Children's Park for a snack. Once we got to the camp we unloaded our bags at the 'Barn' and took a quick tour. We found out our activity groups and cabin groups, and then had to quickly head to our cabins to meet our roommates. On the first day we had two activities, and then had some time to set up our cabins.

In the mornings we had breakfast at 7:30am sharp. We did four activities on the second day, and another two the morning of our last day. The activities included canoeing, flying fox, capture the flag, and the mud run. At night we all joined in for 'Splash' and 'Around the World' – even the teachers competed.

The food at Campaspe was great. The best dinner was the second night when we had butter chicken and rice. In the morning we had lots of options, even sausages and hash browns. The best lunch was wraps.

We enjoyed our stay and would love to go again!

Darcy and Rylan, Room 9

