



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 9

April 16 2020

CALENDAR

25 April	Anzac Day
8 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
26 June	Last Day Term 2

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

LEARNING FROM HOME

This week saw the introduction of remote learning from home for more than 90% of our students. While the first few weeks are bound to be challenging and a learning experience for everyone **please remember the reason we are doing this- to stop the spread of COVID-19 and save lives.**



This new way of learning is different to us all, and I know many of you are concerned about your child missing learning or the fact you aren't a teacher. I want to reassure you that our staff are finding the same challenges as you in supporting their children with learning from home while trying to juggle work.

There is no different learning happening for those students who are attending school. In fact, because of the strict social distancing guidelines we are required to follow in these times, providing individual support to students at school is very difficult beyond helping them access the learning.

Thank you to those parents who have provided feedback to either Sue or the classroom teachers about their experience with the learning that has been posted so far. We value this, and are using it to refine our planning along the way.

PARENT HOT TOPICS

As a staff, we have created a parent hot topics document where we are recording the frequently asked questions from parents. This is helping us give a consistent message to you regarding expectations, but also gives us feedback about ways we can improve the experience of our students. From next week, we include some of these as a new feature in our newsletter as frequently asked questions.

PARENTS ON THE SCHOOL SITE

As explained in my Compass Post last week, no parents should be on the school site at any time without written permission from me. This includes those parents who have students who need supervision at school. Please drop your child off at the front gate and arrange for them to meet you at

your car at the end of the school day. Under these circumstances you can not wait in the school grounds to collect your child. The Department has been very clear too if you are able to collect your child earlier, or bring them in later you should do so. If this is the case, please phone the school office to inform them so they can correctly record your child's attendance for the day.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE FOR THOSE LEARNING REMOTELY

While we wait for further advice from the Department regarding how student attendance will be recorded for those students who are learning from home we ask that all families send a short email to their child's class teacher to confirm they have accessed their learning for the day. This doesn't have to be a long email, unless there are other things that you would like to clarify with your child's teacher regarding the learning. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

TEACHERS MAKING CONTACT WITH STUDENTS

As explained in the Compass Post, teachers will be contacting each child in their class either by email or phone at some point this week. Please answer a phone call from a Private number as this may be your child's teacher looking to connect with them. We plan to do this at regular intervals during the period of remote learning to check on your child's wellbeing and keep them connected to school.

HYGIENE

As explained in the newsletter last term we have a good supply of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper and tissues. We are continuing to encourage and remind all our students about good hygiene practices, including regular washing of hands. Our school and classroom spaces also continue to be thoroughly cleaned each day.

**Best wishes,
Michelle and Sue**

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PREP ENROLMENTS 2021

If you have a child starting at Killara Primary School in 2021 and require an enrolment form they are now available via email.

Please provide a copy of birth and immunisation certificate upon enrolment. All enrolments should be made by no later than Monday 27 July to assist with our next year planning.

Email Andrea at heales.andrea.a@edumail.vic.gov.au for your enrolment form.

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