



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork

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TERM CALENDAR

May 17	Killara Cross Country Yr 3 -6
May 20 - 25	Education Week
May 20	Sunbury schools cross country
May 21	Preps 2014 Tour 9.30am
May 22	Open Afternoon Preps 2014 Information evening 7pm
May 23	Preps 2014 Tour 9.30am
June 21	Mid-year reports distributed
June 26	Parent – teacher interviews

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO GET ALONG

Children's ability to get along with others – or their 'social development' – is a process that happens as they grow.

For example, four-year-olds are in the early stages of social development – they are learning to take turns, listen to other children's ideas and play group games. By middle primary school, it is common for children to congregate in small friendship groups based around similar interests.

Groups give children valuable practice in setting, following and negotiating social rules. Think about how you deal with other groups of people at work, home and in social situations – chances are you learned and gradually refined these skills throughout childhood.

Limited social development can affect children's ability to get along with others, particularly in group settings. Children with poor social skills may dominate groups and exclude members, which can lead to bullying, peer-pressure or getting mixed-up in trouble. Or they may have confidence problems, becoming easily dominated and influenced.

Positive social development is about teaching children good values and responsible decision-making, which can help them resist peer-pressure and become valuable members of their group of friends and society in general. You can:

- Teach by example – model positive behaviours by treating them and others fairly and respectfully.
- Develop their social and emotional skills – empathy, sharing, caring, listening and taking turns.
- Help them learn from their mistakes – use situations as 'teachable moments' to reinforce good values.
- Give them chances to practise good values – like volunteer work or charitable donations.
- Supervise external influences – media, internet, games and friends.



KILLARA CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual Cross Country will be held tomorrow afternoon between 2:10 and about 3:15pm. Parents are most welcome to come along and cheer and encourage the participants. Students from year 3 to 6 will participate, with those qualifying for the district event to be given their permission note at the finish line. The district cross country, for which a school team will be selected, is next Monday May 20.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 have completed their final test today in Mathematics. They have been much focused and we look forward to viewing their results later in the year. Results will be sent to parents and further analysis will be carried out at that time.

MID YEAR REPORTS

Teachers have begun the reporting process which will take place over a number of weeks. Various forms of assessment have been undertaken, evidence has been gathered, as well as teacher observation, to inform the report for each student. Reports will be distributed on June 21st prior to Parent / Teacher interviews, which will be conducted on Wednesday June 26th.

OPEN AFTERNOON

A range of activities are taking place during Education Week (see article below). One of our new traditional activities is to hold an open afternoon to allow parents to have an insight into their child's classroom and be involved in some of their learning. The Open Afternoon is on Wednesday May 22, starting at 2:30 and winding up at 4:00pm. Please sign in at the office as you arrive.

PREP INFORMATION AND TOURS

We also hold our Prep Information and tour sessions during Education Week. These are held particularly for new and prospective parents wishing to enrol their children in preps next year.

Tours of the school are available on Tuesday and Thursday morning, both starting at 9:30am. The starting venue will be the school theatre, enter via the auditorium and gymnasium foyer near the prep playground.

On Wednesday evening, starting at 7:00pm, we have an information session which includes an insight into a day in the life of a prep student, presented by our current prep teachers. This session will also start in the school theatre and will finish in the prep classrooms.

The school will begin to receive enrolment forms from next Tuesday. If you have siblings at the school and

won't need to attend a session, please drop in to the office or call to request enrolment forms

**Best Wishes,
Phil, Andrew and Marie**

CURRENT NEWS

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week takes place from the 20 - 25 May. This is an opportunity for us to showcase and celebrate the many wonderful things our students, teachers and support staff do at Killara.

We have many exciting activities happening during this week. There will be a whole school favourite book task, teachers swapping classes, an "Open Afternoon" for visitors, lunchtime activities and for the first time a whole school writing task.

Our open afternoon will take place from 2.30-4.00 on Wednesday, 22 May. You are welcome to join your child's class and be part of their learning. We hope you can join us.

Thank you, Mandy Marks-White

STUDENT ABSENCE LETTERS

This week letters were sent home to families whose children have been absent from school for 3 or more days in 2013 without a record of explanation. If you have received a letter please check the dates listed and sign and return to school for updating on our system. It is a requirement that parents notify the school of any absences, preferably in writing. This can be a note sent in prior to or after the absence or even an email to the school. Verbal notification from parents is accepted, however, this can sometimes get lost in the hustle and bustle of the classroom and may be missed on attendance records. It is not necessary to call the school if your child is unwell and unable to attend, again, a note or email can be sent upon return. killara.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE



By now your child's classroom teacher should have issued your child with their username and password for the Premier's Reading Challenge so that you are able to begin recording the books for their reading challenge. The reading challenge is part of our school reading program and as such, we promote it in our classrooms and school. The aim of the challenge is to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

I would encourage you to continue to return the consent forms so that teachers can enter your child and their details. Section 2 of the consent form is also important as it gives consent for the publication of your child's name in the Achievers Honour Roll in The Age newspaper.

It has come to the school's attention that some parents are experiencing difficulty when logging on for their child. It appears that for some students the program has added a random "1" at the end of the username. This problem is easily fixed, so if you alert your child's teacher or myself directly to this problem, I will correct it as soon as possible. Please

do not hesitate to email me should you experience any Reading Challenge problems.
Happy reading everyone

Jo Fogarty (Literacy Coordinator)
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STUDENT BANKING



During Term 2 one lucky banker somewhere in Australia will get the opportunity to go on a \$5,000 adventure holiday with their family and also win \$5,000 for their school. There are also some fantastic adventure kit runners up prizes as well. To be in the running simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you will be automatically entered into the competition. To find out more visit www.commbank.com.au/adventureisland
If you aren't already banking through the school there is still time to open a Dollarmites account at the Commonwealth Bank and start banking.
School Banking day is **TUESDAY**.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 2

Junior School Preps For thinking carefully before answering questions		Middle School Contributing to interesting discussions about ANZAC Day	
Rm 1	Caden S	Rm 11	Patrick H
Rm 2	Oscar A	Rm 12	Katie G
Rm 3	Callum F	Rm 13	Ben R
Rm 4	Hannah B	Rm 14	Sarah B
Rm 5	Noah P	Rm 15	Holly N
Year 1/2 Actively participating in our weather incursion		Rm 16	Ryan C
		Senior School Persisting	
Rm 6	Nicholas C	Rm 7	Corey M
Rm 17	Tierney G	Rm 8	Raees A
Rm 18	Ethan A	Rm 9	Ned S
Rm 19	Eve W	Rm 10	Mason G
Rm 20	Bailey N	Rm 25	Victoria G
Rm 21	Chayse P	Rm 26	Jamie F
Rm 22	Bailey J		
Rm 23	Dean C		
Rm 24	Angelia S		

Specialist Class of the Week

PERFORMING ARTS

1/2 D – Susan Moloney

For the way they worked together in Performing Arts.

VISUAL ARTS

1/2 A – Cynthia Follett

Working cooperatively at their tables and fantastic packing up.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

5/6 C – Chris Weedon

For making a great start to Term 2.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 3

Junior School Preps For identifying opposites and synonyms		Middle School Displaying initiative in the classroom	
Rm 1	Michael J	Rm 11	Lucy M
Rm 2	Cayden K	Rm 12	Loch H
Rm 3	Angus L	Rm 13	Isaac M
Rm 4	Ewen G	Rm 14	Alysha R
Rm 5	Rhiannon T-S	Rm 15	Jordi K-C
Year 1/2 For using correct classroom protocols when using tablets and netbooks		Rm 16	Emma M
		Senior School Being willing to have a go at activities at Camp Howqua	
Rm 6	Jackson W	Rm 7	Alec S
Rm 17	Mia S	Rm 8	Jai W
Rm 18	Leila N	Rm 9	Tyler C
Rm 19	Jessica M	Rm 10	Cooper S
Rm 20	Baylee M	Rm 25	Jackson M
Rm 21	Phoenix M	Rm 26	Alex C
Rm 22	William R		
Rm 23	Rory M		
Rm 24	Matthew B		

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 4

Junior School Preps For creating and explaining great patterns		Middle School For demonstrating creativity during writing sessions	
Rm 1	Rhyley J	Rm 11	Josh T
Rm 2	Archer A	Rm 12	Mady G
Rm 3	Jasmine P	Rm 13	Noah H
Rm 4	Lilah R	Rm 14	Teali G
Rm 5	Jaxon J-T	Rm 15	Rory A
Year 1/2 Contributing to Word Study brainstorms enthusiastically		Rm 16	Daniel H
		Senior School Demonstrating creativity during writing sessions	
Rm 6	Lachlan R	Rm 7	Jesse E
Rm 17	Eliza H	Rm 8	Charlotte P
Rm 18	Piper A	Rm 9	Tilly F
Rm 19	Jack F	Rm 10	Grace T
Rm 20	Caleb A	Rm 25	Tabitha E
Rm 21	Natalie W	Rm 26	Gabriel D
Rm 22	Liam B		
Rm 23			
Rm 24	Jacob S		

Specialist Class of the Week

PERFORMING ARTS 5/6 C – Chris Weedon

For their commitment to their film project as a class.

VISUAL ARTS 5/6 F – Katelyn Fraser

Great listening, sharing and cooperating with each other.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 3/4 B – Julie Stanley

Great ball movement, team play and energy.

LIBRARY 5/6 A – Jo Fogarty

Focussed listening to support comprehension.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL READINESS

An information evening for parents of pre school children. Rachel Fox, Professional in childhood growth and development, speaks about factors contributing to your child's readiness for school.

Where: Sunbury Community Health Centre
Macedon Street, Sunbury

When: Wednesday 29 May 2013

Time: 7pm

SUNBURY GYMNASTIC COLLEGE INC



**12 – 14 SUSSEX COURT
SUNBURY
PHONE: 97404957**

Gymnastics Disco is on Friday 17th May from 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

The entry fee is \$10.00, which includes a can of drink, a sausage in bread and 2 hours of entertainment.

The theme will be "WHO AM I" so please dress up and enjoy the night.

Bring your friends and have a great time!

Parents do not need to stay but they are welcome and can join in the dancing. There is no entry fee for parents. Children are unable to leave the building without an adult.

PSW UNIFORM SHOP

A reminder that the uniform shop at Killara is now open Thursday afternoons in the gym foyer from 2.30 – 4.30pm.

Uniforms can also be purchased online at www.psw.com.au

or visit the Deer Park store at:
58 Westwood Drive Deer Park from
Tuesdays – Saturdays.
Contact the store on 93638458 to ensure Killara stock is available at the store prior to visiting.

PAYMENT REMINDERS

**5/6 TERM 2 NETBOOK FEES
ARE NOW WELL OVERDUE \$50**

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5/6 CAMP HOWQUA

At camp, my favourite activity was the horse riding and also the night walk. The food was really good and we got to watch some movies as well. (Jai E 56CW)

What I liked about camp was I got to get away from home for a few days. My favourite activity was survivor because I got really dirty. (Jake P 56CW)



My most favourite activity was horse riding. I loved being able to take control of the horse I was on. He was named William. The cabins were individual so that was really exciting. (Mia N 56CW)

Survivor was my most favourite activity. We got to go through an obstacle course and at the end got covered in mud. (Sarah H 56CW)



