



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 29

September 16 2021

CALENDAR

16 Sept	Family Movie Night
17 Sept	Footy Dress Up Day
17 Sept	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish
4 Oct	Term 4 Begins
11 Oct	Mondo Clothing Collection 8.30am-9am
29 Oct	CURRICULUM DAY

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

LAST DAY OF TERM

A reminder that students will be dismissed at **2:30pm** tomorrow Friday September 17

Please ensure prompt pick up for those students onsite

FIRST DAY OF NEW TERM

The new term begins on Monday October 4

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our parents for the amazing job you have done with supporting your children this term during remote & flexible learning. We understand the challenges many of you have faced and are extremely appreciative of your ongoing efforts and support.

NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES



A huge thank you to our incredible students who have shown such resilience this term. You not only completed your online learning to the best of your ability, but you also demonstrated valuable lifelong skills, such as problem solving, co-operation, curiosity, and perseverance. We have loved hearing about and seeing your efforts with remote learning and are proud of the way in which you have engaged with your teachers and classmates during WebEx lessons.

A special thanks to our dedicated staff who have continued to work incredibly hard to ensure that the learning experiences provided have been aligned to the Victorian Curriculum and differentiated, where possible, to meet the learning needs of their students.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

We are hoping everyone can join together to celebrate the end of Term 3 by participating in our Family Movie Night tonight at 6:30pm (or whenever you have some free time to watch it)!

Although we won't actually be 'together' to watch the movie, it is our way of saying that we are all

connected as a school community, and we have so much to look forward to in Term 4.

We have been able to provide our families with free access to 'Clickview' (DET approved) to watch the movie, **'Paper Planes'**. This is a G rated movie about a young boy's passion for paper planes. The movie has an undercurrent of loss, inclusiveness, resilience and compassion. In today's Compass post, I have included the link and password for everyone to access Clickview and the movie. This link will remain available to our families for the school holiday period. Once we return to onsite learning, students will participate in a variety of STEM activities related to paper planes and we are also planning to hold Killara's 'Great Paper Plane Fly-Off'!

COMMUNICATION

We are still uncertain of what Term 4 will look like at this stage. Please keep an eye on Compass for further communication during the holidays. If any announcements are made by the Department of Education in regard to a return to school or a continuation of remote learning, I shall communicate these to you through our Compass portal.

STAFFING

Our sincere gratitude and appreciation are extended to Marie Ryan, as she officially retires from teaching and the Department of Education and Training. Marie has been a valuable member of staff at Killara PS for many years and she will be missed by students, parents and staff. We would like to wish Marie all the very best for the next chapter in her life.

We are excited to announce that Michael Dullard has been appointed to Killara Primary School as of the first day of term 4. Michael will take over the Arts teaching position. We look forward to Michael joining our school for the remainder of this year.

FOOTY DRESS-UP DAY

Everyone is asked to wear their team's footy colours tomorrow for their class WebEx meeting (Friday September 17). We can't wait to see what colours you will be wearing.



Best of luck to Bulldog player and former Killara Primary School student, Roarke Smith, for the AFL Grand Final. However, as a lifelong Demons supporter, I shall be cheering them on loudly. Go Dees!



PLANNING FOR 2022

Despite the transition to remote learning, planning for 2022 is already well underway. To be able to accurately and effectively plan, we need to have a fairly firm idea of the number of students we will have at the school next year.

If you are aware of anyone who is considering sending their child to Killara next year, please encourage them to contact the school and get their enrolment forms in soon. This includes prospective Prep enrolments and enrolments in other year levels. 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 2022.

HOLIDAY SECURITY



I would like to encourage the school community to 'keep an eye' on the school over the coming holidays. Please report any unwanted or illegal behaviours to the police on '000', even if you only have suspicions.

We unfortunately continue to experience occasional vandalism and damage to our school by people using the school grounds. The costs involved with repairing damage cannot be afforded by our school and mean that valuable funds that should be used to support our students may be used to make such repairs.

In addition, as a result, I issue this statement:

"Except for certain limited purposes under the Summary Offences Act 1966, a school is not a 'public place'. There is no general right of the public at large to be there, either within or outside school hours. A school ground is not 'public land'. It is land held by the Minister for Education for educational purposes."

(Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide, Section 6.16 Legal Liability and Associated Matters)

Wishing all of our students a safe and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to seeing your bright, happy faces when you return on Monday October 4.

**Best Wishes
Sue & Anne**

CURRENT NEWS

SECOND-HAND CLOTHES COLLECTION MONDAY OCTOBER 11 FROM 8.30am – 9.00am.

The MONDO truck will be here to collect any clean unwanted clothing, accessories, footwear, linen and toys. Drop the kids off at school and load your donations into the truck on Phillip Drive.

Mondo is part of the SCR group - a company helping to create a better world by reducing waste, creating jobs for people with disabilities and supporting communities in developing countries.

Sustainability Team.

PREP INQUIRY PROJECTS



ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Energy Conservation:

Keep your cool in summer

- Air conditioners are among the most energy-hungry appliances in your home. Setting your air conditioner to 26°C will mean you can keep your cool, especially when your electricity bill arrives.
- Keep windows, doors and curtains closed on hot days to retain cool air.
- Update old air conditioners with an energy efficient model and regularly service the unit.
- Make sure your home is well insulated; block gaps, and consider installing window coverings.

HERO OPPORTUNITY

Dear Parents,

Our Year 5/6 HEROs (names below) have been invited to participate in the North West Communities for Climate Action online schools summit on Wednesday October 20, 2021. This Summit will give students the opportunity to:

- Learn about what other schools are doing to reduce greenhouse emissions and take action for the climate.
- Meet local councillors and council staff, share environmental concerns and make suggestions/recommendations to Council.
- Get inspired to take action in our school and local community.

In preparation for the event, I am asking all HEROs to do some research and think about their environmental concerns and what action they would recommend to Council.

5/6M – Lachlan F & Vanessa V.

5/6S – Nadine O & Maya N.

5/6O – Chase W & William P.

5/6K – Leah H & Erin C.

5/6R – Cordie B & Alyssa S.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at robyn.smith@education.vic.gov.au

Kind regards,

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