



# Killara Primary School

*Our Best – Every Child, Every Day*

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## CALENDAR

18 May	Walk Safely to School Day
18 May	District Cross Country
15-17 May	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
21-25 May	Education Week
22 May	School Council Meeting 6.30pm
29 May	<b>CURRICULUM DAY</b>
30 May	Division Cross Country
4-6 June	Year 3/4 Camp D,E,F
6-8 June	Year 3/4 Camp A,B,C
7 June	Prep Wildlife Incursion
11 June	<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b>
15 June	Year 5/6 Winter Sports Day
29 June	Last day term 2.30pm finish
26 October	Killara School Fete

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

### WHEN IT RAINS IT POURS – BABIES!

Continuing with the baby boom trend, we are thrilled to announce that Sarah Barclay and her husband Nick are expecting their second child in November. Mrs Barclay is currently on leave after giving birth to their son Xavier last year. On behalf of all the school community, we wish Sarah, Nick and Xavier smooth sailing for the coming months as they prepare for Barclay Baby the Sequel!

### EDUCATION WEEK

Next week, we celebrate Education Week. Now in its 74th year, Education Week aims to celebrate the strengths and achievements of Victoria's government education sector. The theme for this year's event is *Celebrating the Arts!* Throughout the week, classrooms at Killara will be engaging in a range of activities to celebrate and promote the importance of education. On Wednesday, just before recess at 11am, we will be joining the rest of the country for National Simultaneous Storytime. During this time, participating schools, pre-schools, libraries and childcare facilities will read the same story to children. This year's story is *Hickory Dickory Dash* by Tony Wilson and Laura Wood. The following day, on Thursday, from 3pm to 3:30pm, we will be having an open afternoon. During this time, parents, family and friends of Killara will be able to come in and visit children in their classrooms. We look forward to seeing you there – well actually we look forward to seeing you here!

### NAPLAN

Aside from some catch up tests that will occur for some students tomorrow, the NAPLAN assessment period for 2018 is over. Whilst the work for our students now ends, the assessment process is just beginning. All NAPLAN tests will be collected from the school and assessed by independent assessors. The Department has endeavoured to be more prompt with reporting student and school performance

results and we anticipate that we will receive student and school reports in the middle of Term 3.

Well done to all of our students who tried their best. Whilst test scenarios can be challenging for our students, they are an important part of life and build capacity to cope – and hopefully thrive – in such situations in the future.

### FETE

We are excited to announce that to celebrate this year's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Killara Primary School, we will be having a school fete. The fete will take place on October 26, in Term 4. Keep an eye out on Compass and the newsletter for updates. In today's PFA News, there is information on how you can get involved. From doing the smallest of things to assist, to being an active participant in the major organisation and running of the fete, any and all assistance will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to our PFA team for their early work on this event which will be our major fundraiser and community event for the year.

### MARY JEAN GALLAGHER

On Monday afternoon, we had a visit from some very important employees of the Department of Education. They were escorting Mary Jean Gallagher around a number of schools in Victoria. Mary Jean has worked for many years as an educational leader in Ontario, Canada where a lot of success has been achieved in student outcomes. As such, the Department of Education is seeking guidance from Mary Jean as a critical friend. The group met with members of our leadership team as well as classroom teachers where an open discussion was held on what we are working on at Killara as we strive to deliver our best – every child, every day. Opportunities were also given for us to ask questions or seek guidance. At the end of the discussion, Mary Jean indicated she was very impressed by the conversation, complimenting us on our candour and giving us very positive feedback – something we are told she does not give out lightly.

### DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

We wish our cross country team all the very best for tomorrow's district cross country at John McMahon Reserve. Miss G has been regularly training our students for the event to ensure they are as best prepared as possible. Regardless of race results, we are confident our students will represent our school with pride and be responsible and respectful ambassadors for our school. Thank you to Ms. G, Robyn Smith and Nadine Murphy along with a number of parent helpers who will be supporting our students on the day.

**Best Wishes,  
Pete and Andrew**

### PAYMENTS DUE

Netbook Term 2 – Overdue  
Prep Wildlife incursion – May 25  
Year 3/4 Camp – May 28

## CURRENT NEWS

### ANZAC WRITING COMPETITION

Anzac Day is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It, along with Remembrance Day, is a time of reflection, respect, pride and recognition of the sacrifices and courage of men and women during and since WW1. Although Anzac Day has already occurred for 2018, we at Killara believe that the sacrifices made and the acts of courage and mateship shown 100 years ago should be reflected upon and learnt from in our everyday lives. As a result, we are holding a writing competition, open to all students across the school. Students are encouraged to use our new ANZAC Memorial Garden and Mural as inspiration to write any form of writing they wish for the competition. As an idea, students may wish to write a narrative, recount, biography, poem, persuasive or informative piece of any length. Many classes have already created wonderful pieces of writing within their class; we encourage these to be entered as well. All entries will be collated and turned into a book for the school library, while a select few from each year level will be shared with our school community in a variety of ways, as well as with the Sunbury RSL, AWAS, WRAAC and Cadets who visited for the unveiling. Entries are to be delivered to the ANZAC box at Room 1 by Friday June 22. If you have any questions please see Sarah Round. Happy writing!!

### STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING INFORMATION CORNER

#### 10 AMAZING FACTS ABOUT SIBLINGS

Siblings' relationships are fascinating. There's so much to know. For instance, it's through interacting with brothers and sisters that kids learn many of their interpersonal skills. The conflict resolution skills they develop are amazing. For instance, if a child has a combative older sibling then he or she generally learns how to deal with that sort of personality later in life. Younger siblings usually use low power skills such as charm, humour and manipulation to get their own way while older siblings often use high power skill such as assertion, argument or even aggression. Boys who grow up with and have a healthy relationship with sisters generally relate well to women in later life. And boys who have brothers... well, Michael Grose has written all about this and more in a recent blog post, '*10 amazing facts about siblings*' at:

[https://www.parentingideas.com.au/2018/05/10-amazing-facts-about-siblings/?utm\\_source=Parenting+Ideas+Master+List&utm\\_campaign=8b1f78171a-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2018\\_05\\_10&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f488c60967-8b1f78171a-185781441&mc\\_cid=8b1f78171a&mc\\_eid=ca4fd51398](https://www.parentingideas.com.au/2018/05/10-amazing-facts-about-siblings/?utm_source=Parenting+Ideas+Master+List&utm_campaign=8b1f78171a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_05_10&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f488c60967-8b1f78171a-185781441&mc_cid=8b1f78171a&mc_eid=ca4fd51398)

### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – TOMORROW FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018

Tomorrow is Walk Safely to School Day!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.



You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

\* Using Killara Primary School's Active Paths and walking with them the whole way to school.

\* If you have to drive, parking the car a few blocks away from school and walking the rest of the way with them.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for tomorrow morning!

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 4			
Prep Comparing and finding the mass of different classroom objects		Year 3/4 Demonstrating respect and resilience when dealing with challenges	
R1	Brody G	R11	Shaylee C
R2	Mason L	R12	Charlotte E
R3	Jashan A	R13	James M
Year 1/2 For positive participation in our zoo excursion		R14	Harry B
		R15	Aaron D
		R16	Luca P S
R4	Juliette W/Jack E	Year 5/6 Using various strategies to solve mathematical problems	
R19	Christine G		
R20	Ava G		
R21	Jackson W/Evana W	R5	Sehajpal S
R22	Chanel M/Jett P	R6	Brody M
R23	Isabella S/Conor S	R7	Charlie P
R24	Cadin W/Eiman R	R8	Chayse P
		R9	Cooper L
		R10	Olivia M
		R17	Rowan O

### PFA NEWS

We hope all our mums, step mums, foster mums and special women in our children's lives enjoyed their Mother's day gifts. Our stall was very successful and raised \$1897.00 which will go towards the refurbishment of the front of our school. We thank all our PFA members for all their assistance and also a big thanks to the parents who answered our call for assistance and came to help out on the day.

We have quite a few fundraisers and events organised throughout the year. This term we are having a Cookie Dough Fundraiser, more information will go home towards the end of term. Also at the end of the term, during the Term 2 holidays, we will once again participate in the Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt. In the second semester, we have our Father's Day Stall and also Vision Portraits. Finally, we are very excited to announce that this year we are holding a school Fete on Friday, October 26 to celebrate Killara's 25th anniversary. If any of our families have any ideas in regards to our fete or if you would like to help out, we would love to hear from you. Feel free to contact us at [killarapfa@gmail.com](mailto:killarapfa@gmail.com)

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