



# Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 28

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## CALENDAR

<b>18 Sept</b>	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish
<b>5 Oct</b>	First Day Term 4- Remote Learning Continues
<b>12 Oct</b>	Students in Grades Prep-2 Return to Face to Face Teaching at School
<b>20 Oct</b>	CURRICULUM DAY

## FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

### LAST DAY OF TERM

A reminder that students will be dismissed at **2:30pm** tomorrow Friday September 18

**Please ensure prompt pick up for on-site students**

### FIRST DAY OF NEW TERM

The new term begins on Monday October 5

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We want to say a huge Congratulations to everyone in our school community for what has been an amazing, but sometimes very challenging, Term 3. While all of us would have preferred that Term 3 happen in the normal way, with students attending school, we are very proud of the efforts that everyone has put in to make the best of a pretty challenging and unique circumstance.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our parents for giving the learning tasks that were sent home each week their very best effort and for supporting our students to complete these as best they could as well.



Thank you to our students who, despite having to learn a lot more independently than they would have if they were at school, tried and gave their best with the learning tasks that were given to them and shared this learning with their teachers along with way.

A special thanks to our staff who have done everything they could to not only support the continued learning of our students, but also done everything extra they can to make the transition to remote learning as smooth as possible for everyone.

## LAST DAY OF TERM

Tomorrow is the last day of Term 3 and as such, for those students who are attending the onsite supervision program, the school day will end at 2:30pm. Please make sure you have arrangements to collect your children from school by this time.

## TERM 4 LEARNING

As explained in the Compass Post earlier this week, we will have a staggered transition to students returning to face to face teaching during Term 4.



**All students will continue to learn remotely from home during week 1 (October 5-9).**

From the beginning of week 2 (October 12) students in Grades Prep-2 will transition back to face to face teaching. When this occurs no online learning program will be distributed for students in Grades Prep-2. **During this time students in Grades 3-6 will continue to learn remotely from home.**

While no firm date has been set for the return to face to face teaching for students in Grades 3-6, like all of you, we do hope that this happens as soon as possible. We will continue to update parents through Compass posts and the weekly newsletter so please keep an eye on both of these for further information.

For students who require onsite supervision at any point in Term 4 because their year level is learning remotely, the current rules and eligibility requirements continue to apply. That is, onsite supervision is only available for those students who have no other option available to them for supervision during school hours and their parents are permitted workers.

Parents who need to access this service will need to do so by contacting Michelle via email: [Michelle.Huggan@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Michelle.Huggan@education.vic.gov.au) and by supplying a copy of the current worker's permits for both parents as well as the weekly attendance form that must be completed by 3pm Wednesday the week before supervision is needed. **Parents needing to access this service in Week 1 of next term will need to complete this process no later than 3pm Wednesday September 30 (last week of school holidays).**

## TRANSITION TO FACE TO FACE TEACHING

As with the last transition to face to face teaching, at a staff level, we have put plans in place to not only support a smooth transition back into the school environment but also the wellbeing of all our students. If you have any questions or concerns about the way in which your child may transition back to face to face teaching please contact your child's classroom teacher or either of us for support or advice.

## INDIGENOUS EDIBLE GARDEN

At the beginning of this year we received a grant from Hume Council and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to create an indigenous edible garden in the school through the Schools for Nature grant.



We saw this as a perfect opportunity for our staff and students to share knowledge and stories about culture and to get the students from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background to be actively involved in the planning of the garden space.

Given the shift to remote learning, students are meeting once a week via WebEx with key members of staff and Steven, the school's KESO, to work through the planning process. Students have discovered that Killara means 'permanent place or always there' and that the school logo of an eagle also has a connection to local Aboriginal culture.

Current plans developed by the students so far include painting the story of Bunjil on the tyres bordering the garden space along with depictions of local animals, indigenous weapons and family using traditional designs. They are also thinking of ways in which the different traditional seasons can be represented within and around the garden space.

## GRADE SIX GRADUATION



We know that some of our Grade 6 students are worried about their graduation and wondering whether a graduation for them will happen this year with everything that is going on. We want everyone to know that we will definitely be

holding a Grade 6 graduation this year.

What this looks like might be a little different to what we have experienced in the past due to whatever restrictions may be in place at the time, but please be assured that we are currently developing a Plan A, B, C, D & maybe even E plan to ensure that our Grade 6 students get to celebrate this very important milestone.

What our Grade 6 students can be doing in the meantime is thinking over the school holidays about the song they would like to choose for their class dance so we are in the best position to make this decision in the first couple of weeks of Term 4.

## SCHOOL CAMPS

While we have been able to shift both our Grades 3/4 and Grades 5/6 camps into very late in Term 4, we are unable to confirm whether or not we will be in a position to run these as planned. We have been advised that we will receive further updates regarding camps and excursions next term and when this advice is received our school will respond accordingly.

## SCHOOL VIRTUAL TOUR

Normally during Terms 2 and 3 we run a range of information sessions and tours for parents who are looking to enrol their children at Killara for the following year. This year this has not been possible however our school's virtual tour has now gone live on both our school Facebook page and the school's website under the latest news section.

## PLANNING FOR 2021

Despite the transition to remote learning, planning for 2021 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 let them know about our virtual tour or share the link from Facebook with them and encourage them to get their enrolment forms in soon. 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 2021.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We would like to wish everyone in our school community a very happy holiday period for the next two weeks. While we might not be able to get away as we have in the past, we hope that the two weeks gives everyone a chance to go slow, spend some quality time with family that doesn't involve any school work, and hopefully spend some time in the sun. We look forward to welcoming everyone back remotely on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> October, and then the Preps-2's face to face on Monday October 12.

Best wishes,  
Michelle and Sue

## CURRENT NEWS

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS' CORNER

Hello Killara,  
It's just about the end of Term 3. Hooray! We are very excited with the spring break ahead. As this will be the last School Captains' Corner for this term, we want to make sure you have plenty to do during the holidays. We have included links that you can use to do some fun activities - from your own veggie garden to your own art collection, but first we have a few jokes:  
Why are fish so smart? - They live in schools!  
What do you give a sick lemon? - Lemonade-Aid ☺

For all competitive kids, here is a National Geographic Kids Competition Website:  
<https://www.natgeokids.com/au/category/play-and-win/competitions/>

Take part in the Little Food Festival 2020 Minecraft Challenge! Entries close 30th September, so get in quick:  
<https://fedsquare.com/events/minecraft-challenge>

For everyone in your family to do together:

Insect/bug hotel - <https://www.redtedart.com/simple-bug-hotel-for-kids/>  
 Compost Bin - <http://www.planitdiy.com/inspiration/in-kids/a-compost-bin-project-for-the-kids/>  
 Veggie Patch - <https://www.kidspot.com.au/lifestyle/home/renovations/how-to-create-the-ultimate-veggie-patch-with-your-kids/news-story/c56c7f7f23e787fb694d404e3582e92d>

Here are ways to make your house more sustainable:  
 Make labels for your bins so you know where to put rubbish/recycling.  
 Always recycle stuff that is allowed.  
 Try to reuse items that can be used again, eg. if you have drawn on one side of a piece of paper, use the other side for notes or scrap paper.

If you would like to have some fun online with some interactive games, Cool Math Games is one to try.  
<https://www.coolmath4kids.com/math-games>

Preps, we have something that will take a chomp! A surprise puppet shark!  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THkUkhBt8Rc&ab\\_channel=ArtforKidsHub](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THkUkhBt8Rc&ab_channel=ArtforKidsHub)

ACTIVITIES RECOMMENDED FOR YEAR 1 - 6  
 Want to make your own word searches, crosswords and many more puzzles? Puzzle Maker is one of the best websites to use:  
<http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com>

Art lovers? Well, we have some videos for you guys to enjoy as well:  
 Prep:Ladybug  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kg159gNncRg&ab\\_channel=DrawinGeek](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kg159gNncRg&ab_channel=DrawinGeek)

1/2s: Dolphin:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ou7NitF6gkU&ab\\_channel=ArtforKidsHub](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ou7NitF6gkU&ab_channel=ArtforKidsHub)

3-5s: Tree House:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5contYogZm4>

2-6s: Owl:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJZF9Nka-78&ab\\_channel=ArtforKidsHub](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJZF9Nka-78&ab_channel=ArtforKidsHub)

4-6s Bugatti:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUmYc66cKrU&ab\\_channel=ArtforKidsHub](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUmYc66cKrU&ab_channel=ArtforKidsHub)

4-6s: Origami boat:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THkUkhBt8Rc&ab\\_channel=ArtforKidsHub](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THkUkhBt8Rc&ab_channel=ArtforKidsHub)

We both hope that these activities give you some joy during your time off. We can't wait to see you all again when we get back to school.

Your School Captains - Luke and Charleen.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

DID YOU KNOW....  
 Computers and TVs can be recycled for free at Sunbury Landfill.  
 Happy recycling.  
 Killara Sustainability Team.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



## Little Food Festival 2020 Minecraft Challenge!

### Take part in the Little Food Festival 2020 Minecraft Challenge!

Monash University, in partnership with the Little Food Festival, has announced a new Minecraft challenge during the month of September.

This year, students are challenged to build a food-sustainable world from the ground up. This could be a local building, school, skate park or anything in between. The best entries will be chosen by a panel of judges with some great prizes to be won!

For those students who require more information please contact Mrs Smith, or Kelli Brogan at:  
[Robyn.Smith@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Robyn.Smith@education.vic.gov.au)  
[Kelli.Brogan@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kelli.Brogan@education.vic.gov.au)

Entries close 20th September.  
 For more information go to  
<https://fedsquare.com/events/minecraft-challenge>  
 Good luck!

Could you care for another child?

MacKillop Family Services is urgently seeking foster carers to support young people to heal from trauma and reach their full potential.

If you can support another child - we have children who need you. Can you help?

All carers receive comprehensive training, 24 hour support and an allowance.

Contact: MacKillop Family Services today:  
 1300 791 677 [mackillop.org.au](http://mackillop.org.au)

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# CLASS PARTY DAY

