



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 4

February 18 2021

CALENDAR

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| 25 Feb | District Swimming Carnival |
| 26 Feb | School Photo Day |
| 1 March | Meet the Teacher |
| 2 March | Prep Western Water Incursion |
| 5 March | Clean Up Australia Day For Schools |
| 5 March | Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival |
| 8 March | LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| 18 March | CURRICULUM DAY |
| 19 March | National Ride To School Day |
| 1 April | Last Day Term 1 2.30pm Finish |

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

BEST WISHES

We would like to wish Rebecca Armistead, one of our teachers, all the best as she commences leave this week while she awaits the arrival of the newest member of the Armistead family.



COMPASS ACCESS

At our school the two main ways we communicate important information with you is via this weekly newsletter and the Compass system. It is very important that you make sure that you either check Compass regularly or you download the app so you receive notifications when new information is shared.

This is particularly important if we go into any extended period of remote learning from home because Compass is where this information has been shared in the past. If you are unable to access Compass or have forgotten your password please contact the office over the coming days to have this updated.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

As part of our school's start up program all classes are currently going through the process of nominating their Class Captains, Vice-Captains and HEROS. Grade 5/ 6 students will also be given the opportunity to nominate for a House Captain or Vice-Captain position and Grade 6 students, School Captains.

Students in Grade 6 are able to nominate for both the School Captain and House Captain position. Voting on School Captains will occur first, with the successful candidates then withdrawn from the House Captain voting process.



Those students who wish to nominate for either a School Captain or a House Captain/ Vice-Captain role must put their expression of interest in writing and then film themselves making their speech so that it can be shared across the Grades 3-6 classes for the voting process.

Completed letters of interest and copies of the filmed speech **must be to their class teachers no later than next Friday February 26**. Voting for each of these positions will then be held across the Grades 3-6 students during the following week.

Once all of these positions are filled we will let our school community know how you can participate in the ceremony where their badges are presented. Please understand that this year, it may not be possible for parents to attend this onsite as we will need to ensure we comply with COVID restrictions that are in place at the time.

SCHOOL PHOTO PERMISSION

This week you will have been contacted by your child's classroom teacher if you have not provided documentation to the school that gives us permission to share your child's photo. Thank you to those parents who have already indicated their wishes in writing to the teacher.

As it will have been explained to you, we have been advised by our school's photographer, that **unless we have permission from you regarding this, your child is unable to be photographed either individually or as part of their class during our school photo day next Friday**.

We also need this permission for your child to participate if we were to stream our assemblies live to our parent community.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or a member of the administration team.

MEET THE TEACHER

These will be held on Monday March 1. As with previous years, parents will be able to book a time through the Compass platform. This is an important opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher for this year and share any information you feel is important for them to know in order to support their learning.

If you feel that you need an extended period of time, please contact either your child's classroom teacher or the office so we can arrange an alternative time for you to meet.

If you do not have a Compass login, please contact the office and they can arrange one for you.



SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROGRAM

From the beginning of this year we have continued to implement the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program. As part of this, during our whole school starting with success program, all classes have received explicit teaching regarding both our Behaviour Matrix and the school's staged response to behaviour.

The Behaviour Matrix clearly outlines to our school community the expectations for behaviour according to our school values inside, outside, in movement and when using ICT. The staged response to behaviour is a flow chart for staff and students to refer to regarding the actions that will be taken for students who begin to show behaviours of concern.

This approach will enable students to experience a consistency in practice regarding their behaviour across the school and receive explicit teaching about this. Staff will continue to develop this program over the course of the year, including developing a whole school reward system ready for implementation next year. This work will be informed by the different trials that are being held in each teaching team over the year.

ARISTOTLE EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Our school also continues its partnership with Swinburne University to implement the Aristotle Emotional Intelligence program across the school. This program will build the knowledge of our students about emotions, how to recognise these in themselves and others and how to respond to emotions in a positive way. This program received lots of positive feedback from all members of our school community, particularly last year when we had a full focus on Aristotle as a wellbeing week during our second period of remote learning. We are also currently in the process of organising a Parent Information Session with the team from Swinburne so that you can learn a little about the program and also ways to support the wellbeing development of your children.

If you would like to read more about our school's approach to student wellbeing please access our policies on our school's website through the following link:

<https://www.killaraps.vic.edu.au/page/199>

Best wishes,
Michelle and Sue

PAYMENTS DUE

Year 6 Uniform – 23 Feb

Please Note: No late orders can be accepted.

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CURRENT NEWS

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

If you have a Health Care Card or Pension Card, you may be eligible to receive government assistance.

By applying for this funding, if eligible, the school will receive \$125 to be used for your child's excursions, camps and sporting activities. This amount will be held against each eligible child's name and utilised accordingly.

Applications **MUST** be finalised by **Friday 26th February 2021**. Forms can be picked up from the office if needed.

If you applied last year then you don't need to fill another form out this year, your application will go in automatically.

SCHOOL PHOTO REMINDER

This year our school photos will be held on **Friday February 26**. All students received an envelope last week. If you are ordering online you can use the online ordering code **PRN L5F D85**. If you did not receive an envelope or need a sibling order envelope, these are available from the front office. Sibling orders must be in by no later than Thursday February 25.



DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the District Swimming trials – it was great to see so many students keen to represent Killara Primary School. The District Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday February 25 and we wish all the swimmers the best of luck. If they qualify for the Division Swimming it will be held on Tuesday March 16. I'm sure all swimmers will do their best and represent Killara Primary with pride – "just keep swimming"!



COMMUNITY NEWS



Sunbury Kangaroos Junior Football Netball Club WANTS YOU

Netballers and Footballers wanted in all age groups.

Football training has commenced on Wednesday and Friday nights from 5pm -6pm come on down and have a kick
Contact Joeb on 0409-826-694

Netball training starts soon.
Contact Jess on 0431-819-858 for more information.

We are seeking an U9's football coach and are now taking applications for netball coaches.

We are welcoming all new and existing families down to our club registration day on the 28th February where you can meet the coaches, register and find out information for the upcoming season.

Follow our Facebook page for the latest updates
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