



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 18

June 18 2020

CALENDAR

26 June	Last Day Term 2 - 2.30pm Finish
13 July	Term 3 Begins
28 July	Prep Tour & Information Session 11.30am-1.30pm
4 Aug	Prep Information Session 7.00pm
12 Aug	Prep Tour & Information Session 9.30am-11.00am

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

ARRIVAL/PICK UP

Thanks to all families for your continued support with the arrangements for drop offs in the morning and pick-ups in the afternoon, whilst complying with COVID-19 restrictions and maintaining social distancing. This week we have returned to our usual yard duty arrangements which sees a teacher on duty at the front gate and also at the Prep gate from 8:45am – 9:00am and from 3:30pm – 3:45pm. The back gate on the oval will also be supervised until the end of term. Please note that all entry gates to the school will continue to be locked in the morning from 9:00am and anyone wishing to enter the school grounds, needs to seek approval from the front office.

PLANNING WEEK

Since returning to school onsite, teachers have been busy gaining information related to student learning during the remote and flexible learning period. This will help 'pin point' where students are currently with their learning and also help determine whether there are any 'gaps' in the learning, particularly those key learning or essential concepts. This will support future planning and identifying any concepts that may need to be revisited or expanded upon, as a result of remote learning during this term.

Next week all our teachers will participate in a planning week where they meet as a whole team to plan the sequential learning program for the coming term. To enable this to happen all classes will have their Specialist classes on the one day. This is a valuable time for teachers to work collaboratively to further review student learning data and the Victorian Curriculum, to ensure that we are continuing to pitch the learning for our students' right at their point of need.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We are still awaiting advice from the Department regarding Parent Teacher Interviews and how they may look under the current restrictions. As mentioned previously, Parent Teacher Interviews have been planned for Tuesday 21st July (week 2 of Term 3), but

the format for these is still unclear in this Covid-19 environment.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Since our return to onsite learning, we have noticed that some students have been out of full school uniform. The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Killara Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community

We understand that many students have grown over recent months and may require a new uniform. Our school uniform supplier is PSW in Gap Road (near Aldi), and they have now re-opened for sales.

Usually around this time of the year, we also hold a second-hand uniform sale after an assembly. As we are unable to do this at the moment, we are asking any parents who would like to purchase second-hand items to email Mrs Smith at: Robyn.Smith@education.vic.gov.au

Please remember to ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name and that decorative jewellery and make-up, including nail polish or nail extensions are not part of our student dress code.

LAST DAY OF TERM

A reminder that we have early dismissal at the end of each term. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm next Friday June 26. Please make sure that **ALL** students are picked up on time. We ask that there are no late pick-ups on the day, as staff will not be available to supervise students.

**Best wishes,
Michelle and Sue**

CURRENT NEWS

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

This week, your child will bring home a note for the Premier's Reading Challenge which is a state-wide event encouraging all school students to read as much as they can by September 4. Students in Prep-2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books and students Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books. On the note you will find the web link as well as your child's username and password to log the

books they read during this time. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah via sarah.round@education.vic.gov.au

THANK YOU BUNNINGS!!!

A huge thank you to Bunnings in Sunbury for their very generous donation of \$250.00 worth of brooms for our school. These will be put to good use – one in each classroom for HEROs and other students to do their bit to keep our school 'spick and span'.

Here are a few of our garden club students showing off their new brooms.

Sustainability Team



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Usually around this time of year we hold a second hand uniform sale after one of our assemblies. As we are unable to do that at the moment, we are asking parents who would like to purchase items to email details of the item/s, size etc. to - robyn.smith@education.vic.gov.au. We will contact you and organise delivery to your child's classroom. All items are \$5.00 at the moment.

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PAYMENTS DUE

Year 5/6 Term 2 Netbook: Overdue
(Please pay this as soon as possible via the QKR app)

Year 5/6 Term 3 Netbook: 26 June

Please Note: If payment has not been received by June 26, students will not be permitted to take their device home over the holiday period. If you are having difficulties with payment please contact the office



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by MasterCard

STOP! NO MORE E-WASTE TO LANDFILL

The Victorian Government has banned e-waste in landfills to ensure more of the valuable materials in them can be safely recovered and reused. **E-waste, or electronic waste, is anything that has a plug, battery or cord and is unwanted.** These items have been banned from landfills, which means they cannot be put in household bins. Sunbury tip's recycling transfer station accepts all e-waste. This is a free service.

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PREP ENROLMENTS 2021

Enrolments are currently being accepted for 2021. Enrolments should be made by Monday 27 July, 2020 (or earlier if possible!). This will assist the school with planning for 2021.

Existing families who have previously indicated they will have enrolments for 2021 will have received enrolment forms via email as requested and these should be returned by Monday 27 July. If you require enrolment forms please see the office or email Andrea at andrea.heales@education.vic.gov.au for her to email you the paperwork.

Enrolments must be accompanied by a birth certificate and immunisation certificate. Copies of these documents are acceptable.

Please be sure to alert family and friends who may be interested in the excellent learning opportunities that Killara Primary School provides.

We will be holding tours and information sessions on the following dates (to be confirmed):

Tuesday July 28 - Information session and tour of the school 11:30am – 1:30pm

Tuesday August 4 – Information session 7:00pm

Wednesday August 12 – Information session and tour of the school 9.30am – 11:00am

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Please Help Our Environment

The energy saved by recycling one plastic drink bottle will power a computer for 25 minutes.

Recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator.

Plastic shopping bags can be returned to your supermarket for recycling.

When you put materials into your recycling bin, you shouldn't put them in a plastic bag.

For safety reasons, staff at recycling centres won't open plastic bags, so your recycling will end up in landfill.

The rings from bottle necks and six-pack holders need to be cut when you dispose of them.

to reduce harm to animals.

Tie the tops of plastic bags up when disposing of them to prevent them blowing away.

It takes 25 two litre plastic bottles to make an adult fleece jacket.

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