



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 36

November 19 2021

CALENDAR

23 Nov	Prep 2022 Orientation Session 1
30 Nov	Prep 2022 Orientation Session 2
6-8 Dec	Year 3/4 Camp
7 Dec	Prep 2022 Orientation Session 3
7 Dec	Year 6 Transition Day Secondary
7 Dec	Mondo Clothing Collection 8.30-9.00am
15 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
16 Dec	Last Day School 3.30pm Finish
17 Dec	CURRICULUM DAY

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

CURRICULUM DAY

As you would be aware, schools are allocated a number of student-free days each year to use for professional development, curriculum development, and assessment & reporting. We chose to postpone our Curriculum Day last term and again this term to ensure that our focus was on teaching & learning during remote learning and also during the staggered return to school. As a result of this, School Council has passed the motion that we reschedule this term's Curriculum Day to **Friday 17 December**, where it will not interrupt classroom programs. Therefore, this will be a student-free day and the last day at school for all students will be on **Thursday 16 December** with a 3:30pm finish. By holding the Curriculum Day on the last day of the school year will enable teachers to complete a thorough hand-over of student wellbeing, academic, social & emotional skills from their 2021 teacher to their 2022 teacher. It will also provide the 2022 teaching teams with the opportunity to commence collaborative planning for the 'start-up' program for the first two weeks of Term 1 2022.



AIR PURIFIERS

To support on-site learning the Department of Education and Training is assisting schools with key measures to maintain the health and wellbeing of students and staff. We have now received air purifiers for each of our classrooms and indoor spaces. It is important to note that ventilation is one part of the broader suite of controls implemented by the Department to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in school settings, including vaccination, physical distancing, good hygiene, cleaning, and mask use.

PREP TRANSITION

Thank you to those families who joined us remotely for our 2022 Prep Information Evening. It was lovely to see some familiar faces and those new to our Killara school community, as we prepare to welcome our new students to their first year of school.



On Tuesday 23 November, the first of our Prep Transition Days will occur from 9:30am until 10:30am in Rooms 1 & 2 (entry via Rees Road). This is a valuable opportunity for the 2022 Preps to get to know each other in a school and classroom setting. Further details regarding this have already been sent home.

PLANNING FOR 2022

Our planning for next year with regard to staffing and class structures is well underway. As part of this process, parents have had the opportunity over the past three weeks to put in writing to me any educational reasons we may need to consider and take into consideration when finalising these arrangements for 2022. **The final date for this is today Friday November 19.**

As I am now able to conduct individual school tours, if you are aware of anyone who has yet to enrol their child for next year, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.

CANTEEN

As from Wednesday 24 November, our school canteen will be able to offer both online sales and counter sales at recess and lunch.

STUDENT SAFETY CROSSING ROADS

It has come to our attention that a number of our students are not crossing the roads around the school at the designated school crossing. Please remind your family members of the importance of crossing roads safely. We are very fortunate to have crossings along both the road surrounding our school so there is no reason for students not to use them.



2022 START DATE

Please note that the first day for **ALL** students for 2022 is **MONDAY 31 JANUARY**.

2022 TERM DATES

Term 1: Monday 31 January – Friday 8 April

Term 2: Tuesday 26 April – Friday 24 June

Term 3: Monday 11 July – Friday 16 September

Term 4: Monday 3 October – Tuesday 20 December

Best Wishes

Sue & Anne

CURRENT NEWS

YEAR 3/4 HANDS ON SCIENCE INCURSION

The 3/4s participated in an incursion across the week to learn about force and motion. We tested Newton's three laws and investigated friction, gravity and magnetism. The 3/4s had a wonderful time learning the science of force and motion. The tasks were hands on experiments so it could be as much fun as possible. A teacher from Hands on Science came to teach us new ideas. She helped us through the mystery of science. We got to play around with measuring newtons, and we used a hover ball to understand friction. We also tested out Newton's 3rd law and inertia.

By Logan W 3/4S

We had an incursion about forces and motion. I learned about magnets and Newton's laws. We got to do lots of experiments. We used a hover ball to test sliding friction. It was lots of fun to play the game and learn about force and motion.

Zana M 3/4S

On Tuesday we had an incursion in room 3. We made predictions about what would happen. We had some fun with friction force. We pushed a hover ball. When it was off, it was hard to push on the carpet. When it was on it, was loud and easy to push. We flicked the lever and the ball fell in the blue bucket. It was the best ever. We dropped the ball on a stick and the top came off and we caught it.

Asher L 3/4S



KILLARA'S WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

What a beautiful day for a walk!

Thank you to all our students (parents and pets) who walked to school today. In total, we had 119 students. The rain stayed away and the kids enjoyed the fresh air and exercise. The chatter and laughter coming from the 'Walking School Bus', which snaked up Phillip Drive from Riddell Road, was lovely to hear. As the weather improves we hope more and more families will join in on the trend – leave the car at home, reduce traffic congestion, reduce exhaust emissions, connect with family and friends, increase daily exercise and help the environment, all at the same time. Well done everyone.

Sustainability Team



ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

PROTECTING OUR BIODIVERSITY

Plant and maintain a wildlife garden (even a small one)

Did you know that wildlife gardening and maintaining local patches of bushland play a much bigger role in conserving biodiversity than was previously thought? It can also be crucial to species survival. Wildlife gardening generates positive benefits for biodiversity and strengthens our connection to nature. Currently in Victoria, [Gardens for Wildlife](#), is encouraging everyone to plant home gardens to benefit wildlife. It can also improve our health and wellbeing. Why not start planting today.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

HUME CITY COUNCIL - GRASSLANDS FLOATING

A free community event on Sunday November 21 at 44 Macedon St, Sunbury will be celebrating local art and our native grasslands. Join for an exciting day of art and nature activities celebrating the launch of local artist Jacquie Blight's new public artwork (Float: reconnect, renew, regenerate) and the Gardens for Wildlife program. Activities include: Welcome to country, Buzz & Dig bee hotel making workshops, Butterfly tent, Art, history and gardening talks, Grasslands walk and talk, Pop-up performances and lots more!

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