



# Killara Primary School

*Our Best – Every Child, Every Day*

**Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork**

Newsletter 21

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## CALENDAR

16 July	First Day Term 3
18 July	Parent Teacher Interviews
31 July	Sleeping Beauty Production
9 Aug	Aust Maths Comp Yr 3-6
20 Aug	Understanding Ourselves Parent Information Night
27 Aug	Divisional Tee Ball Finals
27 & 28 Aug	Year 5/6 Understanding Ourselves
25 & 26 Aug	Vision Portraits Fundraiser
29 Aug	Father's Day Stall
31 Aug	Year 5/6 Summer Sport
3 & 4 Sept	Understanding Ourselves
10 & 11 Sept	Understanding Ourselves
21 Sept	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish

## FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Welcome back to Term 3! It is hard to believe that we are now half way through the year and it won't be long before we all start to talk about planning for Christmas.

Thank you to all those people who have come up and said hello and welcomed me to the school. I am really enjoying getting to know you all and, as some of you may be aware, I have an ongoing bet with one of our Grade 3/ 4 students about learning the names of at least half our school before the end of term. Thankfully there have been plenty of students willing to help me out and I am already learning plenty of names. I am looking forward to working with everyone to ensure that Killara continues to live our motto 'Our Best- Every Child, Every Day.'

I thought that given this is my first newsletter since becoming the Principal at Killara it may help you to know a little about who I am. Interestingly however, this is not my first time at Killara because I was the Assistant Principal here between 2006 and the start of 2009. This is also not my first Principal role, prior to this I have also been a Principal at Mt Macedon and Stevensville Primary Schools.

Throughout my teaching career I have taught almost every year level in a Primary School and also been a Visual Arts, Music and Library specialist. When asked yesterday by one of our Grade 1/ 2 students what my favourite school subject is, I found it hard to choose between Maths and Reading and along the way I have had experience in leading the curriculum in schools in both these areas.

As I have explained to the students, and at our first assembly this week, I prefer the students call me by my first name, Michelle because I believe that respect comes from the relationships that are built rather than an official title. I also have an open door policy for everyone so if at any point you have a question or concern (or just want to pop in for a chat) please feel free to come and see me.

I am a mum of two boys, Mackinley 10 and Keenan 7 who are both heavily involved in sport, and because we live locally, you are likely to see us at either footy, cricket, tennis or swimming or around Sunbury.

This week my focus is on spending time in classrooms not only learning names of students but starting to understand their learning needs and areas of interest. I have also been fortunate to meet with some of our dedicated parents who are busy planning our fete that will be held early next term. I am sure that if you are interested in helping with this they would be very grateful for the extra pair of hands. Please watch this space for further information in the future about ways in which you can help us create a great community event that can be celebrated by us all with our extended family and friends.

In the very near future I plan to have an opportunity for you as a parent group to come and meet me in an informal way both inside and outside of school hours so keep your eyes on future newsletters and Compass for details regarding this.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all those parents who took the time to come and meet with their child's classroom teacher at our Parent/Teacher interviews last night. There is very clear research that shows the stronger the connection between school and home is, the better the outcomes that are achieved for our students. I would also like to thank our staff for the work that they put in both to the writing of the reports last term that formed the basis for your discussions last night, and in making themselves available for parents until into the evening. If you have anything you would like to follow up further with your child's classroom teacher, or a member of the leadership team, please do not hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment time.

## PLANNING FOR 2019

Planning for 2019 is well underway and a key part of this process is knowing as closely as possible how many students we can expect to have here next year. If you are aware of anyone, or have a child yourself, that would like to enrol at Killara for next year could you please get them to return a completed enrolment

form to the office as soon as possible. Similarly, if you are aware that you will be moving out of the area and will no longer be attending Killara in 2019 could you please advise the office.

**Best wishes,  
Michelle and Andrew**

## CURRENT NEWS

### CRAZY HAIR DAY

Thank you to everyone who took part in our fundraising day at the end of Term 2. We are very excited to say that we raised \$771.35, which we have forwarded to the Leukaemia Foundation in the name of Les French, our crossing supervisor, who lost his battle with Leukaemia earlier this year. Well done everyone!

Student Leadership Council



### DEVIL AT HOME, DARLING IN PUBLIC

One of the biggest frustrations for a parent is to see your child behave perfectly for other people, but horribly for you. A child can be beautifully behaved at school, but difficult to manage once they come home. Your child may have perfect manners when visiting a friend's house, but forget their manners the minute they walk in the front door.

So why do kids of all ages behave well for others and save their worst behaviours for their parents? It makes sense really... because we love them unconditionally. When they are fully accepted by you then they tend to show you their worst as well as their best side. It's a little like dating really. Most people put their best foot forward on a first date, and begin to loosen up as the relationships get serious and they become more comfortable with each other. Michael Grose has written a blog post *Devil at home, darling in public*, explaining why kids can behave poorly for parents, but not for others. He's also included four important discipline strategies that many people overlook, which are guaranteed to help you raise kids who can behave well at home and in public.

Find the full article on Michael's Blog at : <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/2018/06/devil-at-home-darling-in-public-2/>

Student Engagement & Wellbeing Group

## PFA NEWS

Help Killara Primary School raise funds this year and book your \$15 family photo today! Include your whole family in the session or just the kids. Book now to secure your place. Your photo shoot takes place at Killara Primary on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 August. There are limited sessions available so bookings are essential.

Book online now using this link <https://killara.eventbrite.com.au>

### DID YOU ROAM TO FIND A GNOME?

Over the term holidays, a number of our families participated in the Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt. Passports were purchased from the office with 25 Sunbury businesses and groups listed on them. Families had to visit each of these businesses to hunt down the 25 gnomes and identify their names.

Those involved have stated that this activity was once again a very enjoyable one for children and parents alike. In addition to children enjoying some extra goodies from participating business, discounts and specials were also on offer, allowing our older gnome hunters to also reap the benefits. All passports will be collected from the office tomorrow and taken to Goonawarra Primary School where correctly completed passports will go into the draw for some great prizes. This draw will take place at 9.30 am Friday July 27 at Goonawarra. Please ensure you have [returned your passport to the office by this Friday.](#)

Special thanks to our PFA and administration staff for their assistance in running this fundraiser, and of course to the local businesses and groups that participated.

### PREP ENROLMENTS 2019

Enrolments are currently being accepted for 2018. [Enrolments should be made by Monday July 23, 2018](#) (or earlier if possible!). This will assist the school with planning for 2019.

Existing families who have previously indicated they will have enrolments for 2019 will have received enrolment forms and these should be returned by Monday July 23. If you require enrolment forms please see the office.

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.**

### PAYMENTS DUE

Year 5/6 Term 3 Netbook: Overdue

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