



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 35

November 19 2020

CALENDAR

24 Nov	2021 Prep Orientation Session 1
1 Dec	2021 Prep Orientation Session 2
2 Dec	Prep Farm Fun Day
8 Dec	2021 Prep Orientation Session 3
8 Dec	Secondary School Orientation Day
16 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
18 Dec	Last Day Term 1.30pm Finish

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

PREP INFORMATION NIGHT

Last night, the school hosted a very informative presentation for parents of our Prep 2021 students via Webex. Information presented included tips on how, in these final months, parents can best prepare their child for commencing primary school.

Important details about being a Prep student at Killara Primary School - including information about the classroom, and developing independence, as well as specialist classes - were also presented. These sessions serve as a vital tool in establishing a strong partnership between the home and our school. Thank you to all those families who were represented on the evening, and to our Prep team, we also thank you for the time and effort you put in to this evening and congratulate you on such an informative – and also welcoming – presentation.



PREP TRANSITION SESSIONS

From next Tuesday we will begin the series of 3 transition sessions for our new Prep students for next year. Given the restrictions that are currently in place, these sessions will be staggered over the course of the day to enable each child to visit our school in small groups. Families of students who are beginning Prep next year should have received information regarding the time that their child has been allocated to attend a transition session at our school. If you have not received this, please contact the office so we can advise you of this time.

GRADE 3-5 CAMP

All students in grades 3-5 received a note at the beginning of this week asking for expressions of interest for a proposed camp that would be held at Lady Northcote in the last week of term. While at this stage we are seeking expressions of interest only, it is important for these forms to be returned by tomorrow to enable us to begin the planning that is required when organising a camp.

TIK TOK

It has come to our attention that some of our students have posted videos in Tik Tok showing themselves in full school uniform. This is a breach of both the expected behaviours outlined in our School Wide Positive Behaviours Matrix, and the schools ICT user agreement. While teachers have been in contact with the parents of those students who we are aware of, it is a timely reminder for everyone about the need to monitor what your child is watching and posting in social media platforms.

2021 CLASS DEVELOPMENT

Parents were given an opportunity to provide feedback and requests regarding the placement of students in classes for 2021 with the closing date for these requests occurring at the end of October. The process for developing these classes is well underway and as such the opportunity for you to make requests closed on this date.

When developing classes for the upcoming year we work hard to ensure that there is an even spread of students across each grade in gender, academic abilities and the additional needs of students. Central to this process is the feedback from students regarding who they would like to be in a class with. While we can never ensure they get all of their friends, we do make every effort to combine them with some of the students they have requested and students they work well with. Please note that once this process is completed class placements for 2021 are final.

Please be assured that our teachers know your children well and use this knowledge when working out the best possible combination of students for your child to be placed in a class with. All our staff have input into every class to ensure that historical information is also taken into consideration in the development of the classes.

2021 START DATE

Please note that the first day for **ALL** students for 2021 is **THURSDAY 28 JANUARY**.

2021 TERM DATES

Term 1: Thursday 28 January – Thursday 1 March
Term 2: Monday 19 April – Friday 25 June
Term 3: Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September
Term 4: Monday 4 October – Friday 17 December

Best wishes,
Michelle and Sue

CURRENT NEWS

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' CORNER

Hello Killara

How was your week? Did you know there are only 4 weeks left of school? WHAT? That's crazy!

Another reminder about the School Captains' Drawing Competition - the date has been moved to Friday November 27th. Don't forget the entry box is at the office. Good Luck.

We are introducing something new to the School Captains' Corner this week - Go Fact. This week's Go Fact is: The adult human body has 206 bones!

Here's a story for you - Charleen was absent last week, due to a pesky bee sting (or was it?), on her left hand. It began to swell and the next day she awoke to a shock! Her hand had swollen even more, roughly 4 times bigger than the other. Her mum decided she needed to call an ambulance and Charleen was rushed to hospital. After many examinations they put a cannula in her vein. Cannulas are plastic tubes that take medicine into your body. It took 2½ days for the swelling to go down, they actually thought she might have to have surgery. Luckily, that didn't happen. Charleen was in hospital for 3 long days! Whoa, what a wacky experience!

On Tuesday our HEROs from Year 3-6 had the opportunity to be part of the CERES SELP (Student Environment Leadership Program). CERES is an environmental park in Brunswick. The theme was 'WATER'. Tom taught us many things, for example - a purple tap and pipes means recycled water (not for drinking). We did multiple hands-on activities and also watched many educational videos. Thank you, Tom. Next week the Year 5/6 HEROs will attend Hume's on-line Nature for Schools Conference.

This week's quote is: "If you can Dream it, you can Do it." from Walt Disney. That brings this week's School Captains' Corner to a close. Have a great week.

YEARBOOK COVER COMPETITION - WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who entered this year's Yearbook Cover Competition and to our House Captains and Vice-Captains for organising the competition and judging the entries.



First Place (front cover) – Charleen D
Second Place (back cover) – Chloe M
Runners up (inside front cover) - Gabrielle C, Erin C, Joselyn C, Piper E

Congratulations to all our winners!

BOOK CLUB

Scholastics Book Club Issue 8 has been handed out to all classes. All LOOP orders are due in by Monday 30th November.

Please remember that even if you place your order before the due date, it will not be processed until the 30th due to confusions with postage and additional postage charges. If you have any concerns please

contact your classroom teacher or Sarah via sarah.round@education.vic.gov.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

REAL CHRISTMAS TREES – Scout Group

When: First two weekends in December, starting December 5. Submit your expression of interest for a 1st of December tree at the contact details below before Nov 29.

Where: Max Gifford Hall, Miller St, Sunbury

Time: 9am – 3pm (unless sold out)

Costs: from \$60 each. Local delivery or disposal in January available from \$10 each way.

Pick your tree for Christmas and support a local Scout Group. Pre order now to John 0403 061 568 or email christmastrees.3rdsunburyscouts@gmail.com



HUME LIBRARIES EXPRESS AND CLICK AND COLLECT

Hume Libraries will continue to support students and families by providing book delivery and click and collect services throughout Term 4. To be eligible you need to be a member of Hume Libraries. You can join online or if you need assistance call or email Sunbury library on 9356 6970 or email libraries@hume.vic.gov.au

COMPLETE KIDS VACATION CARE

Complete Kids run a vacation care program over the summer holidays from January 4 – January 22. For all enquiries call 9740 2111. Attached is a copy of the program and all the fun activities that the kids will do as part of the program.

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HUME/DELWP INDIGENOUS GARDEN PROJECT SEEDLINGS

As part of our indigenous garden project, the eldest child from each Killara family will receive 2 indigenous seedlings tomorrow (Friday) to take home and plant. They will be **Calocephalus lacteus** (Milky Beautyheads) - A yellow flowing perennial herb, growing 5–70 cm high and spreading to form a dense mat suitable for use as a ground cover and a **Chrysocephalum apiculatum** (Common Everlasting Daisy) - A perennial native herb groundcover approximately 20 cm high and up to 50 cm wide.

We are asking our indigenous students and HEROs to keep track of these plants as they grow and report back to us next year. Anyone who would like to do the same, please plant your seedlings, measure them, take a photo and keep a monthly record and photo of them. We will look forward to seeing how they grow. This data and photos will form part of our final report to Hume and DELWP next year. If you have any queries, please contact me at school.

Happy planting.

Robyn Smith

Sustainability Coordinator



The next stage of our indigenous garden – planting the seedlings last Tuesday.