



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 14

May 21 2020

CALENDAR

25 May	CURRICULUM DAY
26 May	Year P – 2 Return To School
8 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
9 June	Year 3 – 6 Return To School
26 June	Last Day Term 2 - 2.30pm Finish

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

CURRICULUM DAY REMINDER

As part of our return to school process the Victorian Government has allocated next **Monday May 25** as a state wide Curriculum Day. This will give teachers the opportunity to revise the curriculum planned for the remainder of Term 2 and make adjustments in light of our return to face to face teaching. As part of this, teachers will also plan how to support our students in their return to school both from an academic and a wellbeing perspective.

No students are required at school on this day.

RETURN TO FACE TO FACE TEACHING

As mentioned in last week's newsletter our Grade Prep-2 students will return to face to face teaching from Tuesday 26th May. Details regarding this have been provided in a Compass Post to parents yesterday. We would encourage you to read all of the information contained in this letter for details regarding what the return to face to face teaching will look like for the students at Killara Primary School and, if you have any questions, to contact either your child's classroom teacher or a member of the school's leadership team. A similar letter will be posted to all parents of students in Grades 3-6 in the week prior to their return to school.

RESTRICTED ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Access to the school grounds and buildings will continue to be restricted, even when students begin to return to face to face teaching. No parent will be permitted within the school grounds (including visiting the office area) without prior permission from a member of the office staff. **This will include all parents who wish to drop off their child for a late arrival or pick them up early. Please ring the school office ahead of time to enable us to facilitate the social distancing requirements in place at this time.**

SOCIAL DISTANCING OF ADULTS AROUND SCHOOL

Many schools will need to implement staggered starts and ends to the school day to enable appropriate social distancing of parents and adults during these busy times in schools. At Killara, we are very fortunate to have 5 entry points to our school (3 gates up the front near the drop off zone, 1 gate at the back of the oval and 1 gate near the Prep playground) this, along with our drop off zone along Phillip Drive, should mean that we won't need to implement this.

This however, is something we will need to monitor over the coming weeks to ensure that everyone in our school community are following the social distancing guidelines and not congregating around school fence lines or the school gate. Please help us support a smooth transition for all students back to face to face teaching by arranging for your child to meet you at your car rather than at a gate. Supports have been put in place for students who may need assistance or reassurance at the start and end of the day.

WALKING BUS ROUTES

One of the supports we have put in place to support students find their parents or carers at the end of the day is the establishment of several



walking bus routes to the streets immediately surrounding the school. These routes have already been communicated to all parents of students in Prep-2 as part of the letter posted on Compass yesterday and will also be communicated to parents of students in Grades 3-6 prior to their return to school.

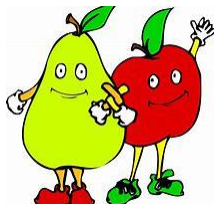
At this stage there is not a walking bus route along the school side of Phillip Drive down towards Complete Kids because there will be 3 staff members on duty at the gates along the front of the school. These staff members will be available to support any student that may need assistance in navigating their way past the childcare centre and down this side of Phillip Drive.

START UP PROGRAM

We have made plans to implement a condensed version of the start- up program used at the beginning of the year for the first four days our students return to face to face teaching. The focus during this time will be on re-establishing school routines, learning expectations and student wellbeing. Since its implementation we have found that our students have settled well into school after the Christmas break and feel that a similar focus will be very beneficial for our students after this period of remote learning. Students will access their normal Specialist classes during this time.

CANTEEN

While we will open our canteen again, this will not occur at least for the first week of the Prep-2 return to face to face teaching. This time will enable our canteen staff to restock their supplies and prepare the canteen for sales again. Once the canteen opens it will be for lunch orders only until further notice and all sales must be paid for by using the QKR app. **No cash sales will be allowed.** Please keep an eye on Compass and the weekly newsletter for further information about the canteen and its operation.



ITEMS TO BRING BACK TO SCHOOL

As part of the letter posted to parents regarding the return to face to face teaching, we have also provided a list of items that need to be brought back to school to enable students to participate in learning at school. This list includes:

- Work book
- Writer's Notebook (if applicable)
- Pencil case - ruler, coloured pencils, crayons or textas, blue and red pens, 1 sharpener, 1 eraser, 1 pair of scissors, 1 glue stick, 1 grey lead pencil
- Take home books
- Any device that has been borrowed from the school

Within this, we also ask that all students bring a **named water bottle to school each day** as the bubble taps will be turned off until further notice. Students will be able to fill their water bottles by asking their class teacher to use the taps located in their classrooms.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone in our school community for the phenomenal effort everyone has given to remote learning from home. While we acknowledged at the beginning of this, that this would be new learning for all of us, it has been great to see everyone do the best they could given their own personal set of circumstances during this time. We, as a staff, appreciate every effort you have made to support your child's learning during this time and want to thank you too for both the feedback you have given and your messages of support.

We are looking forward to welcoming back all our students, either next week, or on Tuesday the 9th June, and can't wait to continue to be part of their learning journey face to face. In the meantime, please continue to take care and be safe, and if you have any questions contact either your child's classroom teacher or one of us.

Best wishes,

Michelle and Sue

CURRENT NEWS

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' CORNER

Hi Killara, it's Charleen and Luke, your School Captains, back with another School Captains' Corner. We thought we'd start off with a bit of a giggle this week:

Q. What is tall when it is young and short when it is old?

Q. What has hands but doesn't clap?

Q. Why did the arrow maker get sacked?

Q. Why was the broom late for school?

We haven't heard many stories from you guys at home, so if you would like to share some and have them featured in our Corner, we would love to hear from you. You can email us at smith.robbyn.r3@edumail.vic.gov.au

Some on-site news: Students have been enjoying some afternoon sunshine - weeding and mulching the garden along the synthetic track. Some students made up a procedural text about one of the teachers – who was that? Stories from home: Who was the grandma having fun teaching her granddaughter geography during a film called The Crown? Who went kayaking in Sunbury last weekend? Who received a special surprise (a puppy) last Friday? Who enjoyed visiting their loved ones last weekend? Hopefully we all did!

Good luck to the Preps and Y1/2s on Tuesday when they return to school. The Y3 to 6s won't be far behind them on June 9. We look forward to seeing you all soon, in the meantime remember - 1.5 and sanitise!
Charleen and Luke

Riddle answers: candle/clock/because he was missing the point/because it over-swept.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2021

If you have a child starting at Killara Primary School in 2021 and require an enrolment form they are now available via email.

Please provide a copy of birth and immunisation certificate upon enrolment. All enrolments should be made by no later than Monday 27 July to assist with our next year planning.

Email Andrea at heales.andrea.a@edumail.vic.gov.au for your enrolment form.

ZOOS VICTORIA NOW LIVE STREAMING

The kids might not be able to visit the zoo, but they can view their favourite animals with Animals at Home Live! Animals from Healesville Sanctuary, Werribee Open Range Zoo and Melbourne Zoo now have webcams. See Koala cam, Snow leopard cub cam, Penguin cam, Zebra cam and more by visiting [Zoos Victoria Animals at Home](https://www.zoos.vic.gov.au/animals-at-home)

STUDENT POEMS

Why I love poetry

I sit at my desk with pencil and paper
I need to write poetry but my words are just vapor
Come on brain think of some rhymes
My teacher wants work, I'll be charged with major crimes
Twenty minutes pass and my paper is blank
I'm growing impatient and my head is a fish tank
I've had enough of this and I'm off to get tim-tams
Oh no it's a travesty my dog chewed my vans
One hour has passed and I'm no closer to done
My stomach wants food, I've got a craving for hot cross buns
But wait, what is this on my page, a poem no less
I do love poetry even if it causes me so much distress
By Will Z

Quarantine is everyone's life

I wish I was in paradise
So very bored
Oh, my lord
I want to go back to my normal life
By Ella

There was a little brown mouse
Who found his way inside the house
He scurried around the floor
And found his way out of a door
That silly brown mouse
By Olivia

There once was a girl named Lilly,
Who loved being really silly,
She would often play a prank,
On her brother named Frank,
What a silly girl is Lilly.
By Veronica

Fun
Racing
Interesting
Entertaining
Never let you down
Dancing
Surprising
By Tyler

COMMUNITY NEWS

HUME LIBRARIES EXPRESS

Hume Libraries have devised a contact free way to get books and DVDs to their customers who are doing the right thing and staying home. The Hume Libraries Express home delivery service operates from the Broadmeadows, Craigieburn and Sunbury branches. Here's how you can arrange for a friendly library staff member to deliver to you door.

- Reserve items via the library catalogue or Hume Libraries app and library staff will contact you to arrange a time for delivery
- Request specific items by phone or ask the librarians to choose for you 0393566900

- Request specific items by email
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HOME LEARNING PHOTOS



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