



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

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Newsletter 8

March 22 2018

CALENDAR

23 March	Year 5/6 Group STEM at Melbourne Formula 1 Grand Prix
27 March	Year 5/6 Algorithmic Thinking Competition
27 March	School Council Meeting 6.30pm (dinner at 6pm)
29 March	Pyjama Day Fundraiser
29 March	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish
16 April	First Day Term 2 Begins
23 April	School Photo Day
24 April	School Tour (2018 Prep enrolments) 9:30am
24 April	Anzac Ceremony
25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
2 May	Information Night and School Tour (2018 Prep enrolments) 7:00pm
10 May	School Tour (2018 Prep enrolments) 9:30am
10 May	Mother's Day Stall
15-17 May	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
4-6 June	Year 3/4 Camp D,E,F
6-8 June	Year 3/4 Camp A,B,C
11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

SWIMMING

As our school community would be aware, the Sunbury District Swimming Sports were held on Thursday, February 22 at Sunbury Aquatic Centre. As a result of some fantastic performances, a number of our students successfully made it through to the next stage. Last Wednesday, 16 students represented Killara and the Sunbury District at the Divisional swimming sports. Being that this was Divisional level, the competition was extremely tough. Once again, our students were fantastic competitors, doing a great job representing our school both in their behaviour and effort. Whilst we will not have any students at the next event, we congratulate these students on the fantastic achievement of making it to the Divisional level and thank them for representing our school so well.

TERM 1 REPORTING

Learning tasks for Term 1 will be posted next week with some units that are still being finalised to be published next term. During Term 2, we will working with a focus group made up of parents, teachers and students to improve our reporting process. If you are interested in being part of the focus group, or would like to know more information please contact the office.

COMMUNICATION

We will be phasing out FlexiBuzz at the end of this term. Compass will be the main way we communicate, although the newsletter, Facebook and school website will continue to be avenues for sharing of information. We thank parents for their recent feedback regarding our communication tools; please continue to share your experience with us so that we can improve our approach and the tools we use.

SCHOOL ENTRANCE FOCUS GROUP

If you would like to be part of a focus group to develop ideas and feedback from the community regarding the entrance to the school and the school foyer, please leave your name at the office. The focus group will consist of parents, teachers and students. The first meeting will be early in Term 2.

ANZAC MEMORIAL

Thank you for everyone's feedback regarding the ANZAC memorial. The memorial will be located at the side of the 3/4 building. On Tuesday April 24, a ceremony will be held to launch the memorial; a small number of students will be present to represent the school as well as representatives from community organisations. Following the memorial, our whole school ANZAC will be held. More information to follow next week.

STEM & MELBOURNE FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX

This Friday, 7 students from Year 5/6 will be venturing to the Formula 1 Grand Prix at Albert Park to take part in the Department of Education and Training initiative for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The students will be engaged in a workshop to learn about the physics of Formula 1. We will share photos of the day on Facebook and through the newsletter. Students will share their experience at assembly next week.

PLANNING WEEK

This week, teachers have been working in teams, to plan for Term 2, 2018. Teachers will be planning units of work for literacy, numeracy and inquiry as well as the specialist areas.

The major change for students during planning week is that their Specialist classes will occur on the one day, as well as relief teachers taking some classes to ensure all teaching team members can be released on the one day.

LAST DAY OF TERM

A reminder that students will be dismissed at **2:30pm** next Thursday, March 29

**Best Wishes,
Pete and Andrew**

CURRENT NEWS

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL PYJAMA DAY FUNDRAISER

The Chocolate Egg Guessing Jar competition is up and running this week and will continue next week! For \$1, students can guess how many chocolate eggs are in the jar. The winner of this competition will be announced on Thursday March 29. We would like to thank Woolworths Sunbury for donating chocolate eggs.




The Pyjama Day is next week on Thursday March 29. Students may come to school for the day dressed in their favourite, most comfortable pyjamas and are asked to bring a gold coin donation in support of the Good Friday Appeal. Please remember to ensure your child wears appropriate footwear as well as age and weather appropriate clothing.

LEARNING TASKS

As mentioned in our newsletter earlier this term, majority of Learning Tasks for each year level will be available to view on Compass from Friday March 30 2018. If you have any queries about your child's results, please contact your child's classroom teacher and make an appropriate time to meet and discuss your child's progress early in Term 2. Specialist tasks and a small number of other tasks across the school will not be available until early next term to allow teachers to have time to collate data from current units of work.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1, WEEK 6

Prep Actively participating in our Western Water IncurSION		Year 3/4 Responding with curiosity when reading non-fiction texts	
R1	Lachlan K/Grace S	R11	Clare D
R2	Rivan M/Hartlee S	R12	Josh J
R3	Brody C/Cleo H	R13	Fletcher A
Year 1/2 For picking 'Just Right' books for their independent book box		R14	Brock S
		R15	Abbey M
		R16	Maya N
Year 5/6 Demonstrating fantastic team work during camp		R4	Leila M
		R19	Mackenzie W
		R20	Cleo L
		R21	Ethan E
		R22	Claire H
		R23	Emily C
		R24	Khloe C
		R5	Lachlan D
		R6	Oscar A
		R7	Perry M
		R8	Rebecca R
		R9	Wiremu A
		R10	Jacob W
		R17	Finn B

PAYMENTS DUE

Year 5/6 Term 2 Digital Device: March 29

Please note: if digital device payment is not received by the due date, the student will be unable to take their device home on the holidays.

SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

On Friday 2nd March, Sustainability Team leaders, Kelli Brogan and Robyn Smith were presenters at the annual Steps to Sustainability Conference at Melbourne Zoo.


Their presentation (Biodiversity on a Shoestring) addressed Goal 15 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (Life on land). They showcased Killara Primary School's achievements in biodiversity; outlining how, with very little resources, you can achieve a biodiversity audit score of 95%. Their presentation also focused on the importance of creating a culture within schools that respects and fosters a desire to improve our natural environment, and detailed how we involve students, utilise resources, create partnerships and achieve our goals! The aim of their presentation was to encourage others to follow our lead by showing them the programs/initiatives we have in place – Sustainability Spotlight Vodcasts, HEROs, 3 For the Sea, Nude Food, native tree plantings, orchard, insect homes, native bee hotel, bird boxes, recycling, composting, veggie garden - to name a few. Their presentation was very well received by principals, teachers and other attendees on the day, who were eager to return to their schools and start setting up similar initiatives.

Kelli and Robyn were very honoured to present at this conference and succeeded in shining a very bright light on the achievements



of our school and the importance of our local environment. Congratulations! Sustainability Team

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 1, WEEK 7

Prep Creating interesting patterns in maths		Year 3/4 Making interesting observations when collecting and analysing data			
R1	Will G/Charlotte S	R11	Hannah C		
R2	Blake M/Jasmyn J	R12	Hannah W		
R3	Dexter R/Lucy M	R13	Riley W		
Year 1/2 For enthusiastic participation in 'Historical Rotation Day' activities		R14	Maddison M		
		R15	Joshua A		
		R16	Matilda G		
		Year 5/6 Finding relevant information from multiple sources			
		R4	Harley V	R5	Mitch W
		R19	Ava W	R6	Jack W
		R20	Leonard H	R7	Morgan O S
		R21	Caelan T	R8	Isabella J
		R22	Chase W	R9	Brianna M
		R23	Erin C	R10	David O
R24	Mason G	R17	Alannah D		

