



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 11

April 22 2021

CALENDAR

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| 25 April | Anzac Day |
| 28 April | 2022 Prep Information 9.30am – 11.00am |
| 4 May | CURRICULUM DAY |
| 6 May | Mother's Day Stall |
| 11 May | 2022 Prep Information Session 7.00pm |
| 11-21 May | NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 |
| 15 May | Vision Portraits Fundraiser |
| 17-19 May | Year 5/6 CYC City Camp |
| 20 May | 2022 Prep Information 11.30am – 1.00pm |
| 28 May | Year 3/4 Organ Pipes Excursion |

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Killara for Term 2! We hope you enjoyed any time you were able to spend together as a family over the school holidays and that you had a happy and enjoyable Easter period. It has been extremely pleasing to see our students return to school in such a positive frame of mind. Staff and students have clearly replenished their energy reserves over the break and have immediately resumed strong learning programs and routines.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Nick in Grade 6 who made it successfully through the Divisional stage of the Team Vic Under 12 Basketball trials. Nick will now move onto the next stage of selection for the Victorian team by participating in a conference trial in May. Congratulations & good luck Nick!

SCHOOL AEROBICS TEAM

This weekend the Killara School Aerobics team will be competing in their first ever competition. School Aerobics is the largest inter-school Sport Aerobic competition for Primary and Secondary School Students throughout Australia. The girls have been working very hard, including many practises over the school holidays and are excited to be representing Killara. Good luck team!



ANZAC DAY

Weather permitting, we will be holding our traditional ANZAC Day remembrance service next Monday at 2:30pm at our school's memorial garden. As this is an outdoor event, visitors are able to attend, however all visitors must



sign in at the office before making their way down to the service.

Some of our student leadership team have also been invited to march in the ANZAC Day march in Sunbury. These students will represent our school in the march and participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the conclusion of the march. Students participating in this event are required to wear full school uniform.

NAPLAN

This year our school will be participating in NAPLAN testing online. Grade 3 students will continue to complete the writing task on paper however all other tests will be completed via the online platform. Given we are completing our testing online the testing window for our school will occur over a two week period, from May 11 – 21. This will also give all students the opportunity to complete all tests during this time. More information on NAPLAN went out in a notice to our Grade 3 and 5 students last term.

It's important to remember that NAPLAN tests show a child's learning as a snapshot in time and are not the only thing we base a child's level of understanding on. Teachers have been working with our students from the beginning of the year, teaching them strategies that they can use to answer the types of questions they may encounter on the test and how to structure the text types that they may be asked to write about in the Writing component. Students have also had the opportunity to complete a practice online test this week to familiarise themselves with the online testing environment.

The best way you can support your child is to treat testing days the same way you would any other school day. Encourage them to 'do their best' and to give questions a go and, if you do want to draw attention to the test, organise a celebration for them after the testing period is finished to celebrate their attempt rather than the result at the end.

If you would like to withdraw your child from the test please speak to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible so we can arrange for the appropriate paperwork to be completed.

PREP INFORMATION SESSION AND TOURS

We are at the time of the year again where we are beginning to conduct information sessions and tours for people who may be looking to enrol their child at Killara for next year. The first of these sessions will be held next Wednesday at 9:30am. This is a great opportunity for us to share all the wonderful things about being a part of the Killara school community. If you know of someone who is looking to start with us next year please let them know about our sessions. Similarly, if you have a child that is due to begin school next year please come and collect an enrolment form from the office so we can make sure

we have accurate indications for our enrolment numbers next year.

SOLAR ENERGY IS COMING TO KILLARA!

We have been advised that the work to install the solar panels at our school will begin next Wednesday with the scaffolding being installed in preparation for the work to be conducted. This is very exciting news for us as we continue to be leaders in the community with regard to sustainable practises. Thank you to Robyn Smith and our school's sustainability team who have done a lot of work behind the scenes to ensure that we were in the first group of schools selected for this initiative.

CROSS COUNTRY

We are hoping that the weather will be kind to us tomorrow so we are able to hold our school cross country to select our team for the upcoming district cross country on Monday May 3. Students who are selected into our team will receive a permission note early next week to enable them to attend the District competition.

STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGIES

Towards the end of last term and the beginning of this term we have been managing a number of issues that have arisen due to student use of social media, texting and game chat outside of school. Please remember to monitor how your children are using technology as this is an area that lies largely out of our control. We would like to remind everyone too, that once a device leaves our school grounds it is no longer protected by the tighter controls and internet settings that apply to it while accessing our server at school.

ISSUE RESOLUTION

We would like to remind parents that it is inappropriate to approach other students or parents to try resolve issues that arise at school. The first point of call should always be your child's classroom teacher and then if the issues continue or you are still concerned please speak to the team leader for each area, Sam Burnett (Prep), Lauren McShanag (Grade 1/2), Susan Moloney (Grade 3/4) and Melissa Bowker (Grade 5/6).

Sue, our Assistant Principal, is our school's key contact for student wellbeing or curriculum matters and either of us are more than happy to discuss any urgent or ongoing concerns you may have.

If you would like more information regarding our school's Complaints and Grievances policy and processes, please access this on the school's website on the following link:

<https://www.killaraps.vic.edu.au/page/198>

Best Wishes

Michelle & Sue

CURRENT NEWS

PREP ENROLMENTS 2022

If you have a child starting at Killara Primary School in 2022 and require an enrolment form they are now available now via the office.

Please provide a copy of birth and immunisation certificates upon enrolment. All enrolments should be submitted no later than Monday 26 July to assist with our next year planning.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Mother's Day this year will fall at the end of the third week back for Term 2 so our Community/Fundraising Sub-Committee is busy placing orders and getting ready for the event. We are making some small changes to the way in which we conduct our Mother's Day stall so please take note of these now, however a further reminder will be placed in newsletters and on Compass early next term. Students will be required to bring their own bag from home to take their chosen gifts in and we will not be providing a 'layby' service for gifts. The Mother's Day stall is set for Thursday May 6.



VISION PORTRAITS FUNDRAISER

Help Killara Primary raise some funds and book your photo session. 100% of the booking fee goes directly to our school. Create gorgeous family memories and help raise money for Killara at the same time. \$30 digital image. 1. To book simply go to: www.visionportraits.com.au/fundraise and enter password 'raisefunds' 2. Find your school/organisation 3. Secure your booking time. Vision Portraits will be at Killara Primary on Saturday May 15.

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

At Killara we support and encourage positive environmental actions, here are a few examples that you can implement in your home:



1. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle! Reduce consumption where possible, especially of single-use items like plastic bags. Reuse existing items rather than repurchasing something new. If you can't reduce or reuse, then recycle.

2. Keep recycling: For more on what can and can't be recycled in your area visit contact your local council and www.recyclingnearyou.com.au

3. Be a conscious consumer: and consider the packaging of a product when making a purchasing decision. What will you do with the packaging? Is it recyclable in your area? Can you take your own container or buy in bulk to reduce waste?

4. Practise a circular lifestyle: Look for products made from recycled materials, such as recycled toilet tissue or recycled office paper.

5. Standby for some exciting news about recycling bread-bags, bread-bag tags and ring-pulls.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We have lots of second hand uniforms for sale. If you require any uniform you can contact Robyn Smith via email at robyn.smith@education.vic.gov.au

PAYMENTS DUE

Year 5/6 Term 2 Digital Device: Overdue

Year 5/6 Camp: 7 May

Year 3/4 Organ Pipes Excursion: 19 May

CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS

Our canteen will re-open as of next Wednesday April 28.

If your child forgets their lunch or an order is not completed on QKR by the cut off time of 9.30am we will attempt to contact you to arrange lunch to be brought to school for them.

If this is not possible a sandwich will be supplied by the canteen and an account sent home that day requesting payment. Unfortunately individual order requests (for food other than a sandwich) when lunches have been forgotten or not ordered may not be possible due to the workload of our canteen staff at this time. Please understand that by lunchtime, orders have already been prepared and distributed and staff are busy serving students for counter sales.

QKR APP FOR SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Our preferred method of payment for excursions, canteen lunch orders and fundraising activities is QKR.

This easy to use free app by Mastercard gives you flexibility to make your school payments at a time and place that suits you.

No need to find cash to send to school with your child, you will have a QKR receipt on your phone and receipt number for your records.

A brochure on how to set up your account is available from the school office or just follow the simple instructions when you download the app.



COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNBURY DOWNS COLLEGE DISCOVERY NIGHT

Monday May 3 from 5.00pm – 6.30pm. Bookings are essential. On the open night you can join the college tours, meet the teachers, experience the schools culture and explore the facilities. 148-174 Mitchells Lane Sunbury. For more information call 9744 0500 www.sunburydowns.vic.edu.au

SUNBURY COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday May 4 at 6.30pm onwards. At 6.30pm is an information session and Principal's message and 7.00pm you can explore Sunbury College. 30 Racecourse Rd, Sunbury 9744 1066 www.sunburysc.vic.edu.au



FOOTY STAR ACADEMY

KILLARA PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFER

Join us for a free come and try session!

When: Wednesday 3.50pm-4.50pm (5-7 year olds), 4.50pm-5.50pm (8-12 year olds)

Sunday 9am-9.45am Footy time kids (3-4 year olds) 10am-11am (5-7 year olds).

Where: Killara Primary School Oval

To book a free 'Come and Try' Phone: 0438 317 641 or email vic40.footy@sportstaracademy.com

All children must be booked to attend. Free uniform for children signing up in Term 2.

MELTON HOCKEY CLUB – STICK2HOCKEY

Providing a precursor to traditional hockey, Stick2Hockey gives participants the opportunity to play modified games with less players on each side, ensuring that each player is more involved in the game. Stick2Hockey allows the development of the fundamental hockey skills, as well as the game based learning that comes through the modified matches.

The season begins on Thursday May 13 at 5.45pm. Each session runs for 1 hour, which includes continued skill development, match play experience and most importantly, good sportsmanship.

For all queries contact Junior Coordinator Kellie McLaren meltonhccjuniors@outlook.com 0419 604 793

Register: <https://form.jotform.co/71030937559864>

PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

Primary Music Institute offers instrumental music lessons right here on school campus.

To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online. It is only \$18.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes). Phone for more information on 1300 362 824. Lessons are held weekly. Please enrol via PMI's website:

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