



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day

Caring Acceptance Responsibility Excellence Support & teamwork

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TERM CALENDAR

May 20 - 25	Education Week
May 23	Preps 2014 Tour 9.30am
June 21	Mid-year reports distributed
June 26	Parent – teacher interviews
June 28	Last day of Term 2. 2.30pm dismissal

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

It has been an especially busy and productive week at Killara with Cross Country, Education Week, Prep Tours and a whole of Sunbury Teacher Forum in our theatre.

PREP TOURS

Many parents with Prep students for 2014 took the opportunity to visit and investigate what Killara has to offer. The parents were impressed by the facilities and 'feel' of our school. They remarked that the classrooms were bright, welcoming and well organised and that our students seemed happy, comfortable and actively involved in their learning.

We are looking forward to welcoming new Prep students in 2014. Enrolments should be coming in by the end of Term 2.

EDUCATION WEEK

Thank you to the many parents who participated in our Open Afternoon for Education Week.

There was plenty of buzz, excitement and enthusiasm around the rooms as parents joined in classroom activities ranging from planning and designing a new drink container, listening to and seeing students presenting projects, evaluating apps on the Samsung Tablets, rainbow craft making activities and engaging with Year 5/6 students who were Skyping students in another school.

Yesterday it was a sunny but chilly Whole School Lunch on the oval, Today a whole school writing task will give students from Prep to Year 6 an opportunity to say why they think education is important. We will feature some of their ideas in next week's newsletter. Tomorrow is a whole school Community Circle on the oval where we will all join in on a common greeting. There have also been many lunchtime activities and a 'guess the teacher from a childhood photo' competition that has created much discussion and deliberation around the photo board.

Many thanks go to Mandy Marks-White and the Student Leadership Council for their effective organization which successfully involved so many of our community members.

TEACHER FORUM



A Sunbury Forum is being held this afternoon (after school), in the Killara PS Theatre and all teaching staff have been encouraged to attend. The forum is titled 'Mind, Brain and Education Science'. Andrew Jones (Principal) and teachers from Broadmeadows Valley Primary School will be making the presentation.

BVPS have been focussing attention on utilising brain plasticity and brain "re-training" to assist students with learning difficulties. Andrew and members of his staff will tell their story so far, with a view to demonstrating the importance of "Mind, Brain and Education Science" in our work as educators.

This professional development will assist teachers in their on-going quest to develop in students an understanding of how they go about learning.

Bouncing back from rejection (from Kidsmatter e:newsletter)

Every child experiences rejection sometimes, even popular kids who always seem to be surrounded by a big group of friends. Ups and downs in friendship are a normal part of life, and learning how to make-up when things go wrong is an important skill.

When rejection does occur, it can seem that the reasons are trivial or as fickle as a change in the weather. Likes and dislikes relating to games and activities, who has the latest toy or gadget, or who children are spending time with outside of school can all be factors.

Young children in particular are just beginning to learn about empathy and relating to others, so they may not notice that excluding another child from their game or friendship group can be very hurtful.

Older children can blame themselves if they are left out of a game or not invited to a party. In the long-term, compromising a child's sense of belonging can lead to low self-confidence and withdrawal from social contact. They might not want to go to a friend's house or play with other children in the neighbourhood.

If you think your child is being left out and needs help:

- Talk with your child and listen to their concerns – help them express and name their feelings.
- Model and encourage helpful thinking patterns – instead of "no one want to play with me", encourage your child to say, "Sam doesn't want to play with me today but yesterday we had fun together. Julie wants to play with me today."

- Refocus your child's attention on the situation as the cause rather than blaming themselves or others.
- Help them to practise their social and friendship skills.
- Chat to your child's school or early childhood education and care service if you're still concerned.

Best Wishes,
Phil, Andrew and Marie

CURRENT NEWS EDUCATION WEEK

Well, it's nearly over. What a week full of enjoyable activities for staff, children and their families.

A big thank you to all the children for their enthusiastic participation, to our SLC representatives for their wonderful organisation of activities, to the staff for their efforts in supporting all the activities and to our many visitors who were able to visit and celebrate their child's learning.

I hope you all had a wonderful time participating and I look forward to concluding this week with a whole school Community Circle. Well done everybody!

Thank you all
Mandy Marks-White

HELPING US TAKE CARE OF OUR LIBRARY BOOKS

The first way all families can help is to ensure each student from Prep to Year 6 has a library bag of some sort. A re-used shopping bag is excellent if you don't have a library bag.

The second way to assist is to make sure books are not packed in the same section as drink bottles.

Another way is to think about where food and drink are when reading, so books do not get damaged.

Finally, should a disaster happen, please send a note letting us know, so we can try and dry it immediately, rather than finding it mouldy a few weeks later on the shelves.

Thanks
Deb Shepherd
Teacher-Librarian

CROSS COUNTRY

58 students represented Killara in the Sunbury schools Cross Country event last Monday at Clarke Oval. We congratulate all of them on their fantastic efforts on the day.

Kirby E, Courtney H, Casey D and Clinton O will go on to represent Killara at the Zone Cross Country.

COMMUNITY NEWS SCHOOL READINESS

This is an information evening for parents of pre school children. Rachel Fox, Professional in childhood growth and development, speaks about factors contributing to your child's readiness for school.

Where: Sunbury Community Health Centre
Macedon Street, Sunbury
When: Wednesday 29 May 2013
Time: 7pm

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Bulk Recycling Day
Saturday 25 May
Masters Home Improvement Store
Pascoe Vale Rd, Roxburgh Park
Melways Ref 179 K10

Items accepted: e-waste, mattresses, whitegoods and clothing No commercial quantities accepted.

HUME CITY COUNCIL FOOD AND FILM NIGHT

Celebrate World Environment Day at a free film evening and chat about growing food locally.



Meet people passionate about growing food and enjoy two films - 'Magic Harvest' and 'Homegrown Revolution' - that celebrate growing, cooking and eating local food. We'll put on a free delicious, locally grown dinner too!

When: Wed 5 June, 6.30pm – 8.45pm

Where: Sunbury Youth Centre, 51-53 Evans St, Sunbury

Dinner and chat from 6.30pm, films start at 7.00pm. This is a FREE event however bookings are essential. Email environment@hume.vic.gov.au or call 9205 2473.

Good Citizen Awards

PREPS:	Alexis	Room 2
YR 1/2 :	Ardelina	Room 19
YR 3/4 :	Chelsi	Room 14
YR 5/6:	Ebony	Room 25

PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 5

Junior School Preps Teachers Choice		Middle School Great concentration and effort during NAPLAN testing	
Rm 1	Emmerson J	Rm 11	Sophie B
Rm 2	Kristan B	Rm 12	Camdyn W
Rm 3	Lucas A	Rm 13	Will C
Rm 4	Wiremu A	Rm 14	Ryan B
Rm 5	Alexandria R	Rm 15	Christina Z
Year 1/2 Persisting with difficult tasks		Rm 16	Jordan M
		Senior School Having a positive approach to NAPLAN	
Rm 6	Kain M	Rm 7	Callum G
Rm 17	Ryan G	Rm 8	Casey D
Rm 18	Jesse L	Rm 9	Nyah P
Rm 19	Brayden K	Rm 10	Reece I
Rm 20	Olivia M	Rm 25	Luke T
Rm 21	Patrick C	Rm 26	Sesanga K
Rm 22	Madison S		
Rm 23	Jessica F & Tahlia D		
Rm 24	Raechel M		

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