Welcome back to all students and families. We hope you enjoyed any time you were able to spend together as a family and that you had a Happy Easter. We look forward to your continued support during the coming term and alert you to the already busy schedule above.

5/6 CAMP
Next Wednesday, our 5/6 students head off to Camp Rumbug, near Foster, for a two night and three day adventure. We wish all of the participants a safe and enjoyable time and look forward to hearing about their exploits.

Many thanks to the staff, pre-service teachers and parents attending the camp – your dedication to our students, ensuring the success of the camp, is gratefully acknowledged.

REPORTING
During this term teachers prepare mid-year reports and meet with parents towards the end of term for interviews.

Mid-year reports reflect learning so far and are based on current assessments, observations and student work. During the interviews, teachers have the opportunity to elaborate further with you, as well as discuss future directions. Please refer above for dates.

READING AT HOME
The most simple and effective way parents can support student learning is to ensure their children have daily opportunities to read out loud and for pleasure.

Older students (particularly those in years 5/6) still benefit from out loud reading, but if reading fluently and with expression, may prefer to move towards an independent approach, whereby they silently read for a period of time (at least 15 minutes per night). A great time to do this is before lights out, which creates a good routine. Parents are asked to continue to monitor reading habits and sign reading diaries for this approach.

CROSS COUNTRY
Our school cross country competition was held today, in order for us to meet the timeline for the district competition, which is on May 5.

Congratulations to all students for their participation and special congratulations to the 42 students that have been selected, across age groups, to participate at the next level.

Thanks to Andrew Pizaro for organising and managing the school event.

ANZAC ASSEMBLY
Our ANZAC Ceremony will be held at the assembly on April 28. Each class will lay a wreath or symbol in remembrance of armed forces and those affected by war. Parents are welcome at the assembly.

In the meantime, members of our student leadership group will attend the Sunbury ANZAC commemoration tomorrow morning and will lay a wreath on behalf of the school. Many thanks to Karen Francis for organising our participation.

Best wishes,
Phil and Andrew

CURRENT NEWS
PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
The Premiers’ Reading Challenge for 2014 is a great opportunity for students from Years Prep to 10 to experience the magic of books. Next week your child’s classroom teacher should issue your child with their username and password for the Challenge so that you are able to begin recording the books read for their reading challenge. The Premiers’ Reading Challenge is part of our school reading program, and as such, we promote it in our classrooms and throughout the school. We value the Reading Partnership between the school and home and encourage you to read to and with your child and record their home reading on the challenge website. The aim of the challenge is to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

I would encourage you to log onto the Premiers’ Reading Challenge website (www.education.vic.gov.au/prc) if you require any further information and to return the consent forms so that teachers can enter your child and the details of the reading undertaken both in the classroom and the library. Section 2 of the consent form is also important as it gives permission for the publication of your child’s name in the online Honour Roll and for the printing of
certificates to acknowledge their wonderful achievements.
Please do not hesitate to email me should you experience any difficulties logging on your child/children to the Reading Challenge site as I can usually fix problems through my administrative role as the Challenge Coordinator.
Happy reading everyone.
Jo Fogarty (Literacy Coordinator)
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ART ROOM NEWS Term 2, 2014
We welcome all our students back to an exciting Term 2 of creating, making, exploring and responding to visual arts experiences. Once again activities will be related to class units of work to create relevant and meaningful experiences.

Students will be encouraged to use skills, techniques, processes, media, materials, equipment and technologies in a range of arts forms. They will also identify, describe and discuss characteristics of their and others’ arts works.
We will start the term with all students being involved in discussions about the meaning of Anzac Day and follow-up activities related to this.

Prep students will be experiencing printing, painting and construction activities to reinforce the study of their Mini-Beasts unit of work. They will use a variety of skills and techniques to create Leaf Bugs, Finger-Print Caterpillars, Dolly-Peg Butterflies and Paper Flowers.

Year 1/2 students will practise and develop paper construction skills and techniques and will make individual display charts of these. They will then use these skills to create a diorama of an Animal Habitat. Students will also create a chameleon using a variety of collage and construction techniques and materials.

Year 3/4 students will use clay to develop their construction and modelling skills. They will create pinch, slab and coiled pots and will use tools to make marks and decorate. Their final piece will be an individually chosen storage container to be fired, painted and decorated. They will also use painting and collage techniques to create a Tryptich Picture of the Earth’s Landscapes.

Year 5/6 students will be studying and using the ideas of the artist Van Gogh to inspire them. They will view a copy of his ‘Starry night’ painting and create their own interpretation of this work. They will also use a variety of painting skills, construction techniques and materials to create a Papier Mache Alien and an Earth, Sky, Space Picture.

A big thankyou to all those people who brought along items to be used in our art room. Your ‘trash’ is often our ‘treasure’ and we do appreciate this gesture, as it is also another important way of supporting Killara’s Recycling Program.
Kind Regards,
Marie Ryan, Julie Macdonald.

PAYMENT REMINDERS
Yr 5/6 Netbook Program Term 2 fees $50 overdue
Yr 5/6 Camp final payments overdue.

Early in the year you should have received your child/ren’s “Personal Student Details” report as is currently held on file at school.
If you have not yet checked the details and returned the forms to school it would be appreciated if you could do so in the next few days to ensure our information is accurate and up to date and we are able to contact you should the need arise.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
Thank you to those families who have already sent in donations for our stall. We would appreciate if donations could be sent in as soon as possible so we can wrap and price these items for the stall which will be held on Wednesday 7 May.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNBURY DOWNS COLLEGE DISCOVERY NIGHT
When: Tuesday 6 May
Time: 6.30pm
Program: 6.30 – 7.00 Principal’s Address
7.00 – 7.30 ACE information session
7.30 – 9.00 College tours or classrooms and displays

SUNBURY COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT 2014
When: Tuesday 29 April
Time: 7.00pm in the ECA

PMI KEYBOARD & GUITAR LESSONS
Lessons are held on school campus – during the school day.
$11.90 per child per small group lesson and new enrolments are currently being accepted for Term 2.
Enrol directly on our website: www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au OR collect an enrolment form from the school office.
Note: due to the popularity of the program we cannot guarantee there is an available space for your child. However, we will do our best to accommodate your child and if no space is available we will put your child on a waiting list and notify you of this after week 3.
Reminder for existing students: re-enrolment from one term to the next (including from one year to the next) is automatic so you do not need to send in a new enrolment form each term.
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Email: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au

SENSORY PROCESSING IN THE CLASSROOM
Do you teach or have a child who can’t sit still, doesn’t like long sleeves or tags on clothes, who appears over stimulated by certain situations or doesn’t like loud noise? Then this workshop is for you!
When: Friday 9 May
Where: Sunbury Heights PS Charter Rd East
Time: 7pm for 7.15 start
Book online at www.sold.org.au

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