



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 36

November 26 2020

CALENDAR

1 Dec	2021 Prep Orientation Session 2
2 Dec	Prep Farm Fun Day
8 Dec	2021 Prep Orientation Session 3
8 Dec	Secondary School Orientation Day
14–16 Dec	Year 3-5 Lady Northcote Camp
16 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
18 Dec	Last Day Term 1.30pm Finish

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

PREP TRANSITION SESSIONS

Tuesday was the first of our onsite Prep Transition sessions, with all our future Preps being able to attend our school for a 45min session in small groups of 10 at a time. It was great to see their enthusiastic smiles. Thanks to Sam Burnett for all the planning that has gone into ensuring the newest members to the Killara family get such a smooth transition into our school.



GRADE 3-5 CAMP

Thank you to all those parents who replied to our expression of interest request for the Grades 3-5 camp. The number of forms that were returned clearly indicated there would be enough students attend to make this camp viable. As a result of this, all documentation regarding attendance at camp has been sent home this week to students in Grades 3-5.



Please remember if you are eligible for the CSEF allowance you are able to use this to assist with the payment of camp. If you are unsure of the funds you have available please contact the office and Andrea or Gail will be able to assist you.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION

As explained earlier in the week to the parents of students in Grade 6, given the easing of restrictions that were announced on Sunday, it is highly likely that we will be able to offer our Grade 6 students a graduation ceremony that is very close to what would have been originally planned for this year. This is great news for our students and we are looking forward to finalising plans for the event in the very near future.



STAFFING 2021

Congratulations to Sarah Round, Cynthia Marchment and Hannah Haarhoff who have accepted positions outside of Killara for the 2021 school year. Sarah will be re-locating to Chirnside Park, Cynthia will be undertaking a role with the Australian Education Union and Hannah is going to St Anne's. Congratulations too, to Sean Sherlock who will complete his contract with us at the end of this year and move to a new school in Eynesbury.

John Boland will be taking leave for the 2021 school year and Jo Cottell will complete her contract with us at the end of this year.

We wish all of these staff members all the best for whatever 2021 will bring and thank them for their hard work and dedication to our school during their time here.

Karen Francis will be returning to Killara from the beginning of next year and we look forward to welcoming Karen back as part of our staffing team.

STUDENT SAFETY CROSSING ROADS

It has come to our attention that a number of our students are not crossing the roads around the school at the designated school crossing. Late last week we had a very near miss when a small group of students chose to cross Phillip Drive through the roundabout at Rees Rd. Please remind your family members of the importance of crossing roads safely- we are very fortunate to have crossings along both the road surrounding our school so there is no reason for students not to use them.

END OF YEAR NETBOOK RETURNS – 5/6

Our 1:1 netbook/digital device program draws to a close for 2020.

The collection of all year 5/6 netbooks will take place on Thursday December 5. **All students** are expected to have their netbooks, chargers and carry cases at school **Wednesday December 2**. Students will not be able to take netbooks home from that date onwards.

It is an expectation that netbooks are returned in working order and presentable condition. Any damage to the netbooks, chargers or carry cases will incur costs, which must be paid by the end of the year.

2021 START DATE

Please note that the first day for **ALL** students for 2021 is **THURSDAY 28 JANUARY**.

2021 TERM DATES

Term 1: Thursday 28 January – Thursday 1 March
Term 2: Monday 19 April – Friday 25 June
Term 3: Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September
Term 4: Monday 4 October – Friday 17 December

SCHOOL OFFICE

Please note the office is unable to accept payments on Friday December 18, the last day of term.

Best wishes,
Michelle and Sue

CURRENT NEWS

BOOK CLUB

Scholastics Book Club Issue 8 has been handed out to all classes. All LOOP orders are due in by next Monday November 30.

Please remember that even if you place your order before the due date, it will not be processed until the 30th due to confusions with postage and additional postage charges. If you have any concerns please contact your classroom teacher or Sarah via sarah.round@education.vic.gov.au

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' CORNER

Hello Killara,

We're back with the School Captains' Corner. We hope you've all had a fabulous week so far. Only 3 weeks to go. WOW! That means that the year 6s, like us, only have 3 weeks of Primary School left ☺

The School Captains' drawing competition closes TOMORROW (FRIDAY) - You only have one more day to put your entry in the box at the office. Good Luck to those who have entered so far.

Congratulations to the 5/6 HEROs who attended Hume Council's on-line Schools for Nature conference yesterday. We shared some videos about biodiversity at and around our schools and made so many action plans to save some endangered species in Hume. It was really fun and thank you to CERES and Hume Council for organising the event. Next week's newsletter will have more details of what we did.

As part of our indigenous garden project, each Killara family received 2 plants and 2 beautiful flora and fauna books from Hume Council last Friday. They are groundcover seedlings indigenous to this area. Our HEROs and indigenous students have been asked to keep track of their progress and submit their data to the Sustainability Team around April next year. Good luck with their growth, we can't wait to see how they thrive.

This week we have included a 'Go Fact' for you and another quote. Hopefully it will inform you and maybe inspire you.

Go Fact: A crocodile can't stick its tongue out.

Quote: The only way to have a friend is to be one - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

That's it for the School Captains' Corner this week, remember to never give up and always try your best. Have a great week.

Your School Captains - Luke and Charleen.

PREP FARM DAY

Just a reminder that next Wednesday December 2 is our Prep farm fun day.

STUDENT ENVIRONMENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Tuesday last week Charleen, our HEROs from Year 3-6 and I were involved in a Student Environment Leadership Program (SELP) which was delivered online by CERES. The topic was Water. We watched a video on the environment and sustainability called '2040' and were asked to draw 'our' 2040 – how we see the future and the environment in 20 years. We learnt and spoke about possible system changes, like eliminating single use plastics that pollute our waterways and kill our aquatic creatures. We also learnt how precious water is and that we need to do everything we can to preserve it. We discussed recycled water and found out that some new housing estates in Melbourne are installing purple pipes for recycled water to be used on gardens instead of drinking water. We put together plans of action that we can talk about over the months ahead and maybe implement next year. It was a great day. Thanks to Tom from CERES and our Sustainability Team for organise this for us.



COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNBURY LITTLE ATHLETICS

Little athletics is a great activity for children aged between 5 and 15. Starts Saturday November 28. Little Athletics is a great activity for children aged between 5 and 15. It's a perfect way to learn the fundamental motor skills that will assist them long onto their futures. Did we mention that it's also great for the entire family? For more information email sunbury@lavic.com.au

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