



Killara Primary School

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

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CALENDAR

14 June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
18 June	Year 5/6 Winter Sports Day
22 June	Parent Teacher Interviews
25 June	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

LOCKDOWN

As per today's announcement and Compass Post, a lockdown for the State of Victoria has been declared, commencing at 11.59pm tonight and finishing at 11.59pm on Thursday 3rd June.

Tonight your child in Grades 1-6 will come home with the following items to help support their learning at home:

- Writer's Notebook
- Writing Book
- Maths Book
- Word Study Book
- Reading material to practice reading skills and strategies
- Toolkit (pencils, rulers etc.)

Students in Prep will come home with additional reading materials and a Workbook.

Please remember too, that in these times we often find out information at the same time as you do and if at any stage we are given any further information that should be shared with our community we will do so via Compass. At this stage we have no additional advice other than what has already been communicated. If you are concerned about the impact this may have on your child's learning or wellbeing please contact either their classroom teacher, the area Team Leader or Sue or myself.

YEAR 1/2 MELBOURNE STAR EXCURSION

Thankfully our Year 1/2 students were able to attend their excursion to the Melbourne Star today. The excitement of the day began before the bus had left with the discovery that there were seatbelts on the bus! A huge thank you to our staff for their organisation in making sure that this event went ahead as planned and to our parent helpers who assisted on the day.

REPLACEMENT TEACHERS

We are currently experiencing great difficulty in being able to book replacement teachers to cover teacher absences. This is not an issue that is isolated to

Killara but something all schools across the State are experiencing.

Unfortunately the pool of teachers that are available has been significantly reduced following the impact of COVID-19. Given the uncertainty of available work last year many casual relief teachers made the decision to leave the industry for more stable and guaranteed work and some who would have normally come from other countries on working visas have not been able to enter the country. This, along with many casual relief teachers securing work under the Tutoring initiative, has led to a shortage across the whole of the Education industry.

While none of our staff want to be away from their students, with the onset of the Winter weather it is inevitable that we will have instances that staff will be absent. In these cases we will do our best to secure a replacement teacher however we ask for your understanding when this is not able to occur.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

As a means of obtaining student voice related to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction in government schools, each year the Department of Education and Training conduct the Student Attitudes to School Survey. This is an online and confidential survey for all students in Grades 4- 6 to participate in.

The survey asks students about their thoughts and feelings in relation to our school, their learning and peer relationships. There are also some questions on the survey this year about student health and wellbeing. The 2021 survey will be conducted at school over the coming weeks and the results of the survey will assist our school in gaining a greater understanding of students' perceptions and experiences at school.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in the survey, please opt out via email susan.muir@education.vic.gov.au and state your child's name and grade.

COMPASS ACCESS

At our school the two main ways we communicate important information with you is via this weekly newsletter and the Compass system. It is very important that you make sure that you either check Compass regularly or you download the app so you receive notifications when new information is shared.



This is particularly important if we go into any extended period of remote learning from home because Compass is where this information has been shared in the past. If you are unable to access Compass or have forgotten your password please email the school at killara.ps@education.vic.gov.au over the coming days to have this updated.

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.

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

A huge congratulations to Nick, Damon, Lachie and Joselyn who participated in the District Cross Country yesterday at Bundoora Park. They were lucky that the rain held off long enough for their events. We are very proud of you all. Congratulations to Nick who came 8th and Joselyn who came 9th and now go through to Region. Well done and everyone at Killara is wishing you both the very best of luck.



CALLING FOR ALL BREAD BAGS AND TAGS!

The Sustainability team has entered Killara into the Bread Bag and tag competition running until June 26. Please help our school and the environment and start collecting today! Please bring your bread bags and tags (any brand) in and put them in the collection box at our office.

Thank you.

Sustainability Team



PUPIL OF THE WEEK TERM 2, WEEK 5

Prep Teacher's Choice		Year 3/4 Using part whole strategy for addition and subtraction	
R1	Sari U	R11	Alex T
R2	Sadie L	R12	Bethany O
Year 1/2 Contributing suggestions during word study brainstorms		R13	William B
		R14	Lily G
		Year 5/6 Being a great friend on camp	
R21	Lilleth M	R5	Ethan W
R22	Harper C	R6	Nadine O
R23	Jack G	R7	Blake A
R24	Leah M	R8	Alice H
		R9	Abigail S

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PREPS WICKED WEATHER INCURSION

Yesterday, the Prep students had a 'Wicked Weather' incursion with Ozlem from Mad About Science. The Preps learnt about different types of weather and about how the weather controls what we do and what we wear. They participated in a range of experiments and also watched some demonstrations. Some of their favourite experiments were making snow, exploring UV light with beads and creating 'tornadoes' in a bottle. The Preps had a fantastic time!

