



Killara Primary School

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Newsletter 20

June 28 2018

CALENDAR

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| 29 June | Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish |
| 29 June | Reports Go Live 4pm |
| 16 July | First Day Term 3 |
| 18 July | Parent Teacher Interviews |

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

LAST DAY OF TERM

A reminder that students will be dismissed at **2:30pm** tomorrow Friday June 29

Please ensure prompt pick up.

FIRST DAY OF NEW TERM

The new term begins on Monday July 16.

FAREWELL

The last four years at Killara has been a fantastic experience, with many memories that I will cherish and take with me on my journey to open the new primary school at Aitken Hill.

My time at Killara has been filled with many exciting events and activities! I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Sports days, Information Nights, camps, excursions and Book Week to name a few. The end of year disco was always a highlight.

I would like to thank our PFA for all their work with our events and activities over the years. Your input into our school makes a difference and I really appreciate the time you spent to volunteer on many occasions. Best wishes for the Fete, I will definitely come along to help celebrate Killara's 25th year.

Thank you to our families for being involved in the school through various ways, in particular helping out at excursions, incursions and special events and activities. Thank you to our parent helpers, your support in the classroom is vital to our school's success.

Special thanks to our School Council Presidents Mr Neil Christie and Mrs Stacey West, School Council and Sub Committees for their support in shaping our school. Your focus is always on what's best for all students and I appreciate the support you have given me over the years.

Thank you to our teachers for way you work together and for your work with the students to make sure each day is a valuable experience for all. Your dedication to our profession and to the students is unwavering and I commend you on all the time and effort you put into making our school great.

Thank you to Andrea and Dinah in the canteen as well as the many helpers over the years for always looking after our students and supporting our special events.

Thank you to Ian our maintenance worker for keeping our yard clean and tidy and for ensuring our buildings and grounds are maintained and well cared for.

Thank you to our admin team, Deb, Andrea and Angela for your ongoing support of our school and the way you assist the students, teacher and parents every day. You support our parents and teachers with many a need and your care for our students is exceptional. Thank you for the many ways you have supported me in my role and for always being there to help out.

A special thanks to our leadership team for their hard work and dedication to our school. Your work is outstanding and I admire your dedication and passion and how you aim to enable all to flourish, thrive and prosper. Mr O'Callaghan, Kathryn and Ms Heywood, you truly live our motto, *Our Best - Every Child, Every Day*.

Most of all I would like to thank our students. Thank you for doing your best and for always trying to improve. I admire the way you look after our school, each other and your friendly nature is an example of how our school community's togetherness. I will miss talking to you about your learning, what you're reading and the things you love to do outside of school time with your friends and family.

I wish everyone all the very best and hope you all have an enjoyable holiday break!

SCHOOL LOCK DOWN TODAY

At lunch time today, a staff member on yard duty observed an unknown male hanging around outside the school, seemingly attempting to gain the attention of students. The man was approached by the staff member and was unable to explain why he was there. When encouraged to move on, the man returned to his car, and after some delay drove off. The staff member called 000 to report the man and informed the office. As a precautionary measure, all students were called into their classrooms in a lockdown procedure, as per the school's Emergency Management Plan. Whilst some students were upset by the lockdown procedure, at no stage was any student's wellbeing in jeopardy.

A separate notice regarding this incident has been posted out through Compass.

ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

Being that tomorrow Friday June 29 will be Pete's last day at Killara, we will be having an end of term assembly to say farewell and pass on the community's best wishes. Assembly will commence at 1:30pm in the gym.

REPORTS

Mid-year reports and Term 2 Learning Tasks will be available to the parent via Compass from 4pm tomorrow Friday, June 29.

From the parent portal on Compass (home screen) you will have the option to select "View Academic Reports" (as seen below). You will be directed to another screen where you can select the Semester 1 2018 report to download.



To access the Learning Tasks, please navigate to the pencil icon in the menu bar. Once there, you can select a Learning Task from the hyperlink (e.g. Year 1/2 English: Reading – Solving Words, Term 1, 2018). The next screen will show you an overview of the unit and, if you select the feedback tab, you will be able to see your child's grading against skills from the unit.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interview bookings opened on Monday 25 June on Compass.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held next term Wednesday July 18. As is usual practice, we will be asking for your help with this on the day, by picking up/allowing children to go home early (12:30pm). The logistics of interviews is such that we need from 12:30pm through to 8:00pm to be able to fit everyone in! So if you can help with this it will be very much appreciated. Please return forms as soon as possible.

Bookings for interviews are accessible via Compass, killaraps.vic.jdlf.com.au.

HOLIDAY SECURITY



We would like to encourage the school community to 'keep an eye' on the school over the holidays. Please report any unwanted or illegal behaviours to the police on '000', even if you only have suspicions.

We unfortunately continue to experience occasional vandalism and damage to our school by people using the school grounds. The costs involved with repairing damage cannot be afforded by our school and means that valuable funds that should be used to support our students may be used to make such repairs.

Also, as a result, I issue this statement:

"Except for certain limited purposes under the Summary Offences Act 1966, a school is not a 'public place'. There is no general right of the public at large to be there, either within or outside school hours. A school ground is not 'public land'. It is land held by the Minister

for Education for educational purposes."

(Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide, Section 6.16 Legal Liability and Associated Matters)

PLANNING FOR 2019

Next term we begin planning in earnest for 2019. To be able to accurately and effectively plan, we need to have a fairly firm idea of the number of students we will have at the school next year. In particular, we seek to have an accurate idea of our Prep numbers. Please assist by completing enrolments and reminding others that you know of to do the same. We would appreciate it if all enrolments could be completed by Monday 23 July.

Best wishes,
Pete and Andrew

CURRENT NEWS

CANTEEN – 29 JUNE (TOMORROW)

Please note, the canteen will be open for counter sales at recess only and lunch orders tomorrow due to our early dismissal time. It will NOT be open at lunch time for counter sales.

THE GREAT SUNBURY GNOME HUNT FUNDRAISER

Passports are still available to purchase until tomorrow from the office.

Return your passport to school after the holidays and go into the draw for some major prizes.

PAYMENTS DUE

Year 5/6 Term 3 Netbook: Tomorrow

Please Note: If payment has not been received by tomorrow 29 June, students will not be permitted to take their device home over the holiday period.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ONE BRICK AT A TIME

A musical extravaganza celebrating 30 years of musical theatre in Sunbury. July 6 & 7 (8pm) and July 8 (2pm). Killara Primary School Theatre book at www.trybooking.com

SUNBURY BLUE LIGHT DISCO

"When I Grow Up..." theme - Friday 22nd June 2018, 6-8pm at Sunbury Memorial Hall for primary school age. Entry \$7 (correct money = faster entry). Sunbury Blue Light provides a fantastic opportunity for primary age kids to have positive interaction with local police and also to socialise with their peers in a safe supervised environment. The disco is a not for profit organisation, run by police members and valued volunteers, all of whom hold current Working With Children Check. Please like us on Facebook and Instagram!

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