



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 33

October 29 2021

CALENDAR

29 Oct	World Teacher's Day
1 Nov	Whole School Return On Site
2 Nov	MELBOURNE CUP DAY
17 Nov	Prep 2022 Information Night 7pm
19 Nov	Killara Walk to School Day
23 Nov	Prep 2022 Orientation Session 1
30 Nov	Prep 2022 Orientation Session 2
7 Dec	Prep 2022 Orientation Session 3
7 Dec	Year 6 Transition Day Secondary
7 Dec	Mondo Clothing Collection 8.30-9.00am

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

****PUBLIC HOLIDAY REMINDER****

Reminder that Tuesday November 2
is Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.



WORLD TEACHER'S DAY

Friday October 29 is World Teacher's Day!



This is a chance to recognise and celebrate the incredible contributions teachers have made, particularly at Killara. Our teachers have continued to show their resilience, dedication and adaptability throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. They have adapted their learning environments, and have



continued to nurture, inspire and have a positive impact on their students. I am sure you will join me in thanking our valued teachers at Killara for their commitment and tireless efforts this year.

It is also an opportune time to thank our families for the significant teaching role you have taken on again this year during remote learning. We appreciate the support you have provided and know that children are the winners when the school and community work in partnership. THANK YOU!

STAGED RETURN TO SCHOOL

Congratulations to all our students for their enthusiasm and flexibility over the past two weeks during the staged return to school. It was finally the Grade 3/4 students chance this week to return to their classrooms and it was great to see their excitement about being back at school. Please ensure you have a look at our school's Facebook page for some of the photos taken of students as we welcomed them back onsite.

FULLTIME RETURN TO SCHOOL – NOVEMBER 1

As has been previously communicated with our school community, the Premier announced last Sunday that the next set of changes under Victoria's Roadmap will take effect from 6 pm on Friday 29 October, with the state set to reach the 80% double-dose vaccination target earlier than forecast.

This means the fulltime return to school for all students has been brought forward to Monday November 1. We are really looking forward to seeing our school full of learners again and enjoying learning together in the same place.

The Victorian Government Schools Operations Guide has once again been updated and key information includes:

- Masks are still mandated indoors for all students in Grades 3 – 6, unless lawfully exempted and are recommended by the Chief Health Officer for Preps – Grade 2s
- Schools are required to increase fresh air flow into indoor spaces and maximise the use of outdoor learning areas wherever possible
- The use of hand sanitiser will be made available in all classrooms / entry points to classrooms
- School events, excursions and the Grade 3/4 Camp will be able to proceed, though vaccination requirements apply to all incursion providers, visitors, volunteers and health / wellbeing professionals conducting onsite therapy.
- Public gathering limits and density limits still apply

CONTACT DETAILS

The Department of Education & Training, together with the Department of Health have revised the processes required for schools to manage a confirmed COVID-19 case if this was to occur. This may require a school to be closed for an initial period of up to 24 hours to allow for identification and notification of primary close contacts. Therefore, as we continue to put in place processes to safely manage the return to school, it is important that your contact details held by the school are current, as we

may need to contact you outside of school hours. If you have recently changed your phone number or address, please ensure that you let Andrea in the office know as soon as possible, so that she can update our system.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Thank you to those parents who have commented and provided such positive feedback as they have dropped their children off at the school gates this week, as to how fabulous our gardens are looking. We are blessed at Killara with such a vast and beautiful natural environment, though the ongoing upkeep of this takes a great deal of time. Over the past few weeks, we have had an enormous amount of garden maintenance work carried out just in time for our students returning to school.

PAPER PLANES – STEM

During the last week of Term 3, all families were invited to participate in a whole school movie night to watch the film, 'Paper Planes'. As was indicated then, once school returned, students would have the opportunity to connect over a variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) activities related to paper planes. Teachers are busily planning a range of engaging activities for Friday 5th November. Stay tuned to next week's newsletter for more information.



CANTEEN

There will only be lunch orders available next week no counter sales till further notice.

2022 PLANNING – REMINDERS

A reminder, once again, to let us know of any changes with enrolments for next year. If you know of any Preps yet to be enrolled or families who will be leaving us next year, please let us know.

Best Wishes

Sue & Anne

CURRENT NEWS

YEARBOOK COVER COMPETITION 2021

We are looking for talented artists to design the front and back covers of the 2021 Yearbook!

All entries should be A4 and have the words 'Killara Primary School 2021'. The winning entry will be creative, colourful and filled to the edge with colour! Make sure all of your important artwork isn't too close to the edge. Please give your entries to your teacher when we return to on-site learning. Entries close Friday November 12. Don't forget to put your name on your entry so we can let you know if you win.



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WELCOME BACK YEAR 3/4 STUDENTS



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our friends from the Sunbury RSL will provide us with a range of Poppy badges for Remembrance Day again this year. Students may purchase badges, ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$10.00, from outside the office each morning from next Monday until November 11.

Cordie & Nick – School Captains

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER PROTECTING OUR BIODIVERSITY:

Over the next few weeks, we will be featuring some simple ways that we can individually and collectively help boost biodiversity in our own backyards and beyond.

While it might be fairly straightforward for us to recognise actions that will reduce our impact on energy or water use, it is often difficult to understand how we can increase positive impacts on our country's rich biodiversity. Have a read and see what you think:

CONTAINING YOUR CAT:

They may have the face of a furry angel, but free roaming pet cats kill millions of small mammals, birds and reptiles every year. They are one of the number one killers of native species.

By keeping your cat inside, or in a cat free run, you're not only protecting them from harm, but also helping our native wildlife flourish.

Zoos Victoria's [Safe Cat, Safe Wildlife](#) resource includes some helpful tips for cat owners on keeping your pet indoors and most importantly healthy.

Sustainability Team

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Get your pencils, pens and paints out – Artist of the Month is back. Create a picture and pass it on to your teacher who will drop it to the office for you. You got to be in it, to win it. Term 4 theme is 'Your Choice'. Goodluck!!
Sienna T

