



# Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 23

July 29 2021

## CALENDAR

6 Aug	Tony's Pie Order Pick Up Day
9 – 13 Aug	Book Fair
20 Aug	<b>CURRICULUM DAY</b>
23-27 Aug	Book Week
25 Aug	Author Visit
26 Aug	Father's Day Stall
27 Aug	Year 5/6 Summer Sports Day
30 Aug – 1 Sept	Year 3/4 Camp Kookaburra
30 Aug – 10 Sept	Prep Swimming Program
2 Sept	Year 1/2 Sleepover
17 Sept	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish

## FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

### REMOTE LEARNING & RETURN TO SCHOOL

It was with great excitement that we returned to onsite learning yesterday. All of our students settled back into routines quickly and our focus remains firmly on excellence in teaching & learning, together with ensuring our students feel safe and connected to their friends, teachers and school community.

Sincere thanks to our wonderful staff, as they were able to efficiently and effectively manage the transition back to remote learning at a moment's notice. The time, effort and dedication they put into planning a remote learning program which aimed to be inclusive and accessible to all of our students was a credit to them.

Again, without the support of our Killara families, this task would present even greater challenges. Your flexibility, co-operation and feedback has been truly appreciated.



### COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

As mentioned in the Compass post prior to returning to onsite learning, the Department has published an updated set of School Operational Guidelines for the next two weeks or until further notice.

Key points include **non-essential visitors** not accessing the school grounds. This includes dropping off or picking up your child before or after school. We are in a fortunate position that we have five access gates to the school and do not have to stagger the start / finish times of the day in order to avoid congestion and ensure social distancing etc. Please have a discussion with your child about where you will meet them outside of the school gates whilst these current guidelines are in place.

If for any reason, you need to communicate with your child's teacher during this time, please do this via email or a phone call.

Essential visitors to the school are encouraged to phone ahead, must wear a mask at all times and check-in at the office using the QR code displayed. It is mandatory for schools to use QR codes for electronic record keeping purposes of all persons onsite to enable effective contract tracing if required.

In addition, the guidelines also state that at present all incursions are not permitted, nor are school tours. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

### 2022 PREP ENROLMENTS

Usually during this time of year, we run a range of information sessions and tours for prospective parents looking to enrol their children at Killara the following year. As mentioned earlier, under the current School Operational Guidelines, we are unable to do this at present and encourage anyone interested to have a look at our virtual school tour on our school's webpage. As always, if you would like further information, have any questions or would like to have a chat over the phone, please feel free to call me at school.

If you are aware of any family members, neighbours or friends who are considering sending their child to Killara in 2022, please let them know that enrolments are currently being accepted, by contacting Andrea in the office.



### STAFFING

Melissa Bowker of 5/6M, will be on Long Service Leave from Monday August 2 until Friday August 13. Eboni Muir will be taking her grade during this period. Eboni is well-known to our students and is looking forward to the next couple of weeks in Year 5/6M.

### 2021 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

**WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!**

Every year the Department of Education and Training conduct a survey to find out what parents/caregivers think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. As with last year, the survey is open to all of our families to participate in. I encourage you to please take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any

convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.  
Please look out for a **Compass post this week with details** on how to access the 2021 Parent Opinion Survey.

**Best Wishes**  
**Sue**

## CURRENT NEWS

### ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Seasonal savings - Safe and warm in winter

A cosy home in winter is a joy, but every degree you keep it above 20°C can add 10% to your energy bill.

- Set your heater thermostat to between 18°C and 20°C.
- Close curtains at night and seal against drafts to keep cold air out.
- Service your heater every three years on average to keep it operating at maximum efficiency.
- Consider new, energy-efficient heaters and appliances.
- Use a warm doona so heating can be turned down or off while everyone is asleep.
- In general, electric blankets only need be on for a short time – around 10-30 minutes on an average setting.

### OLYMPIC & SPORTS DRESS UP PHOTOS



### BREAD TAGS

Thanks to everyone who has supported this promotion it has now finished.

We can still accept bread tags but any plastic bags will need to be taken to a supermarket.

### TONY'S PIES FUNDRAISER

New delivery date Friday August 6



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SUNBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

#### Children Pre-School:

##### Messy Play

Tuesday or Friday 10.00am – 11.30am 10 weeks \$75

Morning fruit snack provided

##### Music Fun for Toddlers

Monday 9.15am – 9.55am 10 weeks \$76.50

##### SNH Playgroup

Thursday 10.00am – 11.30am 10 weeks \$75

#### Primary School Age – Art

##### Pastel Drawing – All levels with Merle Tait

Monday 4.00pm – 5.00pm 8 weeks \$80

#### Digital Tech / STEM

##### Creative Animation / Stop Motion

Saturday 10.00am – 11.00am 9 weeks \$90

##### Lego Club

Wednesday 4.00pm – 5.30pm \$25 per term – 10 week term

#### Music

##### Guitar Lessons – Small Group Tuition

Tuesday 4.45pm – 5.15pm, Friday 4.00pm – 4.30pm or 4.45pm – 5.15pm 10 weeks \$75

Enrol Online at [sunburyhouse.com.au/programs-courses](http://sunburyhouse.com.au/programs-courses)

### SOFTBALL BATTER UP

Softball Australia's national participation program, Softball Batter Up is designed to be fun, flexible and engaging for children from kinder age to Year 6, focusing on fun activities while learning basic throwing, catching and striking skills. Every registered participant receives an official SBU starter kit to begin their softball and t-ball journey.

Venue: John McMahon Reserve, Sunbury

Dates: Friday August 13 – Friday September 17

Times: 5.30pm – 6.30pm Ages 4-8 (softball)

6.30pm – 7.30pm Ages 8-12 (t-ball)

Contact: Karen Wallace 0412934518 after 4pm

Email: [sunburysa@gmail.com](mailto:sunburysa@gmail.com)

Register: [www.softballbatterup.com.au](http://www.softballbatterup.com.au) Cost: \$60 per participant.

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