



Killara Primary School

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

Newsletter 1

January 30 2020

CALENDAR

20 Feb	Interschool Swimming Sports
25 Feb	Meet The Teacher
28 Feb	School Photo Day
2 Mar	Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival
9 Mar	Public Holiday – Labour Day
11 Mar	Prep Western Water Incursion
16 Mar	CURRICULUM DAY
19 Mar	Interschool Athletics Sports
27 Mar	Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Welcome back to the new year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday break and had the chance to spend lots of quality time with your families. A special welcome also to our Prep students who started their first day of school today. It was great to see just how quickly they all settled into class this morning.

For your information a full list of staff and their allocation for this year is included below.

2020 STAFF

Principal Team

Michelle Huggan (Principal)
Sue Muir (Assistant Principal)

Administration

Gail Atkins (Business Manager)
Andrea Heales

Prep Team

Sam Burnett Room 1
Bec Armistead/Leonie Wallis Room 2

1/2 Team

Jo Cottell Room 19
Alex Chettle/Shannon Ingleton Room 21
Kelli Brogan Room 22
Kellie Sanderson Room 23
Melissa Bowker Room 24

3/4 Team

Cynthia Marchment Room 11
Sarah Round Room 12
Susan Moloney Room 13
Di David Room 14
Kate Large Room 15
John Boland Room 16

5/6 Team

Sean Sherlock Room 5
Stuart Mills Room 6
Rebecca Oliver Room 7
Lauren McShanag Room 8
Robyn Smith Room

Specialist Team

Rebecca Gerber PE

Michelle Romic/Bec Gerber

The Arts

Frank Stranieri

Japanese

Integration Support Team

Lineen Milam

Hannah Haarhoff

Claire Andrews-Dawson

Louise Ralph

Canteen

Andrea Farrugia

Dinah Scicluna

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

In addition to this week's newsletter, all families should have received an updated advice leaflet regarding the Coronavirus or accessed this information via the Compass post. As you will appreciate, response and recommendations regarding the virus may change in light of new information and therefore, the school will provide updates regarding these as required. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact a member of the leadership or office teams.

CHILD SAFETY POLICY

In line with our school's child safety policy, we will soon be holding induction sessions for all parents and family members who wish to assist in our school in any capacity over the course of this year. While many of you will have completed the Parent Helper Course or a Child Safe Induction session last year, you will need to complete this induction session at the beginning of each year to ensure that you understand the processes that the school has in place and your obligations under this.

LOCKDOWN

As you will be aware from the note that went home yesterday, our school was placed in lockdown at the request of members of the Victorian Police Force who were managing an incident in the vicinity of the school.

We would like to reiterate that at all times our students were both safe and calm and that the school will always take proactive action to ensure this occurs. Please note that in line with good emergency management practices, we do not contact parents when an incident is occurring our primary focus is on keeping our students safe and managing the incident that is occurring. However, if we receive advice from emergency services personnel that this is the best course of action we will follow this advice.

As many of you will remember, as part of our emergency management processes, all students are debriefed, in child appropriate language about what

has occurred and a note advising parents will go home.

ARRIVAL TIME

All students should be at school **BY** 9:00am. Late arrivals disrupt learning programs and mean that students miss parts of their learning.

Students should not be on the school site **before** 8:45am, unless attending Before School Care. If you are unable to care for your child prior to that time, it is the parent's responsibility to organise some form of childcare. Teachers are not officially on duty at school until 8:45am and the grounds are not supervised until then.

This year we have introduced what we have called a 'soft start' to the school day and, as part of the school's start up program, this process is explained to our students. This means that all classroom teachers will be in their room at 8:45am for students to enter and unpack their bags along with getting their name marked on the roll. This will enable all our students to begin learning immediately after the 9:00am bell. Our yard will continue to be supervised from 8:45-9:00am by members of the leadership and specialist teams.

Please remember that it is important for your child's resilience that they organise their belongings, carry their own bags and learn to be fully prepared for each day.

Please also note that students should be picked up on time after school. Teachers continue to have work commitments and there will be no supervision of the grounds after 3:45pm. Office staff should not be left with the task of minding students.

MOBILE PHONES / WEARABLE DEVICES

From the beginning of this year all students who bring either a mobile phone or wearable device to school is required to hand these into the front office by 8:55am. Students will be able to come to the front office after the 3:30 bell to collect their device. If your child needs to bring one of these devices to school, please advise them of this process and remind them that mobile phones should be switched off for the day.

READING AT HOME



As a school we continue to highlight and emphasise the importance of reading at home. Encouraging daily out loud reading, and reading to and with your child, serves to help them with their literacy skills.

Consider having a special reading space and remember, reading at home is from a text that is at a level that your child can manage, so that the reading is positive and enjoyable.

All classes will start home reading programs within the next week. Please be sure to read any information and assist by using the reading record diaries

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Killara Primary School has over 400 students, caring for the safety of everyone is a challenge that we are all responsible for.



We teach the children that everyone has the right to feel safe and comfortable while at school and that there is an individual and communal responsibility to uphold safety and comfort levels.

It is important that this responsibility is modelled and reinforced by all members of the school community.

Please encourage children to follow road rules – in particular to use crossings to safely cross roads. Even if you are with your children, they should be shown that crossing at the school crossings is the way to go. When driving and parking around the school road rules must be followed for the sake of all concerned and, most importantly, the safety of our students. Parking will be at a premium if everyone tries to park right outside the school. Families can assist by walking, not driving, if that is feasible. If you need to drive, please be patient and consider parking and walking.

There is **NO PARKING** in the staff carpark. Please do not enter. This includes for drop off and pick up for out of school hours care.

Please be fair to our neighbours, by not parking over driveways and being aware of their rights. Please be aware that the area around the school is patrolled regularly by the authorities and fines will be issued for misdemeanours. Thank you for your understanding and support.

HATS

A reminder that it is part of our uniform policy and Sunsmart policy that students wear sun protective (wide brimmed) hats during term 1 and 4. Please make sure your child is equipped with a hat for times outside.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The school does not provide student accident insurance cover.

Parents or guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs.

Parents or guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers and there are a number of products available in the insurance market.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

A reminder to parents and guardians that the school and the Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Parents are advised to restrict the items that students bring to school and ensure that items of value are not brought to school.

SCHOOL GATES – OPENING

Soon after 9:00am the school gates are closed and locked to create a secure environment. All of our pedestrian gates have child safety latches on them. To open the gates, please reach through and lift the knob on top of the latch. Please do not lift drop pins, as, if they are dropped, the gates become very difficult to open from the outside

Best wishes,
Michelle and Sue

CURRENT NEWS

CAMPS, EXCURSIONS AND SPORTS FUND

If you have a Health Care Card or Pension Card, you may be eligible to receive government assistance.

By applying for this funding, if eligible, the school will receive \$125 to be used for your child's excursions, camps and sporting activities. This amount will be held against each eligible child's name and utilised accordingly.

Applications MUST be finalised by 28th February 2020. Forms can be picked up from the office if needed.

If you applied last year then you don't need to fill another form out this year, your application will go in automatically.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING DAY REMINDER:

- Remember School Banking is **every Tuesday**
- You can bank as much as you like every week.



ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLANS

If your child has asthma please ensure you provide us with an up to date plan.

An asthma action plan allows you and your doctor to create an individual plan for you to manage your child's asthma. An action plan advises you about what your child must do to stay healthy and what to do when their asthma is unstable and they need help.

There is no 'standard' asthma action plan, as everyone's asthma is different. The child's plan needs to be written to deal with their individual triggers, signs and symptoms, and medications.

Your child's action plan might be based on symptoms, peak flow readings or both.

The Asthma Action Plan

An asthma action plan outlines:

- How to care for your child's day-to-day asthma (it lists their regular medications and how many times each day they should take them)
- Key things that tell you when your child's asthma is getting worse or an 'attack' is developing, and the steps they should take to manage it.

SWIM TRIALS

The interschool event will be at the Sunbury Aquatic Centre, on Thursday February 20.

A permission note will be out shortly.

Freestyle	
Girls turning 9 or 10	Ava C
Boys turning 9 or 10	Ethan W
Girls turning 11	Sarah H
Boys turning 11	Cohen
Girls turning 12 or 13	Megan B
Boys turning 12 or 13	Josh A

Breaststroke	
Girls turning 9 or 10	Eiman
Boys turning 9 or 10	Ethan W
Girls turning 11	Chloe T
Boys turning 11	Rhylee L
Girls turning 12 or 13	Maddison M
Boys turning 12 or 13	Josh A

Backstroke	
Girls turning 9 or 10	Amelia McDougal
Boys turning 9 or 10	Caelan T
Girls turning 11	Matilda L
Boys turning 11	Rhylee L
Girls turning 12 or 13	Maddison M
Boys turning 12 or 13	Dexter

Butterfly	
Girls turning 9 or 10	Amelia Mc
Boys turning 9 or 10	Caelan
Girls turning 11	Chloe T
Boys turning 11	Hayden G
Girls turning 12 or 13	Hayley P
Boys turning 12 or 13	Dexter P

Freestyle Relay	
Girls turning 9 or 10	Sarah H, Ameila, Hayley P, Vanessa Vella
Boys turning 9 or 10	Ethan W, Nate R, Caelan T, Xander
Girls turning 11	Sarah H, Vanessa V, Chloe T, Hayley P
Boys turning 11	Rhylee L, Cohen, Hayden G, Billy L

Girls turning 12 or 13	Megan B, Maddison M, Matilda L, Chloe Mc
Boys turning 12 or 13	Josh A, Dexter, Fletcher, Lachlan W

Medley	
Girls open	Free- Megan B Breast-Eiman R Back- Maddison M Fly-Amelia Mc Free- Josh A Breast-Dexter P Back- Caelan T Fly-Ethan W

DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS AT HOME

Leaders are needed in all walks of life – at work, in school, in families, in sport and in the wider community.

The skills of leadership are best developed in the first group that a child belongs to – their family. By encouraging your child to be a contributing, responsible, caring family member you will be going a long way towards developing their innate leadership capabilities.

For more information on this issue by parenting educator, Michael Grose, go to:

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/developing-leadership-skills-at-home/>

CANTEEN NEWS

This year the canteen will open on Wednesday - Friday only. There will be no canteen on Mondays and Tuesdays. Gluten free options will be available on Thursdays.

QKR APP FOR SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Our preferred method of payment for excursions, canteen lunch orders and fundraising activities is QKR.

This easy to use free app by Mastercard gives you flexibility to make your school payments at a time and place that suits you.

No need to find cash to send to school with your child, you will have a QKR receipt on your phone and receipt number for your records.

A brochure on how to set up your account is available from the school office or just follow the simple instructions when you download the app.



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QKR REGISTRATION 2020

Please ensure your children are registered with the correct year level, home group and room number – so that lunch orders and payments are processed correctly.

Class Group	Room Number	Teacher
PSB	1	Sam Burnett
PRL	2	Rebecca Armistead/Leonie Wallis
1/2 J	19	Jo Cottell
1/2 A	21	Alex Chettle/Shannon Ingleton
1/2 B	22	Kelli Brogan
1/2 K	23	Kellie Sanderson
1/2 M	24	Melissa Bowker
3/4 C	11	Cynthia Marchment
3/4 R	12	Sarah Round
3/4 S	13	Susan Moloney
3/4 D	14	Di David
3/4 K	15	Kate Large
3/4 J	16	John Boland
5/6 S	5	Sean Sherlock
5/6 M	6	Stuart Mills
5/6 O	7	Rebecca Oliver
5/6 L	8	Lauren McShanag
5/6 R	9	Robyn Smith

COMMUNITY NEWS

PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

Primary Music Institute offers instrumental music lessons right here on school campus.

To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online.

Please enrol via PMI's website:

www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au.

Lessons are held once a week and only \$16.95 per child per small group lesson.

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