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From the Principal's Desk...

Welcome to Week 4 - Term 1

Parent Information Night

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Information Evening last night. I hope that you found it useful in understanding what to expect this year and how to support your children. It was great to see so many people take the opportunity to talk to their child's teacher and visit the classes as well. Please view the newsletter page and click on the link to access the handout that we worked through for the evening so if you couldn't get there this might be helpful.

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Skills Register and Garden beautification program:

At last night's meeting we called for people to put their names down on a skills register in the hope that we can call on them for small jobs or assistance throughout the year. If you weren't at the meeting but would like to offer assistance in a field that you have expertise in could you please complete the attached form and return it to school. Tracy Crane and Tine Considine are interested in gathering together a group of people to assist them in maintaining and improving our school grounds. If you would like to find out more about this group can you please return the slip with contact details.

Supporting independence in our younger students:

As the year is well under way now I would like to ask you for your support in assisting our younger students to develop their confidence and independence by encouraging them to be responsible for putting their school bags in lockers in the morning and getting their belongings ready for the day. This is a small but very important part of the learning processes.

Our foundation students have settled in really well and are now starting the formal part of the learning. In the mornings you will notice that they are starting on the mat rather than at tables more often. This is part of establish the learning routines and the time for parents to leave and let the classes begin.

Evacuation drill:

Last week we had an evacuation drill and I am pleased to say that our children and staff did a wonderful job. This time we practiced an off-site evacuation. All children and staff were assembled and accounted for in a very short time frame.

Long Service leave:

On Thursday I will begin leave to attend two weddings in Koh Samui. While I am away Jennene Cooney will be the acting principal. I thank Jennene for stepping into this role again. I am very grateful knowing that the school is in such capable and competent hands in my absence. I will return on March 7th.

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Calendar



FEBRUARY

Friday, 19th February

District Swimming Championships
10.00 am

Monday 22nd February

Whole School Assembly, 9.00am

Friday 24th February

School Council Nominations Close

Monday 29th February

CSEF - Camps Sports and Excursion Fund
Applications Close

MARCH

Friday 4th March

Conveyance Allowance Applications Close

Monday 7th March

Whole School Assembly, 9.00am

Monday, 14th March

Labour Day Holiday
Students do not attend school on this day

Tuesday, 15th March

School Photo Day

Friday, 18th March

Bullying No Way Day

Monday 21st March

Whole School Assembly, 9.00am

Friday, 24th March

Last Day Of Term 1
Dismissal 2.30pm

2016 School Term Dates

Term 1: 27 January to 24 March

Term 2: 11 April to 24 June

Term 3: 11 July to 16 September

Term 4: 3 October to 20 December

IMPORTANT

Student Information Forms:

Last week each students was given a white envelope to take home which contained Student Information Forms Please read the accompanying letter, mark any changes, OR mark “no changes” , sign and return to the office as soon as possible.

There was also a green form included which we require you to sign and return to the office as soon as possible. This pertains to SMS Communication. between our school and parents. This is the most effective tool to use in case of an emergency.

LOOK WHAT WE GOT!!!!

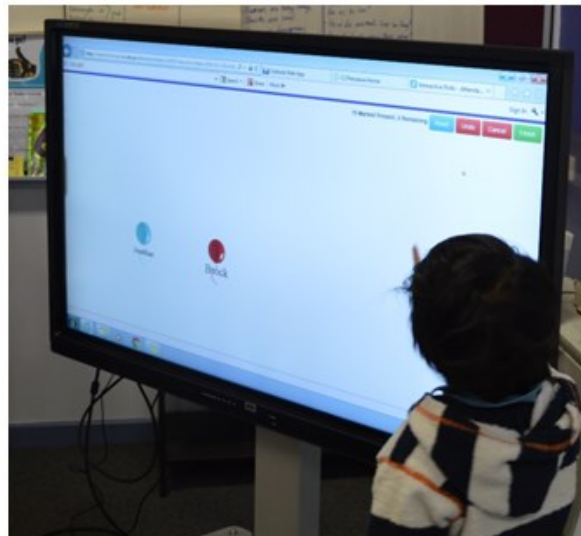
On Monday we took delivery of eight new interactive televisions. This is a very exciting addition to our school’s ICT resources. Nearly every classroom will have its own TV. The interactive TVs offer a range of applications which engage students in the learning process, improve the teachers ability to deliver lessons and improve the breadth of the curriculum offered. All teachers will be given professional development to encourage best practices in the use of the TVs to enrich the students learning experience. Purchases like these are partially funded through the fundraising that happens at the school so on behalf of the students and teachers thank you for your ongoing support. I would like to thank Brendan Thompson who spent a great deal of time researching the purchase options for us and negotiating a great deal. A lot of personal time was spent getting this purchase up and running.

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Kilmore Primary’s New Multi Touch Screens!

This week 8 new Interactive Multi Touch Screens were purchased and put into our F-2 classrooms. The students and teachers have been very excited to start using them!



HOMEWORK CLUB

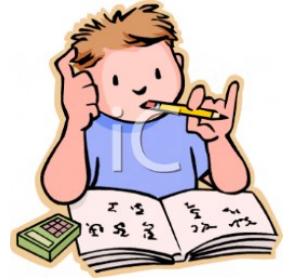
Did you know Kilmore Primary has a Homework Club for students in Grades 3-6?

This year Homework Club will run every **Tuesday afternoon** from 3.10pm- 4.15pm in the school library.

This a great opportunity to:

- work with a teacher
- work with other students
- use the resources of the library
- complete homework set by teachers
- practice timetables, spelling or reading

or get some extra help with a project or subject area



To join the homework club email kilmore.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and leave your name and parent contact number or complete the tear off slip below.

Mrs McCarthy  Kids Matter
Australian Primary Schools
Mental Health Initiative



KPS HOMEWORK CLUB

for students in Grades 3-6

Tuesdays from 3.10pm - 4.15pm in the school library

I give permission for my child/children to attend the KPS Homework Club.

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Contact Phone No.: _____



SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER - HELP NEEDED

Each year we ask if parents are able to assist in the washing and changing of the linen in our sick bay. In most cases this means 2 or 3 times a year. If you are able to help out please return this form to the office by Friday 19th February. A roster will be distributed shortly after that.

Name: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

Child's Name: _____ Child's Class: _____

CSEF - Camps Sports and Excursions Fund

Application forms for 2016 are now available. If you are the holder of a valid means-tested concession card, please request a form from the Office.

Applications close **29TH FEBRUARY 2016**

Late applications can not be accepted.

The office needs to sight and take a copy of your concession card as per the CSEF policy.

If you are unsure whether you are eligible or not, please see Kim Parker in the school office.

Conveyance Allowance

What is Conveyance Allowance?

Conveyance Allowance is paid to parents/guardians to assist with the transport cost of driving their child/ren to and from school.

Am I eligible for Conveyance Allowance?

For student to be eligible for a Conveyance Allowance they must;

- Be aged over 5 years by 30th April
- Live more than 4.8 km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest bus stop, and
- Be enrolled at the nearest government school.

Applications close **3RD MARCH 2016**

Late applications can not be accepted.

Forms are available from the office. If you are unsure whether you are eligible or not, please see Kim Parker in the school office.



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

SchoolPix will be coming to photograph Kilmore Primary School on **15/03/2016**

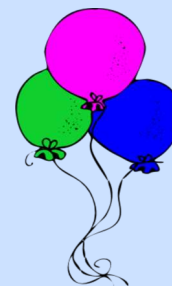
More information to follow shortly.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday in the coming week. We hope you have a lovely day.

February

17	Ashleigh	4W
18	Noah	FJ
	Diesel	FS
	Tallara	6B
	Bryony	6W
19	Dakota	FJ
20	Sharnie	4J
22	Eammon	2J
	Ameera	2J



VISITORS TO KILMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is a requirement of DEECD and Occupational Health & Safety policies that **ALL** visitors to the school, including parents, sign in at the office. It is important for you to sign in as if there is a need to evacuate the building we do need to account for all people.

School Hours And Bell Times



8.45 am - First School Bell

Session 1	- 8.50am – 9.50am
Session 2	- 9.50am – 10.50am
Recess	- 10.50am – 11.20am
Session 3	- 11.20am – 12.20pm
Session 4	- 12.20pm – 1.20pm
Eating Time	- 1.20pm – 12.30pm
Lunch	- 1.30pm – 2.10pm
Session 5	- 2.10pm – 3.10pm
End Of School	- 3.10pm

Children should not arrive at school prior to 8:35 am

Student Banking

Children have the opportunity to bank through the Commonwealth Bank. Banking is conducted every Tuesday, please put your bank book to the box provide at the office in the morning before school begins.



The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is here!

The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular saving. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives \$5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Taking part in School Banking is easy.

- If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, they can request a new one from either the local branch or contact the School Banking Co-ordinator.
- If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, you can open one at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in! Alternatively, if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply online. Another option is to download a paper-based application form from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Please note this option may take up to 2 weeks before a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book is sent to your home address to start banking at school.

School Council Elections 2016

The Kilmore Primary School has four parent vacancies for School Council this year. School council is very significant aspect of the school governance. School Council meet at least eight times per year, generally in the evening and each vacancy has a two year tenure. Parents on school council provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Election timeline:

Wednesday February 17th:	Nominations called for (forms can be collected from the office)
Wednesday February 24th:	Nominations close (if the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies and election process will commence and ballot papers will be distributed)
Wednesday March 2nd:	Ballot Opens
Wednesday March 9th :	Ballot Closes

School Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 15th at 7.00pm.



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Grounds Beautification Committee

I would like to become a member of the Grounds Beautification Committee.

Name: _____ Children's name and grade: _____

Contact Number: _____

Specific Skills/Resources Register:

Name: _____ Children's name and grade: _____

Contact number: _____

I have skills in the following areas and am happy to be contacted by the school for assistance with minor maintenance, repairs or projects.

Plumber

Electrician

Carpenter

Painter

Glazier

Handy man

Earth moving

Sewing

Other (please specify) _____

I have access to resources/materials in the following area at reduced prices or possible donations.

Gardening supplies

Building supplies

Painting supplies

Food Supplies

Other (please specify) _____