**Newsletter No. 01**
**5th February 2014**

**WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!**

Hello Everyone and Welcome to KPS in 2104!

It was very exciting to greet and welcome back all of our students, parents and members of the KPS Community on Thursday 30th January, our first day of school for 2014. I would like to formally welcome all new students and families to our school, and trust that Kilmore Primary school will provide a positive and rewarding learning journey for your child over the years to come.

It is always such a happy and emotional moment when the Preps start their first day of school. A great turnout of parents, brothers, sisters and grandparents came on the first morning to be a part of this very important day in the lives of their little ones.

Our Prep Unit Leader Mrs Kelly informed me that this year’s group of Preps are very ‘together’ and ‘well prepared’ for school. That is very pleasing to hear as it gives them such a great head start.

During the first two weeks of school, your children will be involved in a range of activities as part of our start up program ‘Ready, Set, Go!’ They will be learning about our school values and rules, teacher and student expectations, getting along, goal setting, classroom routines, and how to be a contributing and successful member of the KPS Learning Community.

**STRATEGIC PLAN 2013 - 2016**

This is the second year of our Strategic Plan for the period 2013 -2016. Our Curriculum goals are to improve student learning outcomes with a particular focus on Literacy and Numeracy. We aim to improve and extend our Differentiated Learning strategies to cater for the individual needs of each student to help them achieve success and their personal best. Spanish will be introduced across the whole school P-6, along with our Integrated Studies and focus on Global Citizenship.

Our strong Student Wellbeing program will continue to grow with the main areas being our involvement in the Kids Matter Mental Health and Wellbeing initiative, Bully Stoppers program and the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program.

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**Coming Up In Term 1**

Please refer to calendar on back page for more dates-

**5th February**
Preps do not attend school

**10th February - Monday**
* Whole School Assembly 9am
**11th February**
* KPS Swimming Trials
**12th February**
Preps do not attend school

**14th February**
* Prep parents morning tea 9.30am
**17th February - Monday**
* Special Whole School Assembly
**19th February**
Preps do not attend school

**24th February - Monday**
* Whole School Assembly 9am
**26th February**
Preps do not attend school

**10th March**
Labour Day Holiday

**18th March – Tuesday**
* School Photos

**24th March – Monday**
* Whole School Assembly 9am

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**Be Sunsmart**

A reminder to students to bring their hat every day during Term 1
This is the **KPS Vision Statement:**

*Kilmore Primary School fosters a community of learners who are confident, creative and challenged to achieve their full potential within a safe, happy and supportive environment.*

These are our **School Values:**

**Kind, Proud, Safe (KPS)**

**Be Kind** – Social and Emotional Learning and Values Education, being a Responsible, Active and Caring member of our Learning Community

**Be Proud** – High Expectations for Academic Learning, Positive Involvement in all School Activities, Pride in our School and in our Learning Environment, Pride in Self

**Be Safe** – Safe and Secure Learning Environment, Safe Practices, Student Engagement and Wellbeing

These School Values are linked with our Student Engagement Policy, Kids Matter initiative, School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program and our Bee Ticket reward system. You will hear much more about all of this, including activities and competitions as the year progresses

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Our School Council consists of 8 Parent Category members and 4 DEECD members. Each year, we conduct School Council elections to elect 4 new Parent Category members and 2 DEECD Category members in February/March. Please have a think about nominating yourself, or nominating someone else who you think might be a good School Councillor. I will send more information home separately to the newsletter prior to the Nomination period. In the meantime, I would love to hear from you if you have any questions.

**LITERACY AND NUMERACY CURRICULUM STRATEGIES**

Literacy: Jenny Renton is out of the classroom full time in her role as Leading Teacher – Literacy.

Numeracy: Tracy Hecker has two days out of the classroom in her role as Numeracy Leader.

These two teachers will be working with teachers and students in their classrooms, providing coaching, modelling and support for students and teachers to improve student learning outcomes.

**INFORMATION & MEET THE TEACHER NIGHTS**

This year, our Information & Meet the teacher nights are held in February. Prep information night will be on Monday 10th and all others will be in the week of Monday 17th—Friday 21st February. There will be a short information session and then parents can meet their children’s teachers and have a look at their learning spaces. Keep your eye on the Calendar for the dates for each Unit.

**PREP PARENTS MORNING TEA**

Prep Parents are invited to a special morning tea which will be held in our Stadium on **Friday 15th February from 9am – 10am**. This will provide an opportunity for us to welcome our Prep parents to our school community and for them to meet and chat with other Prep parents. Hope to see you there!

**SUNSMART**

Kilmore Primary School is a Sun-Smart school, so please ensure that your child has an approved KPS hat to wear when outside in the school yard. If your child does not have an approved hat, they will be asked to move into a shaded area and may not be able to play where they like or take part in outdoor sporting activities. Please refer to our Sun-Smart Policy which is on our school website.

**PARENT HELPERS**

We encourage all parents who have the time to volunteer as a parent classroom helper, even if it is only for a small amount of time each week. Your child will love to see you taking an active role in the classroom and the other students will benefit greatly from your generosity. Please see your child’s classroom teacher if you are interested.

**MATHS RESOURCES**

We are in need of assistance in making our school set of Numeracy Fluency Resources. If you have a little time to spare, whether it is at school or home, we would love to see you. You could leave your name with our Numeracy Leader, Tracy Hecker (Year 2 Unit), or come and see me. These resources benefit all students in the school.
PARKING REMINDERS
Parking can be tricky around the school during pick up and drop off times, but I urge you to put the safety of the students first and take note of the Parking Signs. There are bus zones and disabled parking zones on Sutherland Street and Lancefield Road, and the Council will issue parking fines if you are in the wrong space at the wrong time.

ASSEMBLY
Our first Whole School Assembly for the year will be on Monday 10th February 9.00 am in the school hall at the Sutherland Street end of the school. Whole school assemblies are held fortnightly and there are Unit Assemblies in the other weeks. You will receive information about the Unit Assemblies shortly. All parents and members of the school community are welcome to join us.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND SRC BADGE PRESENTATIONS
Diary Note: Monday 17th February – Special Assembly at 9.00 am.
Rob Mitchell MP will be presenting our School Leaders with their badges and speaking to the students about Leadership at this special assembly. Parents and families of our school leaders are very welcome to attend and bring their cameras if they wish. All welcome!

Kind regards
Denise Barker
Principal
Due By Dates

Please note the importance of adhering to the due by dates for permission notes and payments. While we do not wish your child to miss an incursion/excursion, late payments make the task of organising events very difficult. We ask for parents to respect due by dates to help make this a more streamlined process for the admin and teaching staff.

Thank you for your cooperation

STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS:

Today your children will be bringing home a white envelope containing 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.

Stationary Packs

There are a limited amount of stationary packs available to buy if you have not purchased one for your child. This offer is open until Tuesday 11th February. Please see Admin Staff at the office.

Kilmore Primary School has an App for your Smart phone or desktop computer. For the weekly newsletter and alerts/messages

Go to www.tiqbiz.com and click on ‘help’ to find out more about our school app. When installing and selecting your child/rens year level, please remember to select ‘WHOLE SCHOOL’ as well as the appropriate year level/s so that you can receive school newsletters, notifications etc.

The latest version of Adobe Reader must be installed on your home PC to be able to read the alerts and newsletters. This does not apply to phones.

Tiqbiz support is available—03 9800 1489

School Diaries:

Are now for sale and can be purchased from the office.

$5.00 each

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are reminded that if students are away from school they can either send a note or phone the office on 5782 1268
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) helps to cover the costs related to your child’s schooling. The EMA provides families on a low income with financial assistance to support their child’s education up to the age of 16.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA:

1. The student must be below the age of sixteen; and
2. The student must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on census day, 28 February 2014 for the first instalment and 1st August 2014 for the second instalment.
3. The claimant must on Eligibility Day, 28 January 2014 for the first instalment and 14 July 2014, for the second instalment:
   * be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
   * be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or
   * be a foster parent.
4. Submit their application to the school by the due date.

You must submit your EMA application to the school by 28th February 2014. Late applications will not be accepted.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

To be eligible for conveyance allowance:
- Must be school age (between 5-18 years old)
- Must attend an eligible school within the conveyance area
- Must live 4.8km or more from the school by the shortest practical route

A private car or private bus conveyance allowance is not available if the journey could have been made using a Department-funded school bus or public transport service.

Reimbursement is calculated on the basis of the one-way distance travelled.

Distance is measured by the shortest practicable route between the student’s place of residence and their school.

The residential address should be based on the Rural Road Numbering System. Mailbox and PO Box addresses cannot be used. You can use Bing Maps as a reference: http://www.bing.com/maps/


You must submit your Conveyance Allowance application to the school by 7th March 2014. Late applications will not be accepted.
**Lost Property**

Lost Property is located in the hallway in the administration building towards the computer room.

Please remember to label all clothing so it can be returned.

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**Happy Birthday**

**January**

2   Jesse Hanel
4   Raidyn Kokalis
5   Kian Tudor
6   Haylee Madin, Macey Kubeil
9   Aaron Jacobs
10  Jason Gill
11  Luke Phillips, Emmett Clark, Chance White
12  Milla Webster
13  Reid Maher, Phoebe Balmer, Lachlan Ward
     Nicholas Walsh
16  Caitlin Webb
17  Brodie Abbott
18  Brielle Merton
19  Diesel Vella
20  Gwendalyn Riley
21  Jazmin Glenford
22  Tianna Fitzgerald
24  Destiny Attard, Tom Ridley
25  Monique Merton, Charlotte Neill, Trinity Marshall, Tyla Fenech
26  Joshua Hart,
29  Ashlyn Webster
31  Will Jones, Jake Frendo

**February**

1   Shae Hurst, Alex Pisani
2   Leigh Milne, Casey Kosmer
4   Jackson Clancy, Laney Hay
6   Brock Odering, Malyn Potter
7   Beau Dakin, Claire Gallagher, Ryan Riley
     Lauren Gobbett, Seth Buckow
8   Charlie Edwards
9   Luke Hillard
11  Alannah Smith, Lachlan MacBean, Jared Cram

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**Manners Matter**

This week’s focus—

Wait for my Turn

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**Bully Stoppers**

For helpful information and advice on what bullying can look like go to:

¡Hola a los padres!

I would like to introduce myself as the new Spanish teacher at Kilmore Primary School. I have been fortunate to spend a number of years living in Spain, Mexico and Argentina, which has developed my love and passion for all things Hispanic!

It is exciting to be part of this wonderful opportunity and I look forward to sharing this experience with the Kilmore PS community. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work in laying the foundations to re-establish the LOTE program at the school.

Information:

In Term One, each class will receive one Spanish lesson per fortnight (Preps will receive an additional session). Given our time constraints, I will conduct all lessons in Spanish to provide students with maximum language exposure. Students may initially find this method challenging but I am confident they will soon become familiar with the sounds of Spanish through the use of imagery, body language/gestures, songs and repetition. This targeted language approach aims to develop their oral and listening comprehension skills. The themes for our Spanish classes in the first term will focus around introductions, basic greetings and family.

It is important to remember that language learning is hard work, and takes many years to become proficient. Our new program at KPS is a ‘taste of Spanish,’ and aims to expose students to the rich language and cultural diversity of Spain and Latin America. Content will be integrated with other curriculum areas such as Art, History and Science to ensure that students can see its relevance and connections.

Over the next few months, I will be working closely with our new sister school in Toledo, Spain to develop a working relationship with them. This will be an exciting experience for the students to interact with native speakers of their own age.

During the year, I also hope to arrange a few ‘Spanish afternoons’ for students, staff and families that will offer an insight into some of the cultural aspects of our language program. If you have ever wanted to learn how to dance salsa, maybe this will be your chance!

Using the newsletter, I will keep you updated with resources or websites that students may like to use at home to maintain their Spanish exposure during alternate weeks.

Learning another language is a wonderful opportunity to develop students’ literacy, resilience and exposure to different cultures. I will endeavour to ensure that your child’s language learning experience is a positive, fun and empowering one. Please do not hesitate to contact me via the office if you have any questions about the new program.

¡Muchas gracias!

Lauren Gould
Kilmore Primary School Positive Behaviour Support

At Kilmore Primary School we explicitly teach, promote and expect positive behaviour from the whole school community.

We do this during assemblies, class values lessons and in the school yard.

We acknowledge positive behaviours by awarding bee tickets. Students receive bee tickets for displaying our school values:
- BE KIND
- BE PROUD
- BE SAFE

Share the Good News.....
Each staff member will communicate with parents (e.g. verbally, by a note or letter or a good news phone call) highlighting the positive behaviour their child is developing whilst at school.

Other ways we reward positive behaviours are:
- School/Unit newsletter
- Student of the week
- Leadership opportunities & responsibilities
- Verbal praise and acknowledgement
- Rewards

In the event that direct teaching and positive intervention and support do not achieve the appropriate behaviour then procedures will be put into place to further support your child to be socially successful.
Peer Mediators: Jacqui Warriner and Brooke Carman. Look out for Jacqui, Brooke and other peer mediators in the yard at recess and lunch and say Hola (hello)

At KPS a number of grade 6 students have been trained to be peer mediators. Peer mediators help reduce incidences of bullying by providing a school environment that is positive, caring, safe and friendly. Peer Mediation teaches students to resolve low-level conflicts using their peers as mediators. Mediation opens up communication channels allowing the disagreeing students to discuss their problems and come to a resolution with the guidance of the mediators. Look out for the peer mediators in their bright yellow vests at recess and lunch.
P.E. News

SWIMMING TRIALS

Swimming Trials are to be held on Friday 7th February at the Kilmore Leisure Centre. Children will have the opportunity to trial in any of the 4 events - freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly over 50m.

For children’s own safety it is important to note that they should be confident in swimming 50 metres without stopping in order to trial.

A team will be selected to represent Kilmore Primary School at the MSSSA District Swimming Carnival to be held at the Lancefield Pool on Friday 21st February.

On Friday we will leave school at 12.00p.m and walk down to the pool. I expect the trials to take around 2 hours. Children will need to wear their school uniform and hat and bring their bathers, goggles, swim cap (if they have one), towel and sunscreen along with lunch and a drink (no lunch orders). Children will not be permitted to purchase anything from the canteen.

If anyone has any concerns or queries please feel free to contact me at school.

In order for your child to attend the excursion please complete and sign the parent permission note, medical consent form and return it to school with $3.60 by Tuesday 4th February.

If any parents are available to help out with starting, timing and marshalling on the day it would be much appreciated.

If anyone has any concerns or queries please feel free to contact me at school.

AASC

As in previous years, we are again offering the children in grades 5/6 the opportunity to be involved in the Active After School Communities program this term. The program has been a tremendous success over the years and we are excited to again be offering the children the opportunity to participate in active pursuits.

Due to previously arranged meeting commitments we will conduct our program on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. Both nights this term will be Multi skill sessions which will involve skills, games and sports with a strong emphasis on fitness. This will be a similar program to those which have been coordinated in the past.

The program will commence on Tuesday & Thursday, Feb 11th & 13th respectively and run for 7 weeks. Therefore I will need all letters of interest back by Thursday 6th Feb.

This will enable the coordinators to work on groupings and get specific information back to parents before the programs commence.

If parents could please indicate on the form which day their child would like to attend. A Parent Consent form will then be sent home for parents to complete.

Please note students must return the Parent Consent form before starting the program.

The expression of interest form needs to be back to school office by Thursday 6th Feb.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact me at school.

Julie James
P.E Coordinator
Parent Information

Notices handed out this week...

- Grade5/6 Active After School Communities expression of interest form.
- Whole School Student Information Forms

Wanted for the Artroom:
Recycled Christmas Cards -
Please place in box provided in the office

Thanks
Fiona Dixon

Student Banking

School Banking Day is Tuesday, bring your deposit books to the office.

WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECK (WWCC)

To be able to work with children in classrooms, assist in Sport sessions or to accompany a class on excursions, parents need to have a Working with Children’s Check card.
You can apply for this at any Post Office. If you already have a WWC card please check that it is still valid and that you have shown your card at the school office so that we can update our records.

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 22nd February. A roster will be distributed shortly after.

Name  _________________________________________________________
Contact Phone Number _______________________________________
Child’s Name _______________________________________________ Child’s Class _________

KIND PROUD SAFE
**BPAY**

Bpay is available at Kilmore Primary School. If you are unsure how to use Bpay please contact the office. It can take up to 3 days for payment to arrive from some banking institutions so please keep this in mind when making payments using Bpay.

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**PREP COLOUR DAYS**

Dear Parents,

During February and March, each available Tuesday has been designated as a particular colour day. This focus provides a wealth of discussion, which can then be linked to our literacy and numeracy programs.

Children are able to wear clothing of the particular colour if they wish – _this dressing-up is entirely optional_ – we know that some children enjoy the opportunity, others are more reserved, and sometimes we simply forget.

February 4th - RED DAY
February 11th - BLUE DAY
February 18th - YELLOW DAY & ORANGE DAY
February 25th - PINK & PURPLE DAY
March 4th - BLACK & WHITE DAY
March 11th - SPOTS & STRIPES DAY
March 18th - GREEN & BROWN DAY
March 25th - RAINBOW DAY

Regards, The Prep Team

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**2013 SCHOOL TIMETABLE**

*8:45 ~ first school bell*

Students make their way to classrooms to unpack bag / silent read.

- **8:50 – 9:40 ~ First session**
- **9:40 – 10:30 ~ Second session**
- **10:30 – 11:00 ~ Recess**
- **11:00 – 11:50 ~ Third session**
- **11:50 – 12:40 ~ Fourth session**
- **12:40 – 12:50 ~ Eating time**
- **12:50 – 1:30 ~ Lunch**
- **1:30 – 2:20 ~ Fifth session**
- **2:20 – 3:10 ~ Sixth session**

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**FOUNDATIONS LAID FOR NEW OUTDOOR SEATING**

You may have noticed the new concrete pads that have been laid at the top of the oval. These are to support new outdoor seating for our students. The project has been funded through the generous donations from family and friends of Kilmore Primary School at our Walkathon last year. The gardening club and Tina with be planting trees to provide shade. Thank you to Sam Ireland and David McBean from the School Council Building and Grounds Committee for organising this asset to our school.
Prep Families Morning Tea.

Parents and families of our new Prep students are invited to come along for a chat and a get-to-know you morning tea in the foyer of the stadium at 9.00am on Friday 14th February. It will be a great chance to meet new mums and dads in an informal gathering and a chance to share and swap beginning school stories.

For more information or to confirm attendance phone or email the school, leave a message with your child’s teacher or just turn up on the day.

All welcome.

www.kilmore.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Join our team NOW!

Be a part of this fun packed, fast growing club located at Broadford Secondary College, Pinniger Street, Broadford.

We’re looking for players and coaches in the following age groups:
SSF—boys and girls 5–11 years, junior—boys and girls 12–17, senior—mens and womens 18+ and mens masters—over 35.

Contact Mark Williams on m 0467 443 706 or e info@mitchelrangers.org.au for more details.
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**WALLAN JUNIOR INDOOR NETBALL**

**Now taking team Registration for the 2014 Autumn Season.**

**Start:** 13th March 2014 (runs for 10 weeks plus finals)

**Where:** Roy Robson Stadium, Wallan

**When:** Thursday after school

- Games starting at 4.00(u9), 4.50(u11), 5.30, 6.20 & 7.10pm
- Players: U9 to U15 years.
- Boys welcome up to 13 yrs.

**HOW:** Grab friends and make a team then go online to and download a registration form at www.mitchellmagicnetball.com.au

**Close Off:** Fri Feb 28th via email mitchellmagicnetball@gmail.com

For further information please visit the website www.mitchellmagicnetball.com.au If unable to form a full team; let us know via email at mitchellmagicnetball@gmail.com

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## School term dates 2014

| Term 1: 28 January to 4th April | Term 2: 2 April to 27 June | Term 3: 14 July to 19 September | Term 4: 6 October to 19 December |

### Term 1 2014

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| **A Week 1**  
27th January | Student free day | Student free day | Students commence Ready-Set-Go Program | | |
| **B Week 2**  
3rd February | | Preps do not attend school | | School swimming trials (grade 3-6) | |
| | Ready-Set-Go Program | | | | |
| **A Week 3**  
10th February | 9am Whole School Assembly (Sch hall) Prep Unit Meet & Greet Information Night | Safer Internet Day | Preps do not attend school | Prep Parent Morning Tea 9am in the stadium | |
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| **B Week 4**  
17th February | 9am Special Assembly School Leaders & SRC Badge Presentation (school hall) Grade 2 Unit Meet & Greet Information Night | | Preps do not attend school | Mitchell South District Swimming Champs Bullying No More/ Harmony Day | |
| | | Grade 3/4 Unit Meet & Greet Information Night | | | |
| **A Week 5**  
24th February | 9am Whole School Assembly | | | | |
| **B Week 6**  
3rd March | Preps attend full-time from this week Whittlesea Division Swimming Champs | | | | |
| **A Week 7**  
10th March | Labour Day  
(students do not attend school) | | | | |
| **B Week 8**  
17th March | School Photo Day | | | | |
| **A Week 9**  
24th March | 9am Whole School Assembly | | | | |
| **B Week 10**  
31st March | | | | End of term 2.30pm finish | |

**KIND PROUD SAFE**