We at Kilmore Primary School are committed to the development of lifelong learners in a dynamic learning environment where every child can be confident, successful and challenged in their learning.

Kilmore Primary School
Newsletter No 40
19th December 2012

From The Principal..

Hi Everyone

This is our final newsletter for 2012.

I just can’t believe how fast this year has gone by. It seems like only yesterday when over 90 new Preps started school at KPS, and now they will be our 2013 Year 1 students. Our Year 6 students are suddenly ready to leave primary school, eager to start the next phase of their education. Some families who have been with us for so long will be moving on now, as their last child finishes at our school. It just goes to show that we have to treasure every moment, doesn’t it?

Graduation
Our Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony was held on Monday night in the stadium. The families, friends and special guests who came were all treated to a wonderful night where student achievements were celebrated, and students had the opportunity to perform and sing in front of their loved ones. They were then able to celebrate with each other at the Graduation Disco. Some of the special award recipients for the night were:

- Katie Mifsud: Mitchell Shire Award (Outstanding citizen - Presented by Rob Mitchell MP)
- Samuel Neill: Principal’s Award (Outstanding Achievement)
- Alexandra Hente: Principal’s Award (Outstanding Achievement)
- Ollie Bryant: Citizen Award (Lions Club of Wandong -Wallan)

Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE - FORMS/PAYMENTS FOR ANY ITEMS IN THE CALENDAR WHICH ARE NOT RETURNED BY THE DUE DATE CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

DECEMBER
19 Prep End of Year Excursion
19 Grade 3/4 End of Year Excursion
19 Grade 5/6 End of Year Excursion
20 School Picnic, 6.30 pm—8.30 pm
21 Last Day of 2012—School concluding at 1.30pm

Have a Safe Holiday
JANUARY 2013
24 9am—1pm Collection For Stationary Pack orders received by 11th Dec 12 (Orders received after this date will be distributed during week1)
31 (Thursday) First day for all students Prep—Grade 6

Community Association
Is seeking donations for their Christmas Raffle from the School Community. Raffle will be drawn at the school Christmas Picnic on Thursday 20th December, 6.30 pm.

GRADE 6 WINDCHEATERS:
Parents please note: Final opportunity to order a Grade 6 Windcheater closes this Friday 21st December. Please place your order directly with Northern Regional Uniforms, see contact details -

Northern Regional Uniforms
Unit 21, 8 Oleander Drive
South Morang Ph 9436 4005

Ph: 03 5782 1268
Fax: 03 5782 1553
Email: kilmore.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Lost Jewellery, uncollected phones & Other Items

Parents and students please note:
All uncollected phones and items of unclaimed jewellery, watches etc will be recycled if not claimed by Friday.
See Jenny at the office.

Conveyance Allowance Update

Means testing
In October 2012 it was announced that means testing was being introduced for all new applicants, effective from 1 January 2013.

After receiving feedback from rural and regional Victoria, the Minister for Education announced in Parliament last week that the means testing component of the Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP) will be removed.

This means in 2013, students in rural and regional Victoria will be entitled to apply for the conveyance allowance under the 2012 criteria.

The grandfathering of the allowance will give schools, families and bus companies time to plan and adapt transport arrangements to the changed eligibility criteria.

Orientation Day
Thursday is our Whole School Orientation Day where students have the opportunity to meet their 2013 teachers and classmates and do some ‘getting to know each other’ activities to break the ice and create a feeling of belonging for next year. New students to the school will also be joining in with the orientation program on this day.

Christmas Picnic
Our Annual Christmas Picnic will be held on Thursday evening (weather permitting). The night will start at 6.30 and end at approx. 8.00pm. Students from each Unit will be singing Christmas Carols, we will be entertained by the School Choir and Rock Band, and there will be a ‘Special Visitor’ arriving on a special vehicle. A sausage sizzle and drinks will be available for purchase on the night, and KPS Community Association will be selling raffle tickets for our incredible Christmas Raffle. Bring your picnic blankets and chairs, and join in with the fun. Hope to see you there!

Farewells
At this time of year, it is not unusual for us to have to say some farewells to staff, and this year is no exception. I would like to wish the following staff members all the best for their future careers, and hope that their time at Kilmore Primary School has been a happy and rewarding experience:
Allira Somerville
Casey Marriott
Jessie Pearson
Vanesa Trpecevski
Cathy Calder

On behalf of the Kilmore Primary School Community, I wish them every happiness and success in the future.

Good Luck!
Cory Turp will be taking Long Service Leave during Term One and for most of Term Two in 2013. Cory has been teaching for many years, and this is a much deserved break for her. Best of luck Cory, we hope you enjoy every moment!
Kilmore Primary School 2013 Stationery Packs

Thank you to all the families who have finalised their child’s Stationery Pack payment for 2013. This will ensure that students have the necessary resources to start the school year.

Parents can collect their stationery packs from the school on **Thursday 24th January between 9am – 1pm** or students can collect them on the first day of the 2013 school year.

If you have not yet purchased your Stationery Pack, these are now overdue and payment needs to be finalised by the end of the week.

Please note: The photos below are images only and not necessarily the brand, colour etc. your child will receive.
**Happy Birthday**

**December**
- 19  Dean Harkom, Tanika Ponchard
- 20  Cooper Dulson
- 21  Dylan Tyack
- 27  Emily Berry
- 28  Joey Liberi
- 29  Jude Revill, Luke Robbins
- 31  Emily Moussa, Hannah Lee

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**Sick Bay Linen Roster 2012**

**Term 4**

**December**
- 21  Carol Johnstone

*Thank you to the many families that have helped with the Linen Roster during 2012.*

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**HEAD LICE**

We have had a case of head lice reported to the office this week.

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**Library Books**

All library books are overdue.

Please return any school library books ASAP.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Every Friday
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm
in the Conference Room
adjacent to the Art Room.
Northern Regional Uniforms also have a shop at
Unit 21, 8 Oleander Drive
South Morang 9436 4005
info@northernregionaluniforms.com.au

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**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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**Introducing our new look**

Kilmore Primary School Website

Log on to the address below to view Photos, Articles, Newsletters and handy information.

Parents wishing to subscribe to receive an email alert for the weekly newsletter can do so through the website – follow the prompts.

www.kilmoreps.vic.edu.au
Prep P and B Christmas Chains
End of Year School Picnic

Come along for our annual family evening—

* Thursday 20th December 2012

* 6.30 –8.30pm

* At Kilmore Primary School on Astro Turf

* Community Association BBQ and Soft Drinks for sale

* Or BYO Food and drinks

* Strictly NO ALCOHOL

* BYO Chairs and tables

* Community Association Christmas Raffle will be drawn

* Grades will perform Christmas Carols

* School Rock Band “1568” performing

Special visitor arriving during the evening with a small treat for everyone.

Kilmore Tennis Club Monday Ladies

New season starting 2013 when school resumes. If you would like to play, or you can organize your own team, we would like to hear from you. Section 1—Section 2—there is a beginners section also, so if you have not played for a while and would like to get back into playing now is the time to start. Please ring 5782 1912 for more information.

For Sale

2009 Racing Rhino Pro 16” BMX Bike Silver & Black—rarely used

No scratches or dents—suit 8-14 years

Trick pegs included
Grade 5/6 Billy Cart Construction