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Kilmore Primary School Newsletter No 8 27th March 2013

From The Principal………. 

Welcome to the last week of Term One – how fast the term has gone! We have had a very successful term and can be proud of the achievements our students have made in their learning. Thank you to you all for your support and encouragement during the term.

This week you will find a Unit specific Newsletter on our Kilmore Primary School website. These newsletters will provide information relating to the whole school and information specific to the unit your child is in.

The staff at Kilmore Primary School would like to wish you and your family a very happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you in Term Two.

Jennene Cooney

Important Announcement re—NEWSLETTERS

Following on from the introduction of tiqbiz last week we will no longer be sending home hard copies of our school newsletter. The newsletter will be posted on the school website at www.kilmoreps.vic.edu.au

Alternately you can download tiqbiz to your iPhone, Android phone, iPad or Computer. Go to www.tiqbiz.com and click on ‘help’ to find out more.

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 etc. Tiqbiz also offers tech support for all parent/guardians. Spare flyers are available at the office.

Lunch Orders on Last Day Thurs. 28th April—

Lunch Orders will be available on Thursday 28th April Last Day of Term due to our finishing time of 2.30pm

The Grade 1’s performed “You’ve got a friend in me” On National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.

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What’s Growing in the Garden?

“WHAT’S GROWING IN THE GARDEN?”

If you have an urge to get out into the great outdoors, the Kilmore Primary School have gardening projects you can easily contribute to.

Have you noticed the groovy art projects that our children are making for the gardens, mobile’s & totem poles? Bringing learning outside is educational and fun.

Our grade 5/6 boys gardening group have been working really hard on the Prep and Grade one area’s, happily clearing blackberry’s and removing overgrown plants every Tuesday lunch time.

Under construction is an outdoor learning area, located at the end of the current Grade one portables, another fun and educational project that the 5/6 gardening club is involved in. It would be great to have this completed by the end of the year!

A big thanks for the donations made by the Julier grandparents! 8 hedge plants and three fruit trees. These will go into brightening up the Prep bulb garden. In April the children will plant their bulbs ready for a wonderful spring display.

Thanks to the parents who have volunteered their time over term one, watering the native plants planted at the front of the school last year on International Tree Day. These little plants are flowering now thanks to YOU.

Thanks to the parents who have swept the gravel off the basketball courts and who have helped with this newsletter.

If you would like to help improve on the existing and future gardening aspects at your children’s school please contact Georgia 0409 534 242. Any contribution will be valued.
SCHOOL INCURSION

Kilmore Primary School is committed to promoting positive behaviour. We explicitly teach and acknowledge appropriate behaviour and provide support for those who are still learning to be successful in their attitude and actions.

On Wednesday May 1st (Week 3 of Term 2) there is to be an incursion that demonstrates ways to address bullying in the school setting and in the wider community. The accomplished group of performers coming to school will be presenting a show for the juniors called Bully No More, and for the seniors a presentation about Cyber Bullying.

Permission notes and details will be sent home in the first week of Term 2. The cost is being finalized but will be around $5.00 per student.

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

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are reminded that if students are away from school they can either send a note or phone the office.

Notices handed out this week...

- Netbook Payment Reminders Grade 5/6
- Choir Permission and info note

SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER 2013

TERM 1

March
28 Jo Clark

TERM 2

April
19 Jane Trippier
26 Rose Glaras

HEAD LICE

We have had several cases of head lice reported to the office this week.
Please ensure your children are checked regularly and full treatments are completed.

Notifications of outbreaks are being sent via Tiqbiz
KPS CLUBS PROGRAM
Term 1

Thursday afternoon, session 6 (2.20 pm) is clubs time at KPS. We are looking for volunteers to assist with clubs activities. Arts, craft, sport, science, dance music, computers and games.

Please contact Julie McCarthy or your child’s classroom teacher if you can assist. Volunteers require a Working With Children Check.

Happy Birthday
March
27 Perri Clancy
30 Madeleen Francis

April
2 Phoebe Hanna, Tara Hope
4 Kendall Speak
5 Clare O’Donnell, Kirstie Veljanovska
6 Darcy Barmby
7 Molly Hamilton
8 Maddison Johnson, Erin Edwards, Bryce Alder
10 Alia Isbister
11 Riley Jones
12 Laura Butler
16 Alastair Clark

Toys at school
Whilst students have been enjoying bringing toys to school, we would like to remind families that students are responsible for personal belongings. There is a risk that these items may be lost, broken or stolen. Due to some recent incidents in the yard, we also strongly discourage students from swapping toys, cards and other personal items. Teachers have spoken to students involved, and we believe that a conversation at home would reinforce this message.

All Students in the Prep—Grade 2 Units-

Students are requested to bring along a box of tissues each for their class room.

Thank you

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.

PARENT HELPERS
A reminder to anyone wishing to assist in classrooms, school excursions, etc that a Working With Children Check (WWCC) is required.

Application forms are available from the school office.

Kilmore Primary School
Athletics Day
Wednesday 24th April 2013
School Oval, Whole Day
Bring—Hat, Sunscreen

Student Banking

School Banking Day is Tuesday, bring your deposit books to the office.
If you haven’t received a 2013 rewards chart please ask at the office.
Let the consequences do the teaching

Behavioural consequences are a parent’s best friends. When consistently applied consequences will improve kids’ behaviour and increase personal responsibility.

Too often parents will overtalk or repeat themselves to get cooperation from their kids. Too much talk and most modern kids tune out.

Alternatively, parents who protect their kids from the consequences of poor or selfish behaviour aren’t doing them any favours as they are robbing them of terrific learning opportunities.

I love the notion of behavioural consequences as they teach kids to take responsibility for their lives and to make smarter choices.

Parents can use two types of consequences – logical and natural consequences.

A logical consequence is used more frequently in family situations. They require adult intervention and are used when their behaviour disturbs other people. A child who makes a noise in the family room is asked to leave; children who refuse to clean their toys lose them for a period of time; and teenagers who come home late from a party lose the right to go out next time.

The 3 R’s of consequences

Consequences often involve the withdrawal of a privilege or a right. For example, a teenager who spends more time than agreed on Facebook, may lose access to technology for a day or two.

Restitution, or making up to someone for unfair treatment or for loss of a possession is another form of consequence. A child who willfully breaks his sister’s toy may make full or partial payment for a replacement. In both these examples the consequences are related to children’s misdemeanours, and are reasonable and respectful of their dignity.

A natural consequence involves NO adult interference. For instance, a child who leaves an excursion note at home will miss the excursion; a child who spends all his pocket money on the first day will have nothing for the weekend and a child who oversleeps and misses the bus walks to school. In these examples, children learn from the direct consequences of their own decisions and thus they are not protected from negative outcomes from their parents.

“It’s your fault, mumi!”

Some kids are experts at manipulating their parents to rescue them from experiencing the consequences of their poor choice. They'll blame their parents for not getting them out of bed on time, or for not reminding them about their responsibilities. It’s best to stand back and let the consequences work their magic! Note you shouldn’t use natural consequences when safety is an issue. Act decisively to ensure your child is safe.

Here are four simple tips to help make sure your consequences are effective:

Tip 1: Set consequences like a neutral cop.

Issue a consequence using sarcasm or anger and your kids will be angry at you. Issue it like a neutral cop free from emotion or without being heavy-handed and your kids are more likely to be mad at themselves.

Tip 2: When possible, negotiate consequences prior to engaging in new activities.

If your young person is going out for the first time with friends at night, talk about their behaviour and home time. Also discuss the likely consequences if kids don’t stick to the agreement. As a rule, kids are more likely to abide by consequences when they’ve had a say in deciding them.

Tip 3: Avoid life sentences.

Ban a child from going out for a few days rather than leaving the duration open-ended. Set a time-frame for the consequences and remember the second of the 3R's – reasonable – means that parents shouldn’t go overboard with consequences.

Tip 4: Don’t acquiesce to terrorism...or guilt.

If your child issues a threat saying something like, “There’s no way you can make me come home at six o’clock,” don’t rise to the bait. Deflect it by saying, “We’ll talk about this tomorrow.” Don’t give into the threats of running away or non-cooperation. "I hope you don’t run away, it’s great having you at home. I want what is best for you.” Avoid stating what you would love to say, which maybe something like, “Yeah, try running away. You wouldn’t last inside two days before you are back here begging for a good feed and comfortable bed!” Bite your tongue instead, and let the consequences do the teaching!

For more practical ideas to help you raise happy confident kids subscribe to Happy Kids, Michael’s free email newsletter at ParentingIdeas.com.au. You’ll get a free Chores & Responsibilities Guide when you do.
KPS Community Association
(formally Parent Club)

News
Kilmore Primary School Community Association
held their Annual General Meeting Friday March 15th.
The Association Office Bearers for 2013 are:

President: Jodi Rechsteiner-Sanders
Vice President: Megan Rolfe
Minute Secretary: Lorraine Trethowan
Treasurer Liaison: Carolyn Hanel
Correspondence Secretary: Glenda Stubbs

Friday March 22nd will be the final Icy Pole Day for Term 1. Icy Pole Fridays will resume in Term 4.
Easter Raffle will be drawn Wednesday 27th March. Raffle tickets will still be available for purchase until 12pm on this day.

Petition
A petition has been started to request a footpath on Left/Eastbound side of Lancefield Rd from the new housing sub-divisions—Kingsgate Village, Kilmore Gardens Estate, Willowmavin Estate.
Currently the children are crossing the very busy Conway St without any assistance—a footpath will enable pedestrians safe access to the town and school, in particular children walking to Kilmore Primary School.
Please consider signing,
Petition is located in the office.

End of Summer Sale

Kilmore Miniature Railway will be running on Saturday 30th March from 10am until 2pm and on Monday the 1st of April from 10am until 2pm
Wear your best Easter hat or costume and join the fun - prizes for the best
There will also be a sausage sizzle and the Irish Pipers will be there playing for your entertainment.
Train Rides are just $2
Enquiries tel. 5781 1711

Free dental check-ups (worth $50) for children below the age of 15. It will be available Wednesday afternoons, between 3.30 - 5.30pm ONLY. Any other time will carry a charge.

The Kilmore Miniature Railway is offering a FREE dental check-up for all children every Wednesday afternoon.
Please call 57 821 933 to make an appointment.

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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