Welcome Back

Welcome to Term 2 at Kilmore Primary School. I trust you have had an enjoyable Easter and are looking forward to the term ahead. As I start this term in my new role as Acting Principal, I am excited and privileged to have such an important part to play in your child’s development and ensuring they are confident and challenged to achieve their full potential.

At Kilmore Primary School we value your support and want to work together to achieve the best outcomes for your child. If you would like to discuss your child’s learning needs or their wellbeing please see your child’s classroom teacher in the first instance. If you would like further support or follow up please make an appointment to speak with a member of the leadership team.

Staffing Update

This term we welcome Miss. Simone Cocks and Mrs. Andrea Lewis to our teaching staff. Simone has replaced Mrs. Bassett in 2B while she is on Family Leave. Mrs. Dixon will be on leave this term and Mrs. Lewis will be in the art room two days per week.

New smoking bans to apply on school grounds and at school entrances

From 13 April 2015, smoking will be banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987. A similar ban applying to the entrances and grounds of Victorian childcare centres and kindergartens will be introduced at the same time. While smoking was banned on the grounds of all Victorian Government schools by the Minister for Education in 2009 via a Ministerial Ban Order, the new bans are enshrined in legislation and will also apply to Catholic and independent schools in Victoria, thereby ensuring a consistent approach across the government and non-government sectors. It is a legislative requirement that each school installs suitable ‘No smoking’ signs at all entrances to the school premises. These are currently on order and will be installed on arrival.

Excursion Payments Due

Please Note Any Payment After The Due Date Will Not Be Accepted.

Minimum transaction for EFTPOS payments will be $10.00 commencing at the start of Term 2. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

April

20 School Assembly, 9:00am in the Hall
21 Student Portal Info Session 6.30 pm
22 Student Portal Info Session 2.00 pm
28 Book Club Orders due

May

National Family Reading Month

4 School Assembly, 9:00am in the Hall
8 Mother’s Day Stall
Mothers Day Afternoon Tea 2.15 pm
12 NAPLAN (12-14 May)
18 School Assembly, 9:00am in the Hall
Big Healthy Breakfast
Education Week (18-22 May)
Scholastic Book Fair (18-22 May)
19 KPS Science Night

Notices Handed Out This Week

- Student Information Forms (Round 2)
- Book Club Order Forms
- Grade 5/6 Melbourne City Camp info
Happy Birthday

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

April
16  Alistair  56B
17  Fisher  34S, Emma  34T, Blake  56C
    & Ally  56L
21  Aeysha  2V

Highlights from the end of Term 1

Last term finished on a really positive note at Kilmore Primary School with some fantastic events occurring after our last newsletter was published. What an amazing job the grade 5/6’s did with their Notable Australian’s projects. The high quality work and knowledge the students presented was impressive. Thank you to the fantastic support shown by parents, grandparents and friends who came to see the work on display. The grade 1 students learnt first-hand about the past through the visit of grandparents and special friends who came to school to share memories of their childhood and how things have changed, and the grade 2 unit went on a very exciting and informative walk through Kilmore visiting a number of historic buildings in our town to bring to life their history unit of study. Thank you to the teachers for organising such engaging activities and to all our families for support these events in so many different ways.

We look forward to many more opportunities in Term 2 to invite you to join us in our learning journey and encourage you to be part of our school community.

Mrs. Jennene Cooney
Acting Principal

Student News

Book Club order forms will be given to students on Wednesday 15th April with the newsletter.

The due back date is Tuesday 28th April.

Unfortunately, late orders will be not be accepted. Please ensure that you put your name on the order. **If you pay online you still need to send your order and your credit card receipt number to school so we can include your order with the school order.**
GRADE 2 EXCURSION

On Tuesday the 24th of March the Grade 2 unit went on a historical walk around Kilmore. We went to the Courthouse, Colonial Bank and Bindley House. Barbara from History Society together with Rose and her husband, Liz and Graham put in their time to showcase the Courthouse and the Colonial Bank and to tell the stories associated with them. Mrs Jennifer Peggie also showed Grade 2 students around Bindley House and shared her knowledge about the property to students. Students were very enthusiastic about visiting these places and returned to school to complete some very interesting drawings and pieces of writing about the history of Kilmore. The Grade 2 team would like to thank all the volunteers that assisted with the walk, it wouldn’t have been possible without you.
STUDENT/FAMILY INFORMATION FORMS—Round 2

Student Information Sheets are being sent home to those who have not yet returned them to the office. To assist us with keeping accurate details please mark any changes, OR mark “no changes”, sign and return to the office as soon as possible.

As you are aware, people change phone numbers, employment etc and therefore contact details that we have on file at the school become outdated and inaccurate.

Accurate student details are essential, especially if we need to contact you quickly for what may be an emergency.

Student Absences—Term 2

Starting from Term 2, a new system will begin regarding notification of absences.

Every Monday, an email will be sent requesting explanation for unexplained absences from the previous week. If we do not have an email address, we will be sending you a text message on your phone. For those who do not have either of the above a letter will be posted.

Please note: We are still encouraging phone calls or notes to the teacher when your child is going to be absent.

When you receive an email, simply send a reply email, or for text message phone the school office on 5782 1268

Thanks for your help with making “Every Day Count”
MOTHER’S DAY AFTERNOON TEA 2015
organised by
Kilmore Primary School SRC & KidsMatter Team

This year, along with the Mother’s Day Stall we have decided to try a new event to celebrate Mother’s Day.

We would like to invite you to join us for:

Afternoon Tea at 2:15pm on Friday 8th May
Cost: gold coin donation (to cover food costs)
Afternoon tea will be served in the foyer of the stadium for mums, nans, grandma’s and friends of KPS. Your child/children will be able to visit and help serve you a delicious afternoon tea.

Please return the completed form below by Friday 1st May 2015

Tickets will be sent home on Monday 4th May 2015. For further details contact Julie McCarthy ph (57821268)

MOTHER’S DAY AFTERNOON TEA 2015
Please return your reply by Friday 1st May

Family Name: ______________________  Number of tickets: ______

Student: __________________________ Grade _________
Student: __________________________ Grade _________
Student: __________________________ Grade _________

Special dietary requirements:

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ANZAC, 100 years

This year we are paying tribute to our ANZACS in several ways. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

Our poppy field is growing well, keep your fingers crossed for flowers! Over the holidays the poppies painted by the students have been put up along Lancefield road. Keep your eyes peeled for crosses and soldier cut outs appearing this week.

As part of the Grade 5/6 passion project we are seeking your assistance in the preparation of care packages to send to our troops currently deployed overseas.

We STILL need donations of non-perishable items, such as tinned food, noodles, snacks, biscuits and lollies, magazines, novels, paper, pens and puzzle books. We will also need good condition shoe boxes and packaging tape please. Letters, cards and drawings would also be appreciated.

Good condition small toys such as cars, figures or even McDonald’s toys are good for the troops to give out to the local kids.

Donations can be left in the boxes near the office. A sample care package is on display in the office foyer. We are collecting now until the 20th of April. Care packages will be on display in the Library together with letters or drawings by the students.

As a thank you from Kilmore Primary School, our senior grades will be helping prepare the packages for our troops.

Thank you. Lest we forget.
Kilmore Primary School Portal

Our school has undertaken a new initiative, the Student and Parent Portal, to provide both parents and students discreet information about each student’s progress in our school. Staff began using this system halfway through last year, and have continued to map student progress using this program.

As we progress with this initiative, I am confident that the Student/Parent Portal will become more and more significant in your day to day management of your child’s enrolment at our school.

There will be letters going home addressed to each family, detailing:

- The address of the site
- How to log into the portal
- Specific access keys for each family

There will be an information night held on Tuesday the 21st of April at 6.30pm for parents who would like to log onto the system and learn more about how to use it. There will also be an information afternoon for parents who find it easier to attend during the day on Wednesday the 22nd of April at 2.00pm.

Please note: the portal is currently being used by students in Grades 3-6. Students in Grades 1 and 2, have logged in and used the portal, however they will spend Semester 2 working on it during ICT lessons. Foundation students will also begin working on the Portal later in the year when their ICT skills develop further.

Regards,

Brendan Thompson

GARDEN NEWS

Term 2 is set to be a busy time in the gardens, next week our ANZAC tribute will be complete with soldier cut outs and we are keeping our fingers crossed that the poppies will bloom.

This term the props will be planting their bulbs, we should finish off the artificial grass in the grade 2 garden, the miniature village should be constructed and some new exciting projects should begin appearing around the grounds.

Some parent help would be greatly appreciated with lunch time and Grade 2 gardening clubs on Tuesdays. If you have your Working With Children’s Check you will be able to begin right away (the WWC only takes about 5 minutes to fill out if you don’t yet have it). Please leave your name, number and email at the office if you are interested.

One of our next projects is to create a garden like this near the basketball courts, if you have any succulents or cuttings you could donate we would love to have them. Thank you.
The Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Friday 8 May. It is an opportunity for all children to be able to purchase a special gift for their mum or carer from the lovingly prepared selections. Gifts will be priced from $1.00 - $6.00. All proceeds raised contribute towards the School Council fundraising activities for the year.

Mother’s Day Donations
We would like to request items to be donated for this year’s Mother’s Day Stall Raffle. Gift donations may be inexpensive, however please be mindful to only donate unused, quality items which would be appropriate gifts for Mother’s Day. Suggested items for donation include:
- Toiletries e.g. soap, shower gels, hand and body cream etc.
- Frames
- Book / Recipe Books
- Kitchen Utensils
- Vouchers
- Candles Candle Holders etc.
- Boxes, baskets and ribbons that can be used to make packs.

It would be appreciated if items can be left at the office. Thank you in advance. Collections commence Thursday 16 April through to Friday 1 May.

As well as gifts to purchase on the day there will also be a raffle table at the Mother’s Day Stall. Tickets are 3 for $1.00. Don’t miss your chance to win a wonderful prize.

Mother’s Day Stall Helpers Needed
If you are able to assist on the day selling items we would really appreciate a hand so please leave your name, contact phone number and the time/s you would be available.

The Mother’s Day Stall operates from 9:00am - 2:00pm.

* Working With Children Check essential.
Fundraising 2015 Term 2

This year our focus is raising money for ICT equipment. Priority projects are our school computers, which are in need of updating, and also an iPad program to enhance the children’s learning. In Term 2 we will have several different fundraising activities taking place and we need your help to promote our fundraising efforts amongst our community, friends, colleagues and family.

To give you an idea of what is to come we will be having; a whole school challenge to collect 5 cent coins, we already have a collection bottle at the office and hope that by working together our spare change will add up to a new I-pad or computer! We are also planning a special family movie night, our ever popular walk-a-thon and hot dog days. Stay tuned for more fundraising information and keep a look out for the thermometer of our saving.

If you would like to volunteer to help our Fundraising committee please text your details to PH 0412 502 005. Your assistance is very much appreciated.
Kilmore Primary School

5c COIN COLLECTION

Please donate your 5 cent coins for fundraising.

We are asking for donations of 5 cent coins in order to raise funds for some new ICT equipment. “Every cent counts”!!!

A collection container will be on the counter in the office and one in every class room.

A reward will be given to the class that raises the most.
Balancing Love & Discipline
A Parenting Program

The program is facilitated by Marc des Landes from Familycare in Seymour. Marc has conducted numerous parenting workshops and worked with adults and children in a counselling capacity for many years. Marc is highly regarded and has a terrific reputation in this area. The course is open to all parents and has an emphasis on the important role of the father in establishing sound relationships with their children.

It is very common these days for fathers to be taking a much more active role in family life. Mothers are also finding that there are more demands on their time from a financial point of view. Fathers who find themselves more involved in the parenting part of family life may also find themselves wishing for more options for dealing with the day to day issues that arise in the home.

This course is suitable for all parents who would like to meet with others to explore ways to increase their options in dealing with the various issues that parents experience while supporting and nurturing their partners and children of all ages.

Parents may attend as a couple, share attendance by alternating nights, or attend alone. If you miss one or two nights, notes from previous sessions will help you catch up.

Some of the topics that have been helpful in previous groups include:

- Good communication
- Teaching life skills
- Issues of discipline
- What is normal for kids?
- Confronting unacceptable behaviour
- How to help your child when they are anxious, angry or upset

"Discovering that others are experiencing problems almost identical to your own somehow seems to lighten your load".

Feedback from past participants:

In December 2014 "S.S." said; "Clear, well organised, the eight week setting enabled us to learn & practice then reflect on what we had learned".

"J.R." said; "The course was really helpful, can’t think of any improvement aside from –more people should do it".

"L.D." said; "Initially came to support partner, but gained a lot of valuable information".

"R.P." said; "It has helped me with being a less angry and a much calmer parent. It helped us as a couple identifying some “holes” that need filling and given us the strategies that we need to fill them".

Course details
The course will run in the evenings, one night a week for eight weeks.

Dates: Every Tuesday from April 28 until June 16

Time: 7.00pm –9.30pm.

Venue: Willowmavin Primary School

Phone Familycare 5735 4600 to register interest

No Cost New participants welcome up to session 4
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**SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER**

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*Thank You*

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**Kilmore Speech Therapy**


or call Penny on 0467060552

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**PIANO KEYBOARD LESSONS**

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Saturday mornings

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**Tutors Wanted**

Kilmore Primary is compiling a list of tutors’ names to pass onto families when requested. Tutors may be asked to assist with reading, writing, spelling or mathematics tasks. Please contact Julie McCarthy or office reception and leave your name and details if you can assist.

Thank you,

Julie McCarthy

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**Student Banking**

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

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