From the Acting Principal’s Desk

Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea
What an amazing turnout we had last Friday for our Mother’s Day afternoon tea. It was a great opportunity to say thank you to our mums and let them know how special they are. Thank you to all mums and grandmothers who attended and to Julie McCarthy and all the wonderful people who helped organise the event and make it such an enjoyable occasion.

Mother’s Day Stall
Our Mother’s Day stall was also a great success with students having the opportunity to purchase a special gift for mum. Thank you to the wonderful support of our hardworking team of volunteers who organised the stall and to the generous businesses and individuals who donated prizes for the Mother’s Day raffle. All funds raised on the day go towards increasing the number of computer devices in the school.

Excursion Payments Due
Please Note Any Payment After The Due Date Will Not Be Accepted.
14 May—Gr 34 Camp Deposit
21 May—Cross Country Team

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

MAY
National Family Reading Month

12 NAPLAN (12-14 May)

Education Week (18-22 May)
Scholastic Book Fair (18-22 May)

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Exhibition:
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.

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Notices Handed Out This Week

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Education Week
Next week will be a very exciting time at Kilmore Primary School as we celebrate Education Week. We will be holding an open morning on Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} May from 9.00am – 10.00am where friends and family can come and see the children engaged in their learning. We will also be holding tours for our potential Foundation students for 2016 at 9.00am on Tuesday 19 May and Thursday 21 May. Throughout the week there will be a Scholastic Book Fair in the library and a dress up day on Friday. One of our highlights for the year is always our Science Night and this will be held on Tuesday 19 May at 6.30pm. We look forward to having you join us next week to celebrate our exciting educational opportunities!
Have a great week.

Mrs. Jennene Cooney
Acting Principal

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Kilmore Primary School
Family Science Night 2015

Do you like to discover new things?

Do you like to try new things?

Come along on

Tuesday the 19\textsuperscript{th} of May 2015

6.30 pm to 7.30 pm

in the Old School Hall

All Welcome.
Student News

Student of The Week
Isaac Seeger 1J
For helping Ms McCarthy

This week's focus
I ask for help using my manners
Kind, Proud and Safe at all times

2015 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Kilmore Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to 16 years in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by September 14.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

If you would like your child to participate, please return the attached privacy and consent form.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc
Mothers Day Afternoon Tea:

Thanks to the following Sponsors for your generous support of our Mothers Day Raffle

Mothers Day Raffle Results:

1st Prize  Mitchell  56C
2nd         Tarrant  2B
3rd         Tayah  2T
4th         Billy  56L
5th         Chloe  56L
6th         Fenella  1J
7th         Milla  34P
8th         Abby  34S
9th         Mrs Kelly
10th        Sharnie  34H
11th        S Keen
12th        Dean  56G
Reminder about the Sentral Parent Portal

Well done to all the parents who have already signed up for the Sentral Parent Portal! If you haven’t registered yet, please do so, as it is a great way of improving communication between school, students and parents.

There are many things that you can view, such as: your child’s attendance, learning goals, student portfolios, etc. There is a how to sheet located on the home page of the school website, and these are also available in a hard copy at the front office. On the home page of the school website there are also two links: a link to the registration page and a link to the logon page.

An additional thing to remember is that once you have registered the school will need to approve your request. Once this is done you can go to the logon page and enter your Username (email address) and Password (the password you set up when registering). When you have done this for the first time you will then be asked to enter your specific key, to link the portal to your students.

If you have any questions or need help, please do not hesitate to call,

Regards,

Brendan Thompson

Happy Birthday

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

May
15 Tyler FI
16 Jayde 34S
18 Brandon 56B, Ben 56L
19 Brock FA

Helpers wanted for Hot Dog Day

3 Parent Helpers are needed for Hot Dog Day between 11.30 am — 1.00 pm

Working With Children Check essential. Please see the office.

Parents as Partners

We would like to invite all our parents and guardians to our:
“Parent as Partners” Parent Forum.

On Thursday 21 May 2015
At Broadford Secondary College
7-8pm

Topics to be discussed:
* Importance of parents being involved in their child’s education
* Role modelling positive behaviours
* Impact of technology on families
* What contributes to a happy child

Guest speaker: Bernie Geary

Bernie is the Victorian Commissioner for Children and Young People. Bernie brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and passion in working towards achieving good outcomes and opportunities for young people.

We are quite privileged to have Bernie present at our school and hope you are able to attend. A light supper will be provided.

If you have any questions or queries, please don’t hesitate to contact a member of the Wellbeing Team on 5784-1200.

Proudly Presented by: Broadford Secondary College
Sponsored by: MCRAG
CAFÉ Strategy: Determine and Analyze Author’s Purpose

Every time an author writes, he or she writes for a reason. As readers it is important for us to understand why a piece was written because we infer the meaning of the text based on the author’s purpose for writing it. Identifying why the author wrote a text deepens our understanding for how to read and comprehend the text. Although there are many different reasons for writing, we mainly focus on the following:

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**How can you help your child with this strategy at home?**

1. When you sit down to read with your child, begin by looking at the book and having your child predict what he/she thinks the author’s purpose is. Is the author trying to persuade, inform, entertain, or is there another reason the author wrote the book?

2. After your child states what he/she believes to be the author’s purpose for writing the book, ask your child to look for clues in the story that support their conclusion. Use the following prompts to encourage their thinking:
   - Do you know anything about this author? Some authors write specific genres.
   - Is the selection going to teach you something, make you laugh, or try to get you to do something?
   - What clues can you find in the text that support what you think?
   - How might you approach reading this text, knowing the author’s purpose?
   - After reading the selection, do you still agree with your prediction about why the author wrote this text? If not, what do you think is the author’s purpose now? What in the text made you change your idea?

3. Have your child practice predicting author’s purpose by selecting different books off of the bookshelf and asking your child to predict the author’s purpose. Always have your child explain his/her thinking to encourage self-reflection. Then, after reading the text, revisit the prediction. Ask the author’s purpose again after reading the text.

**Thank you for your continued support at home!**

- Ideas and strategies are taken from: The CAFE Book, written by Gail Boushey & Joan Moser
- Written by: Allison Behne © www.thedailycafe.com
Kilmore Primary School

2016 Foundation School Tours

Prospective families are warmly invited to tour the outstanding educational facilities offered at Kilmore Primary School on one of our school tours during Education Week. Our school offers an exciting, innovative and stimulating learning environment for our students. We foster a community of learners who are confident, creative and challenged to achieve their full potential within a safe, happy and supportive environment.

School Tours will be conducted on:

- **Tuesday, 19 May 2015** from 9:00am – 10.00am
- **Thursday, 21 May 2015** from 9:00am – 10.00am

Please phone the school office on 5782 1268 to confirm your booking for a school tour or to arrange an alternative time if you are unable to attend one of these tours.

Enrolments are now open for 2016 Foundation students and all other grade levels. Please collect an Enrolment Pack from the school office.
Literacy News

- **May is Family Reading Month** and a lot of Literacy focused events are planned for, during the month of May. Information will be going home with the students on Friday, 1st May about how they can participate, read & enjoy LOTS of books and earn rewards for the school.
- **Education Week** 18th-22nd May which will include many fun activities, including a dress up day.
- **Dress up Day - "Kings, Queens & Castles"** on Friday 22nd May. Gold Coin donation. Prizes for the most authentic Costume (Junior & Senior)

"We love to dress up!"

- **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held in the Library from 18th-22nd. Details will become available closer to the date. Start saving up for some Book purchases as the children will no doubt want to visit the Book Fair display and complete their own wish list!
  NB: In 2013 the Book Fair raised over $4,800 and we hope to top that amount this year!
  Our aim is to continue to add Library reading resources to the school library with more Literacy Pro (Lexile) books for our Grade 5/6 students as well as many more books for the Junior and Middle years.

- **Big Healthy Breakfast** on Monday 18th May, 8.00-8.45am in the Art room.
  Gold coin donation entry & Lucky door prizes to be raffled, including 7 Vouchers for Books from the Book Fair. (1 x $25, 1 x $20, 3 x $15 & 2 x $10 Vouchers to be won!)

Please put these dates in your diary, and join the school during the Month of May in celebrating our very special Family Reading Month, Giant Book Fair & Education Week!
PS Some great **online reading resources** for children can be found at:
www.starfall.com
www.speakaboos.com
www.spellingcity.com
www.wondersbooks.org
http://interactivesites.weebly.com

Happy Reading ☺

Mrs Renton
Literacy Leader
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 classroom.

A reward will be given to the class that raises the most.

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 iPad 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.

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”

Uniform Shop Open Times

The Uniform Shop is open every Friday at the school from 2:15pm - 3:15pm

You can also purchase directly from our uniform supplier at:

All Things Uniform
Shop 1 / 70 High Street
Broadford Ph 5784 2276

SRC badges at the office

The office has some lost SRC badges waiting for owners to collect.

If you have lost a badge please see the office.

IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY
**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.

Thank you for your assistance.

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**Student Banking**

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

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**PIANO KEYBOARD LESSONS**

ACK Music Student studying Piano offering 30 min lessons $15 Saturday mornings Suit Beginners 7 yrs +

0421 578 388 / 0410 586 018

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**Kilmore Speech Therapy**

Offers help with your child’s language, reading, comprehension and articulation. For details check out:

www.kilmorespeechtherapy.com.au

or call Penny on 0467060552

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**Tutors Wanted**

Kilmore Primary School is compiling a list of tutor’s names to pass on to 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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