From the Assistant Principal's Desk...

Welcome to Week 6 Term 3

Mates 4 Mutzy
Over the last few months, two of our KPS students and their family have been dealing with a sudden change in circumstances when their dad was diagnosed with a serious medical condition. As the Mutz family can attest to, you never know what is around the corner. Friends of the Mutz family are organising a fundraiser in September to help them through this difficult time. Check out the Mates 4 Mutzy add in this week's newsletter. If you are unable to attend the fundraiser but would like to make a monetary donation or donate items suitable for a raffle, please call or drop into the office. We wish the Mutz family all the very best.

Grade 5/6 City Experience
Next Monday it’s an early start for our Grade 5/6 students and teachers as they head off at 8.00am for School Camp. This year the Camp is a City Experience with students visiting the Shrine of Remembrance, the Immigration Museum, Melbourne Aquarium and Melbourne Museum to name just a few of the attractions and educational opportunities the students will experience. We wish everyone on camp a wonderful time and good weather!

Working Bee
This Friday afternoon 3.30pm—6.00pm, the Buildings and Grounds Committee have organised a Twilight Working Bee. Everyone is invited to join us for a few hours to do some general tidying up around the school, so why not grab your gum boots, garden tools and brooms and join us in keeping our school looking great.

Notices Handed Out This Week
- Grade 5/6 Camp Reminder: Shoes and Bags
- Grade 5/6 Camp Permission to watch a PG Movie
- Principal Provisional Appointment Letter

Calendar

AUGUST 2015
Friday 21st August
Hot Dog Day—No other lunch orders available on this day
Working Bee 3.30pm — 6.00pm
Monday 24th August
Grade 5/6 Camp
Tuesday 25th August
Grade 5/6 Camp
Wednesday 26th August
Grade 5/6 Camp
Term 3 Conveyance Allowance Claims Close
Heath McKenzie Incursion
Thursday 27th August
MSSSA District Athletics
Monday 31st August
Curriculum Day
PUPIL FREE DAY

SEPTEMBER
Wednesday 2nd September
2016 Foundation Discovery Day 9.15am
Friday 4th September
Father’s Day Breakfast
Father’s Day Stall
Wednesday 9th September
2016 Foundation Discovery Day 9.15am
Thursday 10th September
Walkathon
Indigenous Literacy Foundation – Great Book Swap Challenge
This year we are again pleased to be involved in the Indigenous Literacy Foundation Great Book Swap Challenge. The Great Book Swap Challenge is a fundraising event in which students swap books for a gold coin donation. Students and families are invited to donate one or two books they've read and enjoyed to the challenge and from Tuesday 1st September – Friday 4th September all these pre-loved books will be displayed in the library at recess and students then choose a ‘new’ book they would like to swap for a gold coin. All funds raised are donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation for the purchase of books for children in indigenous communities. Look out for the donation box in the reception.

Don’t Be Late Mate!
Two weeks ago I wrote to the school community on the importance of being on time for the start of the school day. Let us all keep in mind that it is important to be on time to maximize the learning opportunities for our kids.

Remember, Don’t Be Late Mate and Be On Time Every Time!

Have a great week.

Mrs. Julie McCarthy
Assistant Principal

Manners Matter!
This week's focus
I accept consequences.

Kind, Proud and Safe at all times

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

August
19 Kyle 56G
20 Tilly 2V
22 Mikaylee 34F
23 Coby 2B
24 Elizabeth 2B
   Ella 34T
25 Michael 1A
   Brodie 34P

Reduced Bus Service
Seymour Coaches and Assumption College have advised that the Reduced Bus Service Timetable will be operating this Friday 21st August.

Earn & Learn
Keep collecting the Earn and Learn stickers each time you shop at Woolworths. Drop the sheets in the Kilmore Primary collection box at Woolworths or in the box in the school foyer. Thank you for your support.

SICK BAY
LINEN ROSTER

August
21 Helen Gormlie
28 Rosalie Anglog

September
4 Noleen Cornish
11 Shanelle Scarlett
18 Kristy Brookes

Thank You
To help you to discover more about our school we would like to invite you to join us for our

Kilmore Primary School
2016 Foundation (Prep) Discovery Days

Let our students, teachers and parents share with you the values and friendly feeling that sums up Kilmore Primary School as a community school that has been a vital part of the local area since 1874.

Your child will have the opportunity to participate in a number of activities over the 2 weeks and experience our quality programs.

Wednesday, 2nd September 2015
9.15am – 10.15am

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Wednesday, 9th September 2015
9.15am – 10.15am

We have weekly tours every Wednesday from 11.00am – 12.00noon or by arrangement at a time that suits you.

To book a place for your child or to arrange a tour of the school please call us on 5782 1268.

Our Formal Orientation program for children enrolled to start school in 2016 will take place in November/December.

Please enrol for 2016 by Friday, 18th September 2015
WORKING BEE
Friday, 21st August
3.30pm - 6.00pm

Grab your gumboots and coat, it’s Working Bee time!

There will be lots of different activities, so even if you are not a handy person or gardener there is sure to be something you can do. If you can, please bring a shovel, wheel barrow, broom, or rake to help with some jobs around the school.

Father’s Day Stall
The Father’s Day stall will be held on Friday 4th September. All children have the opportunity to purchase one or two special gifts for Dad or another special person. Gifts will be priced from $2.00—$7.00. There are also gift bag sets with cards for $2.00. All money raised will go to our Information Technology Department.

There will also be a raffle held in conjunction with the Stall. Tickets are $1.00 each. Don’t miss out on the chance to win a wonderful prize.

If you are able to assist on the stall we would really appreciate your help. Please leave your name, contact number and the times you are available. The Father’s Day Stall operates from 9.00am—1.00pm.

Chicken Pox
We have had a confirmed case of Chicken Pox reported.

Head Lice
Just a friendly reminder for parents/guardians to continue to check their child’s hair on a regular basis.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)
CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student will be $125 for primary & $225 for secondary students.

How to Apply:
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Your Health Care/Pension Card must be shown to the office at the time of submitting your application.

Closing Date:
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 18th September 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

P.E NEWS

ATHLETICS
The MSSSA District Athletics Carnival is to be held on Thursday 27th August at the Meadowglen Athletic Track Epping. Congratulations to those students who have been selected to represent Kilmore Primary School. Just a reminder to those students in the team that the Permission Note and money is due back to school by Wednesday 19th August.

If any parents/guardians are able to help out on the day (you must have a Working With Children Check) could you please contact the office or Mrs James.
Principal’s Poetry Competition

To promote our school values and high expectations in student work I am launching a Principal’s Poetry Competition.

Students are invited to write an **ACROSTIC POEM** using the words **KIND, PROUD & SAFE**

Help and suggestions from home are both encouraged and welcomed. You can choice to use one or all three words that represent our school values.

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**CREATING AN ACROSTIC IN FIVE EASY STEPS**

To create an acrostic, follow these five easy steps:

1. Decide what to write about.
2. Write your word/s down vertically.
3. Brainstorm words or phrases that describe your idea.
4. Place your brainstormed words or phrases on the lines that begin with the same letters.
5. Fill in the rest of the lines to create a poem.

Here’s an example of an acrostic Poem on the theme of ice dream:

**Ice Cream**

I love every flavor.
Cookies & Cream.
English Toffee.
Chocolate Chip.
Rocky Road.
Even Strawberry and
Almond Fudge.
Mmmmmmmmm.

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- Please present your poem on an A4 sheet of paper. There are lots of great presentation ideas on the internet.
- Poems will be judged at each grade level. I will looking at the **creative content** and the **presentation** of each poem.
- Winning poems will be published in the school newsletter and displayed in the administration area.

**Entries are due to Mrs. Cooney by Tuesday 1st September.**
Monday 17th August 2015

Provisional Appointment – Principal, Kilmore Primary School

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The School Council Principal Selection Committee has presented its recommendations to school council following an extensive selection process. It is with great pleasure and delight that I would like to inform the school community that Mrs. Kim Laffan has been provisionally appointed to the role of Principal at Kilmore Primary School. Kim has an extensive principal history with her latest role being at Upper Plenty Primary School.

We look forward to Kim taking up her role on the first day of term 4 2015. Please join us all in welcoming Kim on-board and congratulating her on her appointment.

Kind regards

[Signature]

David McBean
Kilmore Primary School
School Council President
Library News

It’s always a pleasure so see the delight new books in our Library provide to the Students, Staff and Families at Kilmore Primary. Here are some examples of the wonderful array of genres, titles and authors that contribute to the students learning and reading pleasure that they provide. Below are some of the purchases we were able to make due to the success of the Book Fair held at the school earlier this year.

The school community should be proud of the support they provided in the provision of these new texts. Unfortunately from time to time books go missing and are damaged which impacts on the capacity of the school to provide for the demand by students to take home a wide selection of reading material. Please help us to value and treasure ALL books that are borrowed from the Library.

Here are some useful tips to help your child with his/her borrowing habits:
1) Supply a library bag with students name and grade
2) Keep the bag/book in one location
3) Check which day Library is time tabled for your child/ren each week
4) Supervise regular reading of books at home, away from food and drinks
5) Discuss the pleasure of caring for library books
6) Encourage regular borrowing habits

Books are borrowed in the student’s name, therefore the responsibility of returning books to the library is the onus of the student. A donation towards lost/damaged books to restock our library is greatly appreciated.

It is our shared responsibility to encourage and support our children in developing these positive borrowing habits.

Thank-you for your support.

Paula and Mrs Renton
Shaping Lives with Stories

Tuesday 1st September – Friday 4th September 2015
Recess time in the library

THE GREAT BOOK SWAP CHALLENGE
Indigenous Literacy Foundation

The Great Book Swap Challenge is a fundraising event in which students swap books for a gold coin donation. Participating students bring along one or two books they’ve read and enjoyed. From the 1st September – 4th September all these pre-loved books will be displayed in the library at recess and students then choose a ‘new’ book they would like to swap for a gold coin.

All gold coin donations will be collected and donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to help indigenous students improve their Literacy skills.

KPS students are invited to bring in pre-loved books to school and place them in the GREAT BOOK SWAP CHALLENGE Box in reception.

Broadford Secondary College
Production: “Once On This Island”

Last Wednesday, 12th August, the grade 6s were invited to Broadford Secondary College to watch the matinee performance of their production: “Once On This Island”. Kilmore Primary School students were behaving very proudly and had an enjoyable time.
Some highlights of the day were when we got to see some of the past students of KPS, on their way to classes at BSC, and when one of our grade 6 students ran into his old Prep buddy!
The play was fantastic, of course, and the main highlight of the day. The BSC students were well rehearsed, very enthusiastic and looked great in their costumes.

Many thanks to BSC for inviting us.

5/6 Teachers.
Special Guest Speaker—Mohammad Ali Baqiri
On Thursday 6th August, Mohammad Ali Baqiri visited the Grade 5/6 Unit to provide an authentic account of his real life Refugee experience fleeing to Australia from Afghanistan as a 10 year old boy. Mohammad, now 24 years of age, provided an insightful passionate account of his experiences traversing the Indian Ocean and his time spent in Refugee Camps on both Christmas Island and Nauru. Mohammad is in his final year of studying Law/Business at Victoria University. He is testament to the resilience and determination required to overcome adversity, achieving the best life possible here in Australia for himself and others. We extend our gratitude to Mohammad for sharing his incredible story with the children and wish him the very best in future endeavours.

Quarantine Dog Visit—Thanks Snowy!
Some dogs are sniffer dogs. The dog that visited us was a sniffer dog. The dog sniffed things out of two boxes. The dog’s name was Snowy and the dog was funny.
Cameron 1L
On Friday a Quarantine Dog came to visit the school. His name was Snowy. He sniffs out meats, plants, mushrooms, bugs and nests. He played a sniffing game and got the boxes right for the owner. The owner knew when Snowy was finished because he sat down on the floor.
Lisa 1L
Our class had an incursion. We had a dog visit for our incursion. The dog’s name was Snowy. It came to the school. We learnt lots of things.
Kate 1L
The dog was so big because it helps us and it protects us from mushrooms and poisonous plants. Once the caterpillars eat the stuff off the mushroom they turn into a mushroom. If the mushrooms aren’t poisonous we can eat them.
Joshua 1L
Award Winners

Congratulations to all the students who received awards at assembly this week.

Keep up the great work!

**Literacy**

**Foundation:** Nate FB, Maison FI
**Grade 1:** Cameron 1L, Courtney 1A
**Grade 2:** Riley 2B, Bethany 2B
**Grade 3/4:** Griffin 34T, Hayden 34S
**Grade 5/6:** Carly 56C

**Numeracy**

**Foundation:** Brock FA, Shanique FA
**Grade 1:** Luke 1A, Lacey 1L
**Grade 2:** Jada 2T, Harry 2V
**Grade 3/4:** Emily 34P, Will 34N
**Grade 5/6:** Tyler 56B
Sunday 27th September
12.00pm—4.00pm
Epping RSL
195 Harvest Home Road
Epping
$10.00 per head
$20.00 per family
Food provided
Drinks at discount prices

Master of Ceremonies:- John Barnes
Guest AFL Speakers and Players
Kids Activities and prizes to be won!

All monies raised go to the Mutz family.

For more information contact:-
Steven Power 0412 140 438
Neil Pearson 0421 630 124
Trinity Woods 0433 338 891

OSHC
Hi Everyone,
Just letting you know that the School Holiday Brochures are available this week. To book in you will need to visit the website for the service you require. The booking sites are open and you can begin planning for the holidays. There are lots of exciting things to consider.
So either visit www.kilmoreoshc.com.au  or www.wandongoshc.com.au

We look forward to seeing you soon.
Karyn Homewood
Auditions have been held, performers who were successful should now be rehearsing for their semi-final performance.

For the Semi-final performances the audience gets to vote for their favourite performer! Make sure you are there to vote for your favourite! Only 3 from each category will make it to the Grand Final!

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**Semi Final Dates and Performers**

**F-2**

**Thursday, August 20th**

- Jake
- Mya
- Chloe
- Kenzie, Moniquea, Makayla & Charlotte
- Elizabeth & Milla
- Annabel

**3-4**

**Thursday, August 25th**

- Will
- Milly
- Scout
- Keira-Lee
- Cohen
- Brielle, Jess & Sienna

**5-6**

**Thursday, September 1st**

- Amy
- Bryony & Kalarni
- Ally, Brinley, Chloe, Jasmine & Chloe
- Al
- Josh
Well done to everyone from Year 3-6 who auditioned!

KILMORNE’S GOT TALENT
2015
CAFÉ Strategy: Use Prior Knowledge to Connect With Text

Have you ever read a story and been able to connect on a personal level with a character or storyline? Do you notice that it is easier to read and comprehend something that you have background knowledge of? This is because readers bring information from what they already know or what they have previously read about a topic and connect it with what they are reading. This increases their understanding of the text and helps them remember what they have read. Using prior knowledge can help students connect their own experiences with the text to better understand and make sense of what they are reading.

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

1. When reading with your child, pause before and during the reading of the text to relate what is being read in the story to what is already known.

2. Model for your child how you activate prior knowledge before you begin reading. Use some of the following questions to get started:

   - What experiences have you had that might be similar to what this book cover is telling you?
   - What do you already know about this content, genre, or author?
   - While reading: Does this part of the story remind you of anything you have done before or read before that will help you understand this section of the story better?
   - Using what you already knew about the topic, did that information help you understand this selection?

3. Remind your child that a reader can connect text to many different experiences. They can make a "text to self" connection (connecting to personal experiences), a "text to world" connection (what they know about the world that will help them better understand the story), or a "text to text" connection (the current book reminds them of a previous book read). When your child makes a connection, see if he/she can identify what kind of connection was made.

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

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