



Kilmore Primary School

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Disco

The hall was pumping on Friday evening with over 320 students dancing the night away at our whole school disco. Special thank you to our KPS Family and Friends Group for their hours of work before, during and after the event. Thank you also to everyone who supported the event by dropping off and picking up students. Our Family and Friends Group appreciated everyone's attendance and patience signing in and out. Finally, a great big thank you to our students for their energy, enthusiasm and school spirit. It was a great way to spend a Friday night.



Payment Due Date

Please note any payment received after the due date will not be accepted

Calendar



October

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th October
Kilmore Primary School Photo Fundraiser

November

Wednesday, 1st November
Walt Disney's Life Production
Matinee 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Night Performance 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Thursday, 2nd November
Classroom Helpers Training Program 9.00am

40 Day Uniform Challenge
Out of Uniform Day

Friday, 3rd November
Assembly 2.30pm to 3.10pm
All welcome

Monday, 6th November
Pupil Free Day– Report Writing

Tuesday, 7th November
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Friday, 10th November
Parent Forum "What is Bullying" 9.00am

Friday, 17th November

Assembly 2.30pm to 3.10pm
All welcome

Thursday, 30th November
Conveyance Allowance closes

December

Friday, 1st December
Assembly 2.30pm to 3.10pm
All Welcome

Friday, 15th December
Assembly 2.30pm to 3.10pm

Thursday, 21st December
Grade 6 Graduation

What's gone home recently?

The following notices were sent home between Thursday 20th October & Wednesday 25th October

Whole School: Nil

Selected Families: Nil

Selected Students: Production full dress rehearsal note 14/10/17

Individual Grade Levels: Nil

Foundation: Nil

Grade 1: Nil

Grade 2: Nil

Grade 3: Nil

Grade 4: Nil

Grade 5: Nil

Grade 6: Nil

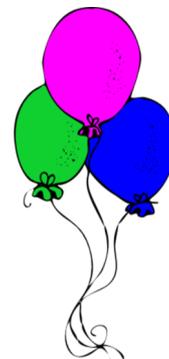
Spare copies of notices are available from the office.

Happy Birthday

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

October

26th	Ivy	1P
	Bethany	4T
28th	Sienna	2C
30th	Ruby	4J
31st	Isla	FJ
	Kash	5M
	Charlotte	6G



November

2nd	Kester	5P
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Sick Bay Linen Roster Term 4

27th October	Natalie Campbell
3rd November	Sally Chadwick
10th November	Melanie Hooke
17th November	Ainsley Sporle
24th November	Jessica Martin
1st December	Samantha Paton
8th December	Jo Clark
15th December	Sally Porter
22nd December	Melanie Hooke

Thank you for your support



From the Principal's Desk.....

Welcome to Term 4 Week 3 at Kilmore Primary School.

Oh what a night!

The disco on Friday was a huge success. So many children and so many parent volunteers. Sally Chadwick and the amazing FAF team did a wonderful job covering all organisational details to make sure the night was safe and lots of fun. On behalf of all the children, thank you to everyone who contributed to the night.

Parent Forum – Bullying

We will have a parent forum “What is Bullying? What are our issues at KPS? What can we do to improve?” At the forum, we will also look at the new Bullying Policy. If this topic interests you, please join our discussions on November 10th at 9.00am. This forum has been provided in response to data collected in our Parent Opinion Survey.

Classroom Helpers Training

I will be running a Classroom Helpers Training Program on November 2nd at 9.00am. If you have not done the training and think that you would like to work in classrooms either this year or next, please come along. It will take 45 minutes at the most.

Planning for 2018

Very soon, we will start the very complex task of planning grade structures, teacher grade allocations and student groupings for 2018. It is essential that we have accurate enrolment data. If you are planning to leave Kilmore Primary School in 2018 can you please let us know. If you have children who are not yet enrolled for 2018 please do so straight away. If you know of friends or family members who are planning to send children to KPS next year but have not enrolled please ask them to do so with urgency. The best decisions and plans will be made when we have accurate enrolment data. The ramifications of last minute enrolments affects everyone.

If you have significant issues that you would like us to consider when placing your child in a grade next year can you **please put your request in writing, place it in an envelope and mark it Attention Mrs Laffan.** Your input to the decisions around grade placement is important to us. Having said that, there are many considerations and variables that have to be factored into grade groupings so we cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate all parent requests, but we can guarantee they will be valued and considered. The closing date for grade requests is strictly **November 17th .**

Late arrivals

This year we have had a significant issue with children arriving late at school. On the first day of term, the line for late passes was excessive and it has continued to be. The first 20 minutes of each day is crucial to setting students up for success. The daily program is explained, expectations set and explicit teaching commenced. If your child misses this on a regular bases it is impacting on their learning and also the learning of others who are distracted by the interruptions caused from children who attend school late. **Did you know that if you are 10 minutes each day your child is losing almost a week of learning each year, over half a term of learning in their primary years?**

Very proud!

It was wonderful to read this letter to the editor in the North Central Review this week. I was extremely proud as I read the tribute given to our students by the writer. I would also like to thank M Russell for taking the time to put their positive thoughts on paper and share them.

Kim Laffan

Principal
Kilmore Primary School

Letters to the Editor

EDITOR: I wish to tank and congratulate the children and teachers of the Kilmore Primary School for the beautiful presentation of spring and summer of display in the Wallan library.

There must be many people like myself who appreciate the time and effort that must have gone into creating something so lovely. A huge thank you and well done to you all. It is truly gorgeous.

On the other side. To the graffiti vandals who have been busy causing so much anger and disappointment in the town. Please direct your energies into doing something that would make us proud of you too.

Thake a lesson from the little ones at the Kilmore Primary School.

M Russell
Wallan

Asha's Adventures



Another action packed week full of excitement at KPS!

I joined in the fun at the Foundation & Grade 1 Fun Night. My favourite activity was the pasta necklace one. You were meant to thread the pasta onto a piece of string. Turns out that I'm not the best at threading. Eating on the other hand... You can guess what happened next. I also found a spot of carpet where a pie had landed earlier in the day and spent a bit of time tidying up. More news about the Fun Night on the next page!

There's been lots of singing and I've spotted Snow White, dwarfs, a mouse named Mickey and Simba's friend Zazu - production rehearsals are in full swing. I've got my ticket for the matinee pawformance. Hope to see you there!



Above right: I walked to school with lots of my KPS friends on Thursday morning as part of Walk to School Day which promotes being active. This year's theme was 'Dazzle Your Feet'. I dazzled my legs instead. My guide dog training kicked in whilst I was waiting to cross at the traffic lights. As soon as I heard the little green man make his 'cross now' noises I knew I was allowed to start walking. Sometimes I forget that I know these things from my guide dog days. I loved getting some exercise walking to school with everyone.



Above & Right: Friday was disco night at KPS. My ears are super sensitive, so I didn't get to go to the actual disco. I snuck in before it really got going to see lots of parents and a DJ setting up. At the end, I snuck back in and spotted lots of happy, sweaty faces and heard there were some super dance moves. Thank you to everyone who helped make over 300 children

Right: Do you know that we were allowed to play on the Grade 3 - 6 playground at the Fun Night? It was very exciting because we've never been on it before! I couldn't quite master the monkey bars or the ladder, but I made it onto the little platform. Next challenge is the slide!

Below: I joined in the team challenge of trying to cross the astroturf by only stepping on black paper pieces. We pretended the astroturf was lava. Unfortunately, I fell off the paper and had to start again. Maybe I needed a bigger piece of paper?

Below right: I 'helped' my Foundation friends move a big cushion so we could sit on it to watch TV. Only thing was, I got tired half way and decided to climb on before we reached the TV. Whoops!



Comments and questions that have put a smile on my dial this week...

"Asha, you are the colour of mashed potato!"

"You look fab-u-lous dar-ling!" (I was wearing my disco gear when this was said)

"Asha, you're a loud snorer but my dad is even louder!"

"Are you in the production, Asha?"

"You are worth your weight in gold."

Are you on time for school?



I am very concerned at the number of students who are presenting as late for school. This morning (yesterday) I was in the office just after 8.50am helping the staff with students arriving late to school. The number of students who needed late passes was quite astonishing.

We all run late sometimes. For your child, arriving late to school occasionally won't cause major disruption. From time to time children will feel sick or tired some mornings, or other situations will prevent them from being on time. But chronic lateness eventually takes its toll on a child's overall educational experience.

One of the most important aspects of school is that it is organized, scheduled and predictable. Students depend on the structure of the day. They know where they have to be and when. They know the main purpose for being in school is to learn and that routines are in place precisely to help them focus on that learning. When students are repeatedly late, these routines are disrupted. Children who are often late have trouble settling in and mastering routines. Being late can throw off their whole morning or even their day, especially if the late commute to school was stressful.

Students who arrive late:

- miss instructions and vital information for the day
- miss work which may need to be caught up
- can get off to a bad start to the day
- can feel embarrassed, anxious, awkward and uncertain
- disrupt teaching



**EVERY
DAY
COUNTS**
Primary school attendance

Responsibility

Part of your child's education is learning to be responsible. The school experience teaches children how to meet expectations. They learn to follow schedules, obey rules, complete assignments and keep track of their materials. Learning responsibility in school is one of the ways children show they can meet their obligations. In many cases, a child's attendance depends on his parents' ability to help him/her be on time. Parents can teach their children organizational techniques that will help them get out of the house faster, such as packing their bags and laying out their clothes the night before school. But parents who drive their children must also remember to be punctual and responsible. After all, you are the primary role model.

Children who arrive 10 minutes late each day miss 50 minutes of instruction time a week. Education is the key to future success and it is imperative that children are in school as often as possible in order that they make the most of their learning opportunities offered at school.

So come on Kilmore Primary – let's set those alarm clocks a bit earlier, get organised and be at school on time. We can do it!

Julie McCarthy
Assistant Principal

Student Leadership Team; Forty Day Uniform Challenge

We are happy to announce that all classes have now completed the 40 day uniform challenge. As a result of this we will be having an out of uniform day on November 2nd. You can wear casual clothes. It is the day after the production which will help celebrate this special event as well. Thank you for supporting the challenge and wearing your school uniforms to school at all time with pride!



Thank you to the KPS Community for supporting #itsinthebag.

From your generosity, we filled 21 bags with toiletries that will go towards women in need.

The bags will be delivered to the charity in November.



Remembrance Day Friday, November 11th

Poppies are available from the office prices range from \$2.00—\$5.00



Term 4 Conveyance Allowance

The Department of Education and Training (DET) provides financial assistance in the form of a Conveyance Allowance to assist eligible families with the cost of transporting their children to attend their closest appropriate school.

Are you eligible?

For students to be eligible for a Conveyance Allowance they must:

- Be aged over five by 30th April 2017.
- Live more than 4.8km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest bus stop, and ...
- Be enrolled at the nearest government school.

Applications for Term 3 Conveyance Allowance close on Thursday, 30th November 2017.

If you have received the Conveyance Allowance in Term 1, Term 2 or Term 3 then you do not need to reapply.

If you have any questions relating to the Conveyance Allowance, please contact the office on 5782 1268.

Disco continued...

