The thermometer has burst!!!

We, as a whole school community, reached the goal and kept going!!

On behalf of the fundraising committee we want to thank everyone for supporting our fundraising activities throughout the year. Having you all take part in the various fundraising events not only enables the school to purchase & upgrade equipment for all the students, but also makes us a stronger school community and brings us all together as one.

Well done to all!!

ONLINE ORDERING PROCEDURE MUST BE COMPLETED BY 9th DECEMBER 2016

Go to http://paperchase.boolists.com.au—Enter school code: BTSKPS Select the correct year level for the student from the menu on left hand side and submit order. Please check your E-mail for order receipt.

Please Note: All packs will be delivered to the school for distribution to students and therefore must be pre-paid. Payment must be made during the online ordering process, by Visa or Mastercard only. (credit card or debit card accepted).

If you have any queries, please contact the school office. If you are experiencing significant financial hardship please contact the school for an appointment with me to discuss payment options no later than 5th December.

Thank you

Kim Laffan
Principal
Happy Birthday

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

November

8th Ashley 2J
13th Abby 5G
16th Lara 1T
17th Mason 1T
17th William 5D
20th Marlie 1G
Annabel 3T
Angelique 6B

Calendar

November

Thursday, 24th November
Bravehearts Incursion
Foundation - Grade 3

Friday, 25th November
Term 4 Conveyance Allowance closes

Book Club Issue 8 Closes
Money and orders are due

Tuesday, 29th November
Foundation Transition Morning 1
9.15am - 10.45am

December

Thursday, 1st December
Foundation excursion to Como House

Friday, 2nd December
Stickybeaks orders due today

Tuesday, 6th December
Foundation Transition Morning 2
9.15am - 11.30am

Thursday, 8th December
Foundation Transition Morning 3
9.15am - 11.30am

Friday, 9th December
Online book orders must be completed

Tuesday, 13th December
End of Year School Picnic 5.30pm

Thursday, 15th December
Year 6 Graduation

Friday, 16th December
Presentation of 2017 student leaders at Assembly

Tuesday, 20th December
End of Term 4

February

Wednesday, 1st February
First day term 1, 8.50am-3.10pm
school begins for grades 1-6

Thursday, 2nd February
First day term 1 for Foundation Students

SICK BAY LINEN - ROSTER
TERM 4

18th November Anna McGivney
25th November Kristy Brooks
2nd December Jessica Martin
9th December Natalie Campbell
16th December Liza Whitfield

Thank you for your support

Icy Pole Fridays Are Back
Every Friday in Term 4
$1.00 each - Limit of one per student

Please put your child’s name and grade on an envelope with the money. Orders are collected from each classroom and icy poles are distributed at lunch time.

Koolstix Naturally Coloured and Flavoured Water Ice Confection Split supplied by Home Ice Cream.

Ingredients:
Water, Cane Sugar, Maize Glucose, Citric Acid, Natural Vegetable Gums (412, 410), Natural Flavours, Natural Colours [Pineapple (101, 120), Apple (120), Orange (Mixed Carotenes, 120)], Natural Plant Extract.

Manners Matter
This week's focus

I make good choices
Kind, Proud and Safe at all times
Welcome to Week 7 – Term 4

Another week gone! Finding it hard to keep up with the speed with which the weeks are going.

I have had to talk to our grade five and six students this week to remind them of the expectations we have in terms of behaviour and respect of our school values. As is usually the case, most students remain focused and respectful, coming to school to enjoy learning, their friendships and the opportunities that are available. A small number of students have let their behaviour and choices slip and this is impacting on the environment of their peers, other students and staff. If you have children in these years they may have spoken to you about the meeting that I had with the group on Monday. I would ask that you help your child to understand the importance that they play in maintaining high expectations and setting the tone of the school for everyone. Discussing with them what they can do if they are with friends who are letting their behaviours slip or pushing the boundaries in the way they talk to each other, younger students and staff would be appreciative of your support. If your child is made accountable for their behaviour or part in an incident I urge you to focus their conversations and thinking on their role, not what everyone else has done. Asking questions like, ‘How could you have improved the situation?’ or ‘What choices could you have made that would have helped avoid a situation happening or getting worse?’ are often helpful as children can get very focused on the actions of others rather than their own. Overall 2016 has been a very productive year, particularly in the behaviour and tone of the school. The staff and I are very committed to bringing the year to an end on a positive and celebratory note and I thank all parents for their support in this.

This Friday we have some teachers from our feeder Secondary Colleges coming to school to be part of our High School Days program. This is a new initiative and will form part of the transition to secondary school preparation activities. All grade six children will be involved in a day that is structured like a secondary school timetable. They will move from one subject to the next over the day, taking their bags, books and resources with them. The lessons will run in a secondary manner which is quite different to the typical primary school class. Carolyn Crowther has been instrumental in implementing this initiative. I thank her and the staff who have done the planning for the program. I look forward to my part in the day which is to run two English classes!

This week I received confirmation from the Victorian School Building Authority that we will be receiving some funds to paint the administration block, one of the toilet blocks and one classroom. This is great news. I will begin the process of developing a scope of works, getting the quotes, gaining approval and then booking the work to be done. Realistically this will happen in the term one holiday break next year all going well!

I am very much looking forward to Friday lunch this week. Ava from 1V has traded some of her Bee Tickets for lunch with the principal! I am so glad that this is what Ava has decided to do with her hard earned Bee Tickets. It is great to see so many children getting to the point that they can cash in Bee Tickets for prizes.

Kim Laffan
Principal
Kilmore Primary School
Kilmore Primary School will be changing to an online ordering system for Book Packs and payment of Essential Educational Items with our stationery supplier *Paperchase*.

There will be **NO** collection day at the school. Book pack will be delivered free of charge to your child’s classroom on the first day of school in 2017.

Ordering can **ONLY** be made through the *Paperchase* website, see below for details. Book Pack, Essential Educational Item charges, Voluntary Contributions and Environment Maintenance Program charges are all included on the online form.

**Online ordering must be done by 9th DECEMBER to guarantee free delivery to the school.**

Parents can contact the school office for assistance to place the book list order if they do not have any access to the internet at home.

**Online Ordering Procedure**

Select the correct year level for the student from the menu on left hand side and submit order. Please check your E-mail for order receipt.

**PLEASE NOTE: All packs will be delivered to the school for distribution to students and therefore must be pre-paid.**  
Payment must be made during the online ordering process, by **Visa or Mastercard only** (credit card or debit card accepted).

If you elect not to purchase the booklist through *Paperchase* please ensure children come to school on the first day with the required materials. You will be invoiced by the school for the Essential Educational Items which are compulsory at the start of the year.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office. If you are experiencing significant financial hardship please contact the school for an appointment with me to discuss payment options no later than 5th DECEMBER.

Thank you

*K. Laffan*

Kim Laffan  
Principal
**Transition for Foundation (Prep) 2017 Students.**

The Foundation Transition program aims to provide our future students with an opportunity to participate in a program that will facilitate a smooth, happy and exciting start to their school life. During transition sessions students participate in a number of exciting familiarisation activities. They will spend time getting to know current Foundation teachers, their future classmates and become more familiar with our school surroundings.

### Important Dates

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| Tuesday| 29th November      | 9:15-10:45 | Foundation Transition Morning 1  
  ‘Busy Fingers’  
  Children play a range of developmental games and activities | Principal address  
  School captains address  
  Uniform shop  
  Morning Tea |
| Tuesday| 6th December       | 9:15-11:30 | Foundation Transition Morning 2  
  ‘Buddy Up’  
  Children meet with Grade 5 buddy, shared activity, getting to know you. | Sharon Blackwell, School Support Officer - services  
  2016 parents – what works well? How to be involved in the KPS community?  
  Uniform Shop |
| Thursday| 8th December       | 9:15-11:30 | Foundation Transition Morning 3  
  Buddy up and classroom activities | Digital learning – parent portal  
  Uniform shop |

**Book Club Issue 8**
Book Club brochures for Issue 7 have been distributed to all classes. The quickest and easiest way to order is online at scholastic.com.au/LOOP. Otherwise paper orders must be delivered to the office by 25th November. Late orders can not be accepted.
REMINDER FOR SAFE ROAD CROSSING PRACTICES

It has been brought to our attention that there is concern about student safety when crossing the road. Could you please remind your student/s that when they cross the road they need to follow the crossing rules;
1. Always use a school crossing
2. Walk (don’t run)
3. Stay between the white lines
4. Wheel scooters and bicycles
5. Carry any balls (please don’t bounce them crossing the road)
6. Always listen to the instructions of crossing supervisors as they are there to help you cross the road safety.

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

This year as a school community, we will once again be supporting the Salvation Army Christmas appeal. We are collecting donations of non-perishable foods, gifts, toys or clothes (in new condition please) to give to the Salvation Army who will distribute to families in need.
If you would like to make a donation during the month of November, please place your gifts in the boxes under & around the Christmas tree in the foyer. This will be our third year supporting them.

Thank you for your kind support.
Classroom Snapshot – Foundation
At the start of each maths lesson, classes spend 10 minutes practising a skill. This might be done as a whole class, with a partner or in a small group. Foundation students have been practising solving addition problems in different ways.

Overheard…
“I’ve learnt so much maths in Foundation!”
“Did you know that you can use a number line for addition and subtraction?”
“I love using coloured teddies to make patterns!”

Maths Homework
Maths homework helps to practise concepts learned in class. We have Homework Club at Kilmore Primary School each week in the library after school on Tuesdays. It’s the perfect place to complete your homework. You can complete it with your friends and there is teacher help nearby if you want it.

Assessment Snapshot – On Demand Testing
The results are in! Last week students in Grades 3 – 6 completed their ‘Number & Algebra’ On Demand Tests. Overall, the results are very exciting, with a number of students achieving scores showing more than 12 months growth within one year. A wonderful achievement!

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Hello everyone!

Another supawb week at Kilmore PS!

This week saw me play a spot of basketball with Mrs Trawn, attend a picnic with bears, go to meetings, visit classrooms, play in the sandpit, go to the ICT lunchtime club and do my normal pawtrols in the yard with my friends. Some people also came to show me poems they have written about me!

My Foundation friends and their teddy bears had a picnic on the oval. Soft toys and food are two of my most favourite things in the whole wide world. I could barely (see what I did there?) contain my excitement! There were lots of cuddly bears, happy smiles and food. There was also a bit of confusion, half a chicken roll on the ground and then half a chicken roll in my mouth. Unfortunately, I wasn’t allowed to keep it and had to write an apawlogy letter.

Later at the picnic someone tried to give me their sandwich. It looked like ham but I never got to find out for sure. It was a nice thought to see if I was hungry (and let’s face it, I always am), but we’re not allowed to share food at KPS and the rule applies for me too. Please don’t try to feed me on purpose because I get muddled and then think I can eat anything I want.
On Friday 11th November at 11am the whole school met at the flagpole. We all sat in silence and then we all stood in silence. Everyone had very serious faces so I put on my most serious face too. Mrs Laffan and Mrs Trawn spoke about Remembrance Day and the history behind it. I already knew about red poppies but I learnt that purple poppies represent the animals who worked alongside the soldiers. We then had one minute of silence to think about the humans and animals who made sacrifices during war time.

Students from Mrs Trawn’s grade lay this wreath at the flagpole. The School Captains put another wreath there too.

Apawrently we had a lock down drill last Thursday. I didn’t notice all the doors being locked, students and teachers moving away from windows and sitting quietly whilst Mrs Laffan checked everything. I slept through the whole thing at the office and woke up when it was all over. We might need to do a real lock down if something dangerous is in the yard, like a snake.

I’m a good listener and I heard some more comments this week which made me smile. Here’s some that I’ve remembered:
“Asha, it looks like you dipped your ears in coffee!” (Student)
“Asha, your teeth are so white! Do you brush them?” (Student)
Inside Inquiry @ KPS

Our Grade 1 and 2 students visited Cooper’s Settlement last week as part of our inquiry curriculum focus. Students learnt about life in the early 1900s in our localish area. Cooper’s Settlement became the home of John Smith in 1899. Original buildings still exist there today and students sampled what their lives could have been like had they been born 117 years ago.
I’m a big fan of history. It’s so interesting!
Jovie, 2J

Riding on the horse and cart was our favourite part! The horse’s name was Ben.
Lisa & Jess, 2H

Riding on the horse and cart was my favourite thing because we got to see lots of things.
Ashley, 2J

When they went to the toilet they had to go outside, even if it was raining.
Jake, 2C

I liked the farrier part because we had to pull the thing to make the fire stay hot. We also got to hit the anvil where the horse shoes were made.
Tarsha, 2J

I learnt that people used to write with quills and ink. I also learnt that you had to wear the ‘Dunce’ hat when you got in trouble and had to stand in the corner facing the wall.
Alia, 2C

I’m a big fan of history. It’s so interesting!
Jovie, 2J
On Wednesday 9th November James, Tallara and Ms McCarthy attended the Puckapunyal Military Area for the unveiling of an Aboriginal Mural painted by children from local schools including Kilmore PS, Tallarook PS and Kinglake PS. The mural which was coordinated by Philip Wischer, Art teacher at Yea Secondary College, depicts Australian animals on a camouflage background - promoting the local aboriginal language by naming the animals in the Wurundjeri language. Many local dignitaries attend the unveiling which is now proudly on permanent display in the Headquarters Combined Arms Training Centre Puckapunyal.

Head Lice
There has been a case of head lice reported to the office this week. Could all parents please check their children’s hair carefully and treat them accordingly before returning to school. The following website can be helpful when dealing with head lice. www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au