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Kind Proud Safe

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From the Principal's Desk...

Welcome to Week 9 Term 4

Not long until the end of the term and so many things happening! Final stages of the report process are underway. At this stage the reports should go home early in the last week.

Thanks Tracey

Tracey Crane raised \$540 for the school with the Funde Coupon Book sales. Thank you for this great effort and thanks to those of you who supported the initiative by buying a book. Happy shopping!

Parent and Community Helpers Thank You Morning Tea

In recognition of the amazing contribution from many of our parents and community helpers for our school, the staff at Kilmore Primary School would like to host a morning tea to say thankyou. The morning tea will be held in the hall on **Monday December 14th at 10.30am**. Invitations will come home via the children but if you have helped and don't receive an invitation, please know that we would love you to attend. We truly value the work that you do and the difference this makes for us and our students.

Foundation Transition Days

It is always very exciting when our new Foundation students visit for the first time. They will be here for an hour tomorrow and will come again next **Tuesday December 8th**. We can't wait to meet them.

2016 Grades Structures and Plan

We are finalising grade structures and students placements and hopefully will have these ready to go home on Monday evening. Children will then spend sessions 1 – 4 with their new grade and teacher for 2016 on **Tuesday December 8th**. Most children handle change really well and embrace it, which is a wonderful trait to have. Some children do struggle with it and we need to support them through the process. Change is part of everyday life and learning how to handle it is imperative to our learning. If your child is anxious, uncertain or not happy with their new grade placement for 2016 I urge you to do the following:

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Excursion Payments Due

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

Calendar



DECEMBER

Thursday 3rd December

Foundation Orientation Morning
9.15am—10.15am

Friday 4th December

Rhyme Time 2.30pm
Icy Pole Day

Monday 7th December

School Assembly

Tuesday 8th December

Foundation Orientation Morning
9.15am—11.30am

Whole School Transition Morning
9.15am—11.30am

Year 6 Transition to High School All Day
School Council Meeting 6.30pm (off site)

Wednesday 9th December

Foundation Excursion Bulla Railway

Thursday 10th December

Booklist and Fee Payments Due

Last day for Graduation Bear Payments

Friday 11th December

Grade 1 Excursion TRAC

Rhyme Time 2.30pm

Icy Pole Day

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Notices Handed Out This Week

- Grade 6 Graduation Information

From the Principal's Desk...continued

1. Reassure them that change can be a positive thing.
2. Remind them that change can open opportunities that we didn't know existed.
3. Reaffirm that change is part of life and something we have to accept.
4. Don't indulge them in too much talk. Children who are anxious about grade changes will probably not be talked out of it. Once they get into the rooms and involve themselves in some great activities they will generally be much more willing to see the positives for themselves.

We have several staff changes for 2016. Most of the new staff will be present on the transition day and this will be a wonderful opportunity for children in these grades to get to know them.

Manners Matter

This week's focus is **I offer to help others**. Please remember to be **Kind, Proud and Safe** at all times.

Have a great week.

Kim Laffan

Principal



SICK BAY

LINEN ROSTER

December

- 4 Suzanne Hurley
11 Rosalie Anglog
18 Jo Clark

Thank You



Calendar continued



DECEMBER

Monday 14th December

Grade 6 Graduation 6.00pm

Parent Helpers Morning Tea 10.30am—11.00am

Tuesday 15th December

Grade 2 Excursion Cinema & Moth Park

Grade 5/6 Excursion Reading Cinema

Thursday 17th December

Grade 3/4 Excursion Oz Ten Pin Bowling

End of Year BBQ from 6.00pm

Friday 18th December

End of Term 4 1.30pm Dismissal

2016

JANUARY

Friday 29th January

Students return to school

Stationery Packs delivered to Classrooms

Happy Birthday

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

December

- 2 Aimee 56B
3 Brielle 34H
6 Ryan FA
Tayla 2T
Lachlan 34S
7 Tarsha 1A
8 Chloe 56B



Assumption College Bus Service

Friday 18th December

There will be no buses.



Please make alternate arrangements for your children on this day.

FUNDE Booklets

We received sufficient orders for this fundraiser and the booklets have been ordered. They will be sent home as soon as they arrive. Thank you to every one who ordered a booklet.

ART ROOM NEWS

There are a number of Art displays around the school of grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 Students' work.

The Library and Foyer are showing grade 3/4 Paper Mache Aliens, Rockets and Planets.

In the Foyer is a display of Clay Work by grade 5/6.

Near the Staff Room and Principal's Office, grade 5/6 paintings inspired by Vincent Van Gogh are magnificent.

Finally, outside the Staff Room there is a flock of birds and their nests, that grade 3/4 had fun making and painting. They are singing their songs of Spring.



Please come and see all their hard work.



Salvation Army Christmas Appeal



This year as a school community we will once again be supporting the Salvation Army Christmas appeal. We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food, gifts and toys (in new condition please) to give to the Salvation Army to 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 the Christmas tree in the foyer.

Thank you for your kind support.



Kilmore Primary School

End of Year BBQ

THURSDAY, 17TH DECEMBER FROM 6.00PM

A Jumping Castle will be set up for the night for all students/children to use. The cost is \$2 per ride.



There will also be entertainment including class carols and the school band performing LIVE.

BBQ

Sausage in Bread - \$2.50

Hamburgers in Bread - \$2.50

(add onion to each) - \$0.50

Drinks

Soft Drinks - \$1.50

Prima's / Pop Tops - \$1.00



Bring the whole family along to our End of Year BBQ and celebrate the end of another school year. Families can bring along their own picnic dinner (no alcohol). Remember to bring along some chairs. You can purchase some raffle tickets for your chance to win some great prizes.

Santa will be arriving at 7.30pm

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End of Year BBQ - Thursday, 17th December 2015

For catering on the night please return this slip to the office before Friday, 4th December.

Family Name: _____

Number Attending: _____



Library Books & Take Home Readers

Last week was the last opportunity for students to borrow books from the school library. All books are due back by Friday 11th December.

Each year we have a number of books that are not returned and this means we are spending valuable money on replacing rather than expanding our literacy resources. It would be appreciated if all families could have a 'summer clean out' and return any KPS library books and take-home readers to school before the end of year.

Book Donations for Classroom Libraries

In 2016 we are wanting to expand our classroom libraries. If you have any good quality children's books that you no longer want please donate them to KPS.



Thank You

I would also like to say a special thank you to Paula who works tirelessly in our library to make it an attractive environment to encourage students to read and develop a love of books. Paula puts in many voluntary hours and we really appreciate the amazing job she does.



KPS Parent Helpers Morning Tea



Dear

We would like to invite you and any parents, grandparents and community members who have helped and supported the students and staff at our school this year along to a morning tea on:

Monday 14th December in our school hall 10:30-11:00am.

Please come along as we would love to take this opportunity to say thank you and show our appreciation for all that you do! Staff will provide all the yummy food as a way of saying thanks for all your help this year.



RSVP to the office, 5782 1268, by completing the reply slip or email your reply to kilmore.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

I will be/ will not be attending the KPS parent helper's morning tea.

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Student's name & grade: _____

Student's name & grade: _____

Student's name & grade: _____





2016 Kilmore Primary School Foundation Student Orientation Days

Following our successful school tours, open mornings and Discovery Days throughout the year, our formal Foundation Orientation Program for the 2016 school year will begin in early December:

- Classroom Session One: ~

Thursday 3rd December 9:15 – 10:15am

This morning will include a Parent Information Session - *"Helping your Child Make a Successful Transition to School"*. (Morning tea will be provided in the school hall for parents)

- Classroom Session Two: ~

Tuesday 8th December 9:15 – 11:30am (parents are not required to stay for this session).

Students will need to bring snack for morning tea on this day.



Please note: Our uniform shop will be open during all classroom orientation sessions. Please feel free to speak with any of our office staff or the staff from All Things Uniform about your child's future uniform requirements.

On Tuesday 8th December new students to KPS entering in year levels other than Foundation will be invited to join us in a whole school transition program. This will be an opportunity for all students to visit their new grade level for 2016.



K.P.S 2015

Christmas Raffle

Tickets = \$1

The raffle will be drawn at
the KPS End of Year Picnic.

Tickets will be available to buy at the picnic and also available from the picnic tables on Monday 7th & Thursday 10th of December at school pick up time.

There are already some great prizes to be won, kindly donated from some local businesses.

The fund-raising committee would like to ask families to contribute to the 2015 End of Year Raffle. We are asking that each family please bring in an item of non-perishable food, or any other suitable item to make up the hamper prizes.

We are appreciative of your generosity & support.

Christmas

Ho Ho Ho, our Christmas Raffle is approaching!

It is that time of the year again, preparations for our end of year picnic and raffle are well under way.

We have some wonderful support from local businesses including Bellaroba, Buds and Branches, Blue Dragon Fly, Copella, Finch's Supermarket, Gray's Quality Meats, Ian Wood Optometry, Kilmore Bakery, Kilmore Florist, Kilmore Lighting, Kilmore Picture Framers, London Mart, Pat Croke Furniture, Simon Yu Pharmacy, Skin Purrfect who have all donated already... we expect a few more prizes so keep your eyes out. Tickets will be available soon.

A huge thank you to all those who have supported Kilmore Primary School in 2015, we really do appreciate you all.



Broadford Community Market

Motor Neurone Disease Christmas Fundraiser

ON: SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 2015

BETWEEN: 8AM – 1PM

**VENUE: BROADFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE,
158 – 162 HIGH STREET, BROADFORD**

- ♦ FREE JUMPING CASTLE & ENTERTAINMENT
- ♦ MARKET STALLS (NEW & PRE-LOVED ITEMS)
- ♦ CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT ACTIVITIES
- ♦ OFFICIAL MND MERCHANDISE
- ♦ SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- ♦ FACE PAINTER
- ♦ RAFFLE
- ♦ SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE BY SANTA!
(OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PHOTOS WITH HIM)



*Please come along to this Great Christmas Event & show your support.
All funds raised will be donated to MND Victoria!*

If you have any queries or would like to book a Stall
please contact Tania on: 0408 758 060 or
send an email to: broadfordcommunitymarket@hotmail.com

Come dance and join the fun with the 1st Wallan Wallan Rover Crew Christmas Disco

There will be heaps of fun with

Dancing

Music

Hot Food & snacks

Drinks

Glow Sticks

Door Prizes

Where: Wallan Scout Hall, Cnr Windham & Watson St, Wallan

When: Friday 11th December

Time: 6 - 7.30pm for our smaller ones from prep to grade 3
8 - 10pm for our bigger ones from grade 4 to grade 6

Cost: \$5.00

Your children will be in a fully supervised environment where they will meet some friends and have a fun evening. All parents will be required to sign their child in and out of the disco.



Parent Pipeline



CAFÉ Strategy: Use Dictionaries, Thesauruses, Glossaries as Tools

Readers use many strategies to increase their understanding of words and texts they are reading. Although there are many different strategies to use, one of the most widely known strategies is using a dictionary, thesaurus, or glossary as a word learning tool. Readers use this strategy when they need a precise definition of a word or a list of other words that mean the same thing. In order for readers to be successful at using these word learning tools, they must first understand how they work. In class, your child has been learning how to productively use these tools. The following ideas will help you assist your child with this strategy at home.

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

1. When reading with your child, model the use of these tools. Select an interesting word in the text and model how to use a dictionary to look up the meaning of the word. Then, you may want to use the computer or a thesaurus to see what other words the author could have written instead.
2. A dictionary shows the proper spelling of a word, how to pronounce the word, the syllables of a word, and the meaning of a word. Have your child practice his/her dictionary skills by looking up words you give. Ask for the spelling, definition, and syllable/pronunciation of the word.
3. Remind your child that the dictionary lists words in alphabetical order. Practice using this skill with your child by giving a list of words in random order and asking your child to put them in ABC order. Once they become good at this, make it more difficult by giving lists of words that all start with the same letter. This provides practice for looking at the second and third letters in a word.
4. Make a game out of practicing dictionary skills by seeing who can find a word first. Each player has a dictionary that is closed. One player gives a word and both players look to find the word. The first to find the word and read the definition wins.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

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