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Kind Proud Safe

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From the Principal's Desk...

Welcome to Week 10 Term 4

What an exciting week! As I wandered through all the classes on our Transition Day I was energised by the buzz of excitement that filled each class. The children took on the challenge of working in their grade groups for 2016 with admirable enthusiasm. Any nerves or anticipation were quickly gone once the groups began the task of introducing themselves and meeting their new teachers. We were very lucky to have all 2016 staff present on the day and the feedback from them was very positive. I would like to thank the staff who prepared so well for the day, the students who demonstrated growth mindsets with their positive approach to change and the parents who obviously supported the children in this part of the transition stage.

Our young Foundation students for 2016 need a special mention for the maturity and enthusiasm they displayed throughout the transition program. We are very excited about the potential they have demonstrated already.

Last week I was invited to meet with Michael Bourne, Principal of St Pat's Primary School in Kilmore. I had a tour of the school and engaged in a wonderful conversation about the possibilities that a close partnership between the schools could provide for all of our children. Michael spoke passionately about building an education community in Kilmore and capitalising on the opportunities that exist with the unique combination of school settings our town has. I was very motivated by the conversations we had and feel sure that this partnership is one which will be mutually beneficial to our schools. Next year I will meet with the staff at St Pat's and Michael will meet our staff. From there the possibilities for networking between staff and students are only limited by our imaginations!

I have been asked to remind parents who do smoke outside the school at the end of the day, of our need to be respectful of the properties that adjoin the school boundaries. While smoking outside of the prohibited areas might be legal, I do ask parents to consider the example this sets for our students, particularly if butts are left on the ground for someone else to clean away.

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Excursion Payments Due

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

Calendar

DECEMBER



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

Last Icy Pole Day for 2015

Library Books due back

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

Notices Handed Out This Week

- 2016 Grade Allocations

From the Principal's Desk...continued

Not many 'get-ups' left now everyone. I hope to see lots of families at the BBQ night on Thursday December 17th so we can celebrate the year. Thank you to Rachel and those who have helped with the Salvation Army collection. I'm sure that your contributions will make a difference to many people over the Christmas break.

Manners Matter

This week's focus is **I keep my belongings safe**. Please remember to be **Kind, Proud and Safe** at all times.

Have a great week.

Kim Laffan

Principal



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

- 9 Vander FI
- 11 Briley 56L
- 12 Jack 56C
- 14 Hydi FA
- 15 Lacey 1A
- Dwayne 1L
- Ryan 34P



SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER

December

- 11 Rosalie Anglog
- 18 Jo Clark

Thank You



Assumption College Bus Service

Friday 18th December
There will be no buses.



Please make alternate arrangements for your children on this day.



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.





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.

Award Winners

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

Keep up the great work!

Literacy Awards

Foundation: Zion FB, Tiama FA
Grade 1: Jordan 1A
Grade 2: Chelsea 2T
Grade 3/4: Ethan 34H
Grade 5/6: Brandon 56B, Jessica 56L



Numeracy Awards

Foundation: Veysel FI, Xavier FB
Grade 1: Shelby 1L, Nathan 1J
Grade 2: Emily 2V
Grade 3/4: Sean 34F, Rhys 34P
Grade 5/6: Chloe 56B, Tyler 56B



Congratulations to the students who are now in the 100 & 200 & 300 Bee Hive Club

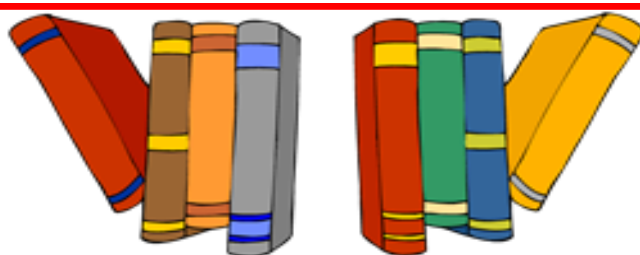
100 Club



300 Club



Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge.



Library Books & Take Home Readers

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.



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: _____



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: _____



Parent Pipeline



CAFÉ Fluency Strategy: Voracious Reading

Fluency is the ability to read, speak, or write smoothly and with expression. The best way to become a fluent reader is through reading. The amount a child reads has a huge impact on their success in becoming a fluent reader. The strategy of voracious reading is one used with students to increase vocabulary and fluency. Students are taught that voracious means to do a lot of something and still want more of it. They know that by reading, reading, and more reading, they will become smooth readers that are enjoyable to listen to. This will lead to increased comprehension and broadened vocabularies.

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

1. Encourage your child to read more at home. Start by adding a few minutes to their regular reading time and go from there.
2. Model this strategy for your child by taking out a book of your own and reading.
3. Have your child to show you what he/she is reading. Ask the following questions:
 - Does this book interest you?
 - Are you able to read most of the words?
 - Do you understand what you are reading?

Your child should be able to say "yes" to all three questions if he/she is reading a good book to improve fluency and become a voracious reader.

4. Find a genre or style of book your child is interested in. Visit the library or bookstore to provide more books or stories in this area of interest. Tapping into a reader's interests creates voracious readers.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

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