From the Principal's Desk…

Welcome to Week 11 Term 4

It has been an incredibly busy term with lots of work being done around the School Improvement Plan. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of a document called 'The Kilmore Way'. It is the start of the documentation that will underpin the improvement strategies that have resulted from our work around the School Priority Review. I thank you for your contribution by way of the Stars and Wishes survey and attendance at the Community Way. This document will be on the website as well and will be added to as 2016 unfolds. Happy reading.

This week we will farewell Robyn Dwyer from the office. Robyn will be returning to work at Pyalong PS as an Integration Aide and I wish her all the best on behalf of the community. Thank you Robyn for your contribution to KPS and all the best for the future. Next Year Kylie Pyne will join the office staff. Kylie is from Romsey PS and we look forward to working with her in 2016.

On Monday night we had our Grade Six Graduation Ceremony. It was a wonderful occasion and I would like to congratulate all of our graduates. I would like to thank the Grade 5/6 team and our support staff who went above and beyond to ensure that the children had a great night.

I can’t believe that this is the last newsletter for the term and indeed, the year. I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome that I have received since starting this term. It has been lovely getting to know everyone and I have been very moved by the positive support and encouragement that I have been given.

I would like to thank Jennene and Julie who have had to carry the load while I find my feet. Kim and Robyn in the office have helped me transition and been very gracious in overlooking initial teething problems as I became familiar with a new way of doing things. Brendan has the patience of a saint I have come to realise, helping me with the new programs at KPS. As the term has unfolded I have gotten to know each of the KPS staff members better and very quickly realised that I am fortunate to have a dedicated, genuine and hardworking team of people to help me achieve the goals we all want for our school.

Notices Handed Out This Week

- Class Party Notes
Happy Birthday

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

December
17 Zali FA, Zali 2T, Patrick 2T
19 Sean 34F
20 Dean 56G, Cooper 34P
22 Cooper B, Darnika-Jane FI
24 Blair 1A
26 William FA
27 Emily 34H
28 Tyler 56B
31 Emily 34P, Hayden 34S, Hannah 56G

January
1 Neisha 34P
4 Raidyn 34S
6 Haylee 34S
9 Aaron 56L
11 Isabelle FB, Angel FI, Luke 34T, Emmett 34S
Kannika 56C, Chance 56G
12 Milla 4P
13 Reid 34H, Phoebe 34N, Nicholas 56C
14 Claire FA, Caralee 56L
16 Caitlin 34S
17 Maddison FA, Brodie 34P
20 Gwendalyn 2V
22 Jordan FA, Tianna 56C
24 Xavier FB, Savannah FB, Destiny 34F
25 Charlotte 34F
Tyla 56C
26 Joshua 56C
27 William 56G
29 Ashlyn 56G
30 Chanel 34N
31 Rory FB, Mason 34N

From the Principal's Desk…continued

I did want to say a special thank you to the children of KPS. Since arriving at the school I continue to be impressed by your friendliness, enthusiasm and genuine caring. The majority of our students have exceptional manners and values and I look forward to working with you all next year as we roll out ‘The Kilmore Way’ initiative and develop our school reputation into an enviable and high achieving learning hub.

To those staff, students and families who are leaving Kilmore Primary School I wish you all the very best for the future and sincerely hope that good health, happiness and success follow you along the new path you are taking.

Have a great Christmas everyone. Keep safe!

Kim Laffan

Dear Parents,

As Part of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling will be installed at our school. The labels remind people to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school’s asbestos register.

Asbestos—which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned— is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition.

The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian Government School remain safe.

Children’s safety is our number one priority. That is why we are taking this extra step as a precaution.

Assumption College Bus Service
Friday 18th December
There will be no buses.

Please make alternate arrangements for your children on this day.
Congratulations to the following students elected to the KPS Student Leadership Team for 2016.

2015 outgoing School and Deputy Captains congratulating our new Student Leadership Team for 2016.

2016 School Captains: Jess Vilinkis and Joshua Hart
2016 Deputy School Captains: Ella Stewart and Tom Anderson

2016 Blue House Captains
Molly D’Allesandro
Cohen Slade

2016 Green House Captains
Bryony Williams
Will Fraser

2016 Red House Captains
Kalarni Poorter
Kyle Bazzano

2016 Gold House Captains
Hayley Mutz
Riley Jones (absent)
Congratulations to the students who are now in the 100 & 200 & 300 Bee Hive Club

PEER MEDITATION

Last Thursday a group of enthusiastic Grade 5 students participated in Peer Meditation Training in preparation for the 2016 school year. The aim of Peer Meditation is to educate students on the value of peer to peer support. It allows young people to learn interpersonal skills and negotiation strategies when faced with a problem and brainstorm ideas to find possible solutions. Look out for our Peer Mediators in the yard next year. They will be wearing bright yellow vests.
Graduation 2015

The 2015 graduates were dressed to impress on Monday night! It was a fantastic evening. The ceremony was wonderful, with students receiving their certificates and gifts from current and past teachers; it was a very special event. The sit down dinner was delicious! Plenty of chicken and chips with ice cream and topping! While we ate, we watched the DVD; there were some tears, but overall, the room was filled with laughter. The Disco was pumping! We finished the night with signing of the students’ graduation bears.

An emotional night for all!
Ho Ho Ho, our Christmas Raffle is approaching!

THE PICNIC IS TOMORROW, THURSDAY the 17th!!!

There is an abundance of prizes this year, a huge thank you to our great families for supporting the raffle. We have wonderful support from local businesses including A Cut Above Hair Dressing, Australia Post, Bellaroba, Buds and Branches, Blue Dragon Fly, Coles, Copella, Essendon Footy Club, Finch’s Supermarket, Gray’s Quality Meats, GV Bargains, Hidden Valley Golf Course, Healing Hands Massage, Hogan’s Hotel, Hotondo Homes, Hush Designs, Ian Wood Optometry, Izzy Belle, Jolly Jumping Castles, Kilmore Bakery, Kilmore Family Chiropractic, Kilmore Florist, Kilmore Lighting, Kilmore Newsagency, Kilmore Picture Framers, Little Leaps Dance, London Mart, Make A Page, Noodle Box, Papa Jims Pizza, Pat Croke Furniture, Sammy D’s Cleaning, Simon Yu Pharmacy, Skin Purrfect, Ultra Tune, Viive and Whitegate Farm who have all donated some awesome prizes.

Make sure you get your tickets. All proceeds go towards our school for the benefit of the students.

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

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.

BBQ
Sausage in Bread - $2.50
Hamburgers in Bread - $2.50
(add onion to each) - $0.50
Drinks
Soft Drinks - $1.50

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

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
Library Books & Take Home Readers

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.

PIANO / KEYBOARD LESSONS

Saturday mornings
Suit Beginners 7 yrs+
30 minute lessons $15
0410 586 018

Kilmore Speech Therapy

Offers help with your child’s language, reading, comprehension and articulation. For details check out:

www.kilmorespeechtherapy.com.au

or call Penny on 0467060552

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