From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents,

For the past 25 years, I have had a very fulfilling career in teaching and working with children. This has always been my dream and my passion, and I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to do this.

A large part of my teaching career has been at Kilmore Primary School, where I have taught every Grade level and undertaken a variety of leadership roles in the school. During the past few years, I have had the honour and privilege of undertaking the role of Principal and leading this vibrant school into the future.

However, life does not always go according to plan, and recently I have had to make some difficult decisions about my lifestyle and career in order to maintain my health. Unfortunately, one of those decisions meant giving up a job that I love, which is probably one of the hardest decisions I have ever had to make.

I would like to advise you that after much consideration, I have formally resigned from the Department of Education and Training. I will be working at KPS until the end of this Term, and then taking Long Service Leave during the whole of Term 2, and then my resignation will become effective.

During Term 2, Mrs Jennene Cooney will be Acting Principal. Mrs Cooney is currently our Assistant Principal and will capably lead the school during this time. The Principal Position will be advertised at the beginning of Term 2, and after due process, a new Principal will be appointed to start at the beginning of Term 3.

Once again, I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed working with all of the wonderful children, parents and teachers at this school. I intend to enjoy every moment of the next four weeks and save up lots of memories to take with me into my retirement.

Kind regards

Denise Barker
Principal
Be Sunsmart
A reminder to students to bring their hat every day during Term 1

It's Not OK To Be Away

Up Coming Events

MARCH
6 Grade 1 Incursion
9 Labour Day Holiday
11 NRM Region Swim Champs
16 Curriculum Day,
   Student Free Day
17 School Photos
27 End Of Term 1, 2:30pm finish

School Photo Day 2015

SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on Tuesday 17th March

Photo Day Tips
Dress: Clean and tidy Full School Uniform
Hair: Neat and swept off the face
Orders: Complete your order form,
   Return money and order forms to school on photo day

Pre orders: To pre order online, take your personal order and ID numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au

Parents please note: Sibling/Family photo forms and Spare order forms are available from the office.

Notices Handed Out This Week
- School Council Ballot Information

STUDENT/FAMILY INFORMATION FORMS
As you are aware, people change phone numbers, employment etc and therefore contact details that we have on file at the school become outdated and inaccurate. Student Information Sheets were sent home recently so to assist us to have accurate details please mark any changes, OR mark “no changes”, sign and return to the office as soon as possible.
Accurate student details are essential, especially if we need to contact you quickly for what may be an emergency.
We are proud of our achievements and community involvement at KPS.

This Week's Literacy and Numeracy Award Winners

Proudly displaying our thanks to the local CFA for the work they do

The singing group confidently performing

Mitchell South District Swimming participants proudly displaying the winning trophy

Our KPS representatives at the Whittlesea Divisional Swimming Sports
3 March 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians

As you are aware, we are currently in the process of our annual School Council Elections.

In the DE&T Category, we had one vacancy this year, and received one nomination. Therefore, I duly announce that Mrs. Julie McCarthy will become a DE&T Category member of School Council for the period of two years.

In our Parent Category, we had five vacancies this year, and we received six nominations. Therefore, we will now progress to the Ballot stage of our School Council Elections.

In this package you will find:
- A Ballot paper with the names of the nominated Parent Category Members
- An information sheet with some information about each nominated parent
- Two envelopes – a large one and a small one.

How to Vote:
Read the information about each nominated parent on the DOUBLE SIDED handout
Select FIVE (5) candidates on the Ballot Paper and put a tick next to them
Fold up your Ballot Paper and place it inside the small envelope
Place the small envelope inside the big envelope
Write your name and address on the outside of the big envelope
Place the big envelop in the Ballot Box at the School Office
Fill in the Voting Register at the Office to confirm that you have voted
You can also send your vote to school with your child, or post it to us using the envelopes provided, and we will fill in the voting register for you as we place your vote in the box

VOTES MUST REACH THE SCHOOL BY 4.00PM ON TUESDAY 10TH MARCH 2015

Votes will be counted on Wednesday 11th March and the school community will be notified of the outcome of the election on this date through the school newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Denise Barker
Principal
Every Friday is Icy Pole Day for Term 1

Cost: $1.00 - Limit of one per student.
Please put your child’s name and grade on an envelope with money inside. Orders are collected from each classroom.

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.

Happy Birthday

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

March
4 Luke 1J, Bailey 34T
5 Ben 1L
6 Chloe 2T
7 Jordan 2B
8 Joshua FB, Kiara 2B
10 Mitchell 56L

Manners Matter

This week’s focus—
“Positive Feedback 6:1”
Kind, Proud and Safe at all times

Maddison 34F
Manners Matter Student of The Week

Student News
CAFÉ Strategy: Monitor and Fix Up

Good readers often stop to think about if what they are reading makes sense. They make sure they understand what is happening in the story or what the selection they are reading is about. If meaning breaks down during a story, good readers have strategies to go back and fix the problem. Some strategies a reader may use to assist in making sense of a story include: summarize text, go back and adjust the reading rate, reread text while thinking carefully, skim and scan the selection to gain meaning, or ask for help. Readers who monitor their own reading know and use these specific strategies when meaning breaks down and fix their reading to improve their comprehension.

Your child is working on the comprehension strategy, monitor and fix up. This strategy will help your child identify when meaning breaks down and will give him/her tools necessary to regain comprehension.

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

1. When reading with your child, stop periodically and ask your child, “Does this make sense?” If not, ask your child what he/she could do to help gain understanding of what is being read.

2. Read to your child and model what it sounds like when you stop to monitor your reading. Let him/her hear the process you go through. Ask yourself the following questions: Who is this story about? What is happening in the story? What is the author trying to tell me? Let your child hear you answer the questions and go through the process of monitoring your comprehension.

3. Ask your child to create a list of his/her favorite fix up strategies. Remind your child to use these strategies when meaning breaks down. The goal is to coach your child to monitor comprehension and use the strategies until they become a habit.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

- Ideas and strategies are taken from: The CAFE Book, written by Gail Boushey & Joan Moser
Our Event
Come to school on Friday 13th March, wear school uniform but wear your hair coloured to raise funds for Leukaemia Foundations “Worlds Greatest Shave”
Bring a Gold Coin Donation
More than 12,000 Australians will be diagnosed with blood cancers: leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma this year—equivalent to 31 people per day. Do something amazing to help beat cancer!

Money raised will help the Leukaemia Foundation to look after people with blood cancers and pay for research to find better treatments and cures.
Thank you to the Parents who attended the Parents Literacy Workshop in the Library on the 18th & 25th Feb. A dozen parents were able to make it along, and enjoyed an interactive workshop about how children learn to read and how to best provide assistance both to our own children, students and teachers.

Working with Children checks are necessary before offering support in the classroom. Please provide the office with a copy once obtained and speak with your child’s classroom teacher.

Thank you for your support.
Last week we had a special visit to our unit from Tamara Gamil, our Occupational Therapist. We learnt about the importance of good posture, pencil grip and looking after our body.
Faith Education Evening
Sacrament of Confirmation

28th February, 2015

Dear Parents,

A Faith Education Evening focusing on the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Wednesday 15th April commencing at 7.00 pm in St. Patrick’s School Stadium. This faith formation evening is for those parents wishing their child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Children need to be in Year 6 or above and need to have celebrated the Sacrament of Eucharist.

Parents(s) and children are expected to attend the evening. The structure of the gathering will include a prayer and blessing followed by children moving to a Learning Centre with a leader. During this time the parents will learn more about the Sacrament of Confirmation. An outline of the ceremony, booking on line, and questions you may have will be discussed during the evening. If your child has not been baptised in St. Patrick’s Parish a copy of your child’s baptism certificate will need to be sighted on this evening.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by the Arch Bishop, Denis Hart on Friday 5th June at 7.00pm in St. Patrick’s School Stadium.

Catechist Classes will be conducted in the Parish Centre lead by Peter M. Classes will be held on a Monday starting at 4:15pm – 5:30pm. There will be 7 sessions – 20th April, 27th April, 4th May, 11th May, 18th May, 25th May and 1st June. Children will need to bring their pencil case and a drink. Also a whole day Confirmation Reflection/Prayer Day for the Confirmation candidates will be held on Tuesday 28th May in St. Patrick’s Stadium, starting at 8.45-3.15.

The cost of $45.00 for all the requirements of the Sacrament will need to be paid on the evening or by the first Monday lesson.

We look forward to seeing you all for this wonderful celebration! If you have any questions please forward them to me at St. Patrick’s School ph. 57621679 or tracey@spilmsra.catholic.edu.au

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Tracy Binnett
Religious Education Leader

Thank You

SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER
TERM 1 & 2

March
6 Kim Studd
13 Kristy Brookes
20 Tina Leslie
27 Anna McGivney

April
17 Rachael Edmonds
24 Rose Glavas

May
1 Natalie Campbell

Thank You

Thank You Shopper

A BIG thank you to the parents who donated cooking equipment to our KPS CLUBS cooking program last week. Having enough equipment ensures maximum participation for all students and a lot more Master Chefs practising their skills!!!

Thanks to Kim Hurst for running the Grade 5/6 Clubs cooking activity this term. So far the students have made pancakes, coconut balls and this week yummy tacos with fresh salad.

Further donations of bowls, spoons, flippers, spatulas, etc gratefully accepted.

Julie McCarthy
HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER
$7.50 for a pack of six

We are selling yummy hot cross buns made by Bakers Delight.

Please ask your family, friends and neighbours to support our fundraising efforts and whilst enjoying some yummy hot cross buns.

There will even be a prize for the most hot cross buns ordered!

Orders and money must be returned to the office by Wednesday, 11th March 2015

Cash or Cheque (Made Payable to Kilmore Primary School) Only

Orders after this due date will not be accepted

Hot Cross Buns will be available on Wednesday, 18th March 2015

Traditional Fruit Buns:

**Ingredients**
Wheat Flour, Fruit (30%), Sultanas, Currants, Vegetable Oils (Sunflower, Canola), Water, Sugar, Yeast, Vegetable Oil (Canola), Spices, Iodised Salt, Flavour, Wheat Starch, Mineral Salt (450, 500), Vegetable Gum (412), Soy Flour, Emulsifier (471), Glucose/Fructose Syrup, Gelling Agent (440, 407, 415), Colour (171), Vitamins (Thiamin, Folic Acid)

May Contain: Egg, Milk, Tree Nuts, Sesame Seeds

Chocolate Buns:

**Ingredients**
Wheat Flour, Compound Choc Chips (27%): Sugar, Vegetable Fat, Milk Solids, Cocoa Powder, Emulsifiers (322, 324, 492), Flavour, Water, Sugar, Yeast, Vegetable Oil (Canola), Spices, Iodised Salt, Flavour, Wheat Starch, Cocoa Powder, Mineral Salts (450, 500), Soy Flour, Emulsifier (471), Vegetable Gum (412), Glucose/Fructose Syrup, Gelling Agent (440, 407, 415), Vitamins (Thiamin, Folic Acid)

May Contain: Egg, Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Sesame Seeds
## School Term Dates 2015

Term 1: 28 January to 27 March (Easter 3rd – 6th April)  
Term 2: 13 April to 26 June  
Term 3: 13 July to 18 September  
Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

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