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Kind Proud Safe

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*Kilmore Primary School fosters a community of learners who are confident,
creative and challenged to achieve their full potential within a safe, happy and supportive environment.*



*Thank you & farewell Mrs Barker from
parents, friends, staff and students of
Kilmore Primary School*

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Students, Parents and Community Members,

This will be my last letter to you as Principal of Kilmore Primary School. This week has been quite an emotional time for me, as reality sinks in, and realise just how much this school has become a major part of my life and how much I am going to miss it.

My time at Kilmore Primary School has been extremely rewarding, and I am going to miss working with the wonderful students, teachers and families in this community. I would like to thank you all for the amazing support that you have given me throughout the years.

As a leader, I have been particularly proud of the school's achievements on a number of levels, and I know that this vibrant school and community will go on to do bigger and better things. I am particularly proud of the implementation of the Kids Matter and School Wide Positive Behaviour Programs into the school, and their increasing success over the past few years. Student Wellbeing has always been a major focus for me and we are achieving great results in this area.

I have been honoured to work with School Captains, Deputies and Junior Leadership teams over the years, and have watched the development of these students as they learned leadership skills and gained confidence in their own abilities. Many of these students have gone on to become outstanding citizens and leaders in their Secondary Schools

Each Year at Graduation, I watch with awe as a new group of Graduates are presented to receive their certificates and awards. I always feel so proud of these students and their academic and social achievements. They are our future generation and I am honoured to have had a part to play in their lives.

It has been an absolute joy to watch the growth and development of our new Prep/ Foundation students each year. I marvel at the way they are so keen to learn and take on so much new learning. Being a mother and a grandmother myself, I am truly aware that parents are handing over their most treasured loved ones to us each day, and I know how important it is to give them the best start that they can have.

Up Coming Events

MARCH

- 26 School Council Twilight BBQ 6.00-7.30pm
- 27 Easter Bonnet Parade -9.00am
Whole School Assembly—11.00am Farewell to Mrs Barker.
End Of Term 1, 2:30pm finish

Happy and Safe Holidays Everyone

APRIL

- 13 First Day Term 2



It has been an absolute joy to work with such a professional and caring staff at the school over the years. These teachers and support staff are dedicated to helping your children achieve their personal best on a daily basis, and I commend them for their hard work and commitment.

We have all seen the results of what can happen when the students, staff and community work together on common projects, and our wonderful Bush Tucker Garden is testimony to this. It is also a great pleasure to see the progress of our Grade 2 garden and our Foundation sand garden. My hope is that this community continues to work together to make Kilmore Primary School an even better place for the children who are here now, and for future generations to come.

Farewell to you all. I would like to wish you every happiness and success for the future.

Kind regards

Denise Barker
Principal



From the Assistant Principals.....

We would like to pay tribute this week to the incredible impact Mrs. Denise Barker has had on the life's of so many students at Kilmore Primary School over the many years of service she has given to our school. A career in teaching is more than just a job, it is something you live and breathe way beyond the classroom, something you are extremely passionate about and something you are always striving to do better. Denise has exemplified these traits over her journey in education.

Denise started at Kilmore Primary School as a classroom teacher some 17 years ago teaching a variety of grade levels throughout the school. She has been active in many events beyond the classroom – camps, working bees, school council, productions and sporting events.

After being a classroom teacher, Denise went on to have an impact on a broader range of students and teachers in her roles as a Leading Teacher, Assistant Principal and more recently as Principal of Kilmore Primary School. Her educational expertise was particularly evidenced in her leading of mathematics across the school. Her knowledge and leadership has helped to build the capacity of teachers. She has mentored and supported many young teachers who have then gone on to gain leadership positions themselves.

Denise has a strong student wellbeing focus and as Principal has introduced initiatives such as Kids Matter and School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. Her goal has always been to put children first and to create the best learning environment possible for every child so that they can reach their full potential.

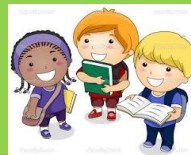
We have worked closely with Denise over the past few years and have seen the tremendous dedication she has to education and in particular to the children of Kilmore Primary School. The role of a Principal is not an easy one and can be both challenging and demanding as well as amazingly rewarding. Denise has faced each challenge with confidence and determination and celebrated our many successes as a school.

We salute you Denise for your commitment to education and wish you well in your retirement. You leave a wonderful legacy for us to continue and build on.

Jennene Cooney & Julie McCarthy
Assistant Principals



Student News



Manners Matter Student of The Week

Caiden Xing

Caiden used his manners to hold the door for a long time so many students and teachers could enter the office area.

Manners Matter

This weeks focus—

“No putdowns”

***Kind, Proud and Safe
at all times***



Icy Pole Day

Every Friday in 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

26 Makayla 1L
27 Cooper FA, Caitlin 34F, Corey 34H
30 Kate 1L, Kiara 2B

April

2 Jayln FB, Phoebe 34P, Tara 56C
4 Kendall 34T
5 Isaac 1J, Clare 34H,
6 Darcy 34N
7 Molly 34P
8 Maddison 2T, Erin 34F
10 Alia 2V, Ethan 34P
11 Riley 56L
12 Darcy 1J



Grade 1 News

As part of our Health Unit for Term 2, we are introducing a new routine into the Grade 1 unit. All students will be permitted to have a fruit or vegetable snack during the day. Students will be encouraged to snack during quiet times such as after lunch relaxation, read to self or maths by myself. Please send your child to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to snack on.

As we are beginning to enter flu season, it would be great if we could have some donations of tissues for the students to use.



Parent helpers for our reading program would also be Greatly appreciated. Helpers must have a current Working With Children Check.



Have a great break!

The value "Kind"

In Foundation, we have been Role Playing scenarios that we may face in the yard, as well as how we can be Kind to students around the school. We can show new people how our school works. We can invite others to play. We can help someone when they are injured.



Student and Parent News

Sutherland Street Childcare and Kindergarten, Kilmore.

Hi to All,

Just a reminder to all families that the Kilmore Out of School Hours Program is taking school holiday bookings. Due to limited space please make your booking early so you are not disappointed.

Thanks Lisa

*Broadford Secondary College Open Night 2015
Wednesday 29th April 7.00 pm (Week 3, Term 2.)*



Broadford Secondary College places your daughter or son at the centre of everything we do. Our School is dedicated to providing a broad, supportive and challenging environment for every student, no matter what their needs.

Starting secondary school is a very important time for a young person and their family. Making a good transition and feeling comfortable and supported at secondary school is very important. We work very hard to make the transition as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

We offer personal tours of the school during a normal school day or after hours.

Tours are conducted by our Transition Coordinator, Cathy Coppinger.

Bookings can be made through the General Office ph; 5784 1200

Email; broadford.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au



Every Day Counts – School Attendance

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, **Every Day Counts**. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Julie McCarthy

AP Student Wellbeing



Student Absences– Term 2

Starting from Term 2, a new system will begin regarding notification of absences.

Every Monday, an email will be sent requesting explanation for unexplained absences from the previous week. If we do not have an email address, we will be sending you a text message on your phone. For those who do not have either of the above a letter will be posted.

Please note: We are still encouraging phone calls or notes to the teacher when your child is going to be absent.

When you receive an email, simply send a reply email, or for text message phone the school office PH 5782 1268

Thanks for your help with making "Every Day Count"

Uniform Shop Open Times

**The Uniform Shop is open every Friday
at the school from 2:15pm - 3:15pm**

**You can also purchase directly from our
uniform supplier at:**

**All Things Uniform
Shop 1 / 70 High Street
Broadford Ph 5784 2276**



Assumption College Bus Service

**Last day of Term 1 Friday
27th March There will not
be services from
Kilmore PS**



Please note that buses will be operating on
reduced services on:

Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th April 2015

Please make alternative arrangements for any
changes to your normal schedule



National Day of Action Against Bullying

Friday 20th March 2015



FOUNDATION CLUBS

Here are some Foundation students enjoying their Art activity in Clubs. Students were remaking their bodies through print, photo and mixing of paint colours.



Introducing the Members of the 50 Club.....



Congratulations to the following students who have made it the 50 Club in term 1. This means that they have received at least 50 bee tickets for displaying our school values.



Emily 2V



Bailey 3/4T



Gwen 2V



James 2V



Chloe 2V



Toby 2V



Mitch 2V



Jayla 3/4T



Caitlyn 3/4T



Chloe 3/4N



Jack 3/4N



Casey 3/4N



Abi 3/4N



Max 3/4N



Jenaya 3/4N



Kiara 3/4N



Jess 5/6L



Erin 3/4F



Charlotte 3/4F

KPS – Be Kind, Be Proud, Be Safe



Parent Pipeline



CAFÉ Strategy: Read Appropriate Level Texts That Are a Good Fit

Have you ever spoken with a doctor, auto mechanic, or computer support person that has given you advice or directions in a language that was difficult to understand? This is comparable to reading a book that is too difficult. For readers to have high success in reading, they must spend time reading material they can read with 99 – 100 percent accuracy. We encourage students to select books that are a good fit so that they are successful and enjoy reading. Working on the strategy of reading appropriate level texts that are a good fit will help your child read smoothly, engaging in texts they can read without difficulty.

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

1. When your child goes to read a text, have him or her use the I-Pick method to explain why that specific text was chosen. Ask your child, "Is that a good-fit book for you? Show me how you know that." The I-Pick method is described below:
 - I – I pick a book
 - P – Purpose (What is my purpose for choosing this book?)
 - I – Interest (Am I interested in this book?)
 - C – Comprehend (Do I understand what I just read?)
 - K – Know (Do I know most of the words?)
2. Model the I-Pick method for your child. Take a book you are reading and go through I-Pick to set an example for what it looks like and sounds like to review reading selection choices.
3. Help your child recognize when a text is too difficult. They are taught to ask:
 - Are there five or more words on a page that I don't know?
 - Is this book hard to understand?
 - When I read it does it sound choppy and slow?

Thank you for your continued support at home!

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- Ideas and strategies are taken from: The CAFÉ Book, written by Gail Boushey & Joan Moser

Student and Parent News

KILMORE PRIMARY TWILIGHT FAMILY BBQ

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 6:00-7:30PM

Kilmore Primary School Council is holding a family get together & Twilight BBQ evening. We'd love as many families as possible to join us to get to know new families, meet our new school councillors and meet up with old friends.



Bring along chairs or picnic rugs and make the most of daylight savings. Sausages and drinks will be available for a yummy, easy dinner.

Sausages are free of charge

Drinks \$1:00



Join up for the parents & kids three legged race, egg and spoon race or newspaper footy longest kick! In order to cater for this event we ask families to complete the expression of interest form below by Tuesday 24th March.

Kilmore P.S. Twilight Family BBQ

Thursday 26th March

6:00– 7:30pm

Family Name _____

Number of adults attending _____

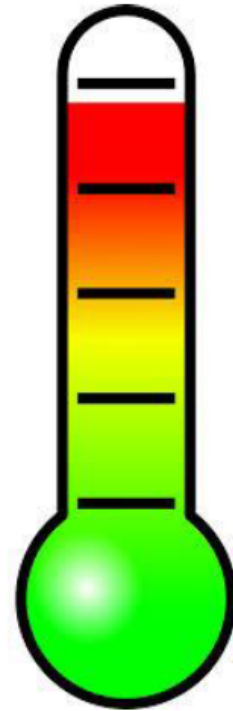
Number of children attending _____

Fundraising 2015 Term 2

This year our focus is raising money for ICT equipment. Priority projects are our school computers, which are in need of updating, and also an iPad program to enhance the children's learning. In Term 2 we will have several different fundraising activities taking place and we need your help to promote our fundraising efforts amongst our community, friends, colleagues and family.

To give you an idea of what is to come we will be having; a whole school challenge to collect 5 cent coins, we already have a collection bottle at the office and hope that by working together our spare change will add up to a new I-pad or computer! We are also planning a special family movie night, our ever popular walk-a-thon and hot dog days. Stay tuned for more fundraising information and keep a look out for the thermometer of our saving.

If you would like to volunteer to help our Fundraising committee please text your details to PH 0412 502 005. Your assistance is very much appreciated.



HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

A big thank you to everyone who purchased hot cross buns in our fundraiser, we raised over **\$550** thanks to you and the support of Bakers Delight in Epping. The funds will go towards new ICT equipment. A big well done to Angel and her family for selling the most packets!



Kilmore Primary School

5c COIN COLLECTION

Please donate your 5 cent coins for fundraising.



We are asking for donations of 5 cent coins in order to raise funds for some new ICT equipment.

"Every cent counts"!!!

A collection container will be on the counter in the office and one in every classroom.

A reward will be given to the class that raises the most.



Balancing Love & Discipline A Parenting Program

The program is facilitated by **Marc des Landes** from **Familycare** in Seymour. Marc has conducted numerous parenting workshops and worked with adults and children in a counselling capacity for many years. Marc is highly regarded and has a terrific reputation in this area. The course is **open to all parents** and has an emphasis on the important role of the father in **establishing sound relationships** with their children.

It is very common these days for fathers to be taking a much more active role in family life. Mothers are also finding that there are more demands on their time from a financial point of view. Fathers who find themselves more involved in the parenting part of family life may also find themselves **wishing for more options** for dealing with the day to day issues that arise in the home.

This course is suitable for **all** parents who would like to meet with others to explore ways to increase their options in dealing with the various issues that parents experience while supporting and nurturing their partners and children of all ages.

Parents may attend as a couple, share attendance by alternating nights, or attend alone.
If you miss one or two nights, notes from previous sessions will help you catch up.

Some of the topics that have been helpful in previous groups include:

- **Good communication**
- **Teaching life skills**
- **Issues of discipline**
- **What is normal for kids?**
- **Confronting unacceptable behaviour**
- **How to help your child when they are anxious, angry or upset**

"Discovering that others are experiencing problems almost identical to your own somehow seems to lighten your load".

Feedback from past participants:

In December 2014 "S.S." said; "Clear, well organised, the eight week setting enabled us to learn & practice then reflect on what we had learned".

"J.R." said; "The course was really helpful, can't think of any improvement aside from -more people should do it".

"L.D." said; "Initially came to support partner, but gained a lot of valuable information".

"R.P." said; "It has helped me with being a less angry and a much calmer parent. It helped us as a couple identifying some "holes" that need filling and given us the strategies that we need to fill them".

Course details

The course will run in the evenings, one night a week for **eight weeks**.

Dates: Every Tuesday from April 28 until June 16

Time: 7.00pm -9.30pm.

Venue: Willowmavin Primary School

Phone Familycare 5735 4600 to register interest

No Cost New participants welcome up to session 4



SRC EASTER BONNET PARADE

Kilmore Primary School is holding an Easter Bonnet Parade. Decorate your hats, caps sunhats & flaps or be creative and make up your own Easter Bonnet!



WHEN: FRIDAY 27th MARCH (Last day of term)
EASTER BONNET PARADE 9:00 am on the Astroturf



SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER TERM 1 & 2

March

27 Anna McGivney

Term 2

April

17 Rachael Edmonds

24 Rose Glavas

May

1 Natalie Campbell

8 Jo Clark

15 Helen Gormlie

22 Rosalie Anglog

Thank You



Tutors Wanted



Kilmore Primary is compiling a list of tutors' names to pass onto families when requested. Tutors may be asked to assist with reading, writing, spelling or mathematics tasks. Please contact Julie McCarthy or office reception and leave your name and details if you can assist.

*Thank you,
Julie McCarthy*

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Suit Beginners 7 yrs +
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