Meet the Teacher Evenings
Thank you to all of those parents who took advantage of the opportunity to meet their child’s teachers and visit classrooms early in the year. It was great to see so many families here. We have had lots of positive feedback following the two nights last week and look forward to seeing you all in the school again soon.

School Captains and SRC - Presentation of Badges at Assembly
This week we had a very special Whole School Assembly where our School and House Captains, and SRC Representatives were presented with their badges. Rob Mitchell MP kindly agreed to attend the assembly for this special occasion. He spoke to the whole assembly about leadership and then presented the badges to each of these students individually. I would like to congratulate each of these students once again, and hope that they enjoy their student leadership roles throughout the year. A full list of students receiving badges is further on in the newsletter.

School Crossings – Safety Message
We have been reinforcing the safety message with students that they should always use the School Crossings when crossing the roads before and after school. It is important that they wait for the Crossing Supervisor to give the go-ahead, cross between the white lines, and walk – don’t run. It would be great if they hear this message from you too. Thanks.
**Staff Car Parks – Safety Message**

Please observe the School Council signs and **do not park in the Staff Car Parks**. Cars should not be exiting from these car parks during drop off and pick up times as it is **dangerous** with so many students walking, running, playing, and riding their bikes and scooters at these times. There are also many parents with prams and toddlers around at these times. **Please put the safety of ALL children first**, even if it means parking up the road a bit.

**Oval Sprinkler System**

The oval sprinkler system has not been working as effectively as it should have been, due to some damaged cabling. The problem is now being rectified and the system should be up and running again soon. Thankfully, the recent rain has helped the grass to stay alive.

**School Council Elections – We need YOU!**

The School Council Election process will be officially underway from Thursday 19th February. Please see information below.

Hasta Luego!
Denise Barker
Principal

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**2015 School Council Elections**

_This year, we require nominations for the following positions:_

**5 x Parent Category Members**

and

**1 x DE&T Category Member**

Please collect the nomination forms from the office.
You can nominate yourself or someone else (with their permission).
If we get more nominations than positions vacant, we will conduct a ballot.
Nominations Open – Thursday 19th February
Nominations Close – Thursday 26th February
If necessary, Ballot prepared by Wednesday 4th March
Vote Count – Wednesday 11th March
Community Notified through Newsletter on 11th March

Please think about nominating yourself – everyone has something to offer. Perhaps you would like to nominate someone else who could make a positive contribution? Every year, the membership of School Council changes, and every year we have a group that consists of a range of parents and teachers with diverse interests and backgrounds. You don’t have to be an expert, you just need to have a real interest in working with a team to create the best opportunities for our students. This is what makes School Council so special and representative of the whole school community. If you would like to discuss the role of School Council, or seek clarification about being a School Councillor, please contact me at any time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Denise Barker
Principal
Pictured right is Grade 1L’s fabulous compliment tree, which is this weeks Manners Matter focus.

MANNERS MATTER
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to
Tarkyn Lennox 5/6B & Madison Stacey 5/6B

Tarkyn displayed our school values and good manners by offering to help Mrs McCarthy carry some cardboard & Madison held the door of the stadium open for parents and students after assembly on Monday.

WAY TO GO TARKYN & MADISON
THANKS!

Manners Matter
This week’s focus—
“\textit{I give compliments}”
\textit{Kind, Proud and Safe at all times}
Badge Presentation at Assembly this week…..

On Monday morning Rob Mitchell MP presented our 2015 School Captains, House Captains and SRC’s with their badges.

K.P.S. SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2015

SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Alastair Paige

DEPUTIES
Brock Madison

HOUSE CAPTAINS
GOLD HOUSE
Riley Casey

RED HOUSE
Blake Abi

GREEN HOUSE
Dallas Cori

BLUE HOUSE
Tom Malyn

KPS SRC 2015

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**Happy Birthday**

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

**February**
- 18 Tallara 56C, Bryony 56G
- 20 Sharnie 34H, Tahlia 34T
- 22 Eammon 1A

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**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.

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**Student News**

Any students wishing to join K.P.S. Choir are invited to Learning Studio 14 each Monday at lunchtime. Students are encouraged to attend regularly so that a repertoire of songs becomes well known and then the Choir can accept the opportunity to perform.

Warm Regards,
Anne Kelly
Choir Leader

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**DONATIONS REQUIRED**

3/4T is kindly asking for donations for our classroom. We need any pre-loved cushions, pillows or beanbags that may still have a bit of life left in them to make comfy reading areas!

Thanks very much in advance.

Kristen Tatum
Classroom Teacher 3/4T
This Friday, 20\textsuperscript{th} February is the

\textit{National Day of Action against Bullying}

Students at KPS will be involved in classroom discussions - brainstorming slogans and anti-bullying messages and contributing to a whole school anti-bullying display. The display will be made of over 400 flags which will be on show in our picnic eating area, just outside the main office near the flagpole. At 1:30 on Friday we will have a short assembly in this area where selected students will share their message with the whole school.

Peter Clarke, our Police in Schools officer will be dropping in to have a chat to the students and spend some time in the yard at recess or lunch.

Julie McCarthy
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.

A Parent Workshop for
“listening to reading”
& “classroom helpers”
will be held for
a repeat session on
Wednesday 25th February between
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm.
All Welcome

SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER - HELP NEEDED
Each year we ask if parents are able to assist in the washing and changing of the linen in our sick bay. In most cases this means 2 or 3 times a year. If you are able to help out please return this form to the office by Friday 20th February. A roster will be distributed shortly after.

Name _________________________________________________________
Contact Phone Number _______________________________________
Child’s Name _______________________________________________ Child’s Class _________

Foundation Colour Days

Dear Parents/Guardians,
During February and March, each available Tuesday has been designated as a particular colour day. This focus provides a wealth of discussion, which can then be linked to our literacy and numeracy programs.
Children are able to wear clothing of the particular colour if they wish – this dressing-up is entirely optional – we know that some children enjoy the opportunity, others are more reserved, and sometimes we simply forget.

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Please note the one Thursday change is due to School Photos on Tuesday 16th March.

Regards,
CAFÉ Strategy: Back Up and Reread

Many times when reading a story, adults get to a point where they realize they do not understand what they are reading. Somewhere during their reading, they lost concentration and therefore the meaning of the story. When this happens, as adults we realize we have lost comprehension and we stop, back-up, and reread. Children are no different than we are. They need to be taught the strategies good readers use to be successful.

Your child has been introduced to the comprehension strategy of check for understanding. In learning this strategy, the children are taught to stop throughout the story and ask “who” and “what”. Now, your child is working on what to do when he/she is not able to answer the questions of “who” and “what”. Your child is being taught the comprehension strategy back up and reread.

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

1. Model this strategy for your child. When reading with your child, stop to check for understanding. If your child has difficulty answering the “who” and “what”, remind your child to back up and reread. Tell your child to read slowly and think about what is being read. After doing this, stop and check for understanding again. Remember, modeling is one of the most effective teaching strategies.

2. Remind your child that using the two strategies, check for understanding and back up and reread, together will help with remembering and understanding the story.

3. Often it is easier to understand text when you read it slowly. Encourage your child to read slowly, follow text with finger if it helps, and truly think about the meaning of the words/story.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

* Ideas and strategies are taken from: The CAFE Book, written by Gail Boushey & Joan Moser
* Written by: Allison Behne @www.thedailycafe.com
Introducing

Scholastic

Book Clubs LOOP
for Parents

LOOP is the NEW Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our NEW iPhone and iPad app from the App Store!
- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to video, log in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.

Don’t forget School Banking day is Tuesday!!

School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1
These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:
- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Dear Parent,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Clubs this year. Twice a term during the school year I will send home a Club flyer with a different selection of books offered. You’ll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as $2).

It is easy to order. Just look over the flyer with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form on the back of the flyer, and return the order form to the office with payment by Friday, 20th February. The books will arrive around two weeks after I send the class order to Scholastic.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classroom, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Sincerely,
Joanne Nicol
Book Club Coordinator

PS: For more information about the books in this offer, you can visit the Scholastic Book Clubs Web site at www.scholastic.com.com.au. You will also find great activities and resources for you and your child.

Orders due: Friday 20th February 2015

We have a school app

Find and tick our school

Log-in
Open App and register tonight.

Find our school
Click the 'Find' icon next to our school name in the search bar. You will now see all of our school boxes.

Tick on
Click on the grey tick beside our school box and any other boxes that apply to you. When the tick turns green, you’re connected.

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We are now using an app to send instant messages, newsletters and notices.

The tigbizz app will help our school keep parents fully informed and up to date with newsletters, notices, news and events. It’s easy to use and also has the benefit of helping reduce our paper consumption by printing less.

The first step is to download tigbizz to your phone, tablet, computer… or all of them.

Search for ‘tigbizz’
VISITORS TO KILMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is a requirement of DEECD and Occupational Health & Safety policies that ALL visitors to the school, including parents, sign in at the office. It is important for you to sign in as if there is a need to evacuate the building we do need to account for all people.

School Hours And Bell Times

8.45 am - first school bell

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Children should not arrive at school prior to 8:35 am

Community News

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

Kilmore Junior Football Netball Club

Registration Day: for all footballers and U/11, U/13 & U/15 netballers.
Sunday 22nd February, between 9.00 am - 11.00 am
Venue: JJ Clancy Reserve Kilmore
Season begins 19/4/2015
See our website for more details & forms (www.kilmorejuniors@sportingpulse.net)

WALLAN JUNIOR INDOOR NETBALL

Season starts Thursday March 12th
Games played at the Roy Robson Stadium in Wallan
U9, U11, U13 and U15 age groups.
Please see our website for further information and how to enter a team

www.wallananddistrictnetball.org.au

Kilmore Primary School takes no responsibility for and does not endorse the quality or conduct of any activity mentioned in this section of the newsletter. Families are required to make their own enquiries and judgements.
## 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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