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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.

Coming Up In Terms 2 & 3

Thursday, 29th May

Gr 5/6 Camp Deposit Due

Family Science Night

6.30 pm-7.30 pm

Friday, 30th May

District Cross County

Saturday, 31st May

Working Bee 9.00 am—12.00 pm

Thursday, 5th June

University of NSW Competitions close today

Friday, 6th June

Curriculum Day- Students do not attend school

Friday, 27th June

Last day Term 2. 2.30pm finish

Monday, 14th July

First day Term 3

Wednesday, 16h July

3 Way Interviews

Thursday, 7th August

Gr 5/6 Camp Final Payment Due

Wednesday, 20th—Friday, 22nd August

Gr 5/6 Ballarat Camp

Due to technical difficulties, the full version of the newsletter will not be posted on our website until later this week.

Newsletter No. 14

28th May 2014

Welcome to Week 6 at Kilmore Primary School.

What a fantastic week we had celebrating Education Week last week. This culminated with our themed dress up day on Friday revealing a number of budding scientists and it was great to see so many students and staff joining in the spirit of the day. Thank you to Dr. Judy Rutter for being our special guest. This week's North Central Review has a full page spread of our students and you can check out some of the amazing costumes that were on display.

Family Science Night

Tomorrow night at 6.30pm is our annual Family Science Night. The theme this year is 'Movement and Motion' and will culminate in a Great Rubber Band (or should that be loom band!) Car Race! We hope to see lots of families coming along and enjoying the fun.



Working Bee

On Saturday morning we will be holding a working bee from 9am – 12pm. We have a number of jobs we would like to complete around the school and anyone who is available to help even for an hour or so would be greatly appreciated. Morning tea will be provided and this is a great opportunity to meet other parents in the school.

Bee Ticket Program

At Kilmore Primary School we promote and encourage positive behaviour and students are given a high ratio of specific, positive, and frequent acknowledgement for displaying the expected behaviour. One of the ways we acknowledge this is through our Bee ticket program. This week students have been able to earn double points during Planning Week. Our Beehive is open on Friday so I am sure there will be a lot of students trading in their well-earned tickets for rewards.

Have a great week.
Jennene Cooney
Assistant Principal

In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance



Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

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.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years 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.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school 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 as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

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.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au



Department of Education and Early Childhood Development



Family Science Night 2014



Movement and Motion

Come along and learn about movement and motion by seeing and doing some great experiments.

This year the night will conclude with a great race challenge... full details will be explained on the night, but could we please have some help collecting some bottle lids, small plastic bottles (less than 500ml), small boxes such as cheese, cocoa, light bulb etc. Items can be placed in a labelled box near the office. Your assistance is very much appreciated and we hope to see you on the night!

Thursday the 29th of May 2014 6.30 to 7.30pm

Kilmore Primary School Working Bee

Saturday 31st May 2004 9am – 12 noon



All Welcome – 'More hands make light work'

Refreshments Provided

Homework Club

For students in grade 3-6, the Homework Club runs on a Thursday afternoon in the Library. This is a great opportunity to complete homework tasks, to access resources from the library or to get a bit of help from a teacher. Permission forms can be collected from the office.

Please note finishing time of 4.15 pm



Kilmore Primary School has an App for your Smart phone or desktop computer. For the weekly newsletter and alerts/messages

Go to www.tiqbiz.com and click on 'help' to find out more about our school app. When installing and selecting your child/rens year level, please remember to select **'WHOLE SCHOOL'** as well as the appropriate year level/s so that you can receive school newsletters, notifications etc. **The latest version of Adobe Reader must be installed on your home PC to be able to read the alerts and newsletters. This does not apply to phones.**

Tiqbiz support is available—03 9800 1489



Book School Interviews Online

3 Way Interviews will be held for years Prep to Grade 6 on Wednesday, 16th July. More information to follow so keep an eye out for this logo.

Information from the Office.....



Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Semester 2

If you hold a Health Care Card (current as at 14th July, 2014) and did not apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance at the beginning of the year, please call at the school office and complete a form for the second instalment.

Parents/guardians who applied for the first half of the year do not need to complete a second form as this is done automatically. However, if your health care card has expired since the first day of Term 1 (28th January 2014), you do need to present your new card to the school office for verification as soon as possible.

Your application form must be lodged at the office by 1st August 2014 for the second instalment.

LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED

Queries relating to eligibility and payments of EMA should be directed to the office.

Conveyance Allowance

You may be eligible for the Conveyance Allowance if you live more than 4.8 km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest school attended.

If you are unsure about your eligibility, please contact the office. Closing date for applications is Wednesday, 4th June 2014.

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Queries relating to eligibility and payments of the Conveyance Allowance should be directed to the office.

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Lost Property

Parents please note there is a significant amount of lost property both named and unnamed in the lost property box.

Please feel free to come in and check for your lost items.

SPARE CLOTHES

As we approach the colder and wetter months we have students come to sick bay requiring a change of clothes and as a result our supplies are diminishing. Any spare tracksuit pants and/or shirts that can be donated would be greatly appreciated.

SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER TERM 2

JUNE

6	Carol Warriner
13	Anna McGivney
20	Debra Lang
27	Suzanne Hurley

Thank You





Happy Birthday

May

31 Dakota 2S & Ella 34T

June

1 Taliyah PK

2 Ben 34P

3 Charlotte PP, Madelyn 1P & Erin 34T



Manners Matter

This week's focus—

I accept things may be different sometimes.



Education Week

Scientists do AMAZING things

Thankyou to all the students and families who attended the Big Healthy Breakfast on Monday, 19th May and who made and/or wore costumes on our Dress up Day on Friday 23rd May.

There was a wonderful array of mad scientists, astronaut's and many people wearing lab coats! Well done to the following students who were awarded prizes:-

Prep B:	Mikayla	Mad scientist
Grade 2H:	Ethan	Albert Einstein
Grade 3/4P:	Dean	Ghost Buster
Grade 5/6R:	Madison	Albert Einstein

Thankyou also to Dr Judy Rutter from The Kilmore International School for coming along and entertaining us with some AMAZING science experiments and handing out the prizes

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is to not stop questioning"

Quote by Albert Einstein.



Parent Information.....



Notices handed out this week...



Friday, 27th June is Red Nose Day

Products ranging from \$3.00—\$6.00 can be purchased from the office.

Choir - for anyone with a love of singing ... come to PK at lunchtime on Mondays. All welcome!



Gr 3/4 Camp—27th October to 29th October 2014

Plans are underway for this years camp to Forest Edge for our Gr 3/4 students.

Just 90 minutes east of Melbourne, Forest Edge CYC facilitates a positive community experience for students attending school camps while, at the same time, providing the opportunity for VELs-linked experiential learning to take place.

Facilities include an indoor basketball stadium, a sports oval, and of course a wide variety of on-site activities such as trout fishing, eco programs, mini golf and more.....

More information will be available shortly.

Miss Jane Crouch—Camp Co-ordinator

WORKING BEE

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9.00 am—12.00 noon



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