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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 Term 3**

#### **Wednesday 20th—Friday 22nd August**

Gd 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp

#### **Friday 22nd August**

Last day for Book Club orders

#### **Monday 25th August**

9.00am Whole School Assembly

#### **Wednesday 27th August**

Conveyance Allowance

Applications Close

#### **Friday 29th August**

Literacy and Numeracy Open

Morning 9.00-10.15am

#### **Monday 1 - September**

Indigenous Literacy Book

Swap

#### **Wednesday 3rd September**

Discovery Morning for Prep 2015

9.00-10.30am

#### **Friday 5th September**

Father's Day Stall

#### **Friday 19th September**

Last Day of Term 3

2.30 Finish

### **Coming Up In Term 4**

#### **Thursday 9th October**

Grade 3/4 Camp Final Payment due

### **Newsletter No. 24**

**20th August 2014**

Hola! Welcome to week 6 of Term 3 at Kilmore Primary School.

#### **5/6 Camp**

This morning we farewelled our 5/6 Campers as they headed off to Ballarat – it was the first sunny morning we have seen in ages. The students were very excited as they boarded the buses and waved goodbye to their parents. The Sovereign Hill Camp will be a great experience for our students as they learn more about the gold rush era in Australian History and enjoy the many hands on experiences that the camp offers. We will be in regular contact with the camp and you are welcome to ring in if you would like a progress report.

#### **Permission Slips and Payments for Excursions/Incursions**

I would like to emphasise the importance of meeting due dates for notes and money to be returned to the school. If you miss the due date and make no contact with the school we will assume you do not wish your child to take part in the activity.

The due dates have become increasingly important because of pressures from bus companies and venues to have a clear indication of numbers attending an activity. At the school level we have child safety organisation that must be completed by a certain time prior to an activity.

The due dates we give are aligned with the important pre-planning of events. Please remember to send notes and money together clearly identifying name, class and activity to the office – on or before the due date.

#### **WORKING BEE – Indigenous Garden**

We had an amazing turnout of parents and children at our Working Bee last Saturday morning – at least 50 people attended and I would like to thank them on behalf of our whole school community. I have never seen so many enthusiastic people working together with so much passion on one project – what an outstanding effort!

The Indigenous Garden is transforming into a fantastic resource for the school and we will be able to use this area as an outdoor learning and study environment for all of our students. At the moment it is not quite finished so it is roped off, but please take the time to have a look at all the great work that has been done, and see if you can spot the little Australian creatures that our classrooms have adopted.



## Invitation – Parent Forum

When: **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014 from 2.00 – 3.00pm**

Where: **School Library**

Our school is currently undertaking a Review Process and we are inviting parents to take part in a Parent Forum to discuss various aspects of our school. The Forum will be conducted by our Reviewer and will be more like an informal discussion in a friendly atmosphere. Teachers and Leadership staff will not be present. If you would like to take part in the Parent Forum, please complete and return the slip that will be attached to a letter going home tomorrow.

Have a great week everyone,  
Hasta Luego!  
Denise Barker



*Celebrating improvements in the literacy and numeracy skills of students*

*National Literacy and Numeracy Week will run from 25th -31st August in 2014.*

*During this week Kilmore Primary School will host a **Literacy & Numeracy Open Morning on Friday 29th August between 9.00am-10.15am** to showcase the wonderful range of learning activities provided to their students which help them explore a range of literacy and numeracy skills and strategies.*

*Please join us for this fun filled and educative open morning to listen, watch and learn as your children do in the safe and stimulating learning spaces of our wonderful school. All welcome!*

## **Information from the Office.....**



### **SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER**

#### **Term 3**

#### **August**

22 Anna McGivney  
29 Jane Trippier

#### **September**

5 Suzanne Hurley  
12 Rose Glavas



### **SPARE CLOTHING**

As a result of the recent rain our school grounds are wet and muddy. Parents are encouraged to supply their child with spare clothing in case they get wet or muddy while at school.



### **Notices handed out this week...**

- Swimming Notice Prep-2
- Camp Information 5/6
- Letter to Parents - 1P & 3/4V

## **Bush Tucker Garden and Gathering Area Week 6**

*Thank you so very very much to everyone who was able to make it to the working bee on Sunday.*

*We had so many wonderful friends and families attend. There were lots of smiles and laughs and lots of work was achieved. Thank you Thank You Thank you! A big Thank You to Jaimie Poorter who spent the day helping kids paint over 100 boomerangs for the garden.*

*The working bee saw the completion of one termite mound, mulching along the whole front of the school, driveway and throughout the garden, loads of shrubs and grasses planted, weeding, more animals in the garden, totem poles, gathering area seating area, the garden edging, planters and a Black Saturday Monument were all done. We still have our students wonderful art work to go in, some more bush tucker plants and signs and animals.*

*It looks truly amazing and the kids are loving being involved.*

*Also big thank you to Sunday Creek Landcare, and Wayne Osland for the nesting box which was donated and put up in our big gum tree. We look forward to seeing the birds come to stay.*

*Thank you to TreeSpec.com (0409014022) for providing us with a huge load of mulch for the garden.*

*It has made the walking trails clearly visible and smells wonderful.*

*Thank you to C. Aquilina Paving and Landscaping (0412330122) for the donation of the oxide colouring which makes our termite mounds look authentic.*

*We are truly thrilled with the support and enthusiasm that has blossomed with this garden. A few final finishing touches to go.*

*We look forward to the grand opening at 2pm on Wednesday September 10th.*

*Thanks everyone, from the Bush Tucker and Gathering Area Garden Group*







# Teaching and Learning



## Celebrate National Science Week at Home

This week is National Science Week. Science is a very important part of our curriculum at Kilmore Primary School. Throughout the second half of term 3 students are studying Earth and Space Science as part of their Integrated Studies. Earlier in the year we held our very successful Science night where families were able to watch demonstrations and participate in experiments.

### To help celebrate Science Week here are some science activities you can try at home:



#### **Idea 1: Build a Bridge**

Why not try building a bridge using natural or processed materials? Challenge children to build a bridge to span 40cm to carry a matchbox car. This could involve using straws or spaghetti and masking tape.



#### **Idea 2: Filter Water**

Children can explore how to filter water so that it becomes pure and clear. This experiment involves constructing a water filter using 2 plastic drink bottles and scissors. The challenge is to experiment with different materials to find the one that filters water the best. Try using sand, gravel, pantyhose, cotton balls, elastic bands or charcoal to see which one

works best.



#### **Idea 3: Construct a Roller Coaster**

Or how about constructing a roller coaster from whatever is available around the home to deliver a ball bearing or marble from table height to the floor in the longest time possible? The challenge is to include a series of obstacles such as loops, slides and a change in direction.

**HAVE FUN WITH SCIENCE!!!**



# Teaching and Learning

## *The Quest for a New Colony*

By 34C

*Kids stole to survive  
They stole lots of things including bread  
If you stole you were sentenced to death  
Some convicts had no bed.*

*Life was hard that's for sure!*

*They got punished if they stole  
They would only steal to survive  
What they stole was bread, money & clothes  
And they didn't want to be alive.  
Life was hard that's for sure!*

*They came to Australia with many  
Because America wouldn't accept anymore  
Whips were used for punishment  
The people left were poor*

*Life was hard that's for sure!*

*Life was hard on the ships  
Barely no food  
There were rats and cockroaches  
And everyone was in a bad mood*

*Life was hard that's for sure!*

*They left Portsmouth in 1787  
They stopped in Rio to get some fruits  
At Sydney Cove they planted the flag  
And they were wearing British suits*

*Life was hard that's for sure!*

*The First Fleet arrived in Botany Bay  
The land was harsh and bare  
Captain Phillips planted the flag in Sydney  
Cove  
The Aboriginals did not welcome them there*

*Life was hard that's for sure!*



## **CAFÉ Strategy: Ask Someone to Define the Word for You**

As adult readers when we come to a word we do not know the meaning of we have many strategies we use to help us figure it out. Most of the time we use the context of the sentence to help us or we take the time to look up the meaning of the word. Sometimes we are fortunate enough to have someone close by that is able to assist us in understanding the unfamiliar word. Asking someone to define a word is an easy way to get information without taking a lot of time away from the text being read. This can give readers a sense of the general idea of the word and allows them a chance to return quickly to text for meaning to be preserved. It is important that readers go back into the text and use all their knowledge to confirm the definition given.

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

1. Model for your child various ways to ask for help. Remind him/her to ask one or all of these questions when asking for help:
  - What is the word?
  - What do you think the word means?
  - What are some examples of this word when used in a sentence?Be sure you don't rush to answer these questions for your child to quickly. We teach the children that they must do the work!
2. After asking the above questions, have your child do the following:
  - Go back to the text and substitute the definition that was given for the word.
  - Read the selection again, using the definition.
  - Ask: Does the definition of the word make sense in the sentence?
3. Have a fun contest at home to see who can use the word correctly the most that day. See who can get to five uses first or keep a tally until the end of the day.

**Thank you for your continued support at home!**

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# Parent Information.....



To help you to discover more about our school we would like to invite you to join us for our

## **Kilmore Primary School 2015 Prep (Foundation) Discovery Days**

Let our students, teachers and parents share with you the values and friendly feeling that sums up Kilmore Primary School as a community school that has been a vital part of the local area since 1874.

Your child will have the opportunity to participate in 4 different activities over the 2 weeks and experience our quality specialist programs.



**Wednesday 3rd September 2014  
9.15 am – 10.15 am**

**&**

**Wednesday 10th September 2014  
9.15 am – 10.15 am**



All parents are welcome to stay for a chat and a coffee.

We have weekly tours every Wednesday from 11.00 am – 12.00 noon or by arrangement at a time that suits you.

To book a place for your child or to arrange a tour of the school please call us on 5782 1268.

Our Formal Orientation program for children enrolled to start school in 2015 will take place in November/December.

**Please enrol for 2015 by Friday 19th September 2014.**

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## Happy Birthday

### August

- 22 Mikaylee 2S
- 23 Coby 1N, Chloe 1P
- 24 Elizabeth 1J, Ella 2T
- 25 Michael PB, Brodie 2B
- 26 Aaron 2B, Alaysha 56L
- 28 Tobias 1N



## Manners Matter This weeks focus—

*I accept consequences*



## Shaping Lives with Stories

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
2014

Recess time in the stadium foyer  
**THE GREAT BOOK SWAP CHALLENGE**  
Indigenous Literacy Foundation

*The Great Book Swap Challenge* is a fundraising event in which students swap books for a gold coin donation. Participating students bring along one or two books they've read and enjoyed.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> September – 5<sup>th</sup> September all these pre-loved books will be displayed in the stadium foyer at recess and students then choose a 'new' book they would like to swap for a gold coin.

*All gold coin donations will be collected and donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to help indigenous students improve their Literacy skills*

From next Monday KPS students are invited to bring in pre-loved book/books to school and place them in the  
**GREAT BOOK SWAP CHALLENGE Box**  
at reception



### DUE BY DATES

Please note the importance of adhering to the due by dates for permission notes and payments. While we do not wish your child to miss an incursion/excursion/camp, late payments make the task of organising events very difficult. We ask for parents to respect due by dates to help make this a more streamlined process for the admin and teaching staff.

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# Parent Information.....

## Parent Club News

### Mattel Toy Club Tickets



Parent club have tickets for sale for entry to the Mattel Toy Club outlet. Tickets are available from the school office at a cost of \$5.00 each. **We only have 50 tickets so get in quick** (tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis). The tickets are valid for entry on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November at either 10.00am or 11.00am. The outlet is located at 70 Park West Drive Derrimut, just off the Western Ring Road (less than an hour from Kilmore).

### Father's Day Stall

The KPS annual **Father's Day stall will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**. If you are able to help on the stall please complete the return slip below. We are also looking for donations towards the raffle so if you are able to assist please leave any donations at the school office.

### Tea Towels

Our tea towel fundraiser will be happening later this term. The unique tea towel design will be made up of drawings by each grade level in the school. These make great Christmas presents so keep watching the newsletter for more information.

### Hot Dog Day

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September (the last day of term 3), the parent club will be selling hot dogs. More information regarding orders will be in the newsletter in upcoming weeks.

### Icy Pole Friday

By popular demand, Parent Club will be introducing Icy Pole Friday's in term 4. Students will be able to purchase an icy pole each Friday at lunchtime. These are always very popular when the weather heats up.

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### Father's Day Stall Helpers

I can help with the Father's Day stall on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Name:

Phone Number:

Student's Name:

Grade:

Please tick the time slots you would be available to help:

8.30 – 10.30

11.00 -12.40

1.30 – 2.30



## Book School Interviews Online

Dear parents/guardians

You can now have your family statement emailed to your nominated email address.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.



Go to

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Enter THIS school event code.  
Then follow this 1 simple step.



When you click **finish**, you will receive an email confirming your email registration - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your email address.

### Prep (Foundation) Enrolments for 2015

If your child or you know of a child who is turning 5 years of age by **30th April 2015** he/she is eligible to commence school at the beginning of 2015.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the office,  
or call us on 5782 1268 and we can mail them to you.

When you enrol your child please bring a  
Birth Certificate and Immunisation Certificate  
(you can obtain this from Medicare).

