From the Principal’s Desk

Hi Everyone, and welcome to Week 6, Term 4.
There are lots of things happening over the next 5 weeks as we head towards the end of the term and the end of the school year. Please keep an eye on the calendar for important dates, and remember that we welcome you to be involved in the many activities that will be taking place.

Remembrance Day
Yesterday we conducted our whole school Remembrance Day service. It was wonderful to see our students, staff members and parents gathered together around our flagpole for such an important occasion. Even though the wind was gusty and blew hats off heads and poppies from under the flagpole, our students displayed great respect throughout the entire ceremony. During the minute’s silence you could only hear the wind rustling in the trees - even our little Preppies stood quietly with their heads bent. Our students were absolutely fantastic and I was very proud of them all.

Christmas Giving Tree
Our Parents Club have organised a special Christmas Giving Tree in the foyer of the school this year. They are asking for donations of non-perishable food items and new toys which will be given to the Salvation Army to be distributed to needy families at Christmas time. We have not had a Kilmore Primary Giving Tree before and this is a great opportunity to show the students how we can use our school value of Kindness to help others in this way. Let’s give it a red hot go and make it something really special that our school has done for the community!

Parent Requests for 2015
Thank you to those parents who wrote to me with special requests for 2015. I am unable to write back to everyone individually, however I can assure you that your requests will be carefully considered and granted where possible. Teachers have now begun the lengthy process of grade placements for next year.
Baby Sam has arrived!
Our staff members, Brendan & Amy Thompson, are very pleased to announce the safe arrival of their new baby boy, Sam Phillip, born last Wednesday. He is a little brother to their first child, Lucas. Mrs Thompson and baby are doing very well. We are all looking forward to a visit and a cuddle!

Whittlesea Show Awards
Students from our school recently submitted over 40 entries into the Writing Competition at this year’s Whittlesea Show. The quality of work displayed in the stories and poetry that were written by our students was fantastic and I would like to thank them for having the confidence to enter the competition. I would also like to congratulate those students who received awards this year.

Kilmore Annual Scarecrow Competition
Our entry of Medusa won the overall prize at the Kilmore Annual Scarecrow Competition this year. Congratulations to our Grade 2 and Grade 5/6 students who worked on this project with Mrs Dixon.

Have a great week,
Denise Barker

Christmas Donations

Have you noticed the Christmas tree in the foyer?

This year as a school community, we would like to collect donations of non perishable food, gifts and toys (in new condition please) to give to the Salvation Army to distribute to families in need this Christmas.

If you like to make a donation during the month of November, please place your gifts in the boxes under the tree.

Thank you for your support.
Below is a prize winning entry from the Whittlesea Show, written by Casey from 3/4P

Love
Love is the feeling
That makes you feel warm
In all shapes and sizes
And in many different forms
Love can be good
And love can be bad
It can make you happy
And it can make you sad
Love can be strong
And love can be weak
Sometimes you'll find
Love is hard to seek
Some people have to love
And some people might
But you know you will
When the time is right
Some people tell lies
And some others don't
Your true love comes for you
When the sneaky ones won’t
Love is the thing
With no guilt or shame
Your heart is so warm
It feels like a flame
You might feel lonely
Until you see
How strong that love
Can really be
If you see the one
And you feel like you know
Hold them like they are your life
And never let them go

By Casey 34P
(edited from the original)

CAFÉ Strategy: Use Dictionaries, Thesauruses, Glossaries as Tools

Readers use many strategies to increase their understanding of words and texts they are reading. Although there are many different strategies to use, one of the most widely known strategies is using a dictionary, thesaurus, or glossary as a word learning tool. Readers use this strategy when they need a precise definition of a word or a list of other words that mean the same thing. In order for readers to be successful at using these word learning tools, they must first understand how they work. In class, your child has been learning how to productively use these tools. The following ideas will help you assist your child with this strategy at home.

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

1. When reading with your child, model the use of these tools. Select an interesting word in the text and model how to use a dictionary to look up the meaning of the word. Then, you may want to use the computer or a thesaurus to see what other words the author could have written instead.

2. A dictionary shows the proper spelling of a word, how to pronounce the word, the syllables of a word, and the meaning of a word. Have your child practice his/her dictionary skills by looking up words you give. Ask for the spelling, definition, and syllable/pronunciation of the word.

3. Remind your child that the dictionary lists words in alphabetical order. Practice using this skill with your child by giving a list of words in random order and asking your child to put them in ABC order. Once they become good at this, make it more difficult by giving lists of words that do not start with the same letter. This provides practice for looking at the second and third letters in a word.

4. Make a game out of practicing dictionary skills by seeing who can find a word first. Each player has a dictionary that is closed. One player gives a word and both players look to find the word. The first to find the word and read the definition wins.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

*Written by: Allison Behne © www.thedailycafe.com
*Ideas and strategies are taken from: The CAFE Book, written by Gail Boushey & Joan Moser
Take a look at our work!

This week, Grade 5/6 students did some research about Remembrance Day. Students then wrote a creative piece in a choice of genre; narrative, poetry, persuasive or information report. Here are 2 excellent work samples...

**Our Soldiers**

The Soldiers stood strong for us,
Many fell, many died.
They made us who we are today,
They protected us and spoke up for what they believed in.
Most of them now, lay in the beautiful blood coloured poppies of Flanders field.
But lest we forget about the ones that fought for me, for you, for us.

*By Mikayla 5/6C*

**The Great Escape**

Soldiers are trying to destroy the Iron door that protects me from those Russians. My wife yells at me to go out through the secret door, so I run over to the lever near the bench.

The Russians break one of the hinges to the door. I pull the lever and drag my wife down into the secret tunnel. I hope that the door to the secret tunnel closed.

CRASH! The Russians got in. The secret door must’ve closed because the Russians weren’t firing. I can hear their angry voices yelling.

My wife screams as I hear her scraping across the floor. I stop and go back to pick her up and start to run again.

We can see the end of the tunnel in the distance when I hear echo of the secret door open.

I pull the lever to the next door into France. We jump into the casual bunker and close the door behind us.

The door comes open and a young French soldier stands in the doorway in fright. I push past him while he’s still in shock.

My wife quickly tears the bottom of her dress and runs with me. We run out onto the docks. There are men and women boarding a ship to Russia.

My wife uses the torn piece of her dress to disguise both of us and we board the boat of the civilians.

*By Madeleen and Declan 5/6B* (edited from the original)
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
Teaching and Learning

SPANISH CORNER

Congratulations to the following students for taking on ‘la fecha challenge’ and saying the whole date in Spanish by themselves in front of the class!

LA FECHA CHALLENGERS (WEEKS 4 - 6)

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Hispanic Fiesta, 15 – 16 November 2014

The famous Hispanic and Latin American Cultural Fiesta is on again! In its 36th year, the outdoor street festival celebrates all things Hispanic in the heart of Fitzroy. There will be food and market stalls, a street parade, free dance classes, live entertainment and dance showcases by dance school and community groups.

**When:** Saturday 15 – Sunday 16 November

**Where:** Johnston St, Fitzroy

**Time:** From midday onwards


Bee Tickets

We are very proud to say our students have been earning lots of ‘bee tickets’ for demonstrating the school values of being Kind, Proud and Safe. They can trade them in for some great prizes at the Bee Hive, but there are also a lot of other rewards students may choose such as sitting in a comfy chair, helping in another classroom, hot chips, marking the role or class parties.

Lucky dip at the Beehive

Well done to our students!

From the SWPBS team
The Ode of Remembrance

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age Shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.
Student News

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 8 Scholastic Book Club catalogues are being handed out to students this week. Please take a look.

There are some great bargains and Christmas present ideas, including a ‘red label’ book in every catalogue for only $2! Every book you order helps to raise funds for our school to buy books.

*If books are intended for gifts and you would like to collect your order from school personally, rather than it being handed back to your child, please write “GIFT” clearly on your order.

Orders are due back by Friday, 21st November

Manners Matter

This weeks focus—

I can find a solution

Happy Birthday

November
12 Myra 56L, Hayden 56R
13 Abby 34T, Connor 34K
14 Ryan 1J, Ellen 1P, Jayla 34V
16 Tarkyn 34C
17 William 34V, Dominiek 34K, Joel 34T
18 Luke 56B, Shanae 56R

Icy Pole Day—Every Friday of Term 4

50c an icy pole with a limit of one per student.

Koolstix all natural icy poles supplied by ‘Home Icecream’
The Uniform Shop is available at Kilmore Primary School every Friday and is open from 2.15 pm - 3.15 pm.

Hats will be available to purchase at the school from the Uniform shop on Friday.

Families can also purchase uniforms directly from - All Things Uniform, Shop 1, 70 High Street, Broadford Ph 5784 2276

Kilmore Primary School 2014 Tea Towel Fundraiser

CANCELLED

Due to an unexpected low number of orders, the Tea Towel Fundraiser has unfortunately had to be cancelled.

If you have placed an order please contact the office to arrange a refund.

Apologies for any inconvenience.
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