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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.*

**Excursion Payments - Please Note Any
Payment After The Due Date Will Not Be
Accepted**

Thursday, 27th November
End of Year Excursion Payment Due

Thursday, 4th December
Book List Payments Due

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 26th November
Netbook Information Night 7.00pm

Monday, 1st December
2nd Hand Uniform Sale- 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Wednesday, 3rd December
Whole School 2015 Transition

Tuesday, 9th December
Prep & Gr 2 End of Year Excursion

Wednesday, 10th December
Gr 3/4 & 5/6 End of Year Excursion

Friday, 12th December
Gr 1 End of Year Excursion

Tuesday, 16th December
Grade 6 Graduation

Thursday, 18th December
End of Year School Picnic

Friday, 19th December
Last Day of Term - 2.30 pm Dismissal

From the Assistant Principal's Desk

Hi Everyone, and welcome to Week 7, Term 4.

Manners Matter at KPS

Did you know KPS has a weekly social skills program called Manners Matter? Each weekly focus encourages children to learn problem solving skills and functional communication skills. There is no question that children with better social skills have a significant advantage in life. They not only experience the rewards of positive relationships, but they do better in school, have a better self-image, and in general, are much more resilient as they face life's inevitable challenges.

This week's focus is *I Learn From Mistakes* - It's important for students to realise that making mistakes is part of an important learning process in life and that they can use mistakes as a way of learning to find better ways to be successful. Next week's focus is *I Make Good Choices*.

Monday Assembly

What a treat it was to attend Monday's assembly and see the many awards given to KPS students across a range of curriculum and extra-curricular activities. Literacy & Numeracy awards, National Water Week and Whittlesea Show awards and the award for the best scarecrow in the Kilmore Mechanics Institute annual competition. This is the second year running KPS has won this award – so Mrs Dixon and her team of dedicated students will be going for a hat trick next year!

Also at Monday's assembly Grade 4 student Casey Jensen sang a beautiful rendition of the song 'Riptide'. It's not easy to perform in front of over 400 people but Casey took it all in her stride and did a great job. Well done Casey.

Julie McCarthy
Assistant Principal



Notices Handed Out This Week

- Gr 5– Order Form 2015 Gr 6 Windcheater
- Gr 4 - Info Letter -Netbook Information Night Rescheduled
- Gr 5/6-'Preparation for Puberty' Permission Form
- Selected Students-Permission Form for VSGA Presentation Day



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

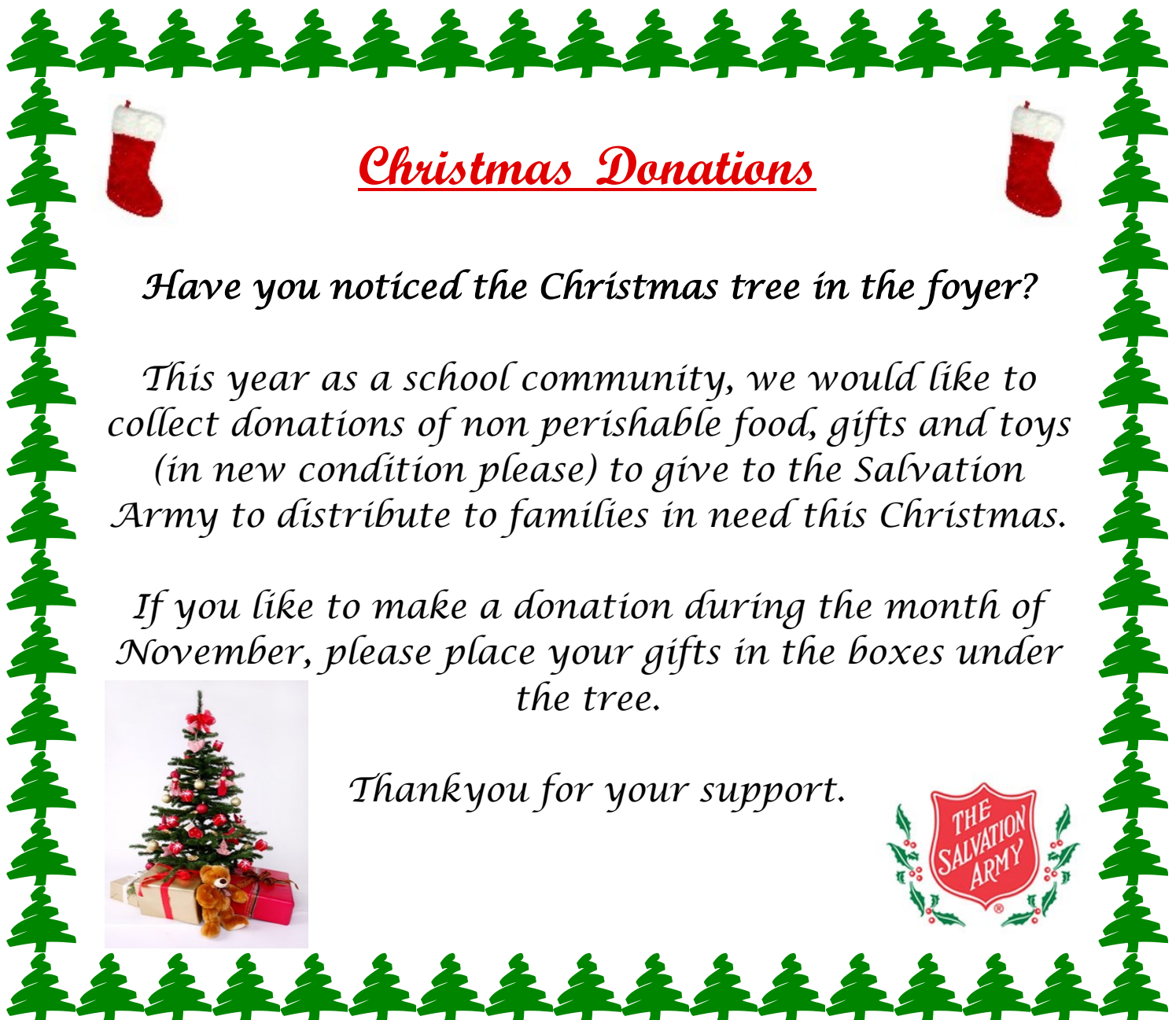
Go to www.tiqbiz.com and click on 'help' to find out more about our school app. When installing and selecting your child/rens year level, please remember to select **'WHOLE SCHOOL'** as well as the appropriate year level/s so that you can receive school newsletters, notifications etc. **The latest version 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

Kilmore Mechanics Institute Scaretatics Competition

1st Prize awarded to Kilmore Primary School for the second year running. Congratulations to Mrs Dixon, Art Teacher at KPS and the students who helped create 'Medusa'

Jacqui, Jemma, Victoria, Jazmin and Brooke are pictured with the awards.



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.



Thankyou for your support.





Teaching and Learning

Literacy/ Numeracy Awards - Term 4 - Week 7

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for a Literacy or Numeracy Recognition & Encouragement Award.

Literacy

Prep -Cody D PB, Dwayne L PK

Grade 1 -Mya B 1P, Madeline L 1J

Grade 2 -Bailey H 2T, Mikalee C 2S

Grade 3/4 -Jake M 3/4K, Caitlyn H 3/4P

Grade 5/6 -Jamie P 5/6L, Jordan B 5/6B

Numeracy

Prep -Annabelle V PB, Ella F PP

Grade 1 - Madelyn M 1P, Amelia C 1N

Grade 2 -Cooper D 2B, Abi P 2S

Grade 3/4 -Cohen S 3/4C, Lucy B 3/4V

Grade 5/6 -Mikayla A 5/6C, Ruby B 5/6R



Well done!



On the weekend I thought it might be a nice idea to make a poster for the school. The first thing that came to my mind was friends. I thought it would be nice if the sun was shining. I wrote the words, *I am proud of my work, I feel safe at KPS, I am kind to all the students.* By Casey Jensen; Grade 3/4P





Teaching and Learning

At KPS we are proud of neat bookwork!

It is an unfortunate fact that people judge our writing before they have even read it. If it is scribbled and messy, people may find it too difficult to read, or may just assume that if the writer did not take care with the appearance, then he or she probably did not take care with the content either. Our audiences may decide not to read great content just because it is messy. This is why we encourage our students to take pride in the presentation of their work. Here are some students we have noticed around the school who should be very proud of their neat bookwork:



Ben 3/4T



Blake PB



Scout and Ella 2T



Jessica and Rebecca 1N



Annabelle PB

Well done boys and girls!

From The SWPBS Team



Parent Information

2015 – 2016 Netbook Parent Information Night

At Kilmore Primary School we are looking to continue our commitment to developing an environment that is conducive to 21st Century Learning. As part of this commitment we will again be offering our Netbook lease program to all students in the 5/6 Unit in 2015.

To help you make an informed decision about whether this program will be suitable for your child's learning we will be holding an information night on **Wednesday, 26th of November**. The information night will be held in the ICT room beginning at 7.00 pm and concluding at 8.00 pm.

The night will include information about the following subjects:

- Classroom use of netbooks
- Netbooks at home
- Cybersafety
- Cyber bullying
- Transferring of content
- Caring for your netbook



If you have any other questions regarding the Parent Information Night or the Netbook leasing program please feel free to contact Mr. Brendan Thompson at any time.



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 News



ATTENTION GRADE 3/4 PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our unit requires adult helpers for our End of Year Excursion.

Date: Wed 10th December 2014

Venues: Airborn Indoor Trampoline Park and Greenvale Reservoir

Please leave your name at the office or see any of the grade 3/4 Teachers by Friday 28th November.

If we receive many names, we will need to draw the names out of a hat and notify the selected helpers.

*All helpers must have a current and valid Working With Children Check
Many thanks, The 3/4 Unit

Manners Matter

This weeks focus—

I learn from mistakes



Happy Birthday

November

19 Keyana 56B

20 Annabel 1P, Angelique 34T, Liam 56B

21 Brandan 1J, Montana 1N

23 Jemma 1P, Cameron 2T

24 Maeve 56L

25 Cody PB, Kara 1N, Cole 34T, Lucy 34V



Jack from 5/6L competed at the Australian Formula Powerboat Grand Prix held at Wagga Wagga with a strong competition of 12 formula future boats. After 6 races, Jack walked away with out right 3rd place. Well done Jack!

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'

Student News



Scholastic Book Club

Issue 8 Scholastic Book Club catalogues have been handed out to students. 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 21 November****



Looking for something to do in the school holidays?

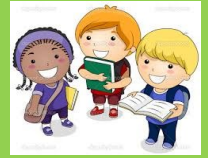


Why not practice your baking or paint a masterpiece ready to put in an entry for this years Kilmore Show in December.

The schedule will be available online soon at www.kilmoreshow.org.au or keep an eye out in some of your local shops.



Student News



National Water Week 2014

Congratulations to Ella Stewart and Emma Studd for their winning entries in the National Water Week 2014 'Fill the Cup' competition.



Whittlesea Show Awards.

Congratulations to Casey Jensen and Ella Stewart for their winning entries in the writing, Poetry, section of the Whittlesea Show.





Parent Information

Kilmore Primary School 2014 TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER



Dear Parent / Carer / Friend,

We are running a Tea Towel Fundraiser!

The unique tea towel design is made up of drawings by all our students at Kilmore Primary School. The drawings are arranged in a decorative design and screen printed in high quality white tea towels.

We chose tea towels because they are a meaningful gift for parent and make a fabulous reminder of the school. The tea towels look amazing, are so easy to post and make a fabulous reminder of the school. The sample tea towel hanging in the office to view.

ONLY \$12.50 for a list of 4 for \$46.00! Tea towels are available in the office in an envelope clearly marked.

Make sure you don't miss out!

We can't do it without you - support us and help us raise funds for improvement to playground and other school facilities.

Order Form and Payment is due by Thursday 26th Nov.

If you have any queries please call the office on PH 5782 2200.

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TEA TOWEL ORDER FORM

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Contact Name and Phone Number: _____

Number of Tea Towels Ordered: 1 2 3 4

TOTAL amount \$ _____

Please enclose payment with your order. Cash or cheques made payable to: _____

TOTAL Enclosed \$ _____

Kilmore Primary School

CANCELLED

Kilmore Primary School 2014 Tea Towel Fundraiser

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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.

ALL THINGS UNIFORM

**DEPOSIT FREE LAYBY
Order now-Pick up in January
No Payment Required**

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

The Uniform Shop is available at
Kilmore Primary School every
Friday and is open from
2.15 pm - 3.15 pm

**R.V.K. Property Protection Services
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Endeavouring To Prevent Crime
24 Hour Emergency Service
Ph. 5784 1789**

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2nd Hand Uniform Sale

Monday 1st December 2014

2.00pm – 3.30pm

In the Art Room



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Parent Information

Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?

The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?

Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent's bank account; or
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

Who is eligible?

The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?

In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?

Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional \$12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off?

No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.

The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.

