From the Principal’s Desk

Celebrations at Assembly
It was great to see so many awards being handed out to students at this week’s whole school assembly. A large number of students received awards for participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge, achieving their goals in Literacy and Numeracy or being a member of the KPS Chior who recently entertained the residents at Dianella Hostel. A lot of work and preparation goes into organising these events and awards and I would like to thank Ms Nicol, Ms Hecker, Mrs Renton and Mrs Kelly for providing these opportunities for our students.

Grade 5 Leadership Speeches
The Grade 5 students have been busily writing their election speeches so they can present their thoughts and ideas about why they should be chosen for a Junior Leadership position next year. The formal presentations will take place this afternoon in front of the Grade 4 and 5 students and teachers, with Mrs Barker and Mrs Cooney also present. It is not easy to speak and present in front of a crowd, so we wish them all the best of luck.

Billy Carts
The Great Billy Cart Race is on this Friday afternoon, during Session 3 and 4 (11.00am – 12.40pm). If you would like to come and watch the Billy Cart races, you are more than welcome. The Billy Carts will be auctioned off at the end of the race to raise money for charity.

Prep/Foundation Student Orientation Days
Yesterday was the last of our Prep/Foundation Orientation sessions for the year. The new 2015 students were pleased to see their new classmates again and quickly settled into the activities that the teachers had planned for them. This was another great opportunity for the students to familiarise themselves with their learning area, for the teachers to observe the students and for the parents to meet and have a chat. They are a delightful group of students and we can’t wait for them to be with us next year.
Curriculum Days for 2015
Schools in the Mitchell Cluster have decided to have some common Curriculum Days next year, where all schools in the Cluster meet together for whole day Professional Learning. This will enable us to get some high level speakers and design workshops to really target the learning needs of teachers in this Cluster.

The majority of schools in the Cluster have decided to start the year with only one Curriculum Day at the beginning of the year, so we can reserve the other Curriculum Days for either full Cluster Days or targeted Professional Development in our own schools during the year.

**Next year, Kilmore Primary School will align with our Cluster Schools and start the year with one Curriculum Day on Wednesday 28th January 2015.**

**All students will begin their school year on Thursday 29th January, 2015.**

Hasta Luego,
Denise Barker
Principal

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**Girls, Girls, Girls**

Girls, girls, girls is a program designed to help grade 5/6 girls gain self-confidence, learn about beauty and its boundaries.

“We learn that beauty is not just skin deep, our flaws are beautiful as well and surgery and diets are not worth it. I learnt that Photoshop was used to make women look more ‘beautiful’.”

– Myra, grade 5, one of the girls in the program.

On Tuesday, December 2nd 2014 the Girls, Girls, Girls program ended after 6 weeks. To celebrate, the hosts of the program organized a graduation for the 11 girls. Unfortunately, only six were able to attend.

At the graduation ceremony there was food, coffee and orange juice and the teachers of the 5/6 unit came along to see what it was about.

The girls each received a bag full of goodies to take home.
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Literacy/ Numeracy Awards – Term 4 - Week 9

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

**Literacy**
- Prep - Kenzie P PP, Taliyah C PK
- Grade 1 - Kara Swift 1N, Chloe G 1P
- Grade 2 - Maddison V 2S, Chelsea D 2B
- Grade 3/4 - Lily H 3/4V, Hayley M 3/4C
- Grade 5/6 - Alastair C 5/6C, Declan G 5/6B

**Numeracy**
- Prep - Jake L PP, Caiden X PK
- Grade 1 - Brock O 1P, Tayla 1J
- Grade 2 - Ryan Mc 2H, Jemma C 2B
- Grade 3/4 - Connor S 3/4K, Emmett C 3/4T
- Grade 5/6 - Jasmine R 5/6L, Ellamay S 5/6P

Well Done!

Literacy & Numeracy News

On behalf of all the teachers we would like to congratulate every student at Kilmore Primary School for their outstanding efforts in Literacy and Numeracy throughout 2014. In particular, we would like to congratulate and acknowledge those students who received an Award this year in recognition for their attitude, behaviour and learning achievements in these important curriculum areas.

Every student who was an Award recipient during Semester 2 received a raffle ticket, which was drawn during Monday’s whole school assembly.

These students were the lucky winners of some fabulous prizes.

**Junior Literacy** Cena Marshall
**Senior Literacy** Aaron Jacobs
**Junior Numeracy** Cooper Dulson
**Senior Numeracy** Emmett Clark

Enjoy your well-earned prizes

Mrs Renton (Literacy Leader) & Miss Hecker (Numeracy Leader)
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Kilmore Primary School Champions

Literacy Award Winners

Numeracy Award Winners

Premiers Reading Challenge Awards

Kilmore Primary School Choir
Certificate of Appreciation from Dianella Nursing home
School Excursions

We are all very excited to have school excursions coming up next week, but we also want to remind students of the high expectations we have for their behaviour when they are outside school. We were very impressed with how Kind, Proud and Safe the students were on excursion to the Royal Botanical Gardens last week. Here are some of the wonderful things they were doing:

- Sitting on the bus quietly with seatbelts on
- Lining up sensibly
- Walking together with a partner to the venue
- Sitting together to eat, taking all rubbish with them, because there were no bins
- Wearing hats and applying sunscreen for safety outdoors
- Being kind and helping each other

Thank you for being Kind, Proud and Safe KPS students! From the SWPBS team.
Library News: It’s that time of year again for all Library books to be returned to the library so that repairs and a stocktake can take place, in order to reshelve books in preparation for 2015. Please assist your child to find all Library books that have been borrowed throughout the year and return to the school by the end of this week. As you can imagine with over 400 students at KPS, there is a huge number of books borrowed across the school and unreturned books mean less opportunity for others in the future. Any books that can’t be found need to be replaced please. Any questions or concerns please see Paula or Jenny.

2014 Victorian Schools Garden Award

Last Thursday, a group of students travelled to Melbourne to represent Kilmore Primary School at the 2014 Victorian Garden Awards and to receive our Regional Award. We won this award for our efforts with our Bush Tucker garden.

We also received a $350.00 voucher to purchase garden products. We are very proud of this garden and are sincerely grateful for the wonderful support we had in designing, constructing and maintaining this area of the school.

We had a fantastic day at the Botanical Gardens and I was extremely proud of our students. Their behavior was outstanding. Thank you to David MacBean (School Council President) and Jenni Peggie for coming with us.
Parent Information

Billy Cart Extravaganza!!

Friday 5th December!
Come along and join the 5/6 unit race down Sutherland Street with their own hand designed and built Billy Carts!!

Billy Cart Race from 11 am!
You also have the opportunity to BUY a Billy Cart at our Amazingly, Awesome, AUCTION!!

Auction starts at 1.45 pm!
All money raised will go to a local charity.
Manners Matter

This week's focus—

I offer to help others

Happy Birthday

December
3 Brielle 34T
6 Tayla 1J, Lachlan 2S
8 Montana 34K, Chloe 56B
9 Kane PP

Icy Pole Day—Every Friday of Term 4

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

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Assumption College Bus Service

Please note that buses will be operating on reduced services from:
Monday 8th December 2014
Please make alternative arrangements for any changes to your normal schedule

Are you interested in playing girls football?

We would like to invite you our information night at
Wallan Junior Football Club
Monday December 8th at 7pm
Main Clubrooms
Corner Duke St & Northern Highway, Wallan
Come along and learn more about Under 15 & 12 Youth Girls Football Teams at Wallan in 2015

For Under 12s Girls born in 2003, 2004 and 2005 are eligible to play.

For more information contact
Nadine Christall 0415 299 445 or
Dean O’Toole 0452 026 822

Congratulations to Kellan Ireland. Kellan has displayed our school values of Proud and Safe when doing community activities. Kellan recently became Level 2 Club Champion at the Essendon Keilor Gymnastics Academy for consistent high scoring in his MAG gymnastics competitions over the year. This was his first year competing at this level. Well done, Kellan!

Parent helpers are needed for our excursion to Thomastown Recreation and Aquatic Centre on Friday, 12th December.

If you are available to help, please let your child’s classroom teacher know.

All parent helpers must have a current Working With Children’s Check and the school needs a copy on file.
Sorry, no siblings may attend.

If we get more volunteers than needed we will draw names out of a hat.

Thank you, Grade 1 Teachers
Kilmore Primary School
2014 Tea Towel Fundraiser

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Sutherland Street OSHC News

It’s almost that time of year again, so be on the lookout for our Summer Holiday brochures which should be with your schools in the not too distant future. We are looking for lots of donations for activities to be completed by the children. So if you are throwing away shoe boxes, boxes, glass jars with lids, wool, corks and bottle tops we would really love for you to pass them to us for the children to use. These items can be placed in the tubs left in the halls marked “donations”.

Please remember that this term all children must wear hats and sunscreen. Without these your children won’t be able to fully participate in our outdoor programs. If you wish to leave a hat at OSHC we have a hat box it can be stored in. Please clearly mark the hat with your child’s name.

Regards, Lisa H

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