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**Coming Up In Term 1**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2.30-3.10 pm**  
Classroom Helpers  
Listening to Reading  
Workshop

**14th March**  
Camp Quality Puppet  
Show

**18th March**  
School Photos - Full  
School Uniform must be  
worn

**21st March**  
Prep Parent Forum

**24th March**  
Whole School Assembly,  
9.00 am

**4th April**  
Last day of Term 1,  
2.30 pm finish

**Be Sunsmart**

A reminder to students to bring their hat every day during Term 1



**Newsletter No. 05**

**12th March 2014**

Ola Everyone,

I hope you all had a fabulous long weekend! The weather was great and there were so many activities to choose from, both locally and further afield. The children came back to school full of smiles today, with lots of stories about camping, fishing, going to Moomba, family picnics and enjoying extra time with family and friends.

**School Council Elections**  
Thank you to all parents who have voted in this ballot. We have had a great response. The ballot closes at 4.00 pm on Wednesday 12th March 2014 and will be counted on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 by a parent (not a candidate) and a teacher, under my supervision. The successful candidates will be notified in person and the community will be notified by letter.

**School Council AGM and March Meeting – Date Change**  
Please note that the School Council AGM and March Meeting has been changed to:  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014.** Please see my enclosed letter for details – a hard copy was sent home to all families yesterday.

**Policy Reviews**  
There are a number of Draft Policy reviews which will be taken to the next School Council meeting for ratification and these are listed in my letter. ( See page 3 ) If you would like to have a look they will be in a folder in the office later in the week. There is a short time frame because these form part of our School Registration for 2014. Feedback is welcome.

### Fire & Emergency Evacuation Drill - Thursday

We will be conducting a Fire Drill on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. This is one of our scheduled practise drills that we have throughout the year. The teachers will be speaking to students about the need for the drills, what they can expect to happen, and what they need to do during the drill. It would be great if you could also speak to your children about this.

### Camp Quality Puppet Show

The Camp Quality Puppet Show is this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please complete and return the permission slips before Friday if you would like your child to attend.

Have a great week  
Hasta luego! (See you later!)  
Denise Barker

## Information from the Office.....



### More Volunteers needed:

Thank you to parents who have returned the volunteer slip.

Our First Aid room is a busy hub in our school and has previously relied on parent help to keep it a tidy, clean, pleasant environment for our students when they are feeling unwell.

Please consider giving a little of your time to assist with keeping our Frist Aid room clean and fresh for students of KPS.



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### SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER - HELP NEEDED

Each year we ask if parents are able to assist in the washing and changing of the linen in our sick bay. In most cases this means 2 or 3 times a year. If you are able to help out please return this form to the office .

A roster will be distributed shortly after.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Class \_\_\_\_\_

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11 March 2014

Dear Parents

I am writing to advise that there is a change of date for our **School Council Annual General Meeting and March School Council Meeting.**

**The AGM & March School Council Meeting will now be held on  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm.**

There are a number of reasons for this change of date, including:

1. The closure of the school with the fires has put our schedule out by a week
2. The ballot does not finish until Wednesday and will be counted on Thursday. New School Councillors will need a reasonable amount of time to become familiar with the Induction Literature and the roles and responsibilities of School Councillors before the next meeting
3. There are a large number of School policies that have been reviewed and need ratification at the next School Council meeting. School Councillors will need a reasonable amount of time to be able to read all of these documents before the next meeting.

The following is a list of Draft Policy reviews that will be presented for ratification at the School Council March Meeting. If you would like to look at these they will be in a folder at the office:

- Anaphylaxis Policy
- Care Arrangements for Ill Students
- Curriculum Framework Policy
- First Aid Policy and Procedures
- Medication Distribution Policy
- Sunsmart Policy
- Camps Policy and Procedures
- Critical Incident Policy and Plan
- Excursion Policy and Procedures
- ICT Acceptable Use Policy
- Onsite Supervision of Students

I am more than happy to accept community feedback on any of these Draft Policies.

Yours sincerely  
Denise Barker



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PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Denise Barker

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## Happy Birthday

### March

- 12 Sebastian 56P, Hannah 56P
- 13 Chais 56P, Madison 56R
- 16 Zoe 2S, Yesha 2S, James 34P
- 17 Mia PP, Nicholas 34K
- 18 Bella 1N



## Manners Matter

This week's focus—  
**I don't interrupt**



## LOST PROPERTY

Lost Property is located in the hallway in the administration building towards the computer room.



Please remember to label all clothing so it can be returned.

## 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.

Thank you for your cooperation

## BULLY STOPPERS

For helpful information and advice on what bullying can look like go to:  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/parents.aspx>



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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au)

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# Kilmore Primary School Classroom Behaviour Management Process

**Observe Behaviour**  
– determine whether the behaviour is major or minor

Teacher initiates the School Behaviour Management Plan

1<sup>st</sup> Incident- Verbal warning is given and behaviour recorded

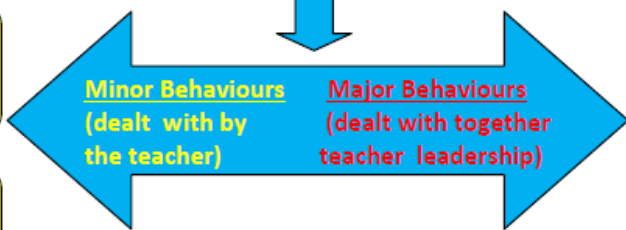
2<sup>nd</sup> Incident- Student is directed to move to another location in the classroom and behaviour is recorded

3<sup>rd</sup> Incident- Student directed to another classroom for approx 5 mins. Behaviour is recorded (Refusal to leave is a **Major behaviour**- refer child to leadership)

Classroom Teacher sends referral slip to Time-in room at eating time, Student attends a Time-In. Attendance recorded in folder.

When the student has 3 minor incident Time-ins **in a week** leadership is informed via an incident report

When the student has 3 minor incident Time-ins in a week a phone call is made to their parents



**Minor Behaviours**

- Late to class
- Unprepared (no materials)
- Violation of classroom expectations
- Low level disrespect
- Classroom disruption
- Unsafe behaviour
- Cheating
- Minor theft
- Minor vandalism (drawing on table etc)

**Major Behaviours**

- Repeated minor behaviour
- High level disrespect
- Abusive/inappropriate language
- Harassment/intimidation
- Fighting/physical aggression
- Harming self or others
- Major vandalism
- Theft
- Truancy
- Drug or substance abuse
- Leaving the room without permission

Teacher ensures the safety of all students

Teacher completes Class Incident Report (to be sent to the office with student)

Student sent to the office or call for leadership assistance if needed

In case of extreme/urgent assistance, make 555 announcement requesting leadership to your area

Leadership discusses behaviour with student

Consequence to be determined by leadership (in consultation with teacher)

File documentation (a copy to be given to students classroom teacher)

Follow through with consequences, parents notified

Follow-Up discussion between student/teacher and/or leadership before student returns to the classroom



# SPANISH CORNER



## CLASSROOM LEARNING – LAST WEEK

<b>Week 6 (B)</b> 3 de marzo	Prep – Grade 2	Greetings and manners My name is (Me llamo)
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## THIS WEEK

<b>Week 7 (A)</b> 10 de marzo	Prep	No class this week (public holiday)
	Grade 3/4	My name is (Me llamo) What's your name? (¿Cómo te llamas?)
	Grade 5/6	My name is (Me llamo) What's your name? (¿Cómo te llamas?) Introductions

## WORDS OF THE WEEK

Me llamo	Meh yah-moh	My name is
¿Cómo te llamas?	Koh-moh teh yah-mahs	What's your name?
¡Adiós!	Ah-dee-os	Goodbye!
¡Muy bien!	Moi bee-en	Very well/good
Gracias	Grasi-ahs	Thank you

### COMING SOON!

Stay tuned for our new Kilmore Spanish blog! You will be able to find songs/chants we sing in class, videos, links to websites and summaries of what we are learning in each grade.

### DUOLINGO - FREE APP FOR SMARTPHONES

This is a great free app for beginners. More suited for adult learners. Content is also available at [www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com)



### DID YOU KNOW?

Learning another language helps develop essential areas of children's brains. It also helps them to think more creatively, connect ideas and solve problems more easily.



### BOOKCLUB

Book Club order forms will be given to students on:



**Wednesday 05<sup>th</sup> March.** The due back date is **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March.** Unfortunately, late orders will be not be accepted. Please ensure that you put your name on the order.

**If you pay online you still need to send your order and your credit card receipt number to school so we can include your order with the school order.**

### 2014 Homework Club– Term 1 will commence on Thursday 13th March 3.10 in the Library

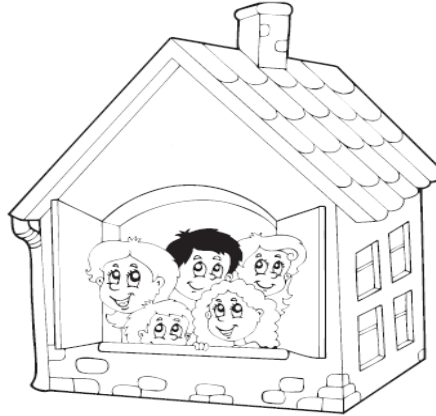
For students in grade 3-6, the Homework Club runs on a Thursday afternoon in the Library from 3.10 pm–4.15 pm.

Permission forms can be collected from the office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Complete the colouring in and bring this back to \_\_\_\_\_ and you could win  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Entries open to ages \_\_\_\_\_ Competition closes \_\_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_ The winning entry will be announced in store on \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ The winner will be notified by phone on \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Please fold this section under before displaying to respect the privacy of the artist.



MIGHTY HELPFUL  
MITRE 10



Colouring in sheets are available at the office. Entries need to be returned to Mitre 10 Kilmore by 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Parents please note re School Photos:  
Sibling /Family photo forms and Spare order forms are available from the office.



### SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014

#### PHOTO DAY TIPS:

- Dress: Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines
- Hair: Neat and swept off face
- Orders: Complete your order form, return to school on photography day.
- Pre-orders: To pre-order online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to [www.schoolpix.com.au](http://www.schoolpix.com.au). All orders placed online will receive a free 20cm x 25cm black and white portrait print.



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### Prep Parent Forum

**On Friday 21st March 2014 (8:50am) Sharon Blackwell, our School Support Officer, and Julie McCarthy, Student Wellbeing Coordinator are holding a Prep Parents Discussion Morning.**

**Sharon and Julie invite all parents, grandparents and carers along to share their beginning school stories and discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child's Prep year to date.**

**WHEN: Friday 21st March 2014  
 WHERE: Foyer Sports Stadium  
 TIME: 8:50 am**

**It will be an informal gathering, a great chance to meet some of our school support staff and to meet with other parents of our school community.**

**Tea, coffee & biscuits provided. Toddlers & babies welcome.**

**For more information or to confirm attendance phone 57821268 or email the school [kilmoreps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:kilmoreps@edumail.vic.gov.au) or just turn up on the day.**

# P . E . NEWS



## **SWIMMING**

The Whittlesea Division Swimming Championships was held at the Northcote Aquatic Centre on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Kilmore Primary School had several students swimming under the Mitchell Shire District in the following events:

EVENT	NAME
Girls 9/10 Freestyle	Macey
Girls 12/13 Freestyle	Takara
Boys 9/10 Breaststroke	Ben
Boys 9/10 Backstroke	Cooper
Boys 11 Backstroke	Jesse
Girls 12/13 Backstroke	Takara
Girls 9/10 Relay Team	Macey, Molly, Casey and Elly
Boys 12/1 Relay Team	Josh, Tom, Jack M and Jesse

CONGRATULATIONS to all students who swam brilliantly on the day. For some students it was the first experience of swimming in a 50m pool.

I am very Proud to announce that Jesse finished first in Backstroke and Macey, Molly, Casey and Elly came third in the Girls 9/10 Relay. They now move on to the next level of competition which is the Northern Metropolitan Region Swimming Championships to held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at the Northcote Aquatic Centre.

A big Thank you to all the parents who transported and supported the students on Monday, your cooperation and assistance at events such as this is greatly appreciated.

*To Jesse, Macey, Molly, Casey and Elly Good Luck next Wednesday.*



9/10 Girls Relay Team  
Elly, Molly, Casey and Macey



12/13 Boys Relay Team  
Josh, Jack, Jesse and Tom



# Parent Information.....



## Notices handed out this week...

- Grade 5/6 Sport Carnival Permission Notes
- Whole School Incursion—Camp Quality Puppet Show, Friday 14th March.

## Is your child ready for an adult seatbelt? Take the 5 Step Test today.

Children grow at different rates. To assist parents and carers to assess when their child is ready to use an adult seatbelt, new national Child Restraint Guidelines include an easy 5 Step Test.

VicRoads recommends parents and carers use this test to ensure their children's safety at all times.



1  
Can the child sit with their back against the vehicle seat back?



2  
Do the child's knees bend in front of the edge of the seat?



3  
Does the sash belt sit across the middle of the shoulder?



4  
Is the lap belt sitting low across the hips touching the thighs?



5  
Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

### More information

National Child Restraint Guidelines: [kidsafe.com.au/crguidelines](http://kidsafe.com.au/crguidelines)

Child Restraint Evaluation Program: [crep.com.au](http://crep.com.au)

VicRoads: [vicroads.vic.gov.au/childrestraints](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au/childrestraints)

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### STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are reminded that if students are away from school they can either send a note or phone the office on 5782 1268

### 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.

Please note a change of dates for the Classroom Helper/Listening to Reading Parent Workshop  
The new dates are:

**Tuesday 11th March 9.00– 9.40am** and **Thursday 13th March 2.30—3.10pm**

**Classroom Helper/Listening to Reading Parent Workshop – 2014**

Hi Parents, Carers & Volunteers,

If you are considering offering your support as a classroom helper for 2014 and/or would like to know more about supporting and listening to children read please come along to one of the Parent Workshops being held in Learning Studio 18 (one of the portable classrooms) on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 9.00-9.40 am or Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2.30-3.10 pm.

All interested parents, carers & volunteers can simply register with the office their intention of attending either one of the workshops. On the day, remember to sign in before coming up to the portable rooms. Looking forward to seeing you at the workshop.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Jenny Renton  
Literacy Leader



**Grade 5/6 Sport Carnival:  
Thursday 27th March**

Grade 5/6 students will be participating in a variety of sports at the following venues:

Basketball—Robson Stadium Wallan

Softball—Wallan Football Oval

Cricket—Davern Reserve Wandong

Rounders—Broadford Football Oval



Details and permission notes will be handed out today.

**A MILE FOR MANDY.**  
Fun Run/Walk



**Kilmore Leisure Centre.**

Mitchell Leisure Services, in conjunction with the local community, invite you take part in the A Mile for Mandy fundraiser run/walk. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Mandy McCracken Fund.

Event details:

- \$15 to enter
- 5km run/walk
- Short walk option (1.5km flat walk)
- Aqua event (if you would rather walk laps or participate in aqua class)
- A Mile for Mandy t-shirt for the first 150 entrants
- Silent auction prizes will be displayed at Kilmore Leisure Centre leading up to the day
- Activities for kids ages 6 and over (inflatable)
- Crèche available for children under 6 years
- Refreshments
- Prizes to be won (lucky ticket)

Registrations and payment to be taken at Kilmore Leisure Centre.

Registration forms are at Kilmore Leisure Centre or visit the Mitchell Leisure Services website [www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/leisure](http://www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/leisure)

Permit number 12790.

**CONTACT US.**  
Kilmore Leisure Centre  
Address: White Street Kilmore  
Phone: (03) 5782 1287  
Website: [www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au)

Operational Hours:  
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Friday 6am – 7pm  
Saturday and Sunday 8am – 1pm  
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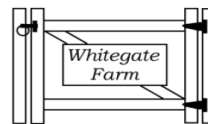
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