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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 1 & Term 2

Frid 4th April

Last day of Term 1,
2.30 pm finish

Term 2

Tues 22 April

Welcome Back-First day
Term 2

Friday 25th April

Anzac Day Holiday

Thurs 1st May

House Sports Carnival



Be Sunsmart

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



Newsletter No. 07

26th March 2014

Buenos Dias everyone, and welcome to Week 9. This is the second last week of term!

School Council

Last night we conducted our Annual General Meeting of School Council. I am pleased to advise the following Office Bearers for 2014:

School Council President: David MacBean

Vice President: Liza Whitfield

I would like to congratulate David and Liza, and sincerely thank the other School Council members who nominated for these positions.

The AGM was followed by our regular School Council March meeting. We ratified the policies that have been available for public viewing on our website, and endorsed our 2013 Annual Report and 2014 Annual Implementation Plan. We formed our Sub Committees which are:

- Building and Grounds Committee
- Finance Committee
- Stadium/Facilities Committee
- Education Committee
- Fund Raising Committee

If you would like to join any of these committees as a parent member, please contact me and I will give your details to the convenor of that particular committee. We have a great team this year and we are all looking forward to working with our community members for the benefit of our students.

Seats on the Oval

I would like to thank the Building and Grounds Committee for organising the new seating on the oval. This has taken a lot of time and effort but they are finally installed and look great. A special thanks to David MacBean who put so much time into this project.



Bullying No Way and Harmony Day

Last Friday we held a number of whole school activities to recognise our involvement in the 'Bullying No Way' and Harmony Day projects that are in place at our school. These days are important as they bring everyone together so that they feel part of the bigger picture, as members of our whole school and wider community, and to see that we can all work together to achieve a safe and happy environment for everyone.

CFA Thank You Day

I am pleased to advise that we raised almost \$800 on our CFA Thank You day, which was an amazing amount of money. Thank you to everyone who donated to this cause. The wonderful CFA firefighters insisted that we give the money to a deserving family who is suffering hardship after the fires, as they would prefer to see the money used that way. We did have a family fitting this bill, and they were both delighted and humbled at the generosity shown to them. We presented a certificate to the CFA at Assembly on Monday along with lots of thank you cards and posters from our students.

Party Favour Bags

It has been brought to School Council's attention that some potentially dangerous items have been included in children's party favour bags, and then distributed at school. Please be responsible when choosing items, and take a moment to carefully consider whether these items may cause harm to other children. For example, party poppers are not appropriate to bring to school or to distribute to other children at school, and some children have allergies to various food items. If you are in doubt, please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Have a great week everyone

Hasta Luego!
Denise Barker
Principal

Information from the Office.....



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

HEAD LICE

We have had several cases of head lice reported to the office this week. Please ensure your children are checked regularly and full treatments are completed.



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



Happy Birthday

March

- 26 Makayla PB
- 27 Perri 56P
- 30 Madeleen 56B



Manners Matter

This week's focus—
Calling people by their name



WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECK (WWCC)

To be able to work with children in classrooms, assist in Sport sessions or to accompany a class on excursions, parents need to have a Working with Children's Check card.

You can apply for this at any Post Office. If you already have a WWC card please check that it is still valid and that you have shown your card at the school office so that we can update our records.




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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>



BULLYING NO WAY

Last Friday all students were involved in activities for the National Day of Action- BULLYING NO WAY. Students gathered in the old hall to eat lunch with their buddy and all students received a Bullying No Way wristband. Students were reminded that by speaking up and taking a stand, we can all do something to stop bullying and unkind behaviours.



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

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development



P . E . NEWS

5/6 SPORT CARNIVAL

The MSSSA Sport Carnival day will be held on Thursday 27th March. Students from the 5/6 Unit have been selected to represent Kilmore Primary School in the following sports – Basketball, Softball, Rounders and Kanga 8's. The day will start at 10.00am. at the various venues.

Venues

Basketball - Robson Stadium Wallan

Softball – Wallan Football Oval

Rounders – Harley Hammond Reserve Broadford

Kanga 8's – Davern Reserve Wandong

Good Luck to all the teams, have fun and enjoy the day.

If any parents/guardians are able to help out on the day could you please see Mrs James.



AASC

Just a reminder to the 5/6 students who have participated in the AASC this term, that this is the last week for the program.



SPORTS CARNIVAL

The Kilmore Primary School Sports Carnival is to be held in term 2 on Thursday 1st May. Students will participate in various events and will be competing for house points. Students are encouraged to come dressed in their house colour on the day.

Parents, family and friends are welcome to attend and support the students.

KILMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL House SPORTS CARNIVAL



Thursday 1st MAY

Dear Parent/Carers,

Please use the guide below when encouraging your child/children with their reading at home. Also in this Newsletter you will find the first of many **Parent Pipelines** that will provide you with ongoing support to assist with and reinforce good Reading Strategies your children are learning at school.

Encourage children to USE the following as a guide to assist them in the reading of material. The HAND provides the prompts that GOOD readers use.





Parent Pipeline



CAFÉ Strategy: Check for Understanding

Even as an adult reader, there are times when I am reading a story and I get lost and am not sure what has happened. Fortunately, when this happens, I have strategies I use to help me understand the story. The same thing happens when children read. However, with children they often keep reading and do not realize they lost comprehension until the end of the story. They are too concerned with reading accurately, and forget to take the time to think about what they are reading. How can we help them gain comprehension? We can teach them the comprehension strategy: **check for understanding** because good readers stop frequently to check for understanding or to ask who and what.

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

1. When reading to your child, stop periodically and say, "Let's see if we remember what I just read. Think about who the story was about and what happened." Do this 3 or 4 times throughout the story.
2. When reading to your child, stop and have them practice checking for understanding by saying, "I heard you say..."
3. Ask your child the following questions:
 - Who did you just read about?
 - What just happened?
 - Was your brain talking to you while you read?
 - Do you understand what was read?
 - What do you do if you don't remember?

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

- Ideas and strategies are taken from: The CAFÉ Book, written by Gail Boushey & Joan Moser
 - Created by Allison Behn © 2009 www.thedailycafe.com

Parent Information....



Notices handed out this week...

- Grade 5/6 Netbook Program information.

2014 SCHOOL DIARIES

Diaries can be purchased from the office.

\$5.00 each



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



DOC FOOTBALL ACADEMY

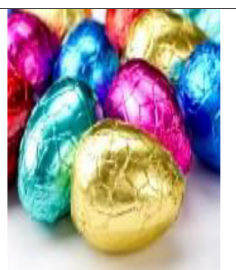
EASTER HOLIDAY SOCCER CAMP Mon 14th - Tues 15th April 2014

DOC Football will run another fun packed holiday soccer camp this Easter at Bridge Inn Road, Mernda. The camps are focused on fun but as all our fun games are **skill based the kids are improving their skills without even knowing it, but there is more!**

- Fun games and activities
- All kids will win a gold, silver or bronze trophy.
- There are loads of prizes to be won; plus great prizes will be given away.
- **PLUS: Big Easter Egg Hunt**

Venue	Ivanhoe Grammar, Mernda
Date	14 th - 15 th April 2014
Time	9.30am to 3.30pm
Cost:	\$150 (for two days camp)

Includes: Lunch, Drinks, Fruit, Morning & Afternoon tea, Activities & Games, Easter Eggs, Trophy and Prizes



Make sure your child does not miss out as this promises to be our best camp ever.

To register email David at: doc@docfootballacademy.com or call 0402520888.

Visit our website: www.docfootball.com

See us on Facebook @ DOC Football Academy

Suitable for Boys and Girls 4-12 years of age.

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.

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