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**Kilmore Primary School
Newsletter No 1
6th February 2013**

Be Sunsmart

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



Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE - FORMS/PAYMENTS FOR ANY ITEMS IN THE CALENDAR WHICH ARE NOT RETURNED BY THE DUE DATE CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

FEBRUARY 2013

- 8 Whole School Assembly
- 8 KPS Swimming Trials
- 12& 14 Gr 5/6 Active After School Sport starts



From The Principal..

WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Hello Everyone and Welcome to KPS in 2103!

It was very exciting to finally greet and welcome back all of our students, parents and members of the KPS Community on Thursday 31st January, our first day of school for 2013. I would like to formally welcome all new students and families to our school, and trust that Kilmore Primary school will provide a positive and rewarding learning journey for your child over the years to come.

It is always such an emotional moment when the Preps start their first day of school. This year we began with 67 Preps. We had parents, grandparents, and uncles and aunts in tears and we were out with the Kleenex and a shoulder to cry on! As for the Preps, well they just took it in their stride and got on with the job of learning and having fun.

During the first two weeks of school, your children will be involved in a range of activities as part of our Start-Up Program for 2013. They will be learning about our new school values and rules, teacher and student expectations, getting along, goal setting, classroom routines, and how to be a contributing and successful member of the KPS Learning Community.

On behalf of the KPS Community, I would like to welcome and congratulate the following staff:

Welcome to Mrs Deb Oliver, who is now a member of our Office Admin Team.

Welcome to Ms Liz Boyack, who is teaching in the Grade 1 Unit.

Welcome to Ms Claire Bourke, who is teaching in the 3/4 Unit

Welcome back to Mrs Kerry Trawn, who is teaching in the 3/4 Unit.



And ... Miss Rachel Phillips

is now Mrs Rachel Pascuzzo – Congratulations, Rachel!

From The Principal...

STRATEGIC PLAN 2013 - 2016

This is the first year of our new Strategic Plan for the period 2013 -2016. Our Curriculum goals are to improve student learning outcomes with a particular focus on Literacy and Numeracy. We aim to improve and extend our Differentiated Learning strategies to cater for the individual needs of each student to help them achieve success and their personal best. Our strong focus on Student Wellbeing will continue with the main areas being our involvement in the Kids Matter Mental Health and Wellbeing initiative, and the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program.

This is the new **KPS Vision Statement** that will drive our school for the next four years:

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.

We also have a new set of **School Values**:

Kind, Proud and Safe (KPS)

Be Kind – Social and Emotional Learning and Values Education, being a Responsible, Active and Caring member of our Learning Community

Be Proud – High Expectations for Academic Learning, Positive Involvement in all School Activities, Pride in our School and in our Learning Environment, Pride in Self

Be Safe – Safe and Secure Learning Environment, Safe Practices, Student Engagement and Wellbeing

These School Values are linked with our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program and our Bee Ticket reward system. You will hear much more about all of this, including activities and competitions as the year progresses.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

I would like to advise that the nominations for School Council members will open on **Friday 15th Feb. and close on Friday 22nd Feb 2013**. We will require four Parent Category members this year, so please have a think about nominating yourself, or nominating someone else who you think might be a good School Councillor. I will send more information home separately to the newsletter prior to the Nomination period. In the meantime, I would love to hear from you if you have any questions.

SUNSMART

Kilmore Primary School is a Sun-smart school, so please ensure that your child has an approved KPS hat to wear when outside in the school yard. If your child does not have an approved hat, they will be asked to move into a shaded area and may not be able to play where they like or take part in outdoor sporting activities. Please refer to our Sun-smart Policy which is

on the website.

PARENT HELPERS

We encourage all parents who have the time to volunteer as a parent classroom helper, even if it is only for a small amount of time each week. Your child will love to see you taking an active role in the classroom and the other students will benefit greatly from your generosity. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you are interested.

MATHS RESOURCES

We are also in need of assistance in making our school set of Numeracy Fluency Resources. If you have a little time to spare, whether it is at school or home, we would love to see you. You could leave your name with our Numeracy Leaders, Mat Thomson (5/6 Unit) or Tracy Hecker (Year 2 Unit), or come and see me. Once we get this up and running it will benefit all students in the school.

PARKING REMINDERS

Parking can be tricky around the school during pick up and drop off times, but I urge you to put the safety of the students first and take note of the Parking Signs. There are bus zones and disabled parking zones on Sutherland Street and Lancefield Road, and the Council will issue parking fines if you are in the wrong space at the wrong time.

ASSEMBLY

This Friday will be the first of our fortnightly Whole School Assemblies. The Assembly takes place in the Stadium from 2.30 to approx. 3.00pm. All parents and members of the school community are welcome to join us.

Diary Note: Friday 22nd Feb Assembly will be a special Assembly beginning at 2.15pm as our School Captains will be presented with their badges. Rob Mitchell MP will be presenting the badges to the students and speaking about leadership. All welcome!

AIRCONDITIONING

We are currently having split system air-conditioning units installed into the Middle Spaces of the 3/4 Unit and 5/6 Unit and the Music Room. There may be some disruption to normal class routines for those Grades during this time, but I am sure everyone will agree that that the end result is worth it – especially with the warmer weather forecast for later in the week.

STATIONERY PACKS

The Stationery Bags have been a great success and we are really happy with the positive feedback from parents and students. If you have not yet had the chance to order a Stationery Pack and would like to do so, please see Kim Parker at the office by the end of this week.

Kind regards
Denise Barker
Principal

Something from the mouths of babes to make you smile: I was sitting with a little group of boys in the Prep area making 'cups of tea and cooking dinner' with a kitchen cooking set. I asked one of the little Preppies what was in the pot and he said 'Baked Beans'. I suggested that he might like to cook some sausages in the frying pan to go with the Baked Beans and he responded 'OK, but you will have to wash the pot yourself!'

AEU STOPWORK

On Thursday 14th February, the Australian Education Union has called on its members to stop work for 24 hours (a full school day).

Members of our teaching and support staff are participating in this action as a consequence **our school will be severely affected.**

Parents should begin making alternative arrangements for the care and supervision of their child/ren on the day of the Stop-work.

More information will be provided to you as it comes to hand.

Student Information Forms

Student information forms are being handed out today to all children. Please read the forms carefully, make any changes to your child's details, and return to the school ASAP Please return the forms if there are no changes.

School Sun Smart Policy

Parents please note the below extract from Kilmore Primary School Sun Smart Policy. For a full copy of the policy please refer to the school website www.kilmoreps.vic.edu.au

3. Hats

All students and staff are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears, i.e. legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket hats, whenever they are outside. Baseball or peak caps are not considered a suitable alternative.

4. Sunscreen

Students must provide their own SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen.

AND

The school will allow students to apply Sunscreen at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapply every two hours if outdoors.

Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors (e.g. reminder notices, sunscreen monitors, sunscreen buddies).

Icy pole Day Every Friday of Term 1

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

Please place money in an envelope with the students name and grade on the front.



PARENT HELPERS

A reminder to anyone wishing to assist in classrooms, school excursions, etc that a Working With Children Check (WWCC) is required. Application forms are available from the school office.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) helps to cover the costs related to your child's schooling. The EMA provides families on a low income with financial assistance to support their child's education up to the age of 16.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA:

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1. The student must be below the age of sixteen; and
2. The student must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on census day, 28 February 2013 for the first instalment and 2 August 2013 for the second instalment; and
3. The claimant must on Eligibility Day, 29 January 2013 for the first instalment and 15 July 2013, for the second instalment:
 - * be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
 - * be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or
 - * be a foster parent.
4. Submit their application to the school by the due date.

You must submit your EMA application to the school by **28th February 2013**.

Late applications will not be accepted.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

To be eligible for conveyance allowance:

Must be school age (between 5-18 years old)

Must attend an eligible school within the conveyance area

Must live 4.8km or more from the school by the shortest practical route

A private car or private bus conveyance allowance is not available if the journey could have been made using a Department-funded school bus or public transport service.

Reimbursement is calculated on the basis of the one-way distance travelled.

Distance is measured by the shortest practicable route between the student's place of residence and their school.

The residential address should be based on the Rural Road Numbering System. Mailbox and PO Box addresses cannot be used. You can use Bing Maps as a reference:

<http://www.bing.com/maps/>

A copy of the conveyance allowance guidelines are available from the
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/schooloperations/studenttransport.htm>

You must submit your Conveyance Allowance application to the school by **26th February 2013**.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Notices handed out this week...

- * KPS Swimming Trails note
- * Active After School Communities expression of interest form Gr 5/6

CHOIR 2013



Choir practise begins this MONDAY at lunch time in Mrs Kelly's room Prep K

KPS Community Association (formally Parent Club)

The first meeting will be held :

Friday 15th February 2013 9.00am
Community Association Portable

All new and existing parents are welcome to attend.

All Students in the Prep—Grade 2 Units

Students are requested to bring along a box of tissues each for their class room.



Thank you

Kilmore Primary School Website



Log on to the address below to view Photos, Articles,

Newsletters and handy information.

Parents wishing to subscribe to receive an email alert for the weekly newsletter can do so through the website – follow the prompts.

www.kilmoreps.vic.edu.au

Happy Birthday

January-February

Happy Birthday to all DEC/JAN students

- 31 Will Jones, Jake Frendo
- 1 Shae Hurst, Alex Pisani, Steph Hamilton
- 2 Casey Kosma, Darcy Mammoliti
- 4 Jackson Clancy, Laney Hay
- 6 Brock Ordering, Malyn Potter,
- 7 Claire Gallagher, Lauren Gobbett, Ryan Riley
- 8 Charlie Edwards
- 10 Andrew Riddell, Shay Bensen
- 11 Alannah Smith, Lachie MacBean, Jarred Cram, Brooke Harris



UNIFORM SHOP

Every Friday

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

in the Conference Room
adjacent to the Art Room.

Northern Regional Uniforms also have a shop at
Unit 21, 8 Oleander Drive
South Morang 9436 4005

info@northernregionaluniforms.com.au



2013 SCHOOL TIMETABLE

8:45 ~ first school bell

Students make their way to classrooms to unpack bag / silent read.

8:50 – 9:40	~	First session
9:40 – 10:30	~	Second session
10:30 -- 11:00	~	Recess
11:00 – 11:50	~	Third session
11:50 – 12:40	~	Fourth session
12:40 – 12:50	~	Eating time
12:50 -- 1:30	~	Lunch
1:30 – 2:20	~	Fifth session
2:20 – 3:10	~	Sixth session

At the start of this term, you will see 5/6 in the school yard and around the school office. We will be giving out free compliments that will hopefully make your day and will make ours too!

We will be holding a big colourful sign saying "Free Compliments" so you can see us clearly.

Enjoy your compliments!

Skylah Drusko and Elissa Di-Natale



HEAD LICE

We have had a case of head lice reported to the office this week.



PREP COLOUR DAYS

Dear Parents,
During February and March, each available **Tuesday** has been designated as a particular **colour day**. This focus provides a wealth of discussion, which can then be linked to our literacy and numeracy programs.

Children are able to wear clothing of the particular colour if they wish – **this dressing-up is entirely optional** – we know that some children enjoy the opportunity, others are more reserved, and sometimes we simply forget.

- February 5th - RED DAY
- February 12th - BLUE DAY
- February 19th - YELLOW DAY & ORANGE
- February 26th - PINK & PURPLE DAY
- March 5th - BLACK & WHITE DAY
- March 12th - SPOTS & STRIPES DAY
- March 19th - GREEN & BROWN DAY
- March 26th - RAINBOW DAY



Regards, The Prep Team



Student Banking



If you really, really want something, the best way to get it is to save up for it. Just keep putting a bit of money away in your Commonwealth Dollarsmite Account every time you get pocket money— that way you can save up and still have some money to spend.

School Banking day is Tuesday, bring your deposit books to the office. :)

P . E . News



SWIMMING TRIALS

Interested children will have the opportunity to trial for KPS District Swimming Team on Friday 8th February. Children will have the opportunity to compete in any of the 4 events (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly).

For children's own safety it is important to note that they should be confident in swimming 50 metres in order to trial.

If children are successful they will represent the school at Lancefield Pool on Friday 22nd February. We will leave school at 12.00p.m and will be walking down to the pool. I expect the trials to take around 2 hours and we will be walking back to school after they are completed.

Children will need to wear their school uniform and hat and bring with them their bathers, goggles, towel along with lunch and a drink (no lunch orders). If they have a swim cap they should also bring that. Children will not be permitted to purchase anything from the canteen.

If any parents are available to help it would be much appreciated.

If anyone has any concerns or queries please feel free to contact me at school.

AASC

As in previous years, we are again offering the children in grades 5/6 the opportunity to be involved in the Active After School Communities program this term. The program has been a tremendous success over the last six years and we are excited to again be offering the children the opportunity to participate in active pursuits.



Due to previously arranged meeting commitments we will conduct our program on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. Both nights this term will be Multi skill sessions which will involve skills, games and sports with a strong emphasis on fitness. This will be a similar program to those which have been coordinated in the past.

The program will commence on Tuesday & Thursday, Feb 12th & 14th respectively and run for 7 weeks. Therefore I will need all letters of interest back by Wednesday 6th Feb

This will enable the coordinators to work on groupings and get specific information back to parents before the programs commence.

If parents could please indicate on the form below which day their child would like to attend. A Parent Consent form will then be sent home for parents to complete.

Please note students must return the Parent Consent form before starting the program.

The expression of interest form needs to be back to school office by Wednesday 6th Feb

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact me at school.

Julie James
P.E Coordinator

Calisthenics Victoria Presents February 'Come & Try' Month!

What is Calisthenics we hear you ask? Put simply, it's the perfect mix of sport and performing arts, combining elements of gymnastics, modern dance, ballet, singing, mime and apparatus technique (clubs and rods). Calisthenics inspires people of all ages to be more confident and work as part of a team, while fostering community spirit and lifelong friendships.

How would you like to try Calisthenics for FREE!?



February is 'Come & Try' month for all clubs across Victoria. Roxvale Calisthenics College run classes in the Community Hall, Section Road, Greenvale (next to the Tennis Club). For further information call Renae on 0427817957, visit www.roxvale.com or Calisthenics Victoria's website www.calisthenics.asn.au All new participants will go into the draw to win one of 5 Calisthenics Victoria prize packs!

Wallan Junior Football Club Registration Day

**11am until 1pm on Sunday
February 10th**

Greenhill Reserve, Corner Northern
Highway & Duke St, Wallan

Come along register for the 2013
Football Season

and meet your coach

Single membership \$150 or Family
membership \$250

Jumper Deposit \$40 per child

For further enquires email
office@wallanjfc.com.au

Or call 0415 299 445

**MITCHELL MAJORS
BASEBALL CLUB**

Come and try nights on the 15th and 22nd
of February at the diamond in Pinniger
Street Broadford 6.00 – 7.30pm.
All ages welcome.

**Wandong Junior Football Club
Registration Day**

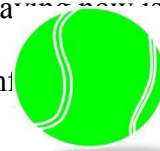
Sunday 17th February 2013

**Time : 10.00am to 1.00pm
At: LB Davern Reserve Wandong
All New Members Welcome
Sausage Sizzle on the Day
Any Enquires Please Contact
Nick Ryan President
Ph: 0428 424 812**

Kilmore Tennis Club Monday Ladies

New season starting 2013 when school resumes. If you would like to play, or you can organize your own team, we would like to hear from you. Section 1—Section 2— there is a beginners section also, so if you have not played for a while and would like to get back into playing now is the time to start.

Please ring 5782 1912 for more info



Pictured right and below are some hard working Grade 1&2 students enjoying their first week of school.

STUDENT ABSENCES

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

