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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 4**

18th December

- ◆ Prep EOY Excursion
- ◆ Gr 1 EOY Excursion
- ◆ Gr 2 EOY Excursion

19th December

- ◆ Gr 3/4 EOY Excursion
- ◆ Gr 5/6 EOY Excursion
- ◆ School Picnic—6.30 pm

20th December

- ◆ Whole School Assembly  
1.45pm
- ◆ Last Day 2013—  
2.30 pm finish

**28 & 29 January**  
**Stationary Pack**  
**collection.**

**FIRST DAY SCHOOL**  
**2014**  
**Thursday 30th Jan.**  
**2014**



**Be Sunsmart**

A reminder to students to bring their hat every day during Term 4



**Newsletter No. 40**

**18th December 2013**



***From The Principal.....***

Hi Everyone – Welcome to Week 11, Term 4, the last week of the school year for 2013.

**Parent and Community Helpers Morning Tea**

Thank you to all of the parents and community members who have helped us throughout the year in so many different ways. It was great to see such a large turnout of helpers at our special ‘thank you’ morning tea on Tuesday morning. This is just a small way of thanking you for everything you do to enrich the social and educational experiences for our students. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

**Graduation**

The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony was held last Tuesday night in our stadium. We had a packed house of families and friends who came to see the Year 6 students receive their Graduation certificates and awards. The Year 6 students made us all feel very proud with the way that they conducted themselves and I have had a number of phone calls congratulating the students and teachers for organising such a fantastic ceremony and group dance. Well done everyone!

The following awards were presented to students for special achievements throughout the year:

**Mitchell Shire Community Award:** Ryan Atkinson

**McEwan Trophy Citizenship Award:** Kara Lawson

**The Lions Club of Wandong-Wallan Citizenship Awards:** Lachlan Mozina and Tanika Ponchard

**Gareth Hearn Memorial Award:** Deacon McPhail

**Prepaid Stationary Packs**

can be collected from the School Office on:

**Tuesday 28th January or Wednesday 29th January**

between 12.00 noon - 2.00pm .

If you are unable to collect your Stationary Pack on one of these days, it will be given to your child on the first day of school to bring home and name.

### Mitchell Masonic Lodge Outstanding Classroom Behaviour and Participation Awards:

56T Recipient: Skylah Drusko  
56R Recipient: Sienna Haigh  
56M Recipient: Elissa Di Natale  
56G Recipient: Naomi Azzopardi  
56P Recipient: April Galea

**Kilmore Art Society Memorial Awards:** Danielle Webb and Austin Gourlay

### KPS Specialist Awards

Art Recipient: Riley Cook  
Amy Harkom  
PE Recipient: Austin Gourlay  
April Galea  
Music Recipient: Ashleigh Sumpter  
Callum McKenzie  
ICT Recipient: Ryan Atkinson  
Kara Lawson



**Principals Awards for Academic Achievement:** Amy Harkom and Joey Libreri

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 students, and thank you for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school.

### Excursions

The Preps, Ones and Twos arrived back from their excursions today very tired, but full of excitement and stories about their experiences today. Thanks to all of the parent helpers who helped with these excursions, and also to the teachers for organising these great experiences for the children.

Tomorrow our 3/4's and 5/6's go on their end of year excursions. Both of these excursions are mainly indoors, so the students will be protected from the heat of the day. Once again, thanks to the teachers and parent helpers for these excursions.

### School Picnic

Our annual school picnic is on Thursday night, beginning at 6.00pm. We invite families to come along and bring their dinner, or buy a sausage in bread and a soft drink or water here on the night. The students will be performing Christmas songs and our school Rock Band will also perform. It is going to be a hot night, so please bring hats and extra drinks. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Christmas Wish

On behalf of the staff and students at Kilmore Primary School, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are so lucky that we have such a wonderful community spirit at this school, and this is something that we must continue foster and value. With your ongoing support we can continue to work together to make a brighter future for our students. To those families that are leaving us this year, we have valued the time you have been with us and wish you every happiness and success in your new schools and communities. Have a wonderful Christmas, relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in 2014.

Denise Barker

Principal



## Grade 6 JUMPER Order Form 2014

Orders **MUST** be placed by **28<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

The KPS Grade 6  
Jumper will have  
the School  
Embroidery on the  
front and the Grade  
6 screenprint on  
the back



**IMPORTANT**— All Things Uniform, Shop 1/70 High Street Broadford are accepting forms and payment direct. Please **DO NOT** send any forms or money to the office.

All Things Uniform will be closed for the Christmas break from 12.00 noon 20th December & reopen on 8th January at 9.00 am.

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## Information from the Office.....



### 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, 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



Go to [www.tiqbiz.com](http://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 news-letters, 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



### 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

### SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER TERM 4

**Term 4**  
**DECEMBER**

20 Rose Glavas

*Thank You*



### 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

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.





## Happy Birthday



### DECEMBER

18th Jamie Pisani  
19th Dean Harkom  
19th Tanika Ponchard  
20th Cooper Dulson  
21st Mikey Frisch  
23rd John Shandley  
27th Emily Berry  
28th Joey Libreri  
29th Luke Robbins  
31st Emily Moussa  
31st Hannah Lee

January birthdays will appear in first 2014 Edition

## **Manners Matter**

This week's focus—  
**Share a Laugh**



## **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.

## **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.



## **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>





**School Picnic  
2013  
Thursday 19th  
December  
6.30pm**

**School Council BBQ  
from 6.00pm  
Sausages - \$2.00  
Drinks - \$1.00**

- **Students performing Christmas Carols**
- **Rock Band Performing**
- **All Welcome**



# Grade 6 Graduation 2013



## Parent Information.....



### Notices handed out this week...

#### PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Northern Regional Uniforms  
Christmas/Holiday hours are:

Closing 18th December at  
3.00pm

Re-Opening 6th January 2014

#### Assumption College Bus Travellers **Parents please note -**

- ⇒ Reduced Services From  
Monday 9th December 2014
  
- ⇒ No Assumption Bus  
Service—Thursday 19th  
and  
Friday 20th December

#### **Student Banking**

School Banking Day is Tuesday, bring your deposit books to the office.

Dear Parents,

Please note changes to School Banking in 2014

#### **Reward Ordering 2014:**

Due to a change in the admin and tracking of weekly deposits in 2014, tokens can no longer be carried forward to 2014.

The change will ensure a more streamline process for the School Banking Coordinator and less confusion over redemption of awards.

More information regarding the changes will be provided in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your support

School Banking Coordinator



## Impetigo school sores

Impetigo is an infection of the skin. It is often called 'school sores'. Impetigo is very easily spread, but with care spread can be reduced.

### What is impetigo?

- Impetigo is an infection of the skin caused by bacteria (usually by one of two bacteria called either *staphylococcus aureus* or group A, b haemolytic streptococcus). These bacteria can live on the skin, in the throat or nose, or on other parts of the body without causing a problem but sometimes they start to cause an infection such as impetigo.
- Impetigo can occur on healthy skin but it often happens when the skin has already been damaged by a scratch, bite or a disease affecting the skin such as eczema or chicken pox.
- Impetigo is very easily spread.
- It is more common in hotter months.



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Kids Health Info, Inc. Melbourne, Australia.

### Signs and symptoms

- The sores can be anywhere on the body, but are often on the face near the mouth and nose, or on the arms and legs.
- Impetigo may start with a blister or a group of blisters.
- The blister bursts leaving a patch of red, wet skin which weeps.
- The spot usually becomes coated with a tan or yellowish crust, making it look like it has been covered with honey.
- There can be small spots around the first spots, spreading outwards.
- Impetigo is usually itchy.
- The sore takes about one to three days to develop after contact with fluid or crusts from a sore.
- There is often superficial peeling on the edge.

### How is it spread?

- The sore is itchy, and children can scratch it, spreading the infection to nearby skin or to other parts of their own body.
- The fluid and crusts of the sore contain the bacteria, and contact with the sore or with things that have been on the sore (clothing, dressings, towels, etc) can spread the infection to other people.
- A sore can be infectious as long as it is weeping. Usually it has stopped being infectious about 24 hours after treatment with an antibiotic has been started, and healing has begun.
- The germs can also be spread from other parts of the body that do not appear to be affected, eg from a runny nose.

### Treatment

- A child with impetigo needs to be checked by a doctor to be sure that it is impetigo, because sometimes an antibiotic medicine is prescribed.
- Remove the crusts. The best way to do this is to bathe the child for 20-30 minutes, while wiping the crust away with a wet towel.
- Try to prevent your child scratching the sores as much as possible, eg cover sores with a watertight dressing and cut your child's fingernails.
- Continue medical treatment until all sores are healed.
- Your child can go back to school, kindergarten or day care after 24 hours of treatment and when the sores are completely covered with dressings.
- The sores should clear up in a few days with treatment but may need to be treated again.

### Reducing the spread of impetigo

Impetigo is easily spread but it is usually not a serious infection. People can be worried about it because it is on the skin, and easy to see. Impetigo can occur even when the skin is kept clean, it is not a sign of poor parenting. If your child has impetigo, the following may help reduce spread:

- A daily bath or shower with soap and water may reduce the risk of impetigo. Antiseptic soaps can be used, but these can irritate the skin of some people.
- Good hygiene including regular hand washing and throwing away used tissues is advised. Cut your child's fingernails short and keep them clean.
- Make sure that grazes or cuts are thoroughly washed and if your child is scratching a sore, it may be wise to cover it with a dressing.
- People coming in contact with someone with impetigo need to wash their hands regularly. Put all dressings in a bin with a lid as soon as they are taken off.
- Wash your child's clothes, towels and bed linen separately from the rest of the family. Wash them in hot water and dry in the sunshine or a hot tumble dryer. Toys can be washed using a mild disinfectant.

### Follow up

See your doctor again if:

- The sores are spreading or getting worse even after treatment.
- Your child has become unwell - ie with a fever.

## Impetigo School Sores cont.

- You are worried for any reason.

### Key points to remember

- Impetigo is very contagious (infectious) and can be easily spread to other children.
- Try to prevent your child scratching the sores as much as possible, eg cover sores with a watertight dressing and cut your child's fingernails.
- Your child can go back to school, kindergarten or day care after 24 hours of treatment and when the sores are completely covered with dressings.
- Continue medical treatment until all sores are healed.
- It is extremely important to remove the crusts, even if the child is taking antibiotics.

Broadford Street Festival  
Saturday February 22nd, 2014  
Interested stall Holders  
Contact Renee Whyte  
PH 0417128735

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Join us in partnership and become a Foster Carer today.

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# Merry Christmas Everyone!

## Have a safe and happy holiday.



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