



Kilmore Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Friday, 19th December 2025



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Grade 6 Class of 2025



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*Good luck for
your future education*



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We hereby express our respect for the Taungurung people, who are the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are

Congratulations to our
Christmas Raffle Winners
LOGAN 2M & CALEB 4S



2026

January

Thursday 29th

All students Foundation to Grade 6 return to school

Friday 30th

No Foundation Students attend for the first 5 Fridays of term

February

6th Feb, 13th Feb, 20th and 27th Feb.

No Foundation Students attend school on these dates

Friday 20th

Grade 6 Jacket & Polo Final Orders Due

March

Friday 6th

Foundation attend school

Monday 9th

Labour Day Public Holiday

April

Thursday 2nd

End of Term 1—2.30 pm finish

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Birthday wishes to the following students who will be celebrating their birthday over the coming weeks:

Bella A, Cian K, Sophie P, Dustin N, Caleb B, Aashna R, Scarlett C, Nash D, Jhett O, Olivia C, Lincoln S, Boston M. Bella F, Sameed A, Oscar M, Zachary R, Rory W, Lucy T, Caleb R, Alyssa P. Wyatt W, Alex D, Oliver D, Seth K, Anastashia F, Nathaniel F, Rose P, Jed P, Stevie H, Massimo D, Maxi P, Harper F, Alyssa M, Rhigel P, Hunter J, Harris K, Zenith T, Jasleen K, Peyton S, Willow M, Mannix, Nancy W, Jade R, Vanessa W, Harven D, Jasmine C, Oli F and Oliver R.

Facebook

As Facebook is not always monitored by staff, please direct any questions/queries/concerns to the school directly via

kilmore.ps@education.vic.gov.au

or by calling the office on 5782 1268.



REMINDER TO WEAR YOUR HAT

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.

Please note the school does not sell hats. You can purchase your hat from All Things Uniform, Broadford.



2026 School Term Dates

Term 1: 29th January to 2nd April

Term 2: 20th April to 26th June

Term 3: 13th July to 18th September

Term 4: 5th October to 18th December

Drink Bottles

Reminder all students need to bring a drink bottle to school.



SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER

*THANK YOU TO OUR
WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS
FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE
DURING THE YEAR,
YOU ARE AMAZING.*



2026 Book List/Stationery Packs—Please check your emails

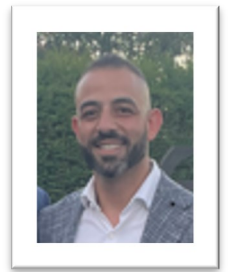
Families have been emailed a link via Compass for ordering 2026 Book Lists. Please remember to order for your child's 2026 class. The email includes our future Foundation students for 2026.

You can also view the booklist/stationery packs on our Kilmore Primary School website: <https://www.kilmoreps.vic.gov.au>

Go to Parents tab—2026 Stationery Packs and select the year level for 2026.

Book Lists
for
Next Year





Dear Kilmore Primary School Community,

Principal's End of Year Message – Farewell 2025

As we come to the close of the 2025 school year, I want to take a moment to reflect, to celebrate, and to say thank you to our extraordinary Kilmore Primary School community.

This time of year is always filled with mixed emotions—pride in how far our students have come, gratitude for the relationships we've built, and excitement for what lies ahead. But above all, it is a time to pause and acknowledge the collective effort that makes Kilmore such a special place.

A Celebration of Community – Our 2025 Christmas Concert

One of the true highlights of this year was our **2025 Christmas Concert**, an evening that perfectly captured the spirit of Kilmore Primary School.

The concert was far more than a performance—it was a celebration of **community, connection and joy**. Families gathered on the oval, children beamed with excitement, and our school came alive with laughter, music and togetherness. It was a powerful reminder of how important these shared moments are—bringing families together, strengthening relationships, and creating memories that will last well beyond the school gates.

I was incredibly proud of our students, who performed with confidence, enthusiasm and heart. Every song, every movement and every smile reflected weeks of effort and a genuine sense of pride in being part of our school.

To our teachers and Education Support staff—thank you for the countless hours spent rehearsing, preparing, supporting and encouraging students. Many of you sacrificed time with your own families to ensure our students and community experienced something truly special. Your dedication did not go unnoticed, and the overwhelming positive feedback from families is a testament to your commitment and care.

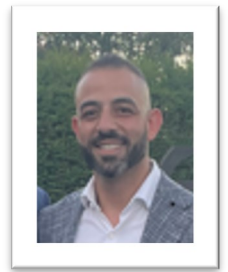
The Christmas Concert marked a turning point in the culture of our school—one that embraces joy, connection and shared celebration. It was a beautiful example of what is possible when we come together with a common purpose.

Farewell and Thank You to Our Departing Staff

As we farewell 2025, we also say goodbye to several valued staff members who have made meaningful and lasting contributions to Kilmore Primary School.

I would like to sincerely thank:

- **Michelle Eames**
- **Natalie Betts**
- **Caitlin Fandrich**
- **James Farrell**
- **Cat Brennan**
- **Deb Barton**
- **Liz Magdato**
- **Eve Marie**
- **David Mc**



Each of these individuals has played an important role in shaping the learning, wellbeing and experiences of our students. Whether through classroom teaching, specialist programs, Education Support, leadership or behind-the-scenes contributions, their impact has been felt across our community.

We thank you for your professionalism, your care for students, and the commitment you have shown to Kilmore Primary School. You leave behind a legacy of learning, relationships and positive influence, and you will always be part of our school's story. We wish each of you every success, happiness and fulfilment in the next chapter of your journey.

Looking Ahead with Gratitude and Excitement

It has been an absolute privilege to lead Kilmore Primary School over the past three terms. I am deeply grateful for the trust, support and passion shown by our staff, families and students. This is a community that cares deeply, speaks honestly, and works together to do what is best for children.

As we look ahead to 2026, we do so with ambition and optimism. We are aiming high, thinking creatively, and committing to providing **greater opportunities for our students, staff and parents**. The foundations we have laid together this year position us strongly for the future, and I am genuinely excited about what lies ahead for Kilmore Primary School.

Key Dates for 2026

- **First day back for students: Thursday 29 January 2026** *School hours: 8:50am – 3:10pm (one consistent end time for all students)*
- **Last day of Term 1: Thursday 2 April 2026**

As we head into the holiday break, I encourage everyone to rest, recharge, and enjoy precious time with family and loved ones.

On behalf of the entire Kilmore Primary School team, I wish you a **safe, joyful and relaxing Christmas** and a wonderful New Year.

Merry Christmas, and I look forward to welcoming you back in 2026.

Warm regards,

Michael Nicolaides

Principal

Kilmore Primary School

Student Leaders 2026

Congratulations

School Captains: Zac Ryan and Amy Macbeth

Deputy Captains: Tess McClinton and Montgomery Arnott

Bindjulong: Alana Johnson and Zahli Mann

Ngarrat: Harrison Krollig and Brayden Dunlop

Guwiyap: Alexander Domingues and Olivia Watts

Balam Balam: Quinn Toseland and Isabella Steele

SWPBS: Bridie Jones and Ashlea Lang

Student Voice: Audrey Pankhurst and Gail Delos Santos

Gardening: Dakota Jennings and Breeann Anderson



Please see next year's newsletter for the official badge presentation and photos.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM BREAKFAST CLUB

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs and Friday

8.20AM — 8.40AM



Wellbeing

Breakfast Club

Thank You



Throughout the year, our school Breakfast Club program has proudly supported students by providing a welcoming space and access to nutritious food to start their day. We have been incredibly lucky to receive the majority of our supplies through the generous donations from Foodbank, whose ongoing support has made a significant difference to our students and families.

This year, we were able to take the program to another level thanks to the generous monthly donations from Rotary. Their support allowed us to provide more food, extend assistance to include lunch, and purchase a brand-new fridge for our First Aid room.

We would also like to sincerely thank the Lions Club in conjunction with IGA Wandong who showed amazing generosity by donating Christmas hampers as a random act of kindness for families in our community. Thank you to the Community Bank – Wallan, Kilmore, and Broadford for funding the Gnarly Neighbours Program, enabling our Foundation students to participate and benefit from this wonderful initiative.

We are deeply grateful to the many families who donated so generously from the kindness of their hearts to support those in need. Your compassion and care truly embody the spirit of our school community.

To our Grade 6 students— the cohort we have worked with most closely during our time at KPS— it has been an honour to be part of your journey and to watch you grow into the people you are today. We wish you all the very best as you begin your next chapter.

We hope everyone enjoys a kind, proud, and safe break.

All the best,
Richie and Mez

Richie Boyer | Wellbeing Program Worker



Farewell Deb Barton



Gnarly Neighbours
Foundation Students
enjoying their final session this week



Grade 6 Polo & Jacket Order Form 2025

**** TWO ORDERING PERIODS ****

1st Round Orders due 31st October 2024 – will be delivered to KPS before the end of the 2024 school year

2nd Round Orders due 20th February 2025 – will be delivered to KPS before end of term 1

ORDER FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED & HANDED INTO ALL THINGS UNIFORM

PLEASE NOTE : **STRICTLY NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED**



SURNAMES WILL
BE PRINTED ABOVE SCHOOL
DESIGN ON BOTH
POLOS & JACKETS
(ON THE BACK)
SCHOOL LOGO EMBROIDERED
ON THE FRONT
- PRICING IS INCLUSIVE -



****ORDER FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL & HANDED INTO ALL THINGS UNIFORM ****



Managing Your Mental Health Online

Digital Mental Health Gateway

Head to Health

Head to Health

A website that links Australians to free or low-cost online and phone mental health services. headtohealth.gov.au

Phone and Online Counselling



Lifeline 13 11 14

24/7 phone counselling, and online crisis support chat available each evening.



Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467

National 24/7 professional telephone & online counselling for anyone affected by suicide.



Beyond Blue Support Service 1300 22 4636

Telephone (24/7), online and email counselling, and moderated forums.



1800RESPECT 1800 737 732

24/7 phone & online counselling for people seeking help for domestic violence situations.



MensLine Australia 1300 78 99 78

Advice, therapy and support for men with families and relationship concerns.



QLife 1800 184 527

Online chat or phone counselling for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people.



Butterfly Foundation 1800 33 4673

Telephone, online counselling, referral and online support groups for eating disorders.



Open Arms 1800 011 046

Phone and online counselling for veterans and their families.



SANE Australia 1800 18 7263

Phone counselling and moderated forums providing peer-to-peer support.



FriendLine 1800 424 287

A national support line "ready for a cuppa and a conversation" with trained volunteers.

Young People



Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

24/7 phone and online counselling for youth (5-25yrs).



Niggle

A free app for youth designed as a self-help toolkit for all things related to mental, social and emotional wellbeing.



eheadspace

Internet chat, email or phone support for young people (12-25yrs) with a range of issues.



ReachOut

Practical tools, support and moderated forums to help youth get through everything from everyday issues to tough times.



The BRAVE Program

Prevention, intervention, and treatment of anxiety in young people.



BITE BACK

Free online activities, psychoeducation and positive psychology aiming to promote wellbeing and resilience in young people.

Programs



MindSpot

Free clinician supported online programs for stress, worry, anxiety and depression in adults aged 18+.



THIS WAY UP

A range of self-paced online CBT courses for stress, insomnia, anxiety and depression. Courses can be done as self-help or guided by your own clinician. Courses are either free or low cost.



Mental Health Online

Free online programs for a range of issues, with self-guided or therapist support options.



MyCompass

A free, online interactive self-help CBT service for people with mild to moderate depression, anxiety and stress. It's also appropriate for people who simply want to build good mental health.



MoodGYM

A free, interactive program based on Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and Interpersonal Therapy (IPT) to help prevent and manage symptoms of depression and anxiety.



e-Couch

A free, self-help program with modules for depression, generalised anxiety & worry, social anxiety, relationship breakdown, and loss & grief.



Healthy Mind

An Easy Read program to help people with intellectual disability to recognise and regulate thoughts and feelings.



ParentWorks

Online program for parents and caregivers providing evidence-based parenting strategies.



Centre for Clinical Interventions

Free downloadable self-help workbooks and modules for a range of mental health and wellbeing issues.

Apps



MoodMission

A free app designed to help individuals overcome low moods and anxiety by discovering new coping strategies.



Daybreak

A website and app which supports individuals to cut back or take a break from using alcohol.



Smiling Mind

A free website and app teaching mindfulness meditation to young people and adults.



BeyondNow

A free app and online tool that helps users create a safety plan for when experiencing suicidal thoughts.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders



WellMob

Social, emotional and cultural wellbeing online resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.



iBobbly

A social and emotional wellbeing self-help app for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians aged 15 years and older.

Food Relief

Food relief helps our community members who need some support to access food. Below is a list of organisations to contact if you are needing food relief. Please contact your local provider to find out what types of food are available and if delivery is an option.

For community members who would like to support these organisations, they can do this by donating extra food.

Mitchell Shire

Food Relief Organisation	Facebook or Website	Contact Details
Broadford Living and Learning Centre	Broadford Living and Learning Centre Facebook	156-158 High St, Broadford Ph: 5784 4006
Freedom Care	Freedom Care Website	127C Northern Hwy, Kilmore Ph: 0422 599 735
Love in Action Broadford and Wallan	Love in Action Broadford Facebook Love in Action Wallan Facebook	0473 845 808 - Broadford 0436 457 154 - Wallan
Rotary Seymour	Rotary Seymour Facebook	44 Emily St, Seymour
Salvocare / The Salvation Army Corporation Seymour	Salvocare Website	8-10 Victoria St, Seymour
St Vincent De Paul Conference Kilmore and Seymour		0428 546 328 - Kilmore 5792 4167 - Seymour
Wallan Gateway	Wallan Gateway Website	7 Commercial Drive, Wallan Ph: 5783 2777 - Gateway Ph: 0491 075 404 - Foodbank

KILMORE
COMMUNITY
CENTRE



EARLY YEARS PROGRAM

Our Early Years Program is a nurturing small environment where every child feels valued and supported. Led by highly experienced and qualified staff, it provides for each child's unique needs, interests and developmental goals.

INFORMATION

- 5782 2319
- 38 Victoria Parade, Kilmore, 3764
- Managerkilmorecommunitycentre@outlook.com

Thursday 9.15 to 2.15
Fridays 9.15 to 12.30



Every day counts

Missing **one day per fortnight** adds up to missing **four weeks** of school a year.



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Safety around schools

Everyone has a responsibility

Make school time safe for everyone

Please take extra precautions when dropping children off and picking them up from school. Children are still learning the road rules and can be unpredictable and difficult to see.

Important things to remember:

- Travel at a maximum of 40 km/h
- Never use a mobile phone while driving
- Always follow the crossing supervisor's instructions
- Allow extra time so you don't need to rush
- Consider parking a few streets away and enjoy a walk

Together, let's reduce speeds and improve safety for all children.

Contact us
t. (03) 5734 6200 e. mitchell@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au
www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au



HEALTHY START BREAD PROGRAM

FREE BREAD FOR HEALTHY KIDS!

HOW IT WORKS:

Every few weeks, one lucky class is chosen to receive a free loaf of fresh bread for each student.



Each child also takes home a voucher for two FREE loaves per week for 4 Weeks to redeem at Bakers Delight Wallan.



EXCLUSIVELY AT

Bakers Delight
WALLAN





Holiday Reading!

School borrowing might be closed but there are plenty of alternatives to getting your hands on some great books! Your local library is free to join and you can borrow from a huge selection of books available across the whole of the state! Even if you go on holiday, you can join up to the local library there for some great holiday reading...but don't forget to return them before you head home! Another option is to go looking for a street library where people donate books for others to enjoy. If you have any books you no longer need, you could even add your own donation. And as a treat, be sure to visit your local bookshop where you are sure to find something special to buy and keep!

LOVE
YOUR
BOOK
SHOP



SUMMER Holidays



BOOKINGS OPEN NOW! >>



7:00 AM START
6:00 PM END

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9AM ON EXCURSION DAYS

IN-HOUSE INCURSION EXCURSION

MON · 22nd DEC	A White Christmas	
	We're dreaming of a white Christmas... Today TeamKids is super excited for Christmas craft! We're going to make awesome clay gingerbread, elf hats and Christmas Musicals! Get ready for a jingly good time!	Daily Fee \$97
		After Max CCS* \$9.70

TUE · 23rd DEC	Aussie Christmas	
	Santa's swapping snow for sand this year! Join us for a fair dinkum festive celebration filled with backyard cricket, beachy vibes, and Christmas cheer – Aussie-style! Slip, slop, slap and get ready for the jolliest day Down Under.	Daily Fee \$97
		After Max CCS* \$9.70

Team Kids

= SCREEN FREE FUN

FUN CLUBS

EPIC EVENTS

HOLIDAY FUN

YUMMY SNACKS

AWESOME PARTIES

FUN ZONES & GAMES

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

AND MORE...

*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. \$10 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available.
**Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy



FIND A VENUE
TEAMKIDS.COM.AU/VENUES



CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE
BOOK TODAY!





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6:00 PM END

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IN-HOUSE **INCURSION** **EXCURSION**

MON · 5th JAN	TUE · 6th JAN	WED · 7th JAN	THU · 8th JAN	FRI · 9th JAN
Wander-ful Wizards	Water Warriors	Pickle Ball Party	The Spongebob Movie	Robotic Innovators
Ready to make some magic? It's a day of wand-waving, potion-brewing, and spell-casting fun! Enter a world where imagination rules, mischief sparkles, and every child becomes a wizard of wonder.	Join the Water Warriors for a splashing good time! Kids will gear up for epic water games, challenges, and a tidal wave of fun. Ready to make a splash? Let's dive in! *towel and change of clothes reqd.	Grab your paddle and hit the court for some pickleball fun! Fast-paced, full of laughs, and perfect for all ages, this game is all about rallying, smashing, and having a blast!	Today you're off to the movies to join SpongeBob's journey to the ocean's depths to face the Flying Dutchman's ghost, encountering challenges and uncovering marine mysteries. *Rated PG/Allergy Alert	Calling all innovators! Today, we're tackling real-world problems and crafting ingenious solutions using LEGO. Join us for an inspiring and creativity-fuelled session to help save our oceans!
Daily Fee \$97	Daily Fee \$114	Daily Fee \$130	Daily Fee \$135	Daily Fee \$120
After Max CCS* \$9.70	After Max CCS* \$11.40	After Max CCS* \$13.00	After Max CCS* \$13.50	After Max CCS* \$12.00

MON · 12th JAN	TUE · 13th JAN	WED · 14th JAN	THU · 15th JAN	FRI · 16th JAN
Rocket Science	Slippery Slime Lab	VR Escape	BOUNCE Inc.	Jellyfish Jamboree
3, 2, 1... Blast off! Today we'll be reaching for the stars as we create and build our own rockets! We'll have an out of this world time using a range of materials before heading outside to see how high they can go!	Get ready to mix, squish, and stretch at the Ultimate Slime Lab! Make fluffy, glittery, or crunchy slime, take on the Stretch-Off Challenge, and dive into gooey Oobleck fun. It's messy, marvellous, and totally slimetastic!	Get ready to ignite your imagination and step into a world of endless possibilities when Dream City visits TeamKids! Experience interactive 3D adventures and discover new cultures as you travel the globe with virtual reality.	The sky's the limit at BOUNCE! We'll be bouncing off the walls as we explore this adrenaline-inducing playground full of trampolines, awesome adventure features & soft padding. *Height restrictions apply & socks reqd..	Hold onto your flippers and dive into this underwater adventure for all hands on deck in creative chaos, sea-riously silly challenges, and waves of laughter!
Daily Fee \$114	Daily Fee \$117	Daily Fee \$122	Daily Fee \$141	Daily Fee \$122
After Max CCS* \$11.40	After Max CCS* \$11.70	After Max CCS* \$12.20	After Max CCS* \$14.18	After Max CCS* \$12.20

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IN-HOUSE



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EXCURSION

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Shell Yeah!	Hush Party	Grand Prix of Europe	Wilderness Wander	Animal Antics
Crabs that dance, turtles that chill, and jellyfish that jiggle – our underwater world is full of character! This day's got more fins, flippers, and fun than a coral reef party! Shell yeah, it's going to be totally jaw-some!	We're in for a treat as we listen to the beat at the silent disco Hush Party! We'll pop on wireless headphones and dive into a world of music, movement, and fun! Get ready to party glowing headphones, dance battles, and interactive games!	Today you're off to the movies to help Edda, a young mouse with BIG dreams, seize her chance to race in the Grand Prix disguised as her hero, Ed. She must outwit her rival's sneaky sabotage and show that even the smallest racer can make a huge impact. *Rated PG/Allergy Alert	Today we will be exploring Nangak Tamboree Sanctuary. We will start with a Wilderness Walk followed by catching waterbugs and discussing who eats who in the natural environment!	Build it like Brickham! Are you ready to get your Master Build on during this EPIC animal-inspired brick fest? Build 2D mosaic models of your favourite mammal, reptile, or marsupial – the animal choice is yours!
Daily Fee \$97	Daily Fee \$114	Daily Fee \$135	Daily Fee \$139	Daily Fee \$115
After Max CCS* \$9.70	After Max CCS* \$11.40	After Max CCS* \$13.50	After Max CCS* \$13.90	After Max CCS* \$11.50

TUE · 27th JAN

Shipwreck Shenanigans



Ahoy, matey! A mysterious shipwreck's been spotted – and it's packed with adventure. Join the crew for treasure hunts, sea shanties, and plenty of pirate mischief. X marks the fun

Daily Fee \$97

After Max CCS* \$9.70

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