Hi Everyone and Welcome to Week 6, Term 4

Remembrance Day Ceremony
Yesterday we held a Remembrance Day Ceremony at school and observed a minute’s silence at 11.00am to pay our respects to the soldiers who died fighting for our freedom. We gathered around the flagpole for the ceremony and it was wonderful to see so many children placing their tributes at the base of the flagpole along with the wreath from the whole school community. The level of respect and interest that the students displayed during this time was outstanding.

At last week’s whole school Assembly, we spoke about the following things:

Uni NSW Competitions
Congratulations to all of the students who received certificates for their participation in the University of NSW competitions. The extra learning that takes place during the practise sessions and the experience of sitting for formal tests has given these students a wonderful opportunity to advance their skills in their chosen field. Congratulations to all students and a special thank you to Mrs Vilinskis for giving so much of her time to make this possible.

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

Upcoming Events

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

NOVEMBER
15 Free Dress Day—State Schools Relief (information on page 8)
23 Whole School Assembly

DECEMBER
6 Prep Transition Day
11 Prep Transition Day
11 Stationery Pack payment due
11 The Great Race—Grade 5/6’s
13 Grade 6 Transition Day
17 Grade 6 Graduation
19 Grade 5/6 End of year Excursion
20 School Picnic
21 Last Day of 2012
Walk for Daniel
Mr. McKenzie spoke to the students about the Walk for Daniel appeal. He mentioned that there will be a Melbourne based Walk for Daniel on Sunday 18th November and you can get further information from our office if you are interested in taking part.

Stationery Packs
Mrs. Cooney introduced the various Stationery Packs to our students and explained how this system would work next year. The students were very excited about the prospect of receiving their own bag with a year’s worth of stationery supplies in 2013.

Boys Hip-Hop Group
We now have a Boy’s Hip-Hop group which practices during one or two lunchtimes each week. Miss Pappin and Miss Matthews started this group after they did a Hip-Hop training course and now we are seeing the benefits. This group of boys are really engaged and enjoying their new skills and talents. We look forward to a presentation at the Christmas Picnic.

School Council
There will be a School Council Meeting tonight at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Have a wonderful week everyone,
Mrs Barker

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

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

Parents please Note:
Northern Regional Uniforms will not be attending the school on Friday 7th December 2012:

Sunglasses—a pair of ladies sunglasses were left at the Family Portrait sittings last Saturday. Please check at the office.
Other lost property that has been handed in at the office include: assorted glasses, keys and jewellery.

BPAY is also available at Kilmore Primary School.
If you are unsure how to use BPAY please contact the office. Please note there is a $10 minimum when paying by Bpay or EFTPOS.

2012 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

From The Principal...continued
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPi) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e. the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).

Payment Amounts - 2013:

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

Contact: School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is 28 February 2013.
**Happy Birthday**

**November**
14 Jayla Laffan-Zoch, Liam Richardson, Katrina Knowles
15 Jack Boyd – Buchanan
16 Cody Quinn, Tarkyn Lennox
17 William Koumis, Dominiek Marshall, Joel Blaney
18 Amyrah Siler-Lovett, Luke Clark, Shanae Crook, Ebony Harris
19 Keyana Stone
20 Angelique Van Schaik

**Fit for Friday**

Come join in the fun, get fit and warm up for winter!

Where—Astro Turf  
When—Every Friday in Term 4  
Time—8.30 am  
Starting on the first Friday of Term 3 and then every Friday for the rest of the term.

**KPS CLUBS PROGRAM**

Term 4

Wednesday afternoon, session 6 (2.20 pm) is clubs time at KPS. We are looking for volunteers to assist with clubs activities. Arts, craft, sport, science, dance music, computers and games.

Please contact Julie McCarthy or your child’s

**Community Association 2nd Hand Uniform Sales.**

The second hand uniform shop will be open on the first Friday of every month from 3.00-3.30pm in the community association portable.

**Sick Bay Linen Roster 2012 Term 3**

**TERM 4**

**November**
16 Jo Clark
23 Natalie Campbell
30 Carol Warriner

**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.

**Icy pole Day Every Friday of Term 4**

50c an icy pole with a limit of one per student. Money needs to be placed in an envelope with the student’s name and grade on the front.

**Homework Club**

For students in grade 3-6, the Homework Club runs on a Thursday afternoon in the Library. This is a great opportunity to complete homework tasks, to access resources from the library or to get a bit of help from a teacher. Permission forms can be collected from the office.

Please note finishing time of 4.15 pm

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Dear Parents,

The 1/2 Unit have been looking at toys within our unit of work ‘Toy World’. Students will soon begin designing, building and constructing a toy of their own, using recyclable materials. The 1/2 unit would like to ask students to start collecting materials from home to help with the design of their toy; for example, cereal boxes, plastic bottles, containers, lids, corks, bottle lids, etc. Please give any materials to your child’s classroom teacher.

This is the last week of collecting items for your child’s grade!

Thank you, 1/2 Unit
STATIONERY PACKS 2013

Introducing our new Stationery Packs for 2013
Pre purchase of individual packs will enable your child to start the school year with all their stationery requirements.
The packs have been carefully designed for each year level to include the necessary requirements for your child’s learning in 2013.
Stationery Packs will be distributed at the beginning of the 2013 school year.

Photos of each grade pack and contents are displayed in the office. Each pack will come in a bright carry bag, children can take them home for covering before returning them to school

Payment for the new 2013 Stationery Packs are due Tuesday 11th December.

Information and payment forms can be collected from the office

ART ROOM

Thank you to all families who have donated items to the Art Room. We need ASAP some old metal curtain rods to help us display our totem poles (Graade5/6) in our garden. If any one has any they don’t need please drop them in. Thank you

Fiona Dixon
Art specialist

1/2 UNIT

To celebrate the end of the learning year and finalise out Integrated Unit on ‘Toys’ the 1/2 unit will be going to Science works and participating in an interactive Toys show. The unit will also spend time at various exhibitions in the centre. Students are to bring their morning tea and lunch and a dink bottle in 2 separate labelled bags. Full school uniform must be worn, including hats. If you wish to help out on the day, please see your child’s classroom teacher. If we have more volunteers than we need teachers will draw names out of a hat. All volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check at the school office. More information regarding the excursion will follow closer to the date.
K.P.S. Staff Cancer Council Fundraiser - 'Girls Night In'
The staff at K.P.S. set about to make a donation towards the Cancer Council during the month of October for Women’s Cancer and consequently held a “Girls Night In” evening which was attended by more than 20 teachers and support staff. A very generous donation of over $700 was raised and the Social Committee wish to thank all staff members for their contribution to the event and several local businesses whose generosity helped to make this evening a success.

Thanks to Wolf Clothing & Simon Yu Pharmacy for donations towards lucky door prizes and a silent auction. Many thanks also go to Lorraine Lee Linen, Sue Frisch contemporary jewellery, Postic Fashions, Party Lites, Love in a frame and makeup artist. Staff Social Committee.

Walk for Daniel Melbourne
A community walk for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation
Promoting Opportunity and Awareness for our Children
4.2 Km Walk against Child Abuse
Sunday November 18th 10am
Peppercorn Lawn
Alexandra Gardens South side of Yarra Melbourne
Contact Ian McKenzie 0407509692
Find us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/walkfordanielmelbourne

Head Lice
We have had some recent reports of head lice in the school. It is important to note that:

- Head lice can affect anybody at any time.
- Lice do not discriminate, they love all hair types—Clean, dirty, long or short
- Lice crawl and trapeze from head to head, they are wingless creatures, and cannot fly or jump.

Not all children complain of an itchy scalp.

To check your child’s hair:
1/ Comb conditioner through dry hair. This stuns the lice so they cannot run or hide
2/ Comb sections of hair with a fine toothed comb
3/ Wipe comb onto a paper towel
4/ Look for lice eggs
5/ Repeat over entire scalp

If you detect any lice or eggs the hair should be treated as soon as possible. There are various methods of eradication that are available from your local pharmacy. It is important to repeat the treatment 1 week after the initial treatment.

Please note that children must not attend school with active lice, but can return after the hair is treated.
Remembrance Day Reflections:

Today we had our ceremony at the flag pole. It is a very sad time when we think about the people who died in the war. The people who died in the war they might be missing us very much when they’re in heaven, because when you’re in heaven you can’t come back.

By Emily Rose Moussa 1/2R

Today we had a ceremony, we sat near a tree. We listened to the National Anthem, we sang as well. Then a boy (school captain Charles Potter) read a poem about the poppy. Ella and Will put a wreath at the flag pole.

By Claire Gallagher 1/2R

Whistling

Bullets whistle above our heads we lay among the alive and dead,
We fought for our countries but now we lie among the poppies,
Even though we’re not there today we know we’re remembered every day.

Lone Pine
The battle of Lone Pine has begun I hope to find my lost son,
All over the battlefield I have searched to find where the body is perched,
I hope I will see him again but until then we will remember them.

By Sam Neill 5/6M

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Part Five of “The Letter” by Sam Neill 5/6 M

I am Tiffany, from the forest,” Answered Tiffany proudly.
“Does anyone know where we are headed?” Rivelon asked
Zane turned his head and saw a hazy city slowly smouldering in the distance; He then knew where they had to go.
“We have to cross the river,” explained Zane.
“But it is too broad to be crossed,” Complained Tiffany.
“Then you are lucky I’m here,” said Rivelon.
“Have you forgotten? I am half fish I could cross with ease.
Hop on!”
Rivelon sprinted towards the river and dove into the water.
The companions cut through the murky water. Rivelon rose to surface every few seconds so his companions could catch their breath.
When they emerged from the river it was night fall and the heroes were sopping wet.
They gathered twigs for a fire; Zane remembered a packet of matches in his pocket and started a flame.
He could see a puzzled look in Tiffany’s eyes but decided not to explain.
“I am starving!” exclaimed Rivelon.
Just then Tiffany heard the wind whispering through the trees; it was as if they were calling to her.
She ran towards the sound.
“Tiffany!” yelled Rivelon. “We have to follow to follow her,” explained Zane.
So they ran after her into the forest.

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Last week we featured Indy Fraser at the Kilmore Pacing Cup, here is Indy’s sister Zan last weekend—

On Saturday at Flemington races it was Emirates Stakes Day. Zan Fraser entered the junior Miss Fashion’s on the Field. She won her heat and made it to the Preliminary Final. Unfortunately she was not successful but she did well to get that far against 200 other girls. Pictured is Zan in her outfit.
On Thursday 15th November students will be asked to participate in our State Schools Relief casual dress day to support the State Schools’ Relief (SSR), the schools charity.

Providing new shoes and uniform to a child experiencing extreme disadvantage provides considerable benefit. The simple and practical service ensures that students in Victoria can attend school in warmth and comfort with a greater sense of belonging and self esteem; enhancing their educational prospects and opportunities for connecting with their school community.

In the last financial year State School Relief supported 10,756 Victorian students.

The charity exists to support government school students in need and rely solely on donations from schools, individuals and businesses.

On 15th November get behind your charity and support State Schools’ Relief long standing motto of “from children to children”; reflecting the tradition of students supporting their fellow, less fortunate students.

All students are asked to come in casual dress and we ask for a $2 donation from each child participating in the fundraising day. 100% of donations go to the cost of clothing and footwear for students as all administration costs are covered by the Department of Education.

Parents can find out more about State Schools’ Relief by going to www.ssr.net.au
The Sound of Music…
KPS is proud to announce that one of our talented students Rain Szczur has the role of Marta in this wonderful local production.

Kilmore Golf Club Open Day 18/11/12.
Kilmore Golf Club invites you and your family to our Open Day 18/11/12.
There will be Free Junior Golf Clinic 10am to 10.45 and 1pm to 1.45pm, following each lesson juniors may play a pitch and putt competition.

Parents and teachers are welcome to play a Free round of golf. Booking is a must.
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