We at Kilmore Primary School are committed to the development of lifelong learners in a dynamic learning environment where every child can be confident, successful and challenged in their learning.

Kilmore Primary School Newsletter No.36
21st November 2012

From The Principal..

Last week a record number of students traded in their bee tickets for prizes. Congratulations to all our students who have received prizes in exchange for their bee tickets this term. To date, 6700 bee tickets have been cashed in – this is a fantastic effort and shows the positive behaviours that students are displaying at Kilmore Primary School. Thank you to Mr Pearson and the School Wide Positive Behaviour team for their hard work in coordinating this.

Have you seen the fantastic art work around Kilmore Primary School at the moment? Each day I have been seeing new brightly coloured totem poles sprouting in our gardens – they look fantastic. I have also had the pleasure of popping into the art room and watching our grade 1/2 students performing their shadow puppet shows and it is exciting to see our students integrating their literacy learning with art. Thank you to Mrs Dixon for her artist expertise and to the students for their fantastic work that brightens up our environment.

Our grade 5/6 unit is also a hive of activity this term with the construction of their billy carts and it is great to see the collaborative team work that is going on during the construction process. I am looking forward to seeing the finished products and how they perform on the road.

Teachers are currently finalising grades for 2013. To assist with planning, if you know of any students who will be attending Kilmore Primary School in 2013 and have not yet enrolled, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. If your child will not be attending Kilmore in 2013 please inform the office in writing as soon as possible. Thank you to all the families who have paid for their stationery packs for 2013. A reminder that payment is due by Tuesday 11th December.

Have a great week Jennene Cooney

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
23 Whole School Assembly
29 Book Club due

DECEMBER
5 All End of Year Excursion Payments Due
5 Grade 6 Graduation Bear payment due
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 1/2 End of Year Excursion
17 Grade 6 Graduation
19 Prep End of Year Excursion
19 Grade 3/4 End of Year Excursion
19 Grade 5/6 End of year Excursion
20 School Picnic
21 Last Day of 2012

Teddy Bears Picnic 2012

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Currently 80% of expected Material Requisite contributions and 46% of Voluntary Contributions have been made. Thank you to the many families who have already made this contribution to the school. It is only with your support that we can provide the innovative equipment, environment and resources for our students. Every contribution does make a difference!

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.

Grade 5/6 Billy Cart Construction

LOST PROPERTY
Lost property that has been handed in at the office include: assorted glasses, keys and jewellery.

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

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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.

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BPAY
Conveyance Allowance – Changes in 2013

From 1 January 2013 means testing will come into effect and all new conveyance allowance applications will be subject to it.

Applicants for the conveyance allowance must be listed on a means tested pension concession card or health care card that can be verified by Centrelink. Students who qualify for the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) may also qualify to receive the conveyance allowance, subject to the eligibility criteria.

Means testing is a new criterion that has been added to the existing eligibility requirements. The existing eligibility criteria remain unchanged and also must be met.

Transitioning to the new eligibility criteria - grandfathering

To help schools and families transition to the new eligibility, the Minister has directed the Department to ‘grandfather’ existing payments of students for either the duration of their primary years of schooling or for the duration of their secondary years of schooling.

This means all eligible students in receipt of the conveyance allowance in 2012 are entitled to continue to receive it as long as they:

a) remain in either their primary or secondary years at the school from which they received the allowance in 2012

b) remain at the residential address as listed on their 2012 conveyance allowance application.

Primary students attending a P-12 school are entitled to have their conveyance allowance grandfathered until they complete Year 6. Under the grandfathering conditions, Year 7 students attending a P-12 school in 2013 are not entitled to have their allowance grandfathered, irrespective of their continued attendance at the school and receiving the allowance the previous year.

Notices handed out this week...

- Grade 1/2 End of Year Excursion Permission Note
- Prep End of Year Excursion Permission Note
- Grade 3/4 Year Excursion Permission Note
- Grade 6 Graduation Bear order form

BOOK CLUB

End of year Book Club order forms were given to students on Tuesday 20th November.

The due back date is Thursday 29th November.

Unfortunately, late orders and unnamed orders will be not be accepted. Please ensure that you put your name on the order.

If you pay online you still need to send your order and your credit card receipt number to school so we can include your order with the school order.

We have had a number of orders without names on them. This makes it very difficult for the ordered books to be given to correct people. Please make sure that your child’s name and class is on the top of the form to ensure that you receive your books.

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 students name and grade on the front.
**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.

**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*

**Sick Bay Linen Roster 2012**

**TERM 4**

**November**

23 Natalie Campbell  
30 Carol Warriner  

**December**

7 Nicole Hillard  
14 Anne-Louise Ryan  
21 Carol Johnstone

**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 (GRade5/6) in our garden. If any one has any they don’t need please drop them in.

Thank you

Fiona Dixon

**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.

**Happy Birthday**

**November**

21 Maddy Glanford  
22 Destiny Rogers, Riley Cook, Sophia Branco  
23 Cameron Bryant, Ryan Atkinson  
24 Jack Phillips, Maeve Anderson  
25 Lucy Ballard, Cole Isbister  
27 Lindsay Chalker, Luke Graham

**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 classroom teacher if you can assist.
/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 Dollarmite Account every time you get pocket money— that way you can save up and still have some money to spend.

/community association

Is seeking donations for their Christmas Raffle from the School Community. Raffle will be drawn at the school Christmas Picnic on Thursday 20th December.

/stationery packs

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.
**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.

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**Memories of 2012**

**Olympic Day**
Part Six of “The Letter” by Sam Neill 5/6 M

They frantically searched the forest for Tiffany but found nothing, then when they were about to give up a girl fell from a pine branch and gracefully landed with her arms full of nuts and berries.

“Tiffany!” exclaimed Rivelon.

“I have found some food.” replied Tiffany.

They ravenously feasted on the food Tiffany had gathered, and then climbed a tree, found a sturdy branch to sleep on and fell into a deep sleep.

They woke to the smell of smoke.

Zane flexed his aching muscles, and stared at the sky only to see a big column of smoke billowing from the center of the forest.

The three friends slid down the tree and stealthily edged towards the forest center, soon they saw the source of the smoke which turned out to be a bon-fire. Zane scanned the area and saw log cabins in a “U” shape around the flame, each guarded by two crimson figures each about two metres tall and equipped with bronze battle armour, a short sword and horns sprouting from their hairless heads.

“Demons,” gasped Rivelon.

Zane looked to Tiffany; she was brandishing a small dagger.

“No we have to source a plan we can’t just-” but Tiffany was already gone and in her place were two daggers.

Rivelon hesitated at first but then grabbed a dagger and ran into battle.
KPS is proud to announce that one of our talented students, Rain Szczur, has the role of Marta in this wonderful local production.

Information flyers are available at the office.