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. Parents can collect Stationery Packs on Thursday 24th January 9am-1pm, or packs will be distributed to students on the first day of 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
From The Principal...

Hi Everyone,

Thank You Morning Tea
We are very lucky at Kilmore Primary School to have such a supportive and hardworking school community who volunteer hours of time during the year to help in so many different ways—reading with children, washing the laundry in the first aid room, attending working bees, sorting lost property, volunteering for camps and excursions..... and so the list goes on. To show our appreciation, we would like to invite you to a ‘thank you’ morning tea next Friday 14th December at 10.30am in the school stadium. For catering purposes, please complete the reply slip located in this week’s newsletter—we look forward to seeing you there.

The School Rock Band Perform
As we approach the end of the year, Kilmore Primary School is still a very busy place. Last Saturday I had the privilege of attending the Kilmore Show and watching our school rock band perform and display their musical talent. A special thank you to Mr Brendan Thompson who rehearses with the band every Thursday afternoon after school and who gave his time all day on Saturday to lead the band and support the other performers at the show. Thank you to the students who represented us so proudly and to their families for their commitment to the band.

Student Leadership Speeches
Yesterday Mrs Barker and I attended the 2013 student leadership speech presentations. Grade 5 students were able to present to their peers and teachers why they would make a good leader. The students displayed great confidence and outstanding leadership qualities in their speeches. From these students our 2013 school and house captains will be chosen. At the start of 2013 students from all grade levels will vote on their Student Council Representatives providing a great opportunity for students to lead and have a voice in the school.

Upcoming Events
Tomorrow morning we will welcome our 2013 Preps to their first orientation morning. It is amazing to walk into our Prep area now and see the amazing growth—socially, academically and physically, our Preps have made in 1 year. We look forward to meeting our new intake of students tomorrow.

This Friday afternoon at 2.30 will be a whole school assembly in the stadium. Parents are most welcome to attend.

The 5/6 unit are excitedly awaiting ‘The Great Race’- a chance to put their billycarts to the test in time trials. A lot of hard work by the students and teachers has gone into the preparation for this event and we look forward to seeing the results next Wednesday. Please note that the Police will be blocking off Sutherland Street in front of the school for this event.

We are currently finalising grade placements for 2013. Students will receive their school report next Friday and a letter containing their grade and home room teacher for 2013. Students will have an opportunity to meet their teacher and class members for 2013 on Thursday 20th December.

A reminder that all stationery order payments are due to the office by Tuesday 11th December. Please adhere to this important date so that we can ensure your child has the necessary equipment to start the 2013 school year.

Enjoy your week

Jennene Cooney

Upcoming Events

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

DECEMBER

5 Grade 6 Graduation Bear payment due
6 Prep Transition Day
7 Whole School Assembly
10 Billy Cart Great Race permission forms due back
11 Prep Transition Day
11 Grade 6 Transition Day

11 Stationery Pack payment due

12 The Great Race—Grade 5/6’s
13 SRC end of year Lunch
13 Thank You Morning Tea
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, 6.30 pm—8.30 pm
21 Last Day of 2012—School concluding at 1.30pm
### Conveyance Allowance Update

**Means testing**

In October 2012 it was announced that means testing was being introduced for all new applicants, effective from 1 January 2013.

After receiving feedback from rural and regional Victoria, the Minister for Education announced in Parliament last week that the means testing component of the Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP) will be removed.

This means in 2013, students in rural and regional Victoria will be entitled to apply for the conveyance allowance under the 2012 criteria.

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### Notices handed out this week...

- **Billy Cart Great Race, Prep—Gr 6**

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### 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.

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### 2012 SCHOOL TIMETABLE

- **8:45 ~ first school bell**
- **Students make their way to classrooms to unpack bag / silent read.**

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### 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.

Sick Bay Linen Roster 2012
Term 4

December
7 Nicole Hillard
14 Anne-Louise Ryan
21 Carol Johnstone

Thank you to the many families that have helped with the Linen Roster during 2012.

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

Library Books
All library books are due back by Friday, 7th December.

Introducing our new look
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
From the Art room...

Thank you to all those people who have helped and supported the Art Room this year. The students have had a wonderful time creating all sorts of art work, which they are very proud of.

Kilmore Primary School Art Room is looking for supplies to help create and inspire students further their Art Education, and teach them about recycling.

If you comes across anything that could be used by the students to create wonderful works of Art/Craft could you please contact the Art Teacher Mrs Fiona Dixon at the school on 57 821 268 or pop in to the Art Room.

Here are some ideas.....
Egg Cartons, Cardboard cylinders, Cardboard Boxes any size, Paper, Cards from any occasion
Wooden Dowel, wooden shapes.
Wire any sort
Beads and Buttons, Material, sewing threads, needles etc.
Wool, string, elastic bands
Scratched DVD's CD's
Packing noodles
Take away containers with lids
Bike wheels
Broken plate, tiles etc. for mosaics
Recycling is fun for everyone. We can make lots of different works of Art, with all sorts of things, and make a difference to the environment.

Congratulations.....

Niamh Ireland from 3/4C & Kellan Ireland from Prep P had some success in the craft section of the Kilmore Show on the weekend.

Niamh came first for the 'Best decorated Gumboot' & her paper mache triceratops, second for the 'neatest handwritten envelope' and third for her 'uncooked slice'.

Kellan came first for his 'six chocolate crackles' & 'bouquet' and second for his 'decorated teddy bear' and 'animal made from fruit or veg'.

Well Done!

HEAD LICE

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

End of Year School Picnic

Come along for our annual family evening—
* Thursday 20th December 2012
* 6.30 –8.30pm
* At Kilmore Primary School on Astro Turf
* Community Association BBQ and Soft Drinks for sale
* Or BYO Food and drinks
* Strictly NO ALCOHOL
* BYO Chairs and tables
* Community Association Christmas Raffle will be drawn
* Grades will perform Christmas Carols
* School Rock Band “1568” performing

Special visitor arriving during the evening with a small treat for everyone.

For Sale

2009 Racing Rhino Pro 16” BMX Bike
Silver & Black—rarely used
No scratches or dents—suit 8-14 years
Trick pegs included
$200.00
Michelle 0410 586 018

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property that has been handed in at the office include: assorted glasses, keys and jewellery and a white banded watch.

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:

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are reminded that if students are away from school they can either send a note or phone the office.
THANK YOU MORNING TEA
FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2012,
10.30AM

The staff at Kilmore Primary School would like to thank our School Community for your support in 2012. We would like to acknowledge your support by inviting you to morning tea on Friday 14th December at 10.30am in the school stadium.

For catering purposes, could you please RSVP your attendance by Wednesday 12th December.

I will be attending the ‘Thank You’ morning tea on Friday 14th December.

Name: ____________________________

Student(s) Name: ___________________
Thank goodness for Christmas

The real strength of Christmas lies in its use of rituals. Most families develop a strong sense of ritual at Christmas.

Kids today need Christmas more than ever. Not for the gifts and presents – most children get their fair share throughout the year. They need Christmas for the escape, and for the mystery and magic that is associated with childhood.

There are few secrets left for kids these days. In this information-age they are bombarded with news and views of all sorts. Childhood was once a type of secret garden that was full of mysteries. The wider world was there to be discovered by children, rather than something that was thrust upon them. Kids are now more knowing, more street-wise and in many ways, more cynical than in the past.

Christmas for all its commercialism still has its mystery and magic. I liked the way my children would, dispensing with logic, keep the secrets of Christmas alive for as long as possible.

I remember how, my eldest as a young teen and his eleven year old sister, knew that the idea of Santa sliding down a chimney in a red suit was a tad nonsensical. Yet they didn’t let on for the sake of their younger sister. Perhaps, once a year they still wanted to believe in the magic. Teenagers, like adults, are always on the lookout for activities that anchor them back to their childhoods.

The real strength of Christmas lies in its use of rituals. Most families develop a strong sense of ritual at Christmas. My own family’s rituals that evolved over two decades, are now entrenched in my children’s psyches as they move into adulthood. One, in particular, is so consistent that we keep certain Christmas traditions in place that she has become the family Christmas organiser. She’s not leaving anything to chance!

Christmas for kids is all about anticipation. From a commercial sense, Christmas starts in November and slowly builds up toward the Big Day. Much of the anticipation is built around the receiving of presents.

As a parent you can build a sense of anticipation and broaden kids’ focus away from the notion of receiving presents and gifts. Christmas gives you a chance to build a sense of generosity in your kids and also to develop their appreciation for family traditions and rituals. You don’t have to wait until Christmas Eve for the rituals to kick in. You can start earlier by involving kids in the whole build-up to Christmas.

Here are five simple ideas you can use right now to switch your kids on to Christmas:

1. Put up your own advent calendar at the start of December. Even better, get kids to make their own.

2. Get kids to clear out their cupboards of toys, clothing and items they don’t need. They can pass them on to someone who can use them.

3. Go with your children to choose a gift to donate to the local ‘giving tree’.

4. Ask your kids to help you send your Christmas cards to your family and friends.

5. Adopt a Christmas tradition from another country. Do some research online or ask around for different traditions.

Have a wonderful Christmas with your family!