From the Principal’s Desk…

Welcome to Week 3 - Term 1

What a wonderful week we had to welcome in the new year. The Ready Set Go program was an overwhelming success with the community day on Friday concluding the program. It was amazing to see so many parents, carers, grandparents and family friends join in the special events which ran throughout the day. All classes now have a very clear set of routines, class and playground expectations, goals and achievement standards to work by and aspire to. Our leadership team kick started their roles with a series of responsibilities which they handled with confidence and passion. All in all, a sign of wonderful things to come for our school this year. A special thank you must be extended to Carolyn Crowther, our new Lead Teacher, for the extensive amount of work that she did in organising and supporting the programs implementation.

I would like to congratulate all of the children who went to the district swimming trials last Thursday. From the moment the children gathered together to leave, until the time they arrived back at school their behaviour and attitude was outstanding. The persisted, gave all their effort, challenged themselves, supported each other and demonstrated great sportsmanship. They were a credit to the school and their parents. I would like to thank Anna Sloane for her work in preparing for the swimming trials. This was Anna’s first event in her new role and it was a great success. She also volunteered time on her day off to run the trials at the pool. The parents who attended added to the success of the day with their support, encouragement and willingness to time the children, supervise toilet trips and observe at the end of the lanes.

School Council Elections 2016

The Kilmore Primary School has four parent vacancies for School Council this year. School council is very significant aspect of the school governance. School Council meet at least eight times per year, generally in the evening and each vacancy has a two year tenure. Parents on school council provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Election timeline:

Wednesday February 17th:  Nominations called for (forms can be collected from the office)
Wednesday February 24th:  Nominations close (if the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies and election process will commence and ballot papers will be distributed)
Wednesday March 2nd:  Ballot Opens
Wednesday March 9th :  Ballot Closes

School Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 15th at 7.00pm.
Parent Information Evening February 16th 6.30pm

Please remember to put this date in your diary. It would be great to see a representative from each family attend. At the meeting we will go through things such as expectations of students in the classroom and playground, homework and home reading routines, ideas to assist you in supporting your students, curriculum structure and special programs. There will be an opportunity for you to seek clarity on issues you may have about what the year may bring for students. After a half hour presentation the classrooms will be open for you to meet your child’s teacher and browse through some of the work they have already done. Children can attend if you wish, but you are able to attend without children if you would like to. The content of the evening is aimed at parents and helping them feel informed.

Kim Laffan
Principal

GARDEN NEWS
Thank you to Kilmore Beaurepaire for mending a puncture on our wheelbarrow free of charge.

2016 School Term Dates

Term 1: 27 January to 24 March
Term 2: 11 April to 24 June
Term 3: 11 July to 16 September
Term 4: 3 October to 20 December

STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS:

Today your children will be bringing home a white envelope containing Student Information Forms. Please read the accompanying letter, mark any changes, OR mark “no changes”, sign and return to the office as soon as possible.

There will also be a green form included which we require you sign and hand into the office as soon as possible. This pertains to SMS Communication between school and parents. This is the most effective tool to use in case of emergency.

Calendar

FEBRUARY

Friday, 12th February
Classroom Helpers Training Session, 2.10pm - 3.10pm

Tuesday, 16th February
Parent Information Night, 6.30pm

Monday 22nd February
Whole School Assemble, 9.00am

MARCH

Tuesday, 15th March
School Photo Day
2016 IPAD PROGRAM
There has been an outstanding response to the iPad program this year. Thank you to all families who have returned the relevant documents and sent their iPads to school for registration! Due to the overwhelming response I was unable to get all iPads setup last Friday, the school technician and I will be finishing them all this Friday. There were some restrictions made through the Meraki app, however these restrictions with what students could access were only supposed to take effect whilst at school and not at home, for example: use of Youtube and apps that are above PG rating. The technician and I are looking into why this happened and a solution, sorry for any inconveniences with this.

Brendan Thompson

CSEF - Camps Sports and Excursions Fund
Application forms for 2016 are now available. If you are the holder of a valid means-tested concession card, please request a form from the Office.

Applications close 24/06/2016.

Late applications can not be accepted.

The office needs to sight and take a copy of your concession card as per the CSEF policy.

If you are unsure whether you are eligible or not, please see Kim Parker in the school office.

Conveyance Allowance
What is Conveyance Allowance?
Conveyance Allowance is paid to parents/guardians to assist with the transport cost of driving their child/ren to and from school.

Am I eligible for Conveyance Allowance?
For student to be eligible for a Conveyance Allowance they must:
- Be aged over 5 years by 30th April
- Live more than 4.8 km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest bus stop,
and
- Be enrolled at the nearest government school.

Applications close 03/03/2016.

Late applications can not be accepted.

Forms are available from the office. If you are unsure whether you are eligible or not, please see Kim Parker in the school office.

Happy Birthday
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday in the coming week. We hope you have a lovely day.

February
10    Cooper Bacon FJ
11    Lachie Macbean 4W
12    Ella Thompson FS
      Chloe Crisp 5D
13    Maximus Densworth 3T
      Ashton Robinson 5G
14    Jack Jenkin 5G
      Rio Smith 6B
16    Caden Galea 1T
      Hayley Crisp 45B
      Sienna Poorter 5D

OPEN NIGHT
Broadford Secondary College will be holding an Open Night on Wednesday, 27th April from 7.00pm.

For further information please contact Broadford Secondary College on 5784 1200

School Hours And Bell Times
8.45 am - First School Bell
Session 1     - 8.50am – 9.50am
Session 2     - 9.50am – 10.50am
Recess        - 10.50am – 11.20am
Session 3     - 11.20am – 12.20pm
Session 4     - 12.20pm – 1.20pm
Eating Time  - 1.20pm – 12.30pm
Lunch         - 1.30pm – 2.10pm
Session 5     - 2.10pm – 3.10pm
End Of School - 3.10pm

Children should not arrive at school prior to 8:35 am
SWIMMING TRIALS

On Thursday 4th February students from grades 3 to 6 went to the Kilmore Leisure Centre to try out for the District Swimming event, which will be held on 19th February at Lancefield Swimming Pool. The students competed in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. The students who attended this were amazing. They displayed our school values of being Kind, Proud and Safe throughout the entire event. I was very proud of our student’s ability to give new things ago! Congratulations to everyone who attended, you should be proud of yourselves. I would also like to thank all of the parents who came down to watch us swim and help with the running of the day.

2016 DISTRICT SWIMMING TEAM


Good Luck!

SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER - HELP NEEDED

Each year we ask if parents are able to assist in the washing and changing of the linen in our sick bay. In most cases this means 2 or 3 times a year. If you are able to help out please return this form to the office by Friday 19th February. A roster will be distributed shortly after.

Name: _______________________________ Contact Phone Number: _______________________
Child’s Name: _____________________________ Child’s Class: __________
Head Lice

We have had cases of head lice reported. This is just a friendly reminder for parents/guardians to continue to check their child’s hair on a regular basis.

Grade 6 Jumpers

Order forms and payments must be received by All Things Uniforms, Shop 1/70 High Street Broadford no later than this Friday, 12th February. Orders after that can not be accepted.

Please DO NOT send any forms or money to the office.

All enquires should be directed to All Things Uniform on 5784 2276

Reminder

Classroom Helpers Training Session with Kim Laffan in the ICT Room on Friday, February 12th 2.10pm - 3.10pm

Peer Mediators at KPS

At assembly on Monday three of our peer mediators spoke to the students about the role of the peer mediators at KPS and how they can help others to solve problems they may have in the yard. The peer mediators have been trained in the 6 steps of mediation – agreeing to mediate, finding out what the problem is, finding out what each person wants, brainstorming and finding solutions, choosing the best idea and creating an agreement. Look out for our peer mediators in the yard and remember to say hi!

Carly, Kalarni and Aimee presenting at assembly.

THE ART ROOM

IS LOOKING FOR SMALL BOXES FOR CONSTRUCTION.

WE ASK IF FAMILIES COULD PLEASE COLLECT BOXES

SHOE BOX SIZE AND SMALLER.

BOXES CAN BE ANY SHAPE. TOOTH-PASTE BOXES MAKE GREAT LEGS; SOAP BOXES HEADS AND SHOE BOXES THE BODY OF THE PERSON. ROBOT OR ANIMAL

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR

HUGE BOXES SUCH AS FRIDGE OR FREEZER BOXES TO MAKE CUBBY HOUSES OVER THE WINTER TIME.

THANKS IN ANTICIPATION.

FIONA DIXON & ANDREA LEWIS

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Ready, Set, Go!

We’re set for a super 2016!

We have had a wonderful start to the year. All classes have enjoyed getting to know classmates and completing activities to help set up classroom expectations for the year. From mottos to mascots and monitor jobs, bookwork to behaviour matrixes and totem poles to team games, we are all set for a great year of learning in 2016.

Students from 3T share their job description book for monitor jobs.

Hands up if you’re handy to have around! 2/3H were excited about working on their ‘Handy to Have Around’ hand display.

FJ are very kind!

Laura from 1T’s Totem. Can you see her name?

A personal postcard from a student in 4/5B

What are you grateful for today? Everyone started a gratitude journal.

Grade 2J had a hoot and got to know each other creating ‘Whooo Am I?’ owls.

12/2/16 Start of day

- I put your leg in your lotteries.
- I put your foot on our chair.
- I put your hand on our chair.
Ready, Set, Go!

We’re all set for a great 2016!

It was wonderful to see many family members at school on Friday for our Ready, Set, Go! Celebration Day. A quiz, open classrooms, scavenger hunt, picnic and a special assembly certainly kept us busy!

Our School Captains asked the Trivia Quiz questions over the PA system

We worked in teams to answer the questions

The Scavenger Hunt in action

Answers to the Trivia Quiz & Scavenger Hunt can be found at http://www.kilmoreps.global2.vic.edu.au