Dear Parents,

**School Council Elections**

We come to the time where we open nominations for the School Council Elections for 2013 as of 4.00pm tonight, Wednesday 13th February 2013. If you have ever thought you would like to know what happens on Council why not offer your services this year. It is very simple; all you need to do is come to the office and collect a nomination form. There are 2 types of nominations. One requires a person to second your nomination or you can simply nominate yourself. The only thing you need to be a school councilor is a child at the school and a desire to see Kilberry Valley continue to improve as a school community.

Nominations close next Wednesday 20th February 2013 at 4.00pm. If we require an election we will inform you of the process after that time.

Our retiring School Councilors are Taruna Kalra and Natasha Dacey. The following vacancies are advertised in the Parent Category for School Council for 2013: 2 year term x 3 positions.

If you have any questions regarding being on School Council or the election process, please give me a ring or catch me at school sometime.

**Year 6 Camp**

As you read this I will be visiting our year 6 students at The Briars Camp in Mount Martha. I am sure they are enjoying their time and getting to know each other a lot better through the experience.

**School Assemblies**

Each week we conduct school assemblies where we recognize weekly achievements of our students. We alternate the Year Prep to Year 2 section of the school with the Year 3 to Year 6 section. Our school leaders conduct these and in Term 2 we will begin class items for your interest also. Before each assembly we hold a Kilberry Café and invite you to come a little early to join in this and meet other school community members.

This week is the Junior school assembly – hope to see you there.

**ACMA Cybersmart Program**

As stated in last week’s Valley Views, we will be offering a very important parent information session on Cyber Safety conducted by the Australian Communication and Media Authority. This will prove to be a most informative session so keep Monday 4th March free at 6.30pm to come along and hear this important message for us all. Please reply so we can cater for everyone.

**Industrial Action**

The Australian Education Union has called upon its members to conduct a further full day stop work this Thursday 14th February. Please ensure you have read the notice sent home on Monday (red paper) to state whether this will affect your child’s attendance at school on this day.

Have a great week and keep smiling!

Neil Cunningham
Principal

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Michelle Hosking - School Council President
STUDENT PAYMENTS
We would like to make you aware that you can now make student payments via direct deposit into the school's bank account. If you are interested in making payments in this way, please make sure you contact the School Office for our bank account details and your family code to enable payments to be processed. Think about setting up a regular payment plan - e.g. $10 per week, which will cover most activities throughout the year and books. You can still make student payments in the usual way by sending CORRECT payment in a sealed envelope, which states child's name, grade and activity being undertaken. We also accept payment with credit card at the School Office for purchases of $30 or more.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on 9702 8688

Thank you for your co-operation

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
We would like to remind parents who are interested in helping at the school in any way, that you will require a Working With Children Check.
YOU CANNOT ASSIST IN ANY CAPACITY WITHIN THE SCHOOL UNLESS YOU HAVE A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK.
THIS INCLUDES EXCURSIONS, INCURSIONS & CLASSROOM HELP.
You can collect a form from the office. There is no cost involved.
Then once you have received your Working With Children Check card, bring it to the office to register and wear the card whenever you volunteer at the school. This will ensure an even greater level of security for your children.
If you are having trouble filling out the form you can contact the help desk hotline listed on the front of the application or go along to the Post Office for assistance.

CHANGE OF CLOTHING FOR STUDENTS
We would like to remind parents that it is a great idea to provide a change of clothing in children’s school bags (preferably some clean underwear, track suit pants, shorts or a dress).

This is handy for ALL children in ALL grade levels as it makes them feel less stressed if they require a change of clothing owing to an accident.

We ask for your co-operation with this matter as our Sick Bay is unable to cope with the large volume of people requiring changes of clothing.

THANK YOU
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for EMA, you must be the holder of a current Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit, that is a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card, or Health Care Card, or Pensioner Concession Card, be a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, or be a (temporary) foster parent. Eligibility dates (as per stated on card):

- Term 1: 29th January 2013
- Term 3: 15th July 2013

To apply for 2013 EMA please complete the new EMA Application Form (available from the School’s Administration Office) and present your Health Care or Pension Card for photocopying.

Applications close Friday 22nd February, 2013.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED
Kilberry Valley Primary School

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KILBERRY VALLEY NOTICES SENT HOME

The following notices have been sent home to families and require your prompt attention:

PARLIAMENT HOUSE & MELBOURNE MUSEUM (GRADE 5&6)
Payments and consent forms MUST be received by Monday 18th February, 2013. The cost of this excursion is $7.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL (SELECTED STUDENTS ONLY)
Payments and consent form MUST be received by Wednesday, 20th February, 2013. The cost of this excursion is $5.

GRADE 5 CAMP
Consent forms and a non-refundable deposit of $50 MUST be received by Friday, 22nd February, 2013. Final payments will be due by Thursday 28th March, 2013. The approximate cost of the camp is $235.

Students who do not return consent forms and payments by the closing date for incursions/excursions will not be able to participate in the activity. We would appreciate your support and co-operation with these matters. Thank you.

LATE PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED

CANTEEN NEWS

New price lists for 2013 for the canteen are now available at the School Office.

Please feel free to come along and collect one.
You can also view it online at our website www.kilberryps.vic.edu.au

The canteen is now OPEN for sales.

WELFARE CORNER

Getting organised:

Most children generate a little chaos and disorganization. Your child might flit from one thing to the next – forgetting books at school, leaving towels on the floor, and failing to finish projects once started. You’d like them to be more organized and to stay focused on tasks, such as homework. Is it possible? Yes! A few children seem naturally organised, but for the rest, organisation is a skill learned over time. With help and some practice, children can develop an effective approach to getting things done. And you’re the perfect person to teach your child, even if you don’t feel all that organised yourself.

Easy 1,2,3

For children, all tasks can be broken down into a 1,2,3 process.

1. Getting organised means a child gets where he or she needs to be and gathers the supplies needed to complete the task.

2. Staying focused means sticking with the task and learning to say “no” to distractions.

3. Getting it done means finishing up, checking your work, and putting on the finishing touches, like remembering to put a homework paper in the right folder and putting the folder inside the backpack so it’s ready for the next day.

Once children know these steps and how to apply these steps they can start tackling tasks more independently. That means homework, chores and other tasks will get done with increasing consistency and efficiency. Of course, children need parental help and guidance, but you probably won’t have to nag as much. Not only is it practical to teach these skills, but knowing how to get things done will help your child feel more competent and effective. Children feel self-confident and proud when they’re able to accomplish their tasks and responsibilities. They’re also sure to be pleased when they find they have some extra free time to do what they would like to do.

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DIARY DATES FOR TERM 1 2013

Monday 11th March:
Labour Day Public Holiday

www.cathy-lea.com 9704-7324

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