Dear Parents,

Mothers Day Morning Tea
A special time of year when we celebrate the amazing mums we have in our school community. This year the Community Professional Learning Team is organising a morning tea and time in the classrooms for mums to come along and be thanked and recognised.

Friday 9th May at 11.00am we will hold a morning tea for mums to acknowledge Mothers Day and also invite you to come to school from 10.00am onwards to go to your child’s class to join in some activities and spend some time with your child.

Please read the information notice that came home and respond accordingly – we would love to see you.

Prep Information Evening - Wednesday 14th May
We will be conducting the Prep Information Session for 2015 enrolments on Wednesday 14th May commencing at 7.00pm. This is a time we have the chance to talk to prospective families about joining our school community next year 2015.

I invite anyone who has students of school age for 2015 to attend and ask current school community members to spread the word with your friends who have students looking for a school in 2015. Must be 5 by 30/04/2015.

Parents will hear from the current Prep staff, student leaders and addresses from other staff as well as myself about the wonderful opportunities we present students at Kilberry Valley Primary School.

There will be chances to ask questions and sign up for school tours, so please inform any one you know who is school shopping to come along.

Classroom Helper Information Sessions – A Must Do!!
I mentioned last term that we are conducting Parent Helper Information Sessions for any school community members who wish to assist in any way at school, on excursions or attending camps. A notice has been sent home outlining the next session is on Tuesday 13th May at 9.15 in the staffroom.

ALL parents who wish to help at school MUST do the information session. We are doing this to ensure you are better equipped to help our students and are aware of some of the confidentiality requirements in the role you will be performing. We love having many parents and grandparents etc. helping at school and feel this is a way to help you help the students.
Pupil Free Day – Wednesday 21st May
I remind you that there will be a Pupil Free Day on Wednesday 21st May. No students are to come to school on that day.

Footy News
You leave someone else in charge and they slip in a Collingwood comment – what is the world coming to?
Back to normality and the brilliance of the Hawkers. A slight mishap against Geelong over the break (which unfortunately is quite an occurrence over the last few years), but back on the winning run last weekend. A great performance from the Hawks with Cyril Rioli showing some of his amazing talents especially in the third quarter.
This week it’s the Saints. Never an easy one but I am sure they will get it together again and remain close to the top of the ladder for another week. Go Hawkers!

Neil Cunningham
Principal
Kilberry Café is back for 2014.

What is Kilberry Café?
It’s an opportunity to meet other parents and enjoy a chat and a cuppa prior to assembly every Friday. Staff will be available to answer any of your questions regarding things that are happening around the school.

And, this year we will have students showcasing some of their work and hosting families that attend Kilberry Café.

SO COME ALONG—WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

NEW GYM EVERY FRIDAY 2.15-2.45PM

THE CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN FOR LUNCH ORDERS ONLY ON THIS DAY. NO COUNTER SALES!
Did you miss out on seeing the Royals on their recent trip Down Under?
Students in 1CC and 1LG have been experiencing the Royal life during our Literacy time. We have been reading our Big Book called Royal Trouble, writing stories, dressing up as royal subjects and practising a play for assembly. Our assembly performance will be held this Friday 2nd May at the Junior Assembly. So, pop in if you want to catch a glimpse of the Kilberry Valley Royal Family and find out why there is so much Royal Trouble!
Brayden Hogan

2014 World Sport Stacking Championships in South Korea
Brayden came 14th overall in the World! - in the 3-3-3 competition,
12th in 3-6-3 competition and 13th in the Cycle.

Achieved a Personal Best of 7.99 seconds in the Cycle competition,
which was his best ever under 8 seconds result in a competition.
We at KVPS are very proud of his journey and achievements

WANTED!!!

Clean, old car tyres to use
in creating our new
playground area.
* drop off at art room.

BAMBOO wanted !!

Bamboo plants/clumps required for new
playground/garden area.
* drop off at art room.
In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That’s half a year of school by the end of year 6.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

**Why it’s important**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

**Getting in early**

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

**What we can do**

The main reasons for absence are:

- **Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

- **“Day off!”** – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

- **Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

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Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup rolled oats (or steel cut oats*)
- 2/3 cup liquid (1 cup liquid for steel cut oats*)
- 1/2 an apple cut into small pieces
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Directions:

1. Add all ingredients to a small pot.
2. Bring to a boil, then turn down to a simmer and cook until soft, about 5 to 7 minutes (about 20 minutes for steel cut oats*).

* Steel Cut Oats are a much heartier cereal. They have more fibre and nutrients. They have a wonderful, chewy texture and you will stay full longer when you eat steel cut oats.

KVPS Families please email:
cavanagh.jacqueline.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
with any recipes for healthy meals or lunches.
Heart Foundation
Walking
Would you like to join a fun, free walking group?

What: Kilberry Valley Walking Group
When: Every Thursday 9.15am
Where: Meet us in front of Kilberry Valley Primary School Office

Heart Foundation Walking groups are a great way to make friends and look after your health. Beginners are welcome and it's free.

For more information about joining this group please contact Abi on 0423 963 403 or email on abi060686@hotmail.com
Starting 13th of March!!
www.heartfoundation.org.au/walking
New Uniform Outlet Hours Term 2

As of Monday 12 May your school uniform is available for purchase at PSW Hampton Park at the below times.

PSW HAMPTON PARK
Unit 2, 10-12 South Link
Dandenong South, VIC, 3175
Phone: 03 8768 7490

TERM 2 & 3 TRADING HOURS
Mon to Fri 8:30am - 5:00pm
Sat 9:00am - 2:00pm
Sun CLOSED

LAY-BY AVAILABLE WITH 20% DEPOSIT

www.psw.com.au - save time, shop online!

Customers please note: Our outlets will be closed on the following dates: Friday 18th April, Saturday 19th April, Monday 21st April and Friday 25th April.