Dear Parents,

**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.

**NAPLAN Testing**
Next week we will see our Year Three and Year Five students undergo to state-wide NAPLAN testing. Testing will occur on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May. Parents in these year levels should have received an information leaflet last week regarding the program. Please ensure your child is at school on time on these days and see your class teacher if you have any queries.

**Student Photos**
We have received the school photos, but there has been a slight delay with some of the family portraits. The company is rectifying an issue and will have them to you as soon as possible.

**Mothers Day Morning Tea**
A reminder that the special morning tea for Mums will be held Friday 9th May at 11.00am in the Old Gymnasium. We 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, then come and meet other Mums for morning tea.
Please read the information notice that came home and respond accordingly – we would love to see you.

**Mothers Day Stall**
This Thursday your child will be able to attend the Mothers Day Stall to get a special gift for Mum this Sunday. I greatly thank the parents who have organised this event for you. They have some great gifts, so DADS please ensure your children have their $5 to bring along to get mum a wonderful surprise for her special day on Sunday.

**Prep Information Evening - Wednesday 14th May**
I remind that we will be conducting the Prep Information Session for 2015 enrolments next week on Wednesday 14th May commencing at 7.00pm in the Gallery (near the Community Centre adjacent to the staff car park on Kilberry Boulevard).
I invite anyone who has students of school age for 2015 {5 years old before 30/0415) to attend and ask current school community members to spread the word with your friends who have students looking for a school in 2015.
As well as hearing from various staff and students, 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!!
Due to feedback we have received since outlining the training opportunities, we will be offering more sessions for you to come along and enjoy the Parent Helper Information Sessions. A notice has been sent home outlining the first next session is on next Tuesday 13th May at 9.15am in the staffroom. We will be conducting extra sessions on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th at 9.15am in the staffroom as well. 
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.

St Margaret's Interschool Netball Challenge and Interschool Sport
We wish our senior students well as they compete in the St Margaret's Interschool Netball Challenge tomorrow. This is just one of the many opportunities our students have to represent Kilberry in interschool competitions during 2014. Hope the weather is kind.
Our students also commence the regular winter interschool sport competitions this Friday.

Human Powered Vehicle Challenge
Once again we are preparing for students to participate in this wonderful team building activity. An information session will be held next Thursday evening 15th May at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Your child may have brought home information regarding this, but if not you are most welcome to attend with your child on Thursday to see what is involved.

Footy News
I certainly wouldn’t want to name or embarrass anybody in this section, but a certain male Physical Education teacher at Kilberry Valley who may barrack for St Kilda (Hmmm…. Who could that be?) said to me last Friday that ‘this is a danger game for the Hawks’ on the weekend. I think the only danger was that after the match a number of the Hawthorn players might be on the injury list as a result of severe bruising on their kicking foot due to overuse. What a game … and what a result! I can only hope they maintain the form as they travel to Sydney for what should be a very interesting game on Friday night. Go Hawks!

Happy Mothers Day all our Mums! Have a great week and keep smiling!

Neil Cunningham
Principal
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. It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

- **“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
**KILBERRY CAFÉ**

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**

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**MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

Our Mother’s Day Stall will be held **TOMORROW**

We have some lovely gifts for purchase on the day for $5 only.

**THE CANTENE WILL BE OPEN FOR LUNCH ORDERS ONLY ON THIS DAY.**

**NO COUNTER SALES!**

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**PREP 2015 INFORMATION NIGHT**

**DATE:** Wednesday 14th May, 2015.

**TIME:** 7:00pm

**WHERE:** KVPS Gallery.

**DETAILS:** This is a general information evening where Prep teaching staff, our School Captains and Principal talk about many aspects of education at Kilberry Valley Primary School.
Lind-Elle School of Dance

Free Dance Class Voucher

Present this voucher to attend one free class of Jazz, Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop or Contemporary. Call now to discuss class times for your age.

- 2yrs – Mature Adult
- Pay Weekly or by the Term
- No Sewing
- Boys only or mixed classes

- Capped Class Sizes
- Experienced Staff
- Annual Concert
- Competitions
- Floor Shows
- Exams (optional)

Call NOW to book 8790 2733

Dance classes for all ages and abilities in a fully equipped professional family friendly environment.
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
DOG ‘N’ DRINK

TRY OUR NEW MONDAY ONLY

DOG ‘N’ DRINK SPECIAL

YOU GET A HOT DOG (with or without sauce)
PLUS
A JUICE BOMB 100% JUICE (carbonated)

ONLY $5.00
SCHOOL PHOTOS SPECIAL ORDER

Photos of the School Captains and House Captains are currently on display at the school office and are available to purchase.

The cost is $14.00 per photo

Please collect an envelope from the office and make your orders by Wednesday 21st May 2014.

Cheques should be made payable to: Advanced Life Photography

PLEASE NOTE:
Just to let you know that the family photos did arrive yesterday but unfortunately the colour quality was poor so they are going to be reprinted. I haven’t got a confirmed date as to when they will be ready. Will keep you posted.

HAMPTON PARK AUSKICK

Cairns Road Reserve, Cairns Road, Hampton Park

Girls and Boys from Prep to Grade 6.

All Welcome

Starts this week Friday 2nd May til August 5pm-6.30pm
Cost $67.50 (This cost includes all sessions fees plus NAB Auskick bag with football, cap and other extras)

REGISTER ONLINE AT www.aflauskick.com.au

Or come down on Friday night and sign up

For more information call

Co-ordinator- Shaun Isle on 0433 569384 or Secretary- Shelley Romeike on 0405 494 670

Hope to see you all there.

Human Powered Vehicle Challenge Information Evening

When: Thursday 15th May, at 7.00pm
Where: In the staffroom.

Come along to find out all about how you could become a part of the super awesome HPV team at KVPS! Find out where we go, what’s involved and how much fun you could have!

Hampton Park Library Book Sale

The Friends of Hampton Park Library are having a Book Sale on may 17th at the Arthur Wren Hall, Stuart Ave, Hampton Park, next door to the Library, from 9:30am to 1:00pm.
KILBERRY VALLEY NOTICES SENT HOME
The following notices have been sent home to families and require your prompt attention:

**COAL CREEK EXCURSION**
Final payments will be due by Friday 9th May, 2014. The cost of the excursion is $22.00.

**EDWIN FLACK DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY**
Final payments and consent form due by Tuesday 13th May, 2014. The cost of the excursion is $6.50.

**GRADE 5 SOVEREIGN HILL EXCURSION**
Final payments will be due by Friday, 16th May, 2014. The cost of the excursion is $65.

**WICKED — THE MUSICAL**
Final payment and consent forms are due by Friday 23rd May, 2014. The cost of the excursion is $70.

**GRADE 4 SCIENCEWORKS EXCURSION**
Final payments are due by Friday 30th May, 2014. The cost of the excursion is $21.00.

**MELBOURNE MUSEUM FOR PREP CM, PREP PD AND PREP AM**
Final payments and consent forms due by Friday 13th June, 2014. The cost of the excursion is $14.00.

**MELBOURNE MUSEUM FOR PREP KS, PREP MU AND PREP CA**
Final payments and consent forms due by Tuesday 3rd June, 2014. The cost of the excursion is $14.00.

**GRADE 4 CAMP 2014 - PHILLIP ISLAND ADVENTURE RESORT**
Final payments will be due by Wednesday 25th June, 2014. The approximate cost of the camp is $260.

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

**MMAXFIT FITNESS CLASS!**
Burn up to 1000 calories with our exciting new MMA based fit class.
Suitable to all levels of fitness to be held here at Kilberry Valley Primary School.
Starts: Saturday 3rd May 2014
Contact Jacynta on 0401827277 for more details

**CHANGE OF CLOTHING FOR STUDENTS**
We would like to remind parents 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

**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.

There is no cost involved. Application forms can be accessed by visiting the Department of Justice website at www.justice.vic.gov.au and follow the link for Licences and Certificates. 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.

THANK YOU

**DIARY DATES – TERM 2 2014**

*Wednesday 21st May*— Curriculum Day
(students do not attend)