Dear Parents,

To Stay Weekly, or go Fortnightly – that is the Question?
If you receive the email notification for the Valley Views each week, it stated that the Newsletter would be presented fortnightly from now on. We have re-thought the fortnightly move until we have delved a little more and gauged your thoughts as to whether this is the best way to keep you informed.

Some of the questions we have been posing to ourselves are:
- Is the Valley Views Newsletter the best way to communicate with the community?
- What other forms of social media would be effective?
- How can we best get information out to the school community?
- What avenues are there to receive your thoughts and input into the school operation?

We obviously need to go more digital and the school website www.kilberryps.vic.edu.au has a huge amount of information for you. There are times when we will wish to seek your views, communicate something quickly to you, or simply state something that is happening at school.
- Is Facebook the best way to do this?
- Is a blog the best way to get information to you?
- Is a designated email account the best way to receive information/views/thoughts from the school community?

I would love your thoughts on this matter and will keep you informed of the progress.

It will take a little while to get an official Department of Education email so we have set up a temporary Gmail account, contactkvps@gmail.com. So please send your constructive thoughts to the email account.

Year 6 Camp
As you read this I will be having a wonderful time at Mt Martha with the year 6’s as they enjoy their camp at The Briars. This is a wonderful camp where they get to challenge themselves in many areas and really get to know each other.

School Leaders Assembly
Last Friday was certainly a hot affair but we still held the school leader badge presentations assembly out on the basketball court under the shade sails. The breeze kept the temperature bearable.
It was great have Taylor, Jenna, Kehan and Linuka (2013 Captains) to ‘hand over the reigns’ to the 2014 leaders. I really look forward to working with this years’ leaders and I am sure they will put their stamp on Kilberry over the course of the year.
Congratulations to our Preps for attending their first assembly. It is always a bit daunting sitting for the time with the whole school and you did very well indeed. Well Done!

Swimming Trials
Congratulations to everyone who competed in the swimming trials last Monday. The PE staff will now be selecting a team to compete in the interschool swimming carnival.

Have a great week and keep smiling!

Neil Cunningham
Principal
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. There will be no EMA in 2015.

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.
The form can be downloaded from the Department of Justice website.
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
10th February to 16th February, 2014

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

EMA Applications are ready to be completed for 2014.

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 28th January 2014        Term 3 14th July 2014

To apply for 2014 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.

Note: NO EMA AS OF 2015.

Think about starting a payment plan now.

Prep for Parents

Did your child start Prep this year? Would you like tips on how to support your child in their first year at school? Then subscribe to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s new weekly Prep for Parents email.

You will be sent an email every Wednesday during school term that will include tips, advice and information about the day-to-day experiences children have in the classroom and things you can do at home to assist and encourage your child.

To subscribe to Prep for Parents, see:


2014 Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will start FRIDAY 21st Feb 2014.

There will be FREE toast for all Grade3-6 students.

Time: 8:30-8:55am

Day: FRIDAY mornings

Place: New Gym

Cost: FREE for all students
10c for all additional meals

We are always looking for parent helpers. If you have a current WWCC (Working With Childrens Check) and would like to help us out on FRIDAY Mornings please contact Mrs Cavanagh in the new Gym.

(please note that this is a non profit program- all money collected is spent on buying items for our Breakfast Club)

PEANUT ALLERGIES: Unfortunately we are unable to offer Breakfast Club to children with nut allergies. Although we do not serve ‘nut foods’, we cannot guarantee that our kitchen is complete ‘Nut Free Zone’. Thank you for your understanding.
**KILBERRY VALLEY NOTICES SENT HOME**
The following notices have been sent home to families and require your prompt attention:

**GRADE 5 CAMP 2014 (WARATAH BAY)**
Final payments will be due by Monday 24th March, 2014.
The approximate cost of the camp is $255.

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 2014 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.

**GETTING TEENS ON TRACK**
Come along and join other parents/carers to discuss experiences, ideas and learn strategies in a relaxed, friendly place.
For parents or carers of Teens/Preteens aged 11+
Wednesdays for 5 weeks starting 5th March—2nd April 2014
from 6.30pm-9.00pm
Youth Information Centre, Stuart Avenue (next to Library), Hampton Park
**NO COST—BUT BOOKINGS REQUIRED**
Please call Sandra Phillips at Parentzone on 1300 984 011 or 0447 500 355 or email sandra.kelly@anglicarevic.org.au

**BOOK CLUB**
Scholastic Book Club order forms have been sent home with students.
Orders and payments MUST be received by Friday, 14th February, 2014.
**NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**
If paying by cheque, please make them payable to Scholastic Book Club.
Please enclose correct money when ordering.

**DIARY DATES –TERM 1 2014**
- **Tuesday 4th March** – School Photo Day
- **Monday 10th March** – Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 18th March** – Harmony Day Concert (2.15pm)

**Kilberry Valley Primary School**
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**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.

*Zania Cope—Assistant Principal*

**MONDAY 10TH MARCH**
**LABOUR DAY**
**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
**STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND**