Dear Parents,

Berwick and District Annual Show Success
Over the weekend we had a number of our Year 5 and 6 students who entered their artwork in the Berwick and District Annual Show. Towards the end of last year Mrs Bailey and Ms Suffern offered the opportunity to the Year 4 and 5 students to enter a piece of art in the show. They worked hard before the year ended to create their artwork and this year put the final touches to their pieces.

I am told it was a tremendous event with many people attending and the students did very well indeed. If you have the chance come to the office where all the students’ work is displayed.

Congratulations to everyone for your creativity, talent and persistence to complete the works to put on display at the Show. They look fantastic!

2014 Kilberry Idol
It is Kilberry Idol time again and the students have been auditioning for the final. The successful performers have been named and I congratulate:

Junior Idol Jashandeep 34C, Madeleine 34C, Alyssa 34C, Nikhita 4LK, Ranmith 4TT and Hannah 4TT

Senior Idol Sasuni 5RF, Orlando 5JS, Ailava 6KJ, Lauren 6RB and Jurel 6JM

There is some amazing talent at Kilberry and I know the judges agonised over this selection decision, as there were many other great performers who missed out on a final spot.

Next Monday will be the showcase performance for the students so I wish them all the best.

School Council
I remind you that nominations close tomorrow (Thursday 27th February) for the 2014 School council vacancies. Please see later in the newsletter for the necessary information and nomination form. The first Council meeting for the year was held last Monday where we outlined plans and thoughts for 2014.

The Fundraising group has been very active and developed a 2014 plan for the events we are sure you will support. There will be an article in the newsletter in the near future outlining all the year’s events.

One very exiting event that I would ask you to prepare for is the KILBERRY COMMUNITY CARNIVAL to be held on Saturday 15th November 2014. This will be a wonderful event in which you will be able to join in and have heaps of fun. There is a very keen group organising this event that includes parents, staff and students who will also play a vital role.

I encourage you to offer assistance if you can, as there will be many tasks we require to be done. If you know Jacinta Parkinson, talk to her and offer a little time, or simply come to the office, let us know you are keen to help and we will pass on your details to her and the Fundraising group. (Which meets on a Friday morning in the staffroom.)

I won’t take the thunder from the Fundraising group listing the events, but I am sure there will be things for you to enjoy and assist the school’s efforts to continually improve our resources.
Principal's Message

A Neighbourly Request
I have been asked by the staff at Strong Drive Pre-School to request that our parents do not park in their car park on Strong Drive and walk around the collect students from Kilberry. If you know someone who does this, please have a chat and pass on this message. The pre-school parents have found it difficult getting a car park at times.
I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Use of the School Grounds After Hours
At times I am asked why we don't have tall fences around the school grounds, to keep the students safe from running out on the roads and keep the vandals out. My answer is that this would not give the community feel that exists at Kilberry. This is a tone we wish to foster and encourage.

Before School Council on Monday night I met a group of young men playing basketball. The noise level and laughter coming from the group showed they were having a great time and using the facilities well – they were still there when we left. A week ago I also met a group of ladies who train on the oval and another group who use the courts to train for netball. I consistently see parents bringing their children into the school grounds to teach them how to ride their bikes, play on the playgrounds and a number of people going through their fitness routines. I am thrilled to see the school being used for these purposes after hours and encourage this type of use.

The downside however, is occasionally there are people who come and use the grounds inappropriately – for example I would love to be made aware the name/s of people who used the school for golf practice a few weekends ago, resulting in the replacement of 3 large window/doors in the Health room and a year 5 room ($2000 worth of damage), Some students collected a bucket and a half of balls on the Monday morning. This type of behaviour is obviously very detrimental to the school and also to family groups that might like to come and enjoy the facilities we have over the weekend or after hours.

If you do come across any unsavoury activities – e.g. people on the roof, damaging property, inappropriate activities (such as the golf), please do not put yourself in any danger but ring the Police straight away. Hopefully we will see the excellent use continue and the less savoury reduce.

Have a great week and keep smiling!

Neil Cunningham
Principal
In grades 3 and 4 we had a Multicultural Food Day!

Everybody had a good time!

We all had a plate of food from different countries!

From Asia to Australia. From North America to South America, food was served.
24th February to 2nd March, 2014

HURRY—LAST CHANCE TO APPLY FOR 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.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE THIS FRIDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 2014

2014 Breakfast Club

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.

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Student Birthdays

24th February to 2nd March, 2014

Brodie 0KS
Pearl 0PD
Feza 0PD
Cooper 1CS
Areej 1CT
Tyra-lee 1RB
Noah 2CT
Saumi 2CT
Sarah 3JP
Tasha 3SW
Isabelle 3YH
Tammeka 4LM
Wajeha 4TT
Sami 5CA
Sara 5CA
Taylor 6AH
Amber 6JM
Christopher 6KJ
Daryka 6PP
Grant 6RB
Shandril 6RB
Eddie 6RB

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Prep CA   Nipun
Prep CM   Nicole
Prep PD   Rohan
1CC      Nicolas
1CS      Sam
1CT      Vibodh
1JT      Jackson
1LG      Hydee
1LT      Marni
1RB      Rida
2CT      Katelyn
2DK      Krystian
2JB      Anna
2SD      Eva
2SJ      Gargi
34C      Mia
3JP      Tannaz
3JW      Haema
3RC      Declan
3SW      Ben
3YH      Jethiya
4JR      Senya
4TT      Wajeha
5AC      Davinder
5RF      Braydon
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Financial Assistance - Information for Parents

**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):**
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- $200 for prep students
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.
- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16*.

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

**How to Apply:** Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

**Closing Date:** You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 28 February 2014.


**PLEASE NOTE: NO EMA IN 2015.**

Please think about starting a payment plan now.

Call the office for more information and advice.
Dear Parents & Students .... **PHOTO DAY IS Tuesday 4th March 2014**

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**Important Information**

*Online Ordering:* If you choose to pay and order Online the order envelope does not need to be returned to the school. Instructions are included on the Flyer enclosed in your envelope. The code for online ordering is printed on your envelope (top right corner).

*Sibling (family) Photo* envelope MUST be returned to the school by Friday 258th February in order to be photographed.

To pay for Sibling photos online go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

  Step 1 Enter your code: FAM or SCH
  Step 2 Click No (no 9 digit code required)
  Step 3. Complete student and Credit Card details.
  Step 4. 8 digit receipt number on envelope (bottom left corner)

or enclose Cash or Cheque in the order envelope.

Your Sibling envelope must be completed and returned to school for your order to be completed.

**Payment Options are as follows:**

1. **Online Order and Payment:** Instructions are on the of Flyer, which is enclosed in your envelope.

2. **Online Payment Only:** Instructions are on the Flyer, which is enclosed in your envelope.

3. **Cash:** enclose correct money in order envelope and return to your school before or on photo day.

4. **Cheque:** enclose in order envelope and return to your school before or on photo day.

*Please note that all your payment and ordering instructions are included on the Flyer enclosed in your Student order envelope.*

Feel free to contact Advancedlife Photography for further assistance. (see details below)

Email: info@advancedlifevic.com.au

Phone: 9852 1133

From the team at AdvancedLife Photography.
Dear Parents,

Nominations have been called for School Council for 2014. There are 3 Parent Category vacancies for 2014 following the completion of term for Michelle Hosking and Linda Mossi and a one year vacancy due to Natasha Dacey’s resignation due to relocation.

Nominations are required on the form that can be collected from the school office. Nominations close Thursday 27th February at 4.00pm.

I would encourage you to consider this as an opportunity for you to assist our great school.

Below is an information sheet concerning School Council membership, and the election process, prepared by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

If you have any queries regarding School Council or the nomination process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Neil Cunningham
Principal

What is a school council and what does it do?
All Government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
There are three possible categories of membership:
A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.
A mandated elected DEECD employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.
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**How can you become involved?**
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

**Do I need special experience to be on school council?** No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

**What do you need to do to stand for election?**
The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

**Remember**
Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
Consider standing for election to council this year
Be sure to vote in the elections.
Kilberry Valley Primary School Council Elections 2014

Schedule 5B: Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate ................................................ for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Kilberry Valley Primary School Council.

Name...................................................................................................................

Residential address....................................................................................................
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Home telephone..............................................

Business telephone................................................

Email............................................................................................................................

I am the parent/guardian of .............................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of .............................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Yes / No (please circle)
Signature of Nominator..................................................................................

Date...........................................

Candidate to complete
I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate..............................................................

Date..............................................
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:

ICAS & AMC
Final payments will be due by Friday 21st March, 2014. Refer to consent form for cost of competitions.

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

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)

WELFARE CORNER

Tantrums

It’s something we’ve all seen or experienced. A loud and distressed toddler throwing a tantrum right there in the middle of the grocery aisle at your local supermarket. Somewhere nearby you will find an embarrassed Mum or Dad doing their best to either ignore the child or convince them to stop. The fact is, tantrums are to be expected in childhood, and the first time a child throws a tantrum can be quite hard on parents, especially if there are visitors or you are out in public.

So what’s the reason behind it all?

Sometimes there are no obvious clues as to why a toddler will suddenly throw a tantrum, but most often it is when they are feeling frustrated or angry. Like adults toddlers can become frustrated when they are unable to manage a difficult task or things just don’t go the way they expect. Young children may also not yet know enough words to say exactly what it is they want, become overtired, or not like being told NO. Of course children being the individuals that they are, some will have a naturally quiet and easy-going nature and may rarely have tantrums, whereas others with quick tempers may have frequent tantrums and will need their parent’s help to grow out of the behaviour. While tantrums often appear as a highly visible form of disruptive behaviour, they present us with the important opportunity to help teach our children how to manage frustration and anger. Knowing how to deal with the inevitable frustrations of life and possessing the ability to express anger in appropriate ways are powerful tools for a successful adulthood.

Zania Cope - Assistant Principal

MONDAY 10TH MARCH
LABOUR DAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY