Dear Parents,

Welcome Back to Term 3

I hope you had a tremendous break and enjoyed the time without having to rush in the morning to get the children to school. I was most fortunate to be able to travel and have some quality family time. So it’s back into a busy term and very much looking forward to the Whole School Musical!

Bully Stoppers Day – Tuesday 23rd July

Next Tuesday is a very important day for the Kilberry Valley Primary School community. We have mentioned the Bully Stoppers Day previously and it is now upon us. On the day we ask the students to wear something orange or purple, or both! These are the official Bully Stoppers colours and it would be great to see a sea of Purple and Orange. Each child will also be given a Bully Stoppers Wrist band. This can be worn to school as part of the official school uniform.

Next Tuesday 23rd July we will be focusing the whole day on activities that highlight the need to recognise and do something about bullying when it arises. I would love to say this does not occur at Kilberry but we are a small section of a society that bullying unfortunately does occur. The day will launch our school approach to this issue and raise awareness across the school community that it is ALL of our responsibilities to do something when we see bullying occur. We are very proud of the processes we currently have in place to work through such issues, but the strategies being implemented on Tuesday will give us an even stronger positive approach to reducing and hopefully eradicating bullying at Kilberry Valley.

Peer Mediation training is also an activity that will be undertaken by over 70 of our Year 5 and 6 students who have volunteered to be trained and then work with the other students to reduce bullying.

From 2.45pm onwards, we invite you to come to school and join in with some yummy afternoon tea in the gymnasium foyer (where Breakfast club occurs), and also join the whole school on the oval for a very spectacular balloon launch. We will be releasing 1000 balloons (all approved through the required environmental and aviation authorities) to mark the day.

Kilberry Valley Facebook Page will also go live on this day. This is a form of communication we will open to the school community and I direct you to the Correct Usage protocols page that is posted on the school website.

Many other things happening on the day and beyond so check the Valley Views and Facebook page for details!

The Whole School Musical term!

For families new to Kilberry Valley, ‘The Super Awesome League’ is the name of our school musical this year and the students are busily rehearsing for their roles. Participation in the school musical is so much fun and an expectation for each child.

You will very soon receive more information regarding the organisation for the event that will be held at the Cardinia Cultural Centre in Pakenham over the 4 nights of Monday 2nd September to Thursday 5th September. In your child’s report you should have been informed of the night your child will be performing so hopefully have blocked that into your family diary.

Ticketing arrangements will be announced soon so ensure you keep abreast of the newsletter, emails and our new Facebook page (soon to be launched) for details!

Year Four Camp

Our year fours commenced their camp at Philip Island today and will return on Friday. I will have the pleasure of spending the day with them tomorrow (Thursday) and I hope the weather holds out so they can enjoy the many activities on offer.

Footy News

Still sitting on top of the ladder with some strong wins over the holidays! Jarred Roughhead leading the Coleman Medal. Things are going well! But what is it with Geelong?? There really is a curse on the Hawks when they play them. Hopefully the coaching staff have done a complete analysis and they have a plan for our next meeting sometime in the finals campaign.

This week it’s a trip to Tasmania to take on the Bulldogs. Hopefully a strong win to remain on top. Go Hawksers!

Looking forward to seeing a great turn out next Tuesday at the Bully Stoppers Launch from 2.45 pm onwards. Have a great week and keep smiling!

Neil Cunningham
Principal
On the 18th of June the Captain Eric Challenge elective group went to the Enchanted Maze Garden for the exploration part of the elective. The reason we went to the Enchanted was because we were working on our leadership and teamwork skills. The activities at Enchanted were fun and challenging. There were mazes, tube slides, obstacle courses, brain teasers, sculptures and beautiful gardens to look at. The mazes there, were the Children’s maze, the Hedge maze, the Spring maze and the Spooky 3D maze. For the mazes we needed to communicate, work as a team and show resilience. At Enchanted there were also other activities like the tube slides. The tube slides were fast and up high. To go on them you needed to have confidence and overcome your fear of heights if you had one. There was also an obstacle course where we used strength, stamina, accuracy and resilience to get through it.

After we finished having fun at Enchanted we went to a park to eat lunch. While we were there we went for a walk to see the ocean view. It was amazing, we also saw a family of kangaroos, which was really good.

THIS ELECTIVE WAS AWESOME!
We invite all members of our school community to join us on Bullystoppers Day to help launch these fantastic new programs.

On 15 March 2013, the Victorian Government launched a major bullying prevention campaign:

‘Bully Stoppers: Make a Stand, Lend a Hand’

The campaign is based on a series of resources empowering students, parents, teachers and principals to ‘Make a Stand, Lend a Hand’ and stop bullying. The Bully Stoppers campaign supports parents, teachers and principals in working together to make sure schools are safe and supportive places, where bullying is taken seriously and not ignored.

Kilberry Valley Primary School is preparing to launch their Bully Stoppers program on Tuesday the 23rd July. The day will include the launch of our new Facebook page, new peer mentoring/mediation program and reveal our new friendship station.

**When:** Tuesday 23rd July 2013 from 2:45pm

**Where:** The New Gym Foyer

Light refreshments will be provided
HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies.

Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system.

You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return.

Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

New applications for the second instalment of EMA for 2013 are now being taken.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who were paid the first instalment of 2013 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment.

Parents who have previously provided us with a copy of their healthcare/pension card that does not cover the first date of Term 3 (15th July 2013) will need to bring their new card to the School Office for us to photocopy.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST, 2013.

LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

If you have any questions please call the School Office on 9702 8688.

Parents, for the sake of our students, please model good road user behaviour especially around the school.

Children and young people will copy the example you set!

Breakfast Club

This FRIDAY there will be FREE toast for all Prep-Grade 2 students

Time: 8:30 - 8:55am
Day: FRIDAY mornings
Place: New Gym
Cost: 20c for 2 pieces of toast
     20c for 1 bowl of cereal and milk

We are always looking for parent helpers. If you have a current WWCC (Working With Children’s 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 a completely ‘Nut Free Zone’. Thank you for your understanding.

Student Birthdays

15th July to 21st July, 2013

Daniel 0CA
Kaitlyn 0CS
Thomas 0PD
Anna 1LG
Jelyzza 1LG
Joshua 2CC
Savannah 2MM
Gurkaran Dyal 2SJ
Ethan 3TS
Ebony 4JP
Lincon 5LT
Disara 5TT
Kayla 6AM
Hasini 6LC
Amashri 6LC
Nadana 6LC
Kawindya LC
Deanna 6SW
Please help our Breakfast Club!

The volunteers at the KVPS Breakfast Club are proud to announce that we have served 1191 meals so far this year. 964 of these meals have been FREE.

These numbers demonstrate the popularity and need for this program amongst our community. It is a wonderful chance for students and families to socialize and make a healthy start to their day.

In order for our Breakfast Club volunteers to continue to offer this essential service we are asking for a donation of 1 food item from each family at KVPS.

If you could be kind enough to send 1 of the following items to school we would be extremely grateful. Please note this donation is optional and only one item per family is required.

As we need a range of products, we ask that each year level please donate a different item

Prep 1 box of cereal (healthy option please i.e. Weet Bix, Cornflakes, Sultana Bran)

Grade 1 Long-life milk

Grade 2 Jam

Grade 3 Honey

Grade 4 Vegemite

Grade 5 Long-life milk

Grade 6 Vegemite

A very special mention goes out to the COUCH FAMILY, who have been generously donating items to our breakfast club throughout the year. We hope that others see the importance of this program and are able to do the same.

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

MELBOURNE STORY AT THE MUSEUM—GRADE 3 EXCURSION
Consent forms and payments MUST be received by Friday 26th July, 2013.
The cost of this excursion is $15.

OFF THIS PLANET INCURSION—PREP GRADES & 1KS
Consent forms and payments MUST be received by Wednesday 24th July, 2013.
The cost of this excursion is $6.

Students who do not return consent forms and payments by the closing date for excursions/incursions 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

APPEAL FOR FOOD & BLANKETS
Can you help?
We are asking students, parents, staff and all other members of our school community to bring in goods that can be donated to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.
We are looking for the following types of foods: breakfast cereal, dried fruits & nuts, long life milk, biscuits, tomato paste, tinned fish, tinned vegetables & spices. We also need laundry powders, personal toiletries, toilet paper and nappies. All types of bedding and manchester (blankets, linen, towels) is desperately required. You do not need to limit yourself to the items named on the list—anything you wish to donate will be greatly appreciated!

PLEASE LEAVE ANY ITEMS YOU WISH TO DONATE IN THE BOX IN THE SCHOOL FOYER OR WITH OFFICE STAFF.
THANK YOU

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

HELP
The Art Room is collecting washed 2 litre soft drink bottles and 2 litre milk bottles (the squarish type) for projects in Art this term.
We need lots of these in the next few weeks.
Please leave bottles at the School Office.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

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WELFARE CORNER
Building better family relationships:
There are lots of ways to show you care even in busy families.

Tune in:
One way to show you care is by listening to what other family members have to say with interest and enthusiasm. Other ideas include doing things for one another helping (without complaining!), celebrating birthdays and achievements and taking the time to understand how other family members are feeling. Hugs are another favourite.

Have fun together:
Spend time doing things you enjoy. Doing simple things that allow you to relax and play together is very important for building positive feelings and connections amongst family members. Playing games or sports, going to the park, on picnics, visiting with friends or just relaxing together are examples of family activities that help build relationships.

Family Rituals:
Family rituals can help build a sense of connection and belonging. These may include family celebrations that happen once a year, as well as everyday activities like bedtime stories, morning cuddles or cooking a special meal together once a week. Having family rituals that you enjoy together helps to create strong family bonds.

Make Time To Talk:
Regular time for talking and listening to one another helps families to plan and set priorities, strengthen relationships and build mutual understanding. Taking a few minutes to talk with children after school or before bedtime, and making time for adults to ‘check in’ with each other, it is important for building connections and cooperation. Family discussions are often very helpful ways of resolving conflicts and maintaining positive relationships. Make sure that everyone gets a turn to share feelings and thoughts and contributes to finding solutions that can work for the whole family.

Women’s Friendship Centre
Take a few minutes out of your busy day. After you drop the kids at school... or when you are shopping...
Come and have a cup of tea or coffee and share a friendly conversation with other women.
Every Wednesday from 9am till 12.30pm
Casey Women's Cultural Link Up
Hampton Park Community Centre, 16-20 Stuart Avenue, Hampton Park, 3976.
Phone 97990708 or 0427 536 977

DIARY DATES—TERM 3, 2013

Tuesday 23rd July—Bully Stoppers Day
Monday 2nd—Thursday 5th September—School Musical