Dear Parents,

What a run of hot weather and perfect for the long weekend. I hope you were able to keep your cool in whatever way you found successful.

Parent Student Teacher Interviews
This week we start the Parent Student Teacher Interviews, so I trust you have been able to make a time with your child’s teacher. The online system is now closed so if you have not got around to it yet, please contact your child’s teacher directly to book a time.

World Cup Stacking Championships
The World Cup Stacking Championships are to be held in Orlando USA in April. Cup Stacking has become a popular activity at school since its introduction a few years ago. Previously we have told you of the exploits of one of our students, Brayden Hogan, and his amazing cup stacking ability. The wonderful news is that Brayden has been selected as a ‘Stackaroo’ and will be travelling to Orlando with the Australian team and his family to represent Australia in his age group. To help him along, we will be holding a Casual Dress day on Tuesday 26th March (the last week of school this term). A gold coin donation will be required to come in casual dress and this will be Kilberry’s way to support Brayden and wish him well in Orlando. This is very special, as Brayden didn’t even know what cup stacking entailed until we had the incursion. From that, there has been cup stacking mania in fads over the last few years and currently the Green Card winners get the cup stacking sets to practise. There will be the final of the Kilberry Cup Stacking Championships on the day where a person from each class will be selected to compete against other students in their year level. This will be a ‘head to head challenge’ to win a prize for their grade. So keep practising your stacking so we have a tremendous day on the 26th of March.

English as an Additional Language Information Night
On Wednesday 27th March, commencing at 6.30 in the staffroom, we will be holding an information evening regarding the English as an Additional Language program at Kilberry Valley. This is a night where you can come along and learn how the EAL program works and meet our EAL staff – Mrs Matheson, Mrs Holtkamp and Mrs Conroy. There will be opportunities to learn a little more also about the EAL continuum through which we report the progress of the EAL students. Please let your child’s teacher know if you are coming or simply drop a note to the teachers mentioned above or at the office.

Fundraising Meeting
Are you available to assist with the fundraising events this year? If so why not come along to a meeting next Thursday 21st March at 2.45pm in the staffroom. All you need is enthusiasm and a little time to give to see what events we could organise this year. Looking forward to seeing you there!

School Council Annual General Meeting
Next Monday 18th March at 6.30 we will be holding the School Council Annual General Meeting. Following this will be the first meeting of our new Council for 2013.

Have a great week and keep smiling!

Neil Cunningham
Principal
Language experiences help us with our writing.

What is happening in Year 2RC and 2MM? Making Kites of course!

“Exciting”

“We followed the instructions and used the materials on our list to make the kites.”

“Colourful”

“We got to fly our kites on the oval. We ran around watching our kites in the air.”

“Zipping”

“We made a big list of all the words about making and flying kites.”

“Exhausted”
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.

Breakfast Club is Back!
Breakfast Club will start next FRIDAY 8th March 2013.

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 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 a completely ‘Nut Free Zone’. Thank you for your understanding.

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED FOR CROSS COUNTRY

March 28th
9-11 am
The following notices have been sent home to families and require your prompt attention:

**KVPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: GRADES 4-6**
Final payments will be due by Monday 25th March, 2013. The total cost of the Carnival is $6.

**GRADE 5 CAMP**
Final payments will be due by Thursday 28th March, 2013. The total cost of the camp is $235.

**GRADE 6 WINTER SPORTS**
Final payments will be due by Wednesday 24th April, 2013. The total cost of the Winter Sports is $12.

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.

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**FUNDRAISING NEWS—WE NEED YOUR HELP!**
A fundraising meeting will be held in the staffroom on Thursday 21st March at 2.45pm to determine our fundraising activities for 2013.

**WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!**
Please come along for a cuppa and chat and give us your fantastic fundraising ideas.

**LET’S DO IT FOR THE KILBERRY KIDS.**

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**WELFARE CORNER**

**Parent Trap**
Do you frequently feel exasperated, ashamed, or embarrassed by your child’s behaviour? Do you find that your child often irritates you? Do you have to threaten and shout to get your child to cooperate? Do you frequently argue with your partner about how to handle your child’s behaviour?
If the answer to some of these questions is yes, then you might have become caught in what I call a parent trap. Parent traps are consistent ways of interacting with your children, your partner, or your own inner thoughts that actually make the difficult job of raising children even harder. They add to the everyday burden of stress that many parents experience and weaken the effectiveness of dealing with your child’s problem behaviour.

A lot of work can be done by parents guiding children’s behaviour without resorting to constant yelling, stressful conflict and frustration. This involves learning how to motivate children positively through encouragement when they are behaving well and working as a team with your partner on parent consistency.

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**Gamblers Anonymous**
Can help break you free and give you a better life...please call our hotline or go to the website for more information
24hr Hotline : ( 03 ) 9696 6108
Web site : www.gamblersanonymous.org
Cranbourne meetings are held at the Uniting Church hall;
41 Lesdon Ave Cranbourne
Monday – 9:30am – 11am
Tuesday – 7pm – 8:30pm
For further meetings refer to web site or call the hotline

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**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 596 977

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**Cairns Road Auskick 2013**
Kinder—Grade 6
Friday Clinic, 5pm-6.30pm
Cairns Road Reserve, Hampton Park
(behind Hampton Park Secondary College)
Register online now at www.aflauskick.com.au
Season starts Friday 19th April

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**DIARY DATES FOR TERM 1 2013**
Thursday 28th March
LAST DAY OF TERM—STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 2.30PM

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**Kilberry Valley Primary School**

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