Dear Parents,

Excellence Awards

Each year the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development calls for submissions for Excellence Awards form various individuals and groups who work for DEECD. This year we submitted an application on behalf of our Education Support staff for the tremendous work and programs to ensure all our students have the opportunity to receive a valuable experience at school and achieve success. We have been shortlisted as one of three finalists and attend the presentation evening at the Crown Palladium this Friday evening. This is a huge thrill and a wonderful recognition of the enormous effort and desire from our ES staff to ensure the Kilberry Students have the best we can offer.

I wasn’t going to mention this until next week when we knew if we had actually won the Award or not, but the local paper was informed of our success and ran an article this week with the photo attached. If you read this you would have a little more information about the programs on offer and the reason for this magnificent achievement – fingers crossed that next week’s headlines will be ‘WE WON’.

Mothers Day

I am sure you had a tremendous day on Sunday where your children treated you to a time where you felt really appreciated. The items purchased at the Mothers Day stall were great again this year ensuring there was a good choice to be made.

If you missed the assembly last Friday and the senior assembly the Friday before, our students presented some tear jerker performances celebrating their wonderful mum’s. I greatly thank the parents who organised the Mothers Day stall and those who also conducted it on the day. Once again this was a great service to the school community – well done!!

ICAS Testing

We commence the ICAS testing program for those children who have decided to participate in these next Tuesday morning at 8.00am. Students are to be at school ready to go before 8.00am so the necessary preparations can be done. We will be blocking off the decking area to reduce the noise for these students on the morning of the tests. Most of them will be finished by 8.30 to 8.45 so there should not be a great issue.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Whilst I have your attention I would like to put a rumour to rest. I am only saying this because it has come to me a few times.

THERE IS NO COST FOR THE NAPLAN TESTING. I believe there was confusion between the ICAS testing which is a parent’s choice and did cost $70 for the whole package and the National NAPLAN testing program which is part of the curriculum, therefore - no cost.

Parking/Traffic/Consideration

Recently there have been City Of Casey parking inspectors around the school ensuring the road rules are being adhered to. I certainly trust they have been bored with nothing to do! I still remind some parents that the staff car parks are out of bounds. It is dangerous to enter these areas as there are staff and students at times walking through the car parks. I thank you for your cooperation.

Information Night Tonight

A final reminder that we are holding a School Information Night tonight (Wednesday) in the Gallery commencing at 7.00pm. This is a time where prospective families can come and hear the wonderful things that happen at Kilberry and the opportunities that are available for our students. If you know of anyone thinking about enrolling their child, tell them to come along.

Footy News

What a wonderful game from the HAWKERS! As the elections are coming up I thought I might nominate Luke Hodge for Prime Minister – what a leader; getting in the thick of it and leading by example … a tremendous effort from him again. With 7 games against the 2012 final 8 we are sitting at 6 wins with possibly an easier run the next month. I can only hope we retain that form the next time we play Geelong and into September! Go Hawkers!

Have a great week and keep smiling!

Neil Cunningham
On Friday 3rd May, 2KM participated in the Marvellous Magnets Incursion. We learnt how to make a wooden toy car that moves using magnetic force.
**Student Birthdays**

**13th May to 19th May, 2013**

- Anmolpreet Singh 1CS
- Siluni 3SC
- Annie 0CA
- Alyssa 5LT
- Kate 0RB
- Rueben 2MM
- Anthony 1SD
- Jessica 6SW
- Vibodh 0JB
- You 4JW
- Devmini 3RC
- Rayhan 2KM
- Jesselle 1KS
- Chloe 5SM
- A J 3SC
- Nicholas 3TS
- Pravin 3RC
- Jarrod 4RB

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**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.

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**Mother’s Day Stall News**

A very big thank you to all our parent helpers at our Mother’s Day stall held last Thursday.

We had a very successful day raising $1540.

Once again, activities such as these would not be possible without the tireless efforts of our parents.

Our thanks go to:

Belinda Haslett, Linda Hogan, Amanda Kirk, Maryanne Cataldo, Stella Estigarribia, Jacinta Parkinson, Storm Jones and Clare Isle

**MOST OF ALL WE HOPE ALL OUR MOTHERS HAD A WONDERFUL MOTHER’S DAY!**

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**Prep 2014 Information Night Tonight**

- **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.

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**Kilberry Community Library Sessions**

Kilberry Valley Primary School would like to invite parents with preschool children aged between 3-5 years old to attend a Story Time session and general book browsing in our school library.

A story will be read at 3:00pm in the library and the session will finish at 3:25pm.

**When:** 3:00pm - 3:25pm

**Term 2 dates are scheduled for:**

- Friday 17th. May
- Friday 31st. May
- Friday 7th. June
- Friday 14th. June
- Friday 21st. June

**Please note children must be accompanied by an adult during the sessions.**

**For any further information contact:** 9702 8688
Kilberry Valley Primary School

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Welfare Corner

Promoting independence
A key task of parenting is raising independent, self-motivated children who are able to appropriately use the support of parents and friends as they grow. You can help your child develop a healthy sense of independence. Independence is an important aspect of your child’s development. From the age of two, children strive for more independence. From this age, you should encourage your child to make simple choices about their lives. The degree of independence you can expect form your child must be appropriate to their age and abilities and varies with each different situation. Children may be more independent in some situations than others. It can be a common pitfall for busy parents to do things for children that children are capable of doing themselves. Though it may actually take more time initially for parents to support children to do age-appropriate tasks for themselves, your child's self-confidence and independence will grow as a result.

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - SPECIAL ORDER
Photos of the School Captains and House Captains are currently on display at the School Office and are available for purchase. The cost is $16 per photo
Please send an envelope with your child’s name, grade and number of the photo you wish to order and CORRECT money to the School Office by Tuesday 28th May, 2013.
Cheques should be made payable to MSP Photography
NO LATE PAYMENTS OR ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED