Dear Parents,

Breakfast Club
What an amazing effort this year our Breakfast Club helpers have made to ensure the school families have the opportunity to get together over a small breakfast. I would like to really thank Miss Jacqui Joyce for all her organization and the staff who have helped out each week. I also particularly thank the Portelli family, the Hart family & the Couch family for their regular and faithful assistance over the year to ensure this was the success it has been.

We had our last Breakfast Club last Friday and finished our yearly total with 2,820 meals served! What an amazing effort from you all – thanks heaps!!!!

End Of Year Reports
Due to the Australian Education Union work bans that are in place at the moment, your child’s report when it comes home on 18th December, may look a little different. AEU members participation in this protected industrial action, will not be writing comments on the reports. If this affects your child, they will still receive the progression point dots but there will be no written comments relating to their progress or achievement.

Half-Day Stop Work Action
I write to inform you that Wednesday 5th December has been designated as a half day Stop Work Action Day by the Australian Education Union. There will be a note sent out on Friday outlining the classes that will be affected by this action. This will mean that staff participating in this protected industrial action will not be on duty at school until 12.38pm on that day.

Human Powered Vehicle
I arrived last Friday at Maryborough to see the final preparations for the start of the 14 hour race. The team had done their presentation on Thursday and were excited to get into the vehicle and onto the track. There was much excitement as they pedalled around with approximately 70 other machines. There are all sizes and shapes of machines and it is quite a spectacle to behold.

Our team met a few challenges with some rolls in the machine and an unfortunate run of punctures, but they fought on and really kept a good time going all day. I am told the Saturday saw some excellent results also as the students frequently bettered their times.

I greatly thank the staff and parents attending for the magnificent manner in which the team performed and presented themselves well. They really represented Kilberry Valley Primary School very well indeed and I am sure this will be an event that will always be remembered as a wonderful experience.

Christmas Concert
The Annual Christmas Concert will be held next Thursday evening 6th December commencing at 6.00pm This is always a wonderful gathering of the school community and a lot of fun. So put this in your diary and I hope to see the whole community out in force on the night!!!

End of Year Dismissal
I remind you that we will be dismissing on the final day of term, Friday 21st December, at 1.00pm. Please ensure you make suitable arrangements to collect your children at this earlier time.

2013 Booklists
Please continue coming to the office to pay for your children’s supplies for 2013. To enable the correct order to be placed, we do require you to pay for your books and other contributions this year. Remember there is a discount on the voluntary contributions if they are paid before the end of the year. I look forward to seeing a rush at the office over the next few weeks to get this done by Friday 14th December. Contact the school for direct deposit details.

Have a great week and keep smiling!

Neil Cunningham
Principal
During Term Four, grade one students have been investigating the idea: Phenomena Occur in the World Around Us. Students in 1RC and 1TA wrote questions that they wanted to discover the answers to.

After that, the children decided which areas they wanted to explore. They worked in groups to answer the questions of their class mates and to teach us all about their area of inquiry. These photographs show the research work the children completed which may then be used to create published work. Well done everyone.
26th November to 2nd December, 2012

Max 0CS
Krystian 0LK
Scarlett 0RB
Zac 2CC
Alanna 2CC
Nigel 2CT
Malaynie 2RC
Maham 2RC
Elly 3JM
Sophie 3JP
Januda 3JW
Simon 4CS
Haylee 5RB
Kevin 5SM
Harley 6AH
Wendel 6AM

BOOKLIST & PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS 2013 – HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!

We would like to remind ALL families that orders and payments for next year are now being taken. Notices have been sent home with students. All monies will be required to be fully paid prior to the end of the 2012 school year.

The cost of the book pack across all year levels is $125 per student, which is excellent value and the same cost as the 2012 book pack.

All supplies will be distributed to the classroom teacher in January 2013.

The Curriculum Resource Contribution is $65 per student ($60 if paid by the end of the 2012 school year). This contribution ensures that high quality programs will continue to be provided to your child.

Payments can be made via the following methods:
Cash, Credit Card, Cheque, EMA (credit balance only) or Direct Deposit:
Kilberry Valley BSB: 063 616 Account No. 1012 2885
If paying via direct deposit, please contact the school for your family’s individual code.

If you have any questions regarding these matters please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on 9702 8688

FREE DRESS DAY
FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER
GOLD COIN DONATION

On Friday 7th December the children are encouraged to come in Free Dress with a Gold Coin Donation.

This is a Fundraising event for a Social Skills Program which will be running in 2013.

JUST A REMINDER
Clothing needs to be Sunsmart.
Thank You.

Zania Cope
Assistant Principal
Welfare

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

EMA Applications are ready to be completed for 2013.

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 29th January 2013  Term 3 15th July 2013

To apply for 2013 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.
Dear Parents,

In Prep our main idea for inquiry has been ‘Animals have a place in our world and people can care for them in many ways’. After meeting some workers from the RSPCA, Prep CS have decided they would like to help the RSPCA by collecting some things for the animals.

We are collecting:
- Old blankets, towels and sheets
- Pet toys
- Cans of pet food for cats or dogs

Please bring your donation of goods to Room B8 by Friday 7th December.

We hope you can help us care for these animals!

From Prep CS and Mrs Smith

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**WELFARE CORNER**

**How to assist children with Autism**

**Spectrum Disorders**

It is important to recognise that while the patterns of symptoms for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders are similar, no one child will have the same pattern of strengths and needs as another. Autism especially varies in severity and children may have very different levels of difficulty. Helping strategies need to be carefully matched to the individual child and to the needs, goals and strengths of each family. Consistency of approach is crucial for helping children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, so coordinating strategies at home and school is very important. Team work and planning that includes parents, teachers, the school psychologist, speech pathologist and other health professionals will help in achieving the best strategy for each individual student.

**General principles for assisting children with Autism Spectrum Disorders**

- **Minimise change, maximise predictability**
  - Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder respond best to predictable environments that emphasise routines. They typically do not cope well with change and may become anxious or disruptive when routines are disturbed.

- **Provide step-by-step guidance**
  - Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders have difficulty understanding abstract concepts. They learn best through clear and fully explained instructions and ongoing guidance. This applies to learning behaviours and routines at home as well as schoolwork.

- **Help them to learn about other’s social and emotional needs**
  - Social interactions are a key difficulty for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. They need to be shown how to notice others’ feelings and points of view and how to respond appropriately.

- **Tune into strengths**
  - Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders often have significant strengths as well as difficulties. Tuning into their unique views of the world helps others appreciate what they have to offer. Focusing on strengths builds children’s confidence and reduces anxiety.

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**ST KEVIN’S PARISH CATECHIST CLASSES FOR 2013**

Parish sacramental preparation classes will commence on Wednesday 6th March, 2013.

Students from Grades 2-6 wishing to enrol will need to contact St Kevin’s Parish House on 9799 2108 as soon as possible.

Enrolments will finish at the end of February.

Classes will run during the school term on Wednesdays from 4pm-5pm.

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**NARRE WARREN/BERWICK BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

For students in years 4,5,6,7 & 8 only.

Date:  Saturday 1st December
Time:  6.30pm to 10.00pm
Cost:  $10
Where:  Berwick Leisure Centre, Manuka Road, Berwick.

Any enquiries to Narre Warren Police Station
Ph: 9705 3111.

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**PRIMARY SCHOOL WEAR NEWS**

Primary School Wear will be closing for the Christmas break on Friday 21st December, 2012 and will reopen on Wednesday 2nd January, 2013.

For further enquiries please contact P$W on 9768 0333 or visit their website at www.psw.com.au

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**FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER**

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

**SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1PM**

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**TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER**

**WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER**

**THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER**

**FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER**

**CANTEEN CLOSED**

**STUDENTS MUST BRING THEIR OWN LUNCHES AND SNACKS**

**LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN SALES IN 2012**

**FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER**