Dear Parents,

**Kids Hope**

One of the amazing programs we offer at Kilberry Valley is the Kids Hope program. On a weekly basis we see wonderful volunteers coming to school to spend valuable time with some of our students. I was thrilled to see this type of community outreach in the school when I came in 2008 and the dedication of these people to assist our students is tremendous to witness. Each week we see a variety of activities being undertaken by the mentors and their students and great relationships being developed. Below is a notice from Bert Langerak, the Kids Hope coordinator inviting anyone to attend their church this Sunday as they highlight the Kids Hope program. I look forward to the pleasure of being able to address the church and thank them for their caring involvement with our students.

**COME AND JOIN US** on Sunday 18th November at the church that provides Kilberry Valley Primary School with Kids Hope Australia Mentors. The Christian Reformed Church of Casey is situated at 350-352 Pound Rd, Narre Warren South. We are having a special service focusing on Kilberry Valley Primary School and the work that the mentors do on a weekly basis. **One of the speakers will be Kilberry’s Principal – Mr. Cunningham.** The service commences at 9.30 a.m. Refreshments are served after the service. We would love to welcome you.

**Remembrance Day**

Congratulations to everyone, and in particular Ms Cifuentes, for the respectful manner in which the Remembrance Day ceremony was conducted last Friday. I was unfortunately not at school but am reliably informed that it was once again a tremendous time where the community met to thank and remember the fallen and currently serving defence personnel. We truly are fortunate to live in such a free country and need to remind ourselves from time to time. I also thank the Hampton Park Secondary College Cadets for their important part in the ceremony – it’s always great to see them and catch up with some of our ex students.

**Human Powered Vehicle**

The team is putting the final touches to their preparation for the big event in Maryborough next week. All the training and effort will come to the fore on Thursday to Saturday as they present their efforts and ride the vehicle in the event. I look forward to catching up with them on the Friday to see how they are travelling and I am sure they will give their best and make the absolute most of this amazing opportunity. I take this opportunity to thank Mr Bailey, Miss Weston, Miss Toates and Mrs Taylor for their time with the team and for attending with them over the 3 days. How good does the new machine look!!!! I think it looks fast so I can’t wait to see how many laps they can achieve this year!! All the best.

**2013 Book Supplies**

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. Contact the school for direct deposit details.

Have a great week and keep smiling

Neil Cunningham
Principal
3SC completed a Maths investigation task where they needed to design, create and evaluate a robot using 3D shape nets. Each student completed a design brief and made their own robot.

‘I enjoyed designing my robot and making it in 3D’—Indy
‘I liked making the shapes’—Tyrese and Yoyo.
‘I enjoyed making my robot’—Mehmet
‘I liked it when I had to join the shapes’—Viranya
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)
- 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.

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The changes to the payment amounts for EMA starting in 2013 include:

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  - Paid by 2 instalments annually: 70% March $140, & 30% in August $60
- $150 for parents of all other eligible primary school students
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Note that The School Start Bonus payment has been discontinued.

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):

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**BOOK CLUB**

Scholastic Book Club order forms have been sent home with students. Orders and payments for Book Club MUST be returned by Friday, 23rd November, 2012. 
**NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

If paying by cheque, please make them payable to Scholastic Book Club

Please enclose correct money when ordering as no change can be given.

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**FREE TOAST @ BREAKFAST CLUB!**

Breakfast Club is offering FREE TOAST to a particular year level each week.

This week all **JUNIOR STUDENTS (GRADES Prep—2)** who visit Breakfast Club are offered a FREE piece of toast.

Reminder of Breakfast Club details:

**Time:** 8:30-8:55am  
**Day:** FRIDAY mornings  
**Place:** New Gym  
**Cost:** 10c for 1 piece of toast 10c for 1 bowl of cereal and milk

Our tally of meals served at Breakfast Club so far this year is now a whopping 2536 WOW! Let’s see if we can hit 3000! (We are getting very close to our target). Watch this space again next week and find out!

**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 complete ‘Nut Free Zone’. Thank you for your understanding.

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**WELFARE CORNER**

**How parents and carers can help children cope with grief.**

Knowing what to say and how to talk to children to help with loss and grief is not easy, especially when you are also experiencing a loss and all the feelings that go with it.

**Acknowledge children’s feelings**

Let children know that you understand they are having difficult feelings. Offer support and reassurance. Let them talk about feelings and ask questions.

**Children need to know**

Explain what has happened in plain language that children can understand.

**Maintain routines**

Along with loss there are usually big changes. Keeping up normal routines as much as possible reduces the number of changes and helps children feel more secure.

**Talk about your feelings**

Children are sensitive to your moods and reactions. Telling children how you feel, and how you are managing your feelings, helps children make sense of their own feelings. It is important to be real with children, but try not to burden them with your emotional needs. By showing children that you can cope with grief, even though you are sad, you can help them understand grief as a normal part of life.

**Get your own support**

Sometimes your own grief will make it difficult for you to support your child. Be sure you too seek support to help you through your own grief, whether from friends, family or a professional counsellor.

**Let the school know**

Letting your child’s teachers know what has happened means they can support and monitor your child’s well being at school.

When grief is very intense or when it lasts a long time it can interfere with children’s ability to manage everyday life. It may also lead to mental health problems such as anxiety or depression. If you are concerned that youchild is not coping with a loss, you should consider seeking additional help from a health professional such as your local doctor or psychologist.

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**MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER**

**TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER**

**WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER**

**THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER**

**FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER**

**CANTENE CLOSED**

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

**LAST DAY FOR CANTENE SALES IN 2012**

**FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER**

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**ALKIRA SECONDARY COLLEGE**

**GRADE 6 INFORMATION NIGHT**

**TUESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, 2012 AT 5.45PM**

**ALKIRA THEATRE**

**15 NURTURE AVENUE, CRANBOURNE NORTH**

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**Waverley Gymnastics Centre**

**MARRE WARREN CAMPUS**

Waverley’s Narre Warren campus at Fountain Gate Primary offers fun & challenging gymnastics classes for primary school-aged children of all abilities.

Classes are held on Wednesdays & Thursdays!

**JOIN UP NOW AND GET A HEAD START FOR 2013!**

All classes are taken by qualified and registered coaches and are held in the Fountain Gate Primary School Gymnasium Prospect Hill Road, Narre Warren (Melways Ref. 110 B1)

For enquiries or a FREE trial class, please call the office on 9887-9611 or visit www.waverley.gymnastics.org.au