Dear Parents,

Today’s Valley Views is a compilation of stories from two of our students outlining some recent successes.

**Cup Stacking World Record Day**

On Thursday 15th November Kilberry Valley Primary School participated in Guinness World Record Day 2012. The goal for 2012 was for 450,000 people around the world to “Stack Up” in the category “Most People Sport Stacking At Multiple Locations In One Day” for 30 minutes.

Details from previous years are:
- 2007 - 81,252
- 2008 - 143,530
- 2009 - 276,053
- 2010 - 316,736
- 2011 - 412,259.

During lunchtime C7 and C8 were open to do a quick stack. Everyone who participated got a sticker and was counted on a tally board. We had 535 people “Stack Up” in half an hour. My goal was for 500+ participants in this school to stack.

Results are now being verified by The WSSA (World Sport Stacking Association). We have already passed last years total and at the time of printing, we are only a few thousand away from reaching our goal for the world. Totals are being updated daily.

A photographer from the “Cranbourne News” came to the event and will publish a story in this week’s paper.

I would like to thank my teachers Ms Cathy Smith and Miss Mahindru, my classmates and other students who helped run the event to make it a big success.

Brayden Hogan
4CS
(Australian Champion 10/U Division 2012)

**Creative Problem Solving Competition Winner**

One day I saw in the newsletter a notice saying anybody who is interested in entering the Creative Problem Solving Competition held by the North Shore Coaching College, to go and get a form from Mrs Caputo. The next day my mum and I went and took a form. Then my dad signed the form and posted it. A few weeks later I got a letter to come and sit the exam. I went to the Melbourne University to sit the exam. It was a long journey. We had to take a train and a tram. Early November I got an invitation to go to the University again to go to the ceremony. I was among the award winners in the competition. I was really happy! A few days later I went with my family to the University again. We went to the award ceremony. I saw our School Captain there. He won an award too. I got a trophy, certificate and some presents. It was late when I got home. The next day I took my presents and trophy to show. Mrs Wheeler told me to show Mrs Pelletier. She gave me lots of stickers. Then she took me to Mr Cunningham and he gave me a Principal’s award sticker. I’m really happy because it’s the first time I got a Principal’s Award and a trophy.

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**End Of Term Dismissal**

The last day for 2012 will be Friday 21st December. I have been asked the dismissal time by a few parents so I inform you all it will be 1:00pm

**Human Powered Vehicle Challenge**

Good luck to our team as they compete this week in Maryborough. We know you will do well!!

**Premiers’ Reading Challenge**

Once again this year we have seen 100% participation from our school students and even some of the Community Library pre-school students. Our friends Mrs Graley (local member of Parliament) and Mrs Kirner (ex Victorian Premier) were on hand to congratulate the students who read 100+ books. Well done to everyone – another amazing effort!!!!

Have a great week and keep smiling!
Neil Cunningham
Principal
1AM AND 1MR’S INQUIRY UNIT—CHANGE!
For term 4 we are looking at phenomena that occurs on our Earth and with animals.
We have thought of some fantastic questions to find the answers to!

*We wonder if you know any of these answers?*

- **How does the Sun and Earth move?**
  - Dhanidu 1AM

- **What makes thunder?**
  - Why doesn’t it come all the time?
  - Darren 1MR

- **Where do the caterpillars make their cacoon?**
  - Lexie 1MR

- **Are we the closest planet to the Sun?**
  - Inuka 1AM

- **Why don’t volcanoes explode everyday?**
  - Masha 1MR

- **How often do scorpions shed their skin?**
  - John 1MR

- **How do snakes get out of their eggs?**
  - Callum 1AM

- **How do tadpoles turn into frogs?**
  - Morrsal 1MR

- **How does the sun get hotter?**
  - Kaleb 1AM
BOOKLIST & PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS 2013

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

The Government is restructuring the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013 to better provide education support to families on a low income. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and Year 7 to support transition costs.

The EMA is being restructured to increase the focus on direct support to parents. The changes to the payment amounts for EMA starting in 2013 include:

**$200 for parents of eligible Prep students per year**
Paid by 2 instalments annually: 70% March $140, & 30% in August $60

**$150 for parents of all other eligible primary school students**
Paid by 2 instalments annually: 70% in March $105, & 30% in August $45

School-based EMA payments will be discontinued in 2013. 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):
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.
Kilberry Valley Primary School

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KILBERRY VALLEY NOTICES SENT HOME

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

YEAR 6 2013 WINDCHEATER & POLO SHIRT ORDER FORM
Order forms and payments must be received by Monday, 3rd December, 2012.

GRADE 6 CAMP 2013
Consent forms and a non-refundable deposit of $50 MUST be received by Friday, 30th November, 2012. Final payments will be due by Monday 4th February, 2013. The approximate cost of the camp is $270.

GRADE SIX GRADUATION NIGHT & GRADUATION EXCURSION
Consent forms and payments MUST be returned by Thursday 6th December, 2012. The cost of this activity is $30 (with an optional Lunch deal for an extra $11—please read your notice carefully).

LIFE SKILLS CHRISTMAS EXCURSION (SELECTED STUDENTS)
Consent forms and payments MUST be returned by Friday, 7th December, 2012. The cost of this activity is $10.

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.

THANK YOU BREAKFAST CLUB HELPERS!
Friday 23rd of November will be the last Breakfast Club for 2012. I would like to take the opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to our wonderful parents and families that have helped make this service so successful. Thank you to our following families for their countless weeks of volunteering…

The Portelli Family, The Hart Family & The Couch Family
This Program would also not be possible without the help of the KVPS staff who volunteer their time to every Friday morning. Thank you to……
Mrs Roberts, Miss Mellett, Miss Riley, Mrs Cope, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Lynne, Mrs O’Neil & Mrs Bond
At present the 2012 Breakfast Club yearly Tally is 2632 meals served. Since this Friday is our last Breakfast Club for 2012 we are offering FREE TOAST to ALL students.

Thanks again for another wonderful year.
Miss Joyce

WEWELFARE CORNER
What are Autism Spectrum Disorders?
Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) are disorders that influence the way the brain develops and works. Many aspects of children’s development are affected, causing problems with communication, social relatedness and unusual behaviours.

Research suggests that up to 0.6% of children in Australia may have an Autism Spectrum Disorder. The most common of the Autism Spectrum Disorders are Autism (also known as Autistic Disorder), High Functioning Autism (HFA) and Asperger’s Syndrome (AS). The idea that there is a spectrum of Autism Disorders highlights that children with ASDs may have symptoms that range from being very severe with impacts in most areas of their lives, to more moderate symptoms that are less limiting.

Children with moderate symptoms of ASD are usually diagnosed with High Functioning Autism or Asperger’s Syndrome.

How are Autism Spectrum Disorders diagnosed?
There is no single test for diagnosing any of the Autism Spectrum Disorders. To make a diagnosis a thorough assessment is best undertaken by a team of mental health professionals. The team may include a paediatrician or psychiatrist, a speech pathologist, a psychologist and an occupational therapist. They will comprehensively review the child’s progress through early development, any prior experience of trauma or ill health, family circumstances, learning and school behaviours.

Sometimes teachers and families are asked to fill out questionnaires related to the child’s behaviour.

The diagnosis is based on all of the information collected. Children with relatively severe Autism are usually diagnosed by the age of three years. Intellectual disability is common in this group. Those with High Functioning Autism or Asperger’s Syndrome may not be given a diagnosis until midway through primary school when their problems become more obvious in comparison to other children.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU
We would like to extend our thanks to Gail Murphy for her invaluable assistance organising the packing of fruit bags for our classrooms every week throughout this semester.
It is fantastic when we have such great support from parents in our school community.

We would like to also thank Mrs Cathy Smith and Grade 4CS for their help in distributing the fruit bags to our classes throughout the school
AWESOME!

MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER
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