Dear Parents,

Congratulations
Throughout the year we have been conducting testing programs from the University of New South Wales and the Australian Mathematics Competition. I would greatly like to thank Mrs. Pelletier for her organisation and the amazing group of parents who have also contributed a huge amount of their time to ensure the tests have been organized, information collated, money received and the final certificates have been given to the students. We could not have not been able to offer this program at Kilberryl without your strong commitment and assistance – thanks heaps!

The final two test results are below. I congratulate all the students who have been involved and especially congratulate the Distinction and High Distinction recipients as listed below.

**ICAS English and Mathematics Competitions**

Congratulations to all students who stayed after school to sit the University of New South Wales ICAS English and Mathematics competitions last term. We had some great results, particularly in maths. I’d like to make special mention of the following students who performed very well.

For English they are:
Year 4: Distinction – Kevindu and Dylan
Year 5: Distinction – Devine, Amandi and Sasuni
Year 6: Distinction – Devine

For Mathematics they are:
Year 3: Distinction – Ashiri and Sasuni
Year 4: Distinction – Kevindu and Sasuni
Year 5: Distinction – Kevindu, Shanesi and Dylan
Year 6: Distinction – Kevindu and Dylan

**Australian Mathematics Competition**

Congratulations to the 78 students who competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition on August 2nd. All students should be very proud of themselves as there were some very tricky questions in these tests. We have received the students’ results and below are the students who performed particularly well.

Year 3: Distinction – Linuka
Year 4: Distinction – Dimuthu, Kevindu, Sasuni and Dylan
Year 5: Distinction – Sasuni
Year 6: Distinction – Sasuni and Sasuni

Congratulations to Ushan from Year 6 who received the Prudence Award for achieving the school’s highest number of consecutive correct answers.

**Prep Information Evening**

We had over 130 people attend the 2013 Prep Information Evening last Wednesday and once again it was a wonderful night with explanations about the commencement of the 2013 school year. I thank the Prep team for all their preparation and the wonderful staff who came along to babysit – most appreciated!!

Today saw the first transition session where we were able to talk to many parents regarding the way to use all the exciting things in the ‘Welcome Pack’ that each 2013 Prep child will receive.

**Are You Leaving?**

If you are moving on next year please ensure you let the office know so we can assure the correct information is passed onto your next school and also to assist us with the numbers in each year level for our planning.

**Newsletter Subscriptions**

I hope your child has mentioned the homework I set the years 3 to 6. Please ensure you check out the new school website and click the button to register for the notifications when the Valley Views has been uploaded. We are aiming for everyone in the school community to access the newsletter electronically.

**It’s great to receive some help at times!!!**

I had the pleasure this week of receiving some assistance from Chelsea of 1KS, as she helped take a school tour and also wrote the next section of the newsletter. Unfortunately, the news she is reporting is not positive as we did have some vandalism over the weekend.

“1KS and 1CH is very sad because, our Garden bed has died. It has been pulled out and been stepped on. When I came to school on Monday I saw no parsley, the carrots were bent and the spinach was wrecked. I was very sad, but I’m glad it got that far and we saw lots of CHANGES from it. If you saw any thing or saw someone in the school please go to Mr. Cunningham.”

Chelsea 1KS

What a great report and I am pleased to see the learning that your classes have gained from this unfortunate event. Thank you Chelsea for being my Valley Views Co Writer this week.

Have a great week and keep smiling!

Neil Cunningham
Principal
In term 3 students worked independently to research different countries and their unique cultures.

I enjoyed making a paper mosaic flag and researching about the accordion. Frank.

I really liked being able to choose my own topics because I could pick topics that interested me. I also enjoyed making my mosaic flag. Ella.

I enjoy playing with the whole grade and we can see how well we manage our money. Blake

Monopoly lets us practise using money and we have to make responsible choices. Ghafur

I think monopoly is fun and it helps us with our maths. Natalie

This term we are inquiring about different things that impact the global economy. To start off the topic we have been playing a whole class game of Monopoly.
22nd October to 28th October, 2012

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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 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, or 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 NOTICES SENT HOME
The following notices have been sent home to families and require your prompt attention:

DANCE FOOTSTEPS YEARS 3 & 4
Consent forms and payments MUST be received by Wednesday, 31st October, 2012.
The cost of this excursion is $10

GRADE 6 SUMMER SPORTS LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP (SELECTED STUDENTS ONLY)
Consent forms and payments MUST be received by Wednesday, 7th November, 2012.
The cost of this excursion is $7.50

YEAR 3 OVERNIGHT STAY
Consent forms and payments MUST be received by Thursday 15th, November, 2012.

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WELFARE CORNER
Meeting different kinds of relationship needs
Two-parent families are built on the primary couple relationship and this continues to have a major influence on relationships among all family members. Parents can find it a challenge to meet children’s needs as well as their own needs as partners; however ensuring that some time is set aside to attend to the couple relationship is very important. When conflict between parents is not resolved, it may impact directly on children and/or on parenting effectiveness. Maintaining effective communication and support for each other as parents enhances the couple relationship and supports positive relationships in the family as a whole.

Solo parents frequently miss the support that having another parent or carer would provide and may feel over-stretched by the responsibility of caring for children alone. For solo parent families in particular, having a support network of friends and relatives makes a big difference. Separated solo parents and children also benefit from having a positive co-parenting arrangement with the other parent. This can be achieved when parents and carers value and respect the importance of children having opportunities to develop their relationships with both parents.

Blended and step-families can have more complex relationship needs to take into account. Children may feel their prior relationships with parents or carers are displaced by the new couple relationship. Family members, especially children, may still be grieving the loss of their original family. New relationships between children and parents or carers need to be negotiated and old ones renegotiated. Children may spend time with two families who have different expectations of them. These changes can cause significant strain and stress to children as well as to parents and new partners. It is important to reassure children that they will still have the love and support of both parents. Taking things slowly helps by allowing time for everyone to adjust to new circumstances. Making realistic expectations and house rules clear to all step-family members is very important. For example, it is especially helpful for children and step-parents to recognise that they don’t have to love one another but they are expected to treat each other with respect.

SCHOOL MUSICAL DVD ORDER FORM
“ELL A & FELLA” - $25 EACH
HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! - LAST WEEK FOR ORDERS!
PLEASE RETURN ALL ORDERS WITH CORRECT PAYMENT TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 2012
NO LATE ORDERS OR PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED
ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2012
Remembrance Day is on 11th November, 2012. We have 3 types of poppies on sale this year at the School Office priced at 50 cents, $2 and $5 each. We also have wrist bands priced at $3 each. Proceeds from this appeal are used in welfare work carried out by the Dandenong RSL.

FREE TOAST @ BREAKFAST CLUB!
Breakfast Club is offering FREE TOAST to a particular year level each week.
This week all SENIOR STUDENTS (GRADES 3-6) 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 2091, WOW! Let’s see if we can hit 3000! 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.

MELBOURNE CUP EVE AT KILBERRY VALLEY
Monday 5th November

Dear Parents
You are invited to take part in our K V P S Melbourne Cup Picnic On The Oval Day. There will be various activities running, including "Fashions on the Field" and a Family picnic on the oval. Certificates for the best dressed and best hat will be given for both parents and students. Join us for a picnic at the oval, at 12.00 - 12.25pm for the junior school (Prep to grade 2) and 12.30 - 1.00pm for the senior school (grades 3 to 6).

Hope to see you there so please mark this on your calendar.
It’s a no alcohol or smoking zone on the school grounds.

Miss Cifuentes

CANTEEN CLOSED ON MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER (CUP EVE)
STUDENTS MUST BRING THEIR OWN LUNCHES