Dear Parents,

The weather is trying to warm up and hopefully it will stay for the Melbourne Cup holiday next Tuesday. Speaking of the Melbourne Cup, I hope you are able to come to school on Monday to join in the fun that is being planned. For those who are dressing up it is a casual dress day, otherwise normal uniform is expected. Year Level awards will be handed out at the whole school assembly at 3.00pm for fashions on the field. Further on in the Valley Views are the details of the day with various highlights and activities for you to watch or join in.

We will be having a little fun and hope you can enjoy this with us. Look forward to seeing you!

**Ella and Fella DVD – Don’t miss out!**

Orders are being taken for the copies of the tremendous Ella and Fella production last term. The closing date in this Friday to make sure you get your order in or you will miss out!!

**2013 Booklists**

It is great to see people coming to the office to pay for their 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.

**Remembrance Day**

The annual Remembrance Day ceremony will be conducted at school on Friday 9th November. This is always a very moving and meaningful time when we can reflect on how fortunate we are to live in such a great country. This is also a time to thank the people who have made it this way and the current personnel whose role it is to ensure we stay a lucky country.

**Swooping Bird - Beware**

Due to nesting season we have a very protective bird that has swooped a few people over the last week. As you enter or leave this school near the 3/4 playground, please be aware of this.

**Newsletter Subscriptions**

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. **2013 will be the year we will cease running off hard copies of the Valley Views**, so why not get into the habit this year and receive your copy electronically. Getting the email notification each week makes it so easy as you don’t have to remember – you will be sent a reminder and a direct link. **So sign up now!!**

**Kilberry Café**

The numbers are growing each week so why not join the growing crowd and come a little early for the assembly each week and have a cuppa with some other school community members in the gymnasium foyer. Love to see you there.

**2013 Prep Transition**

The first transition session happened last Wednesday with the students really having a fantastic time. We also had the pleasure of talking to 30 parents in a session outlining some activities the students could do with the amazing things in their Welcome Pack over the Christmas break. Today was the second session for this group and the other half of the Preps commence their transition next Wednesday.

Have a great week and keep smiling!

Neil Cunningham
Principal
Every week, Prep RB enjoys PMP with Miss Holmquest, Mrs Prib, Mrs Barratt and Grade 6 helpers.

Brayden is practising a pencil roll.

We listen to a list of colors then jump into the hoops or onto the circles in the correct order. We are very good at listening and can remember about 5 colors.

Sakura is walking heel and toe along the white line.

PMP is fun!

Gabriela is learning about body shape and position by crawling through the tunnel.

Robert is jumping and hopping in the hoops.

Tiyanie and Lachlan are practising good throwing and catching techniques on the rebound net.

Perceptual Motor Program
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 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

You are invited to take part in our K.V.P.S Melbourne Cup Picnic On The Oval. 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 on 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 and no smoking zone on the school grounds.

Welfare Team

FREE TOAST @ BREAKFAST CLUB!

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WELFARE CORNER

What supports strong family relationships

Two main dimensions of the parenting role have been found to have important effects on family relationships and on children’s development, no matter what kind of family children are raised in. These are:

1) Communicating warmth and care.
2) Establishing clear and appropriate limits for children’s behaviour.

Positive styles of communication are a common element that supports both of these dimensions. All families experience ups and downs as they strive to do their best for children and deal with challenges that come along. The biggest challenges in family relationships are communication breakdown, parenting issues and difficult relationship dynamics. Acknowledging existing family strengths is a good starting point for addressing challenges and building stronger family relationships.

Caring and commitment are the basis of strong family relationships. This means making the wellbeing of family members a first priority and offering support when needed. Some families seem to pull together easily, while for others it takes greater effort. To build strong family relationships start by identifying the strengths you do have and appreciating them. Paying attention to the things that work well and building on them will help to strengthen your relationships.

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