Dear Parents,

**Pupil Free Day Friday 12th December.**

I remind you that Friday is a Pupil Free Day where no students are to come to school. Staff will be meeting in their 2015 teams to plan for the commencement of the school year.

**Christmas Concert In a Day – Thursday 11th December at 6.00pm**

Tomorrow night, Thursday 11th December, is our Christmas Concert in a Day!!! Hopefully the weather will have picked up a little by then and we will be basking in sunshine while the students present their items to a packed basketball court.

For those who are new to Kilberry this year, this one of the great nights on the Kilberry Calendar where the whole school community comes together to celebrate Christmas and the great year we have had in 2014. The students gather with their class and wait their turn to perform. Then after the parents have gone crazy with applause, they return to sit with their class to watch other classes perform their item. Classes are grouped to reduce the number of items and also to encourage cross age interaction amongst the students.

It is always a wonderful night of fun and sick jokes from our comparcs, Miss Rendall and Mr Jenkins.

There will be some sausages and drinks for sale on the night and I hope to see you there!

**First 2015 Transition Session**

I am unfortunately off ill at the moment, but have been informed that yesterday’s first transition session was very successful as the students met their 2015 teacher and their new classmates.

Much time, thought and effort goes into these placements and I thank you for your appreciation of the huge task it is. This is always a time of excitement and some nerves but I am sure overall it was a lot of fun getting to know some new friends and maybe a new staff member.

**Appreciation Morning Tea – You Are Welcome! – Wednesday 17th December at 11.00am**

We will be offering a morning tea to anyone who has been able to help Kilberry Valley Primary School move forward during 2014. There are a number of groups and people who are regularly able to give time, but I also want to point out that if you are a positive, encouraging parent/carer who gets your children to school each day prepared, in full uniform and with a smile on their face, you are also most welcome to attend. The role you play in ensuring your child displays the right attitude greatly assists their learning and those around them. We would also like to show our appreciation to you.

So please come along on Wednesday 17th December at 11.00am in the Hall.
Term Ends Friday 19th December – Dismissal 1.00pm
Only one and a half weeks to go till we break for 2014. The final day will be Friday 19th December and we will dismiss at 1.00pm.
We will hold a final assembly at 11.40am and you are most welcome to attend to celebrate the end of the year with the students.

Materials and Requisites – Bookpacks and Parent Contributions – 2015
Again I remind you of the importance of getting your 2015 school contributions paid as soon as possible. A part of our 2015 planning is the assurance that all our students have the correct supplies for the beginning of the year. This is why we have sent home the information and placed a more detailed sheet in the Valley Views for a number of weeks now.
As you read the information (later in the newsletter) you will see we have been able to keep the contributions to a minimum and it is actually the same amount at in 2014. We are only able to do this tremendous price as we buy in bulk and have it delivered to school at the one time.
I ask you to contact the office to arrange payment as soon as you can.

Have a great week and keep smiling!

Neil Cunningham
Principal

Kilberry Valley Primary School
BOOK PACKS AND REQUISITES FOR 2015

PAYMENT NOW DUE FOR DELIVERY IN 2015

Cost per child is $135 for Book Packs and $60 for Curriculum Resource Contribution

Please finalise this payment IMMEDIATELY. This will ensure your child receives their packs in January 2015.

Payment options are: Cheque, EFT, Cash, Credit Balance, Direct Deposit (contact school for Family Code—Phone 9702 8688)
BSB 063 616 Acct 1012 2885
EXITING STUDENTS

If your family intends to leave Kilberry Valley at the end of the 2014 school year, would you please contact the School Office on 9702 8688 as soon as possible as this will assist us with planning for 2015.

Alternately, if you know of any families who are interested in enrolling at Kilberry Valley for 2015, please ask them to contact the School Office on 9702 8688.

Thank you
In 1JT and 1CT we have been learning about ‘From Nature to Me’ and we have grown some Hairy Harry grass heads!

“They were easy to make”
- Jackson

“They need water to grow”
- Lisara

“We needed a jar, a stocking, seeds and soil to make them”
- Zakir

“They can grow grass anywhere”
- Matthew

“They are hairy”
- Wazha

“The stocking sucks the water up”
- Olivia
Launch of a new online service - Volunteer to Employee Working with Children (WWC) Check

From 2nd December, Volunteer check-holders can switch to an Employee WWC Check online.

People who have a Volunteer Working with children check and need to get an Employee Check to do paid work, can now do their application fully online.

To switch from a Volunteer to an Employee Working with children Check, simply go to the Working with children website:

- Register or log into their My Check account
- Select the “Volunteer to Employee Check” under the My Check menu
- Verify or update personal, contact, and organisation details
- Submit the Employee WWC Check application
- Pay the fee using a credit card

The screening and assessment process starts immediately. Most people can begin child-related work whilst this is happening however, some people cannot.
WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
We would like to remind parents who are interested in helping at the school in any way, that you will require a Working With Children Check.

YOU CANNOT ASSIST IN ANY CAPACITY WITHIN THE SCHOOL UNLESS YOU HAVE A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK. THIS INCLUDES EXCURSIONS, INCURSIONS & CLASSROOM HELP.

There is no cost involved.

Application forms can be accessed by visiting the Department of Justice website at www.justice.vic.gov.au and follow the link for Licences and Certificates.

Once you have received your Working With Children Check card, bring it to the office to register and wear the card whenever you volunteer at the school.

This will ensure an even greater level of security for your children.

THANK YOU
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your School Council has given careful consideration to student booklists and requisites for 2015. The school has developed this booklist in conjunction with teachers and our School Council endorsed supplier. All monies will be required to be fully paid prior to the end of the 2014 school year. The book pack, curriculum materials and voluntary contributions has been divided into 2 sections. All supplies will be delivered directly to your child’s grade in the new year.

Implementing this payment structure is the CHEAPEST and SUREST way of having ALL children commence the school year with the SAME high quality supplies. This will assist with a smooth start to the school year for everyone.

NO CHANGE FROM THE 2014 COSTS DUE TO A GREAT DEAL WITH OUR SUPPLIER.

This structure conforms to the Government Policy where parents are required to provide such items as text books, dictionaries, calculators, student stationery, materials for electives, Art supplies, diaries etc and programs provided by outside specialists eg Mathletics, Spellodrome and SuperClubs.

Section A: $135.00
Booklist items and curriculum supplies (Essential Items) which are a critical part of the school budget.

The funds we receive from the State Government covers salaries, administration, telephone, gas, electricity and property maintenance only.

Curriculum supplies are provided to the school in bulk and cover such items as paper, art materials, first aid supplies, developmental curriculum requisites, computer programs and IPAD applications.

As you would be aware the children participate in computer programs and as we are no longer able to have these as a free trial there has to be a cost passed on to the students.

The school encourages all parents to use the school provided items as a means of ensuring their child has the exact materials required. Please note that the option of purchasing specific items from the school and others from alternative sources is unavailable.

Section B: Voluntary Contribution
The school community is working hard at developing our classroom programs, resources, grounds development and Information Technology resources.

The support of all families will ensure that high quality programs will continue to be provided for your child. Most importantly the community can feel proud of the high level of support you have given to your child’s education.

School Council has been mindful in keeping contributions to a minimum while endeavouring to provide the best possible educational opportunities. With this in mind there has been no increase in the requested contribution from $60 if paid prior to the end of the 2014 school year. If paid in 2015 the amount is $65.00.

Total Amount $195.00—less than $1.00 per day.

Neil Cunningham
Principal
The SRC are requesting donations of NON-PERISHABLE food items.

Each year the KVPS community generously donate food to the Casey Christian Reform Church in order to assist families within our community who might be doing it tough.

The donated items will be presented to the church representative at the final school assembly on December 19th.

Donations of non-perishable food items such as tinned food, dry pasta, rice, packet mixes, condiments, also personal hygiene items such as soaps, toothpaste and shampoo etc are now being accepted at the office or to your child’s teacher.
PADDLE POP AND LUNCH ORDER
FREE GIFT GIVEAWAY

FOR THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS EVERY LUNCH ORDER WITH ANY PADDLE POP ITEM ON IT WILL RECEIVE A FREE GIFT.
ST KEVIN’S PARISH CATECHIST CLASSES FOR 2015

Religious education classes will commence on March 4th (Wednesday) from 4.00pm - 5.00pm. Enrolment forms may be collected from the Parish house.

Students previously enrolled will need to inform the Parish Secretary if they will be returning in 2015 - unless they have done so already. Enrolments must be finalised by 20th February as after this date there may not be any places available.

Please ring the following number for more information: 9799 2108.

Thank you for your co-operation.

HAMPTON PARK CENTRE
Hampton Park Secondary College
58 Fordholm Road, Hampton Park

We are happy to announce that Sinhala language is offered at the above centre from Prep to VCE on every Saturday from 9.00am to 12.20pm.

Enrolments for 2015 are now open.

To enroll your child, please log into www.vsl.vic.edu.au

For more information please contact:
Thushari Perera (Coordinator-Sinhala language)
0425754920/97052082

GRADE 6—BRIARS OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP

Unfortunately due to lack of number attending, there will be an increase of cost.

The total cost of the camp will be $325.00. Could you please make the remaining payment by the due date Monday 2nd February 2015.

Thank you
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:

GRADE 6 BRIARS OUTDOORS EDUCATION CAMP 2015
FINAL PAYMENT WILL BE DUE BY MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY, 2015.
The cost of the camp is $325.

2015 BOOKPACKS
Payment for the 2015 Book Packs is due IMMEDIATELY

GRADE 6 2015 WINDCHEATER & POLO SHIRT ORDERS
Orders and payments must be received by 30th January, 2015.
Windcheaters are $28 each and Polo shirts are $25 each.

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.

LATE PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED

FRIDAY
12TH DECEMBER
CURRICULUM DAY
STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM
Every Tuesday and Thursday
3.15pm—3.45pm
$ 2.00 per item of clothing

CANTEEN NEWS
There will be NO CANTEEN on
Thursday 18th and Friday 19th
December 2014.

Canteen will re-open on
Monday 2nd February 2015