Dear Parents,

Be Alert Not Alarmed!!

I bring to your attention a few instances in the last week in Narre Warren and other areas of Hampton Park where students have been approached, or followed, after school by an unknown person in a car. Each incident described a different person. Staff have had discussions in the classroom regarding this and I would ask you to also emphasise the issues of talking to someone they do not know while they are travelling to and from school.

I also inform you that one of our staff members had an unfortunate incident on the weekend walking through the wetlands when a man on a cycle tried to steal her bag as he rode past. Therefore it’s a great time to be alert to things happening around the school and please call the police if you have any concerns.

Please also feel free to let me know if you have any concerns.

School Council - Elections

I thank the following people for nominating for School Council for 2015:

DET Representative: Kylie Spalding
Parent Representative: Preety Sharma, Tracey Hayes, Kenneth May, Melissa Trotter and Jacinta Parkinson

Therefore your School Council members for 2015 will be:

Parent Representatives: Michelle Hosking, Roowaiza Ayaisha, Preety Sharma, Tracey Hayes, Kenneth May, Melissa Trotter and Jacinta Parkinson
DET Representatives: Christine Taylor, Kylie Spalding, Neil Cunningham

I very much look forward to working with the 2015 council to continue to seek improvements for the Kilberry Valley students and school community.

I take this opportunity to thank Mal Athauda for his time on council. Mal was a very encouraging and positive member and on your behalf, I thank him for his contributions to our school over the last two years.

Leadership Excursion Experience

Each year our school leaders spend a day with Captain Eric from CHIPS (Christians Helping In Primary Schools) learning insights into leadership and the wonderful qualities that they should strive for to simply be better people with a heart for others. They boarded the bus with Mrs. Newport and Mrs. Taylor and spent the day down at Phillip Island. Captain Eric is one of the most positive people you could ever meet and always leaves the students challenged whilst thinking about their qualities and the values they hold.
Captain Eric’s Lessons on Leadership:
The 3 ways of thinking about a situation:
Wish – it wasn’t happening.
Whinge – that it is happening.
Work it out to solve the issue.
Every leader has value and hope.
Ask for help to stop your problems getting bigger.
Only you can do it.
Three steps to achieving - start, stepping out, starring.
Something little can block out/stop something big happening.
FEAR: False Expectations Appearing Real
In leadership, nothing is more important than kindness.
Kindness is a value everyone can have.
Kindness creates more kindness.
We can’t all be the fastest or the smartest but we can all be kind.
Treat people the way you want to be treated.
Attitude determines your Altitude.

The leaders also captured some of their thoughts from the day; a selection follows:
Thank you for teaching us how to be kind.
I have learnt how to work better in a team and I learnt that you have to ask to learn.
I would like to thank your crew and of course yourself for letting me gain my confidence. Now I won’t get nervous when my teacher tells me to get into groups. Leadership requires a team of people who work well together. If you’re a leader it means that you should listen to everyone in your group and not just make everyone do what you say.
We enjoyed all of the activities and your magic tricks, but most importantly, we learnt lots of new and useful things. You taught us how to be great leaders but also to be great people in general. You’re a great role model and you’ve inspired all of us to be a great person like you when we grow up.
I really like the bush trail because I learnt about eating, healing and nature. If I get lost in the woods or something like that, I would know what to do.

The way you teach is fantastic. You taught us stuff through fun, games, magic and lots of awesome activities and we can’t forget all of your phrases and quotes to remember extremely important things in life.

I am really pleased the students had this opportunity and I am sure it will assist them in their leadership roles for the year. I am so pleased to see the positive example they are already displaying and their confidence organising the assemblies and speaking is a treat to watch.

Labour Day Holiday
I trust you will have a great long weekend. The weather looks good so hopefully you can enjoy what Melbourne has to offer through the exciting Moomba festivities.

Have a great week and keep smiling!

Neil Cunningham
Principal
Student Birthdays

2nd March to 8th March 2015

Taranjit 0CA
Bopanna 0CM
Roshan 0PD
Manija 1CC
Bianca 1CT
Aliana 1LG
Jake 1RB
Nazreth 2CM
Jayden 2JB
Aashuq 3CA
Rhylee 3RC
Saumi 3YH
Tasha 4JR
Kc 4JR
Dyvine 4RF
Beth 6JM

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY!
It’s Clean Up Australia Day at Kilberry Valley this Friday!
Can students please bring along their own pair of gloves on the day.
LET’S CLEAN UP!
THANK YOU

STUDENT FREE DAYS FOR TERM ONE

MONDAY 9TH MARCH—LABOUR DAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
&
WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH—CURRICULUM DAY
This week in 1RB/ 1LT we have been celebrating Dr Seuss’ birthday. We have been completing a range of activities all based on some of the 44 books he published. Our favourites are The Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs and Ham and There’s a Wocket in my Pocket. We hope you have a ‘Seusstastic’ Week!
2015 Breakfast Club

There will be FREE toast for all students

Time: 8:30 - 8:55am

Day: FRIDAY mornings

Place: The Gym

Cost: FREE for all students
10c for all additional meals

We are always looking for parent helpers.

If you have a current WWCC (Working With Childrens Check) and would like to help us out on FRIDAY Mornings please contact Mrs Cavanagh in the Gym.

(Please note that this is a non profit program- all money collected is spent on buying items for our Breakfast Club)

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 complete ‘Nut Free Zone’.

Thank you for your understanding.
Please help our Breakfast Club!

The volunteers at the KVPS Breakfast Club are proud to announce that we served **6531 FREE** meals last year.

These numbers demonstrate the popularity and need for this program amongst our community. It is a wonderful chance for students and families to socialize and make a healthy start to their day.

In order for our Breakfast Club volunteers to continue to offer this essential service we are asking for a **donation of 1 food item from each family at KVPS**.

If you could be kind enough to send 1 of the following items to school we would be extremely grateful.

Please note this donation is optional and only one item per family is required.

As we need a range of products, we ask that each year level please donate a different item

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**FRIDAY 20th** there will be **FREE toast for all students**

**Time:** 8:30– 8:55am

**Day:** **FRIDAY** mornings

**Place:** The Gym

**Cost:** **FREE**

We are always looking for parent helpers.

If you have a current WWCC (Working With Childrens Check) and would like to help us out on **FRIDAY Mornings** please contact Mrs Cavanagh in the Gym.
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 & Students .... PHOTO DAY IS Tuesday 10th March 2015

School photo order envelopes have been distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

Important Information

*Online Ordering: If you choose to pay and order Online the order envelope does not need to be returned to the school.
Instructions are included on the Flyer enclosed in your envelope. The code for online ordering is printed on your envelope (top right corner).

*Sibling (family) Photo envelope MUST BE PAID FOR AND RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL BY THIS FRIDAY 6TH MARCH, 2015
in order to be photographed.

To pay for Sibling photos online go to www.advancedlife.com.au
Step 1 Enter your code: FAM or SCH
Step 2 Click No (no 9 digit code required)
Step 3. Complete student and Credit Card details.
Step 4. 8 digit receipt number on envelope (bottom left corner)

or enclose Cash or Cheque in the order envelope.
Your Sibling envelope must be completed and returned to school for your order to be completed.

Payment Options are as follows:

1. Online Order and Payment: Instructions are on the Flyer, which is enclosed in your envelope.

2. Online Payment Only: Instructions are on the Flyer, which is enclosed in your envelope.

3. Cash: enclose correct money in order envelope and return to your school before or on photo day.

4. Cheque: enclose in order envelope and return to your school before or on photo day.

*Please note that all your payment and ordering instructions are included on the Flyer enclosed in your Student order envelope.

Feel free to contact Advancedlife Photography for further assistance. (see details below)
Email: info@advancedlifevic.com.au
Phone: 9852 1133

From the team at AdvancedLife Photography.
In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

“Day off” – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:
Free Event

Free Rides + Workshops

Featuring the New Avengers Show

And Little Charley Bear!

CaseyKids Carnival

Saturday 21 March 2015, 12 pm – 5 pm

Akoonah Park, Princes Highway, Berwick

Amusement rides • Stalls • Performances • Food • Animal farm

Roving entertainers • Interactive workshops

Contact: 9705 5200 or visit www.casey.vic.gov.au

TIS: 131 450  NRS: 133 677
Senior Cross country
9am—11am (Grade 3-6)

Junior Cross Country
11.40am—1.10pm (Prep—Grade 2)

We are always looking for parent helpers for our senior cross country.
If you are able to help, please contact the PE Office
CASEY FIELDS
ATHLETICS TRACK
GRADES 4-6
$ 6.50
Payment Due By:
THURSDAY 12th MARCH
TIPS ON HOW TO MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Knowing your neighbours is not only about doing a good deed for someone else. Good neighbours support each other, look out for each other, and in some cases socialise with each other. Here are some steps you can take to get to know your neighbours and get involved in your community.

1. **Get together in the local park.**
   This could be a picnic lunch or family fun day. The City of Casey runs many local community activities including Neighbourhood BBQ’s, Meet the Street and People in Parks. For more information contact the City of Casey on 9705 5200.

2. **Smile at a neighbour and say ‘hello’**.

3. **Get active.**
   Start a walking group with neighbours or organise a game of street cricket. To find out what leisure facilities and sporting groups are available in your area visit www.casey.vic.gov.au/sports.

4. **Hold a street party.**
   Street party permit information and application forms are available online at www.casey.vic.gov.au/streetsparties.

5. **Organise a group activity to clean up your suburb, join a local conservation group and help improve your local environment.**
   Contact the City of Casey Customer Service on 9705 5200 for more information.

6. **Live and learn with your local Neighbourhood House / Community Learning Centre.**
   For information about a Centre near you contact the City of Casey Customer Service on 9705 5200.

7. **Offer you services to a neighbour, such as assisting in the garden or helping with the weekly shopping.**
   Or sign up to the City of Casey’s Volunteer Matching Program, designed to assist both volunteers and local volunteer groups to find each other www.casey.vic.gov.au/volunteers.

8. **A number of programs are available for young people to participate in the community.**
   For further information contact the City of Casey Customer Service on on 9705 5200 or visit www.insideinfo.casey.vic.gov.au.

9. **Organise a street garage sale.**

10. **Get along to a local event.**
    Visit www.casey.vic.gov.au to find out what’s on in Casey, or phone City of Casey Customer Service 9705 5200 for details of an activity near you.

11. **Playgroups provide a range of benefits to both parents and children.**
    To find a playgroup near you visit www.casey.vic.gov.au or phone the City of Casey Customer Service on 9705 5200.

12. **Offer to keep an eye on the house while your neighbours are away.**
    Learn about Neighbourhood Watch, contact the City of Casey on 9705 5200.

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

For more information about Getting To Know Your Neighbour contact City of Casey on 9705 5200 or visit www.casey.vic.gov.au
2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) & Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC)

We will once again be offering students the opportunity to participate in the ICAS Testing and AMC. The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. Each test will run before school on the dates listed below by teachers and parent supervisors under normal examination conditions. Approximately six weeks after the test dates, students will receive a detailed report of their result. In addition to a Student Report, each student that participates receives a Certificate indicating their achievement level.

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Students in years 3-6 will receive an entry form that is due back by Friday 20th March 2015. No late entries will be accepted.

Any questions please contact Mrs Liz Wilson.
KILBERRY VALLEY NOTICES SENT HOME

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

HALOGEN FOUNDATION NATIONAL YOUNG LEADER’S DAY
Friday 13th March 2015—Grade 6 Captains Only

CITY OF CASEY STUDENT LEADERS RECEPTION 2015
School Captains Only—Thursday 12th March 2015. NO COST

GRADE 5 CAMP—WARATAH BAY
Consent forms and a non-refundable deposit of $50 MUST be returned to school by Tuesday 10th March, 2015. The cost of camp will be approximately $265.

KVPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Wednesday 15th April 2015—Payment and consent forms are due by Thursday 12th March 2015. Cost $ 6.50

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

HARMONY DAY CONCERT
Harmony Day
25th. March 2015

‘Everyone Belongs’@ 2pm a concert will be held in the gym to celebrate the rich skills our students bring with them to school.

If there are any parents who would like to be a part of this performance or help the children practise their routine it would be greatly appreciated.

EAL teachers can be found in room C11 opposite the art room.

DIARY DATES-TERM 1 2015

Monday 9th March Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 18th March Curriculum Day
Students do not attend
Wednesday 25th March
Harmony Day Concert 2pm

Kilberry Valley Primary School
ADVERTISING

Please Note:
The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not endorse the products or services of any private advertisers. No responsibility is accepted by DEECD for accuracy of information.

WELFARE CORNER
Managing tantrums

Managing tantrums once they occur may involve ignoring your child and walking away if it is safe to do so until the tantrum stops and praising them for doing so. While this approach is often effective for toddlers it is more difficult when other children or visitors are present. Tackling tantrums may take a few weeks of concerted effort and consistent application of time-out and other strategies. To help you see if progress is being made try to jot down each time you use time-out and how long it takes. After a week, the tantrums should be less frequent, and you will be well on your way towards helping your child learn some important new social skills.

Tantrums in public make it difficult to use strategies as ignoring or time-out. Instead, find a safe quiet place to sit with your child such as a park bench or your car and tell them they must sit quietly. Wait beside them (without talking) until they have been quiet for about 30 seconds before going on. If this is unsuccessful, you will probably have to abandon your trip to take them home for immediate time-out. You can always try again next time.

Zania Cope-Assistant Principal

FAMILY FOOD SUPPORT
Transit Food Support
Transit Family Food Support is now open every Thursday from 3pm-6pm.
A wide range of dairy, fruit and vegetables and groceries can be picked up. Clothes and other items may be available at times.
Food will be available free of charge to families with school aged children as well as students and young adults.
Located at Narre Warren Christian Church,
Factory 4,5/3 Webb Street, Narre Warren
For further information please call Pastor Keith
On 0438 398 594 or 9796 8966

Parents, for the sake of our students, please model good road user behaviour especially around the school.
Children and young people will copy the example you set!