Dear Parents,

Welcome Back
We welcome everyone back for another great year at Kilberry Valley Primary School. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and were able to relax with your family. We are certainly back into it and the students are off to a wonderful start to the year.

We have an exciting year ahead and I know there will be many positive experiences and achievements for our students. We have commenced the year with 795 students, including many new students across all year levels. We hope you have a great start to your time at Kilberry and have been made to feel very welcome already.

School Review
Towards the end of 2016 we underwent a whole school review. This involved internal and external Education Department and community personnel investigating our school operations, procedures, student, parent and staff survey results and student outcomes. Through this process we have set 3 main goals as the main focus in our Strategic Plan that outlines our direction and focus over the next 4 years.

Student Learning
To optimise and accelerate the learning growth of every student in English, Mathematics and Science.

Student Engagement
To develop students who are curious, inquiring, creative, critical thinkers who are engaged in and connected to their learning.

Student Wellbeing
To develop resilient students, staff and school community members who display growth mindsets and behaviours and attitudes that reflect the school values.

Further information and elaborations on these will be outlined throughout the year.

Staffing News
We welcome our new staff to Kilberry Valley and I know you will make yourself known and make them feel welcome.

Acting Assistant Principal
Kevin Graham

Teaching staff:
Jaclyn Dominey  Year 2
Kira McKay  Year Prep
Melanie Synan  Year 2

Education Support staff
Emily Murphy  Education Support

We are looking forward to everyone quickly becoming an integral part of our school community.
2017 Student Leaders
Last Friday we presented our 2017 school leaders with their badges. 2016 school captains, Yasara and Andrea were on hand along with Jacinta Parkinson (School Council, President) to present the new leaders with their badges. I look forward to working with this group over 2017 to ensure we continue to improve all aspects of life at Kilberry Valley Primary School.

School Leaders 2017

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School Uniform Expectations
It is tremendous to see the students have begun the school year so well by wearing their full uniform at all times. I remind you that students should have their hats at school for term one and part of term two. The Uniform Policy also states no jewelry is to be worn apart from watches or certain earrings (studs and sleepers only). If your child wears a turban or hijab, I would also ask you to ensure it is the colour of the uniform – either maroon, light blue or white. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Student Accident Insurance
Each year I remind our school community that the Department of Education and Training does not cover the cost of student accidents. However there are some companies who can offer you inexpensive student accident insurance if you wish to cover your children while they are at school. Use the following web address to find a sample of insurance company links on our school website.
Or simply google ‘student accident insurance’ for a wider search for a suitable company that offers what you require. We do not recommend any particular company for insurance purposes.
I also inform you that the Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Camps Sports and Excursion Fund—CSEF
If you hold a current Health Care / Pension card you are eligible to apply for a $125 per student grant to be used for camps sports and excursions. Take advantage of this and apply before the 28th February. Forms available online or at the office. Please return your application with Health Care / Pension Card for us to sight and copy.

Bike/Scooter Smart Pledge
I remind you that all students from years 3 to 6 are able to ride their bikes or scooters to school but must complete a Bike/Scooter Smart Pledge before commencing to do so. These can be collected from the office or Mr Murphy. This outlines the expectations we require to ensure a safe passage to and from school for our students. No student in year Prep to 2 should be riding a bike or scooter to school unless under strict parental supervision at all times. This is a safety factor with the high level of traffic in the area. A huge concern also is the development of the students’ judgement and peripheral vision to safely negotiate the road issues they will face each day.

Car Parks – Staff Only!!
I remind you that the two car parks, in the school grounds with gates on Kilberry Boulevard and Warana Drive are for STAFF USE ONLY. It is too dangerous to allow cars to be moving in and out during school time and at drop off and pick up times.
So please do not enter these areas at any time - for the safety of your children.

General Courtesy Obeying the Road Rules around the School Precinct
For your children’s safety I begin the year with a plea for your consideration and cooperation in ensuring you follow the road rules and display courtesy at all times when parking or driving around the school. Pick Up and Drop Off times are very busy in any school but as we have almost 600 families there will be a lot of traffic. I suggest you park a street or two away and have a stroll on a nice day with your children.
When parking in the surrounding streets, it is imperative that you also follow the parking regulations and rules. We must honour the local residents with courtesy also. We have tremendous neighbours around the school so please do not park in their driveways, on nature strips and ensure you obey the parking regulations in place. There are ‘No Standing’ signs in the area that must be obeyed.

I remind you that the drop off spots at the front of the school in Kilberry Boulevard have a ‘No Parking’ sign that means that you cannot leave your car and come into the school ground. You must stay with your car.
Absence Notifications Reminder
If your child is absent from school, please ring the school office on 9702 8688 on the morning of the absence or send a note with the student on the day they return to school. Thank you.

Year 6 Camp
Next week the Year 6 students will be attending their camp at The Briars, Mt Martha. This is always a great way to start their final year at Kilberry as they have the opportunity to really get to know each other over the 4 days. I look forward to spending the day with them next week.

Have a great week and keep smiling!

Neil Cunningham
Principal
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Breakfast Club will start **FRIDAY 24th Feb 2016.**

**This FRIDAY 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 Miss Taffe 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.**

**2017 SUMMER MENU**

TOAST WITH VEGEMITE, JAM OR HONEY

VITA BRITS CEREAL (WITH OR WITHOUT MILK)

CUP OF MILK

CUP OF COLD MILKO

CUP OF TINNED FRUIT

**FIRST SERVE IS FREE AND ANY ADDITIONAL SERVINGS ARE 10c**
Issue 1 out now.
Orders close Friday 17th February
Cash orders to the school
Credit card orders online via www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

One of our children in the school community is receiving medical treatment which puts them at serious risk if they are exposed to infectious illnesses, in particular:
Chicken -Pox, Measles, Mumps or Shingles.

It is also important that while your child is unwell they remain at home until they are no longer contagious.
Please let us know immediately by calling the school office on 9702 8688.

As a school community we value your support in relation to the wellbeing of all our students.
Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It’s easy to order and pay online for your child’s Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the LOOP, speak with your school’s Book Club Organiser.


Follow these easy steps!

1. Simply grab your child’s Book Club catalogue and either SIGN-IN or REGISTER your account.

2. Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your SCHOOL and your CHILD’S CLASS.
   Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for MORE product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

3. Click on ORDER and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4. All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date.

That’s it! There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.
To be eligible for Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund payment.
You will need to provide your current Healthcare / Pension card for us to sight and photocopy must be valid past 30th January 2017.
Please collect your application form from the office.

Sustainability at Kilberry Valley Primary School

**Wrapper Free Days**

*When:* Every Tuesday

**What to Do:**
- Try to bring your food to school without wrappers and reduce our school’s rubbish.
- If you do bring wrappers to school then take them home again at the end of the day.
- It is as simple as that.

*Endorsed by Kilberry Valley Primary’s School Council.*
KILBERRY VALLEY NOTICES SENT HOME
The following notices have been sent home to families and require your prompt attention:

GRADE 6 WINDCHEATER / POLO ORDERS
Please return order form and payment by Tuesday 28th Feb 2017.

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

Kilberry Valley Primary School
ADVERTISING
Please Note:
The Department of Education and Training does not endorse the products or services of any private advertisers. No responsibility is accepted by DET for accuracy of information.

CHANGE OF CLOTHING FOR STUDENTS

We would like to remind parents to provide a change of clothing in children’s school bags—preferably some clean underwear, track suit pants, windcheater, shorts or a dress.

This is handy for ALL children in ALL grade levels.

It makes them feel less stressed if they require a change of clothing owing to an accident or a blood nose or they fall in the mud.

We ask for your co-operation with this matter as our Sick Bay is unable to cope with the large volume of people requiring changes of clothing.

THANK YOU

PARENT REMINDERS

LATE PASSES—If your child is late to school they must sign in at the office to receive a late pass to give to their teacher.

EARLY LEAVERS—If you need to collect your child before the end of school, please do not go straight to the classroom. They must be signed out at the office, then you will be given an Early Leavers pass to give to the teacher.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS

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THANK YOU