Welcome to 2020
Firstly, I would like to welcome back all our students, staff and families to the new school year and I trust you have had an enjoyable break with your families. For those of you who have not met me yet, my name is Corey Fleming and I am the Acting Principal for Term 1. Over the past week I have had a chance to meet many of the students and staff and I am enjoying getting to know everyone.

New Enrolments
In the first few days of school we have seen a number of new enrolments. On Monday, we also saw the arrival of our new Foundation classes for 2020, it is a very exciting time for all our Foundation families. Our staff have been working very hard over the past week, planning to set all of our students up for success and to provide them with the best possible start. On behalf of our school community I would like to officially welcome our new students and especially our Foundation students to Kilberry Valley Primary School.

New Staff for 2020
This year we have a number of new staff. I would like to introduce Meaghan Newitt, and Lisa Quattrochi, who are both teaching in Year 5; Penny Eager in Foundation; Hayley Wanstall in Year 1; Clementine Docherty in Visual Arts and Nicole Parnell in Performing Arts. Please make them all feel welcome!

Respectful Relationships
This year we are beginning to implement the Respectful Relationships program, which support schools in promoting and modelling respect, positive attitudes and behaviours. Students will be working with their teachers and classes to learn how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence. We have developed a Respectful Relationships Implementation team who will continue to work with our staff and students to ensure the success in the delivery of this curriculum.

Getting to know you sessions
This term, our getting to know meetings are taking place in week 4. Please be aware that we will be sending out parent information on this shortly and parents will need to be able to book an interview with their classroom teacher. These meetings will take place on Monday-Thursday and from 8am-8:50am and then from 3:30pm-5:00pm. There will also be an extended night on Tuesday, 18th February from 3:30pm until 7:30pm. Please note the Prep students are not required to participate in these interviews. However, if you would like an interview with your prep teacher, please speak to the teacher to make a time.
Uniform
I have noticed how smart our students look in our school uniform. Please be aware that students need to wear a wide brimmed hat or a bucket hat whenever they are outside, and we would like children to wear blue or white socks. If you have any further questions about our uniform, please refer to our uniform policy. Thank you

Mobile Phone Policy
This year the Department of Education has introduced a mobile phone policy for all Victorian schools. Students do not require mobile phones at school and we ask that your child does not bring these to school. If they need a mobile as a safety measure for travelling to or from school, students are required to hand their mobile phone to their teacher. The phone will be kept in their teacher’s draw and returned to the student at the end of the day. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please ring the school and we can ensure your child receives the message. Please refer to the mobile phone policy.

Thank you to those parents who have come up and said hello. It is great to see such a welcoming school community. I look forward to getting to know our school community.

Regards
Corey Fleming
**We want you!**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. School councils are groups who make decisions that set the direction of the school. They:

- help create and check the school’s budget
- contribute to the school strategic plan
- make decisions on policies like investments, payments by parents, dress code.

Our Council has 9 members and includes:

- the principal, who is the executive officer
- parents who are chosen through an election
- a school or Department staff member

Some councils also have community members who are chosen by the council. These members have special knowledge or experience in the local community.

School Councils are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad directions of a school in accordance with their constituting Orders and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

### Schedule 4: Notice of election all for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Kilberry Valley Primary School

Nominations will open from WEDNESDAY, 19**TH** OF FEBRUARY and will close at 4.00pm on WEDNESDAY, 26**TH** OF FEBRUARY. Nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

If we require an election, nominated parents will be contacted to prepare a statement outlining reasons for nominating.

The ballot will open on WEDNESDAY 4**TH** OF March and will close at 4pm on Thursday 12**TH** OF MARCH.

The first official meeting of the new school council will be held on TUESDAY, 17**TH** OF MARCH 2020.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

#### Membership category

**Parent member**

**Term of office**

Year

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022

**Number of positions:** 4

#### Membership category

**DET employee member**

**Term of office**

Year

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022

**Number of positions:** 1

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.
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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 28th January 2020.

Please hand your application form to the office before Friday 26th June 2020

How to help your child with their reading...

Our library looks amazing in 2020!

Come and check it out!

Please make sure your child knows their library day and is bringing their library bag so they can borrow. They need to return their books the following week.

Overdue books from last year need to be returned before students can borrow in 2020. If lost we would request that $10.00 be paid as reimbursement to contribute to the cost of replacement.

Enjoy sharing and talking about these books together!
The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Kilberry Valley Primary School is once again participating in Scholastic Book Club this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, we will send home the Book Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You’ll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests and are inexpensive (some books cost as little as $2).

It is easy to order. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card.

Your child’s order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child’s order at scholastic.com.au/loop or by using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special! We hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classroom, however there is never any obligation to order. We know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.
Welcome to the new school year!

A very warm welcome to everyone, and a special welcome to families new to the school and our program.

At Camp Australia, we provide an engaging and supportive **outside of school hours space** for children to play, connect, learn and grow. We work together with your school community to deliver a tailored program that is designed to bring out the very best in each individual child. Creating a unique place where children can practice real-life skills in a fun, exciting environment that challenges them to succeed. In our sessions, children will be provided with a healthy snack while given time to relax, socialise with friends and learn some life skills along the way. Come to the OSHC room to meet the friendly team and discover how we can help your family.

It's FREE to Register.

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login). Once registered, it’s easy to make bookings and manage your booking options online via our parent portal. If eligible, to help you with the cost of child care, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy. Visit [my.gov.au](http://my.gov.au) to find out more.

**Program Details**

For more information on our service and fees, visit our website [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au). If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our Customer Care Team, available to support families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays. Alternatively, you’re welcome to visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators about the Camp Australia program at your child’s school.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia
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.

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.

MEDICAL

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.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

If your child is absent from school, please ring the office on 9702 8688 before 9.30am on the morning of the absence or notify us by e-mail kilberry.valley.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

THANK YOU

CLASSROOM HELPER

Any parent who wishes to help out in our classrooms or on excursions, must provide a current Working With Childrens Card (WWCC) to the office. Its free to register as a volunteer https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/

On the day you come to assist, please come through the office and sign in using the visitors kiosk, you will be given a “Classroom helper Privacy Agreement” to read and sign.

Please ensure you bring your Working With Childrens Card with you, to display in our lanyard, which you will wear while in the classroom or on excursions.
The following notices have been sent home to families and require your prompt attention:

**EDWARD FLACK DISTRICT SWIMMING**
Selected students
Please return consent form and payment by Friday 14th February. Cost $3.00

*LATE PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED*

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**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.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**
12th, 13th & 14th February
Grade 6 Camp
Briars Outdoor Education Camp

Friday 21st February
Year 5/6 Hot Shots Gala Day

Friday 28th February
District Swimming Carnival

Friday 20th March
Halogen Foundation
Young Leaders Day

**Wednesday**
25th March
Year 5 Mill Valley Ranch Camp

**Thursday**
26th March
Year 5 Mill Valley Ranch Camp

**Friday**
27th March
Year 5 Mill Valley Ranch Camp

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.

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Kilberry Valley Primary School

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