Only at Killarney Vale!

It really is a magic spot! Last Friday we fielded a team of girls to play softball. They won, but the story behind it is the special thing. The girls had never played as a team before, but they knew about teamwork. They didn’t even know how to score and had to be told they had won! The teacher hadn’t coached for a while but he used to play. The busy mum, who coaches well, changed her life to fit us - again. She even organised the referee and kept the cost down. Other schools contacted me about their great behaviour and sportsmanship. I was pleased but not surprised. It happens a lot! Everyone pulled together to give our children one more opportunity, as I said earlier, it is a magic spot.

Athletics Carnival

We are very excited about the carnival tomorrow, Thursday 14th March. Notes and money should already have been returned to the office. If you have not yet returned your note and payment, please do so ASAP. A huge thanks must go to Kate Schofield and her team. I’m sure this will be another great event where Killarney Vale shines. If the weather is bad listen to 2GO: 107.7 for cancellations and be ready for March 19th, our back up date. As part of our Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Curriculum this is a school day but it is conducted at Mingara. No classes will be available at school for students in grades 2 to 6. All teachers will be involved in running the carnival. Any volunteers to judge or time keep will be really appreciated.

National Day of Action against Bullying.

Our student parliament is running the National Day of Action against bullying this Friday, 15th March. The parliament is conducting a poster competition. Please encourage your children to enter and take the opportunity to talk about this issue with them. Thanks in anticipation.

Bush Tucker Yarn up

We have organised Geoff Eagar to conduct a Bush tucker walk around the school from 3.30 on March 20th for our Aboriginal community and their guests. We will follow this with a yarn up and make plans around PLPs. If you haven’t already received a note about this as a member of our Aboriginal community please contact us as soon as possible. Looking forward to a great afternoon.
Hat Parade

Our Easter preparations are well under way and this year we are having an Easter Hat Parade. We have talked to everyone about the need to make these themselves and how they should not cost too much money.

It will be held on March 28 at 12.00 midday. Everyone is welcome to join us in the area outside the admin building for the parade. Each class will parade separately so that the audience has the chance to admire the hats in each small group. This usually lasts for about an hour and during this time the P&C will draw the Easter raffle prizes and there is a lot of those!

Grandparents Day and Children’s Book Day

We are combining two very important events this term, Grandparents Day and Children’s Book Day. We are giving you lots of notice so you can organise grandparents travel if needed. Our event will be on Wednesday 3rd April at 1.30pm. The plan for the afternoon is to invite guests to afternoon tea in the hall. This will be followed at 2.00 by a concert in the hall. At 2.30 guests will move to their grandchildren’s classrooms to spend time with their grandchildren sharing books and talking about reading. We are looking forward to a great time with some very special people. Grandparents are amazing!!

Don’t hesitate to contact us if you need us to make special arrangements for grandparents who may need assistance moving around our school.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be conducted in the last week of term on Tuesday 9th of April. Please see the booking sheet attached to make a time.

Grade Meetings for Semester 1

Thanks to the Year 2 parents who attended yesterday. These meetings are always such a help and give me so many good ideas. Thanks so much for taking the time to come!

The sessions for this semester are as follows and will begin at 9.15am in the staffroom;

Year 3 - Tuesday - 19th March
Year 4 - Tuesday - 26th March
Year 5 and 6 - Tuesday - 2nd April

Look forward to seeing you there. Tea and coffee will be available and toys for littlies.

School Photos

Don’t forget school photos will be taken on the 22nd March. Envelopes have gone out already.

NAPLAN Test Dates

The 2013 NAPLAN tests, involving students in Years 3 and 5 will be conducted on the 14th, 15th, 16th of May this year. I realise some people organise holidays and so on during the year, but these dates are really important for students in these grades.

Kiss & Drop Zone

Other parents request we all use the kiss & drop to do just that. Please don’t leave you car.
Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Cathrine Neilsen-Hewett, a child development expert at Macquarie University, says if children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning.

"If you speak to any Kindergarten child, one of the most important things for them is having friends and having people to play with," Cathrine says.

She says children who are on their way to developing a healthy social life and good learning strategies:

• have good self-control skills such as sitting still and listening quietly
• work easily in small or large groups
• follow directions and co-operate with others.

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An important factor in helping children to be happy socially is guiding them to control their impulses. At the end of preschool, children can sometimes still act out their frustrations or wants by hitting or through verbal aggression, however by the end of the Kindergarten year, "children who are still playing like that are the ones who are at risk of being rejected by their peer group," Cathrine says.

"Children very quickly develop reputations, so you want to step in as soon as you can and develop those appropriate social skills. You don't want your child to be known as the one who hits other children, or the one who doesn't share. You want to cut that off as soon as you can in Kindergarten and really work on that."

Cathrine suggests using opportunities at home to model good social behaviour, such as teaching your child to take turns, share their toys and even give attention to others.

Inviting children over for play dates in small groups on the weekend and monitoring their interactions is also helpful because you can see how your child is interacting, and guide the behaviour if need be, Cathrine adds.

If your child's behaviour at school does become a concern, it's important to approach the teacher.

At the end of the year, the most important goal you can have is for your child to want to go back to school the following year.

"It's about having that love of learning," Cathrine says. "Even if at the end of the year they're still struggling with sight words but they still want to do their home readers, it means they're still engaged and they're still interested. That success is critical."

Don't hesitate to contact us with anything we can do to help on 43881066.
KILLARNEY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Your child’s success at school is enhanced by good communication between you and your child’s teacher. To support your child’s learning at school you are cordially invited to a Parent-Teacher Meeting with your child’s teacher.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for you to meet the teacher and discuss your child’s progress so far this year. It will allow time to work on any areas requiring improvement and will help to build a positive link between home and school.

In order to meet with all parents, only ten-minutes is allocated for each meeting. Please come prepared with any questions or information that may help your child’s progress this year. The teacher will outline how your child has settled into class, his/her work habits and any areas requiring attention and goal setting.

Due to the time constraints, if you have major concerns about your child’s progress or welfare you may need to book an additional time to meet with your child’s teacher.

At the end of Term 2 a written report will be issued and student-led conferences will be held. These conferences will allow more time to share learning experiences and explore progress.

The meeting times available for your child’s teacher are listed in this newsletter. Please indicate preferred time slots and return the slip to your child’s teacher. Your child’s teacher will send a note home with the confirmed time for your meeting.

Sue Britton
Principal

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Parent-Teacher Meeting Time Preferences

Please write the date your child’s class is in on, and number the boxes for your available times and return to the class teacher.

** Interview date: 9th April

☐ 3.00pm – 4.00pm
☐ 4.00pm – 5.00pm
☐ 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Student’s Name: ____________________________ Class: ____________________________

Parent/Caregiver’s Name (please print): ____________________________

Parent/Caregiver’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARDS TERM 1 WEEK 6

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CHRIS SPENCE VISIT

Member for The Entrance, Chris Spence, will be visiting us on Monday 18th March to meet with our P & C as the school's local member. Chris recognises the wonderful contribution of the P & C to the school, which is so important for fostering a strong and caring community spirit and improving outcomes for every student. His visit is all about engaging with our wider school community and hearing about our school from those who are a part of it and know it best.

Chris will meet with us in the teachers staff from 9.15am.

All welcome.
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Notice of Meeting - P&C Annual General Meeting - Thursday 21 March 7.15pm
The Annual General Meeting of Killarney Vale Public School P&C Association will be held on Thursday 21 March from 7.15pm in the teachers staff room. At this meeting all officer and other positions will become vacant and then be filled by nomination, and where necessary by ballot of members. A description of office bearers is included in this weeks newsletter. All nominees shall be members of the Association. The audited Balance Sheet and Annual Report will be presented. A General Meeting of the association will follow immediately after the AGM. All welcome. Please complete and return the P&C Membership slip below to join or renew your membership for 2013. If you would like further information please contact 0408 894 841 or email the P&C.

Easter Disco - Wednesday 27 March Our fantastic Easter Disco is fast approaching and is shaping up to be a great night with a professional DJ playing all of the kids favourite chart songs. Being an Easter disco, we will have great prizes for the best Easter costumes. Date: Wed 27 March Time: 5.30pm to 7.30pm Venue: In the school hall Tickets: $5.00 each Purchase Information: Tickets on sale between 8.30 and 9am on Mon, Tue, Wed of disco week from the canteen. Tickets also available at the door. Refreshments: Sweets and cordial cups will be available for purchase at the disco with prices starting from 20c. Pick up / Drop Off: Children must be dropped off and picked up from the school hall by a parent or carer. Parent helpers: If you are available to help us on the night, please let us know. For safety reasons, older and younger siblings are not permitted. This event is for KVPS students only.

Easter Raffle Prizes are now on display in the canteen and they look great! With over 20 delicious bundles to give away there is a good chance that you or your child will be a winner. Tickets are just .50 each. Call into the canteen if you need more tickets to buy or sell. Please return all tickets and money to the canteen by Wednesday 27 March. Prizes will be drawn on Thursday 28 March. Thank you to K-Mart at Bateau Bay for your generous contribution toward the cost of this years’ prizes.

Canteen Roster
Thu 14/3: Kristy W Fri 15/3: Kaylene
Mon 18/3: Natalie, Vanessa Tue 19/3: Kelly S, Katrina, Kelly Wed 20/3: Lesley, Laurel, Meredith

2013 P&C Membership
☐ Yes, I would like to become a member of KVPS P&C for 2013 Membership fee $0.50
Name_________________________________________ Signature ____________________________
Mobile Number_________________________________ Home Phone __________________________
Email __________________________________________
Child’s Name____________________________________ Child’s Class ________________________
Please complete and return this slip with your membership fee to the canteen
P&C Association

A P&C enables parents and citizens to meet together to determine the needs and aspirations of the school community.

The objects of the P&C Association are to:

- promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, pupils and teaching staff into close cooperation
- assist in providing equipment for the school
- report to the Minister the material requirements of the school
- assist the teaching staff in establishment of school policy and management in all facets of school activity

Our Association meets on a regular basis, every fourth Thursday of each month, and carry out activities in accordance with their resolutions.

Description of Office Bearers

President

The President has a responsibility to ensure the successful functioning of the P&C Association. The President presides and chairs all meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee. The duties of the President include preserving order, ruling on contentious matters or procedure and assisting the progress of discussion by preventing irrelevant or repetitious discussion or offensive remarks. The President represents the Association at office functions and acts as the Association’s spokesperson for the school. The President, as well as being the convener of the Executive Committee, is ex-officio a member of all sub-committees.

Vice-Presidents

The Vice-Presidents are required to take on any of the Presidential duties defined above when invited to do so by the President or when the President is, for reasons of illness or alternative commitments, unable to undertake those duties.

Secretary

The Secretary is the principal administrative officer of the Association and is responsible for preparing the meeting agendas after consultation with the President. The Secretary is required to attend Associate meetings and take notes of the discussions and record every decision which was supported by majority vote, in order to produce a set of minutes for subsequent distribution to members. The Secretary is responsible for documenting any incoming or outgoing correspondence.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the sound financial management of the Association. The Treasurer receives and deposits monies, maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts in the form of a report. The Treasurer presents all records at each meeting and for auditing each year.

Vice-Treasurer

The Vice-Treasurer is required to take on any of the Treasurer duties defined above when the Treasurer is unable to undertake those duties. The Vice-Treasurer is also invited to assist the Treasurer with the above duties.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is convened by the President and may be called on to exercise leadership between general meetings if quick decisions, actions or statements are required on the Association’s behalf.

Sub-Committees

Sub-Committees are formed to carry out specific functions on the P&C behalf. Any sub-committee that is established must report in writing at each P&C meeting and follow-up any direction received from the Association.

- Fundraising Committee
- Uniform Committee
- Environment Committee
Killarney Vale PS Before and After School Care

Provided by Cubbyhouse Childcare (www.cubbycc.com.au), before and after school care is:

- High quality;
- Safe and secure;
- Experienced (operating for 22 years);
- Available each school day on-site.

**Hours:** 7:00am to 8:30am and 3:00pm to 6:00pm Permanent and Casual bookings welcome.

**Activities for children include** sport, art, craft, games and reading. Homework supervision and nutritious, healthy refreshments are provided each day.

**Commonwealth Childcare Benefits apply**, providing substantial reduction.

**Enrolment Enquiries:** 1300 553 583 (Head Office); 4388 1912 (Before and After School Care)