Term 4 Week 1

**Thurs 9th Oct—Gulunga Fest**

**Tues 14th Oct—Year 7 information evening BBQ at BVC—5.30pm**

**15th Oct—BVC Year Advisor visit**

**15th Oct—Kinder Orientation 9.00am—11.00am**

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**Roads and Traffic Concerns**

At the end of last term, Mr Robert Weir (P&C Member) had an onsite meeting with a representative from Wyong Shire Council and myself. At this meeting we have raised several concerns that have been raised in the community.

1. Upgrading of the 40 kph speed zone flashing lights;
2. Reviewing of the speed zones on Wyong Road;
3. Driver line of sight for exiting both council car parks behind the school on Wyong Road;
4. Crossing concerns at the top of the hill east of Henricks Road at the crest of Wyong Road and
5. Parking restrictions in Henricks Road.

The council spokesperson was very thankful for our time and the manner in which we have gone about seeking some clarification in these matters. In short, the council will support our motion to the Roads and Maritime Services for refurbishment of our flashing lights. The RMS is currently conducting an audit on speed zones along Wyong Road and the RMS have told me the results may not be published for some time. I have also been working with our wonderful General Assistant to reduce the amount of bush near the exit to the council car park, which hopefully will increase visibility for drivers.

The WSC spokesperson did note that our current parking arrangements in Henricks road are highly suitable with ample drop and go zones on both sides of the crossing. Drop and go zones are designed to allow parents the opportunity of dropping their child/ren off and waiting long enough for them to enter the school grounds before driving off. If you wish to walk your child into the school grounds it is advised to park in one of the side streets or park in the council car parks off Wyong Road.

Only together can we improve our drop and go zone. As updates are available, you will be provided with further information. A big thank you to Mr Robert Weir and the P&C for their ongoing support to help make our students safe.

**2015 Enrolments**

We are currently in a planning phase for 2015. It is important that we have accurate numbers of students who will be coming to this great school in 2015. If you have not yet made contact about enrolment for 2015 please do so as soon as possible. If you know of any community members that have children who are due to start next year, please ask them to make contact with the school’s front office team.

If you are planning on moving or changing schools for 2015, please let the school office know as soon as possible.
**Attendance**

As per normal school routines, the school executives have conducted an attendance audit. Classroom teachers and assistant principals will be in contact with parents over the coming days to discuss students who have increasing numbers of days absent from school. Did you know that if your child attends school for:

- 90% of the school year they actually miss around 20 days;
- 85% of the school year they actually miss around 30 days; (That is over half a term)
- 75% of the school year they actually miss around 50 days; (That is a full term)

It is important that students attend school every day when they are fit and able. If your child is away due to illness or an unavoidable event please ensure that a note is submitted to your child’s classroom teacher within 7 days of the absence. Otherwise the absence becomes listed as unjustified and staff are required to contact parents/careers where several unjustified entries have been recorded next to a student name. This is a legal requirement.

As the hay fever season approaches it is important for all of us to remember these important attendance issues and try where possible to work together and support students to receive their best possible education.

If you are planning to take leave of 5 or more consecutive days, please contact the front office and complete an application for leave form. If approved, the leave will then not be listed against your child’s name on the Semester Reports.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

The KVPS 2015 Kindergarten Orientation Program: 9:00am through 11:00am every Wednesday on the following dates:

- Week 1 – Wednesday October 15: Welcome and orientation
- Week 2 – Wednesday October 22: Learning and Support Structures
- Week 3 – Wednesday October 29: Curriculum
- Week 4 – Wednesday November 5: Auxiliary School Programs
- Week 5 – Wednesday November 12: Getting Ready for the 2015 school year

**Walking safely to and from school**

Students are reminded that it is important that when walking to and from school that they obey road rules and where possible walk on footpaths. Some community members have contacted the school about some students who have been witnessed walking up the middle of the road.

**School Car Parks**

Please note due to Workplace, Health and Safety regulations only staff and permitted vehicles are to enter the school car parks. It has been noted at the end of last term that parents have been witnessed using both the Henricks Road and Wyong Road Car Parks. The safety of our students is paramount. Please be careful when in and around the school. Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.

**Quality Work with Mr Moxon**

In this week’s edition, I would like to congratulate the community of KVPS, we are now recording over 600 hits to our website on a weekly basis and we now have over 375 downloads of our SkoolBag ‘app’ which is available on both Apple and Android devices. The website and school app are great ways to keep up to date with current information and programs. If you require any further information of these products please do not hesitate to make contact with the school’s administration office for more details.

Have a great week Killarney Vale!
Library Lockdown
Concert Photo Final Order

Photos can be seen in class sets on the windows near the office for:
Years 2/3B and Primary.
K - 2 photos will be on the staffroom windows.
Each photo has a number assigned to it.
Class Group Photo: (Available in 8” x 10” size only and are $6.00 ea)
Small Group Photo: (Available in 6” x 8” size only and are $4.00 ea)

Please fill in the form below to order the photos you would like and send the form in an envelope with payment. Please note NO EFTPOS available for these orders.
FINAL ORDERS TAKEN: Friday October 31st.

Photo Order Form

Student Name: ____________________________
Class: __________

Photo Numbers: ________________
Class: _______________________

Small Group: ________________
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Orders for DVD taken Monday Nov 3rd
2014 Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the National Capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and was taken off the total cost of the excursion prior to visiting Canberra.

LEISURE SPORT

Just a reminder that Leisure Sport starts on Thursday Week 3.

Please pay deposit for bus as soon as possible.

Place $30 in an envelope with your child’s name and class on it.

KILLARNEY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL           STUDENT ABSENCE NOTE

My child__________________________________________ of class__________

Was absent from school on______________for the following reason:

________________________________________________________________________

Signed:_________________________________________(parent)
Canteen News
Summer Canteen Hours: During Term 4 our canteen reopens for recess on Wednesdays. Our summer timetable will now be as follows: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.35am till 2pm; Tuesday and Thursday 8.35am till 12pm.

Sticky Beaks Reusable Lunch Bags: Available from the canteen in a range of cool colours. $9.00 each.

P&C Meeting - Thursday 23 October
The next general meeting of KVP's P&C will be held on Thursday 23 October commencing at 7.15pm in the teachers staff room. All welcome.

Bunnings Charity BBQ - Saturday 25 October
Our P&C are hosting our third and final Bunnings Charity BBQ for the year at Tuggerah on Saturday 25 October. This is a huge fundraising event for us and a great day of fun for those who come along to lend a hand. We understand that a lot of families (including our own) have sporting and other commitments on Saturday so it is important that we get as many helpers as we can to come along and lend a hand - even for just an hour or two. If you can spare some time on the 25th to help out, anytime between 8am and 5pm, please send us an email or call/send a text to 0408 894 841.

Scary Disco - Thursday 30 October
Following the great success of last years “Trick or Treat” alternative, our “Scary Disco” returns for 2014 on Thursday 30 October. Look out for more info in next week’s newsletter.

Uniform Shop
Our uniform shop continues to trade every Monday and Thursday from 8.45am till 9.15am. We still have plenty of brand new black school shoes for sale for just $5.00 a pair. Various sizes available.

Canteen Roster
Thu 9/10: Vicki D, Natalie               Fri 10/10: Terri-anne (Charmaine)
Mon 13/10: Sharon, Katrina, Tanya      Tue 14/10: Kel C                     Wed 15/10: Lesley, Denise

Corporate Partners
The P&C have partnered with a number of businesses who service our local community in an effort to raise some funds for our school while assisting to raise the profile of these businesses within our community.

The Newcastle Permanent Building Society Introducer
Program is an easy way to help raise money for your organisation. For every eligible new home or business loan (over $100,000) you refer to us, we will give your organisation a referral fee of $600. During the loan application process, the borrower just needs to mention they were referred to us by your organisation. It’s that simple.

McGrath Estate Agents MAKE A SIMPLE REFERRAL AND YOU COULD BE HELPING YOUR SCHOOL. While my aim in business is to achieve the best results for my clients and provide them with the service, commitment and professionalism you would expect when selling their greatest asset — my personal goal is to raise as much money for your school as possible. All you have to do is refer me to somebody you know that wants to sell their property. In return for all referrals that convert to sales, I will personally donate $500 from each sale to your P&C, to assist Killarney Vale Public School. It’s as simple as that. Call Jodie at McGrath on 0419 033 391 and start the referral process today.