Reminder

Mon 9th June—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 10th June—Year 6 Cake Stall
Wed 11th June—Technology Day
Fri 13th & Sat 14th—P&C Gardening Working Bee
Mon 16th June—NSW University Writing Assessment

Attendance

At Killarney Vale PS we strive to have all of our students attend school each day. Rolls are marked every day by the classroom teacher who has the class for the first hour of the teaching day. When students are absent from school they are required by law to produce a note from their parents with a suitable reason for their absence. If a note is not produced within 7 school days the absence is declared as 'unjustified' and a note is generated by the classroom teacher. If no explanation is forthcoming upon return to school, the classroom teacher will contact the parent/carer and seek an explanation.

If a student has an unexplained absence of 2 days it is the responsibility of the classroom teacher to make contact with the student's home to get a verbal reason for why the child is absent from school. This is to ensure there are no child wellbeing issues. Taken from the DEC policy: 4.2.2. Principals or their delegate will undertake all reasonable measures to contact parents promptly and within two school days of an unexplained absence occurring.

At Killarney Vale Public School, regular attendance is regarded as an important component in the achievement of student learning outcomes. Measures to establish acceptable attendance patterns include:

- acknowledging and encouraging good attendance
- early detection of poor attendance, and
- prompt and positive intervention measures.

Killarney Vale Public School recognises and values the benefits of positive home/school relationships and seeks to involve parents in developing and maintaining the strategies that support the development of positive patterns of attendance for all students. Parent and care giver support will be sought in developing and maintaining the Attendance Policy, (in accordance with the Department of Education and Training School Attendance Policy and Procedures, 1991).

Technology Day Term 2

Technology Day for Term 2 will be on Wednesday June 11. Could your child/ren bring their technology in a zip-lock bag with their name on it? We are looking forward to a great Technology Day. The normal Technology Day regulations will apply with students needing to hand in their items to the teachers as they arrive at school. For further information, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014

In 2014, Killarney Vale Public School will be participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.
We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disabilities. The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

A detailed note outlining the program will be sent home shortly.

**Student Led Conferences**

During weeks 8 and 9 of this term we will be holding our annual student led conferences. A separate note will be issued with this week’s newsletter. If you require any further information, please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

**Quality Work with Mr Moxon**

Last week Sienna C of 4BM came to the office and walked me through her family tree. This amazing family tree went back 4 to 5 generations and was very detailed. Sienna said she had been working on this project for some time with other family members. A fantastic effort.

Have a great week Killarney Vale!

Mr Moxon

**KVPS Working Bee – Gardening**

Our wonderful P&C is at it again. The P&C are looking for volunteers to help our P&C Environment Officer to maintain our grounds at our annual working bee. This year to make it more accessible to parents who have busy schedules and are still keen to help we will be having a two day special event.

Time: Any time between 9am and 3pm Friday June 13 or Saturday June 14.
Location: Killarney Vale Public School (Rally point – Bottom car park)

To maintain our wonderful school we need to call upon the help of our community every now and then and then to work as part of the larger team. We acknowledge your time is precious and we value your support. If you can spare an hour or two that would be hugely appreciated. Please fill in the attached form and return it to the front office so that we can prepare and plan for the working bee.

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**KVPS Working Bee – Gardening**

Name: ______________________________
Child/ren’s Name: ________________________________ Class: _______
Contact Number: ___________________________ Best time to contact: AM /PM

Time Available: (Please circle your availability)

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PLEASE return this section to the Front Office C/o Mr Moxon by Friday June 6
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CONTRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS BELOW WHO HAVE RECEIVED ASSEMBLY AWARDS

KD Paige  STAR maths answers
KD Cooper  Making a STAR effort to sound out his words
KL Astara  Fantastic writing and sounding out of unknown words
KL Jamie  Super writing and sounding out of unknown words
K/1G Sophie  Always showing initiative & having some ideas to share
K/1G Brydon  Being a reliable, dependable worker with great listening skills
1RS Dominic  Excellent descriptive writing about the sun
1RS Brittany  Outstanding creativity when designing her repeating pattern in art
1S Lana  Her incredible adding and subtracting skills!!
1S Lincoln  His determination to always try his best while reading
1/2K Hayden  Impressive maths results
1/2K Gwendolyn  Being a co-operative, tolerant class member
2BR Kai  An improved effort in mathematics
2BR Taia-Rae  A super effort during writing lessons
2/3B Tahlia  Super, sensational spelling success
2/3B Zali  Absolutely awesome, amazing work always
3L Alexis  Persistence in learning place values
3L Rhianna  Persistence in learning place values
4BM Ethan  Trying hard to complete work in fractions
4BM Corey  Working quietly and consistently in maths
4G Andrew  Enthusiastic student during group work
4G Chloe  Being a quiet, conscientious worker
5/6E Lachlan  Very impressive maths results
5/6E Chelsea  A fabulous effort at our first debate
5/6M Grace  Thinking mathematically to solve complete problems
5/6M Jake  Enthusiastic reading during maths groups
5/6R Ethan  Mentoring students in science
5/6R Tristan  Assisting groups through science activities
KP Caleb  His hard work in mathematics
k/2W Alyssa  A great improvement in maths work
“FLUORO” Disco - Thursday 19 June
Planning is well underway for our term two “Fluoro” disco. DJ McGoo will be back to play all of the kids favourite chart songs with games, competitions and giveaways. There will be sweets and orange juice drinks for sale as well as coloured hair spray and glow sticks. Doors will open at 5.30pm with pick up time 7.30pm. Tickets are $5.00 each and will be on sale from the school canteen during disco week and at the door on the night. We are also running a poster and decorations competition with entries being used to decorate the hall on the night. More information below.
Parent helpers: Please text your details to 0400 413 439 or email the P&C if you can assist on the night.
This event is for KVPS students only. For safety reasons, older and younger siblings are not permitted.

Disco Poster and Decorations Competition
We are running a poster competition for the kids, to help promote the disco and to provide some decorations in the hall on disco night. The posters/decorations should be made by the kids in their own time and can be of anything they like. K-Mart has a large range of poster cardboard in stock at the moment for $1.50 per sheet. Winners and prizes will be announced on the night. Completed entries should be delivered to the canteen by the morning of Wednesday 18 June. Please ensure your child writes their name and class on their poster.

Working Bee - Friday 13 and Saturday 14 June
Our sensational Environment Team are gearing up for a huge couple of days of garden maintenance to help keep our school looking fabulous. If you have some time free on Friday 13 or Saturday 14 June anytime between 9am and 3pm, please contact us or the school and let us know what time/date suits you best to come along and lend a hand.

Entertainment Books
The 2014-15 Newcastle, Hunter and Central Coast Entertainment Book is now in stock. If you would like to purchase one, call or sms 0400 413 439 or order online using the Killarney Vale link. For the kinder parents who received a book home and do not wish to purchase it, please return it to the office or canteen asap.

P&C Facebook Group
To keep up to date with P&C news and activities, we invite you to join our P&C and become a member of our new P&C Facebook group. This group is for P&C members only and will keep you informed of all our news and events happening at KVPS. To join, please search Killarney Vale Public School P&C and once verified, you will have access. P&C membership is still only $50. We look forward to welcoming new and current members.

Thompson’s Pies
Only two days to go. Our closing date for orders is this Friday 6 June. Please ensure your completed order forms and money are returned to the canteen by Friday. Additional order forms are available from the school canteen or email the P&C and we will send one to you. Your orders will be ready for collection from the canteen on Monday 16 June between 1pm-3.15pm.

Canteen News
- Flavoured milk - Supplies of flavoured milk have now returned to normal
- Coming soon - reusable lunch order canteen bags in a variety of colours (blue/green /yellow/purple/pink)

Canteen Roster
Thu 5/6: Lynsey, Hazel, Vicki, Christine
Mon 9/6: Public Holiday
Fri 6/6: Kaylene, Natalie, Terri-Anne (Charmaine)
Tue 10/6: Tanya, Kel.C.
Wed 11/6: Denise, Lesley, Kelly S
Short Story Writing @ Your Library

Workshop for Kids

Ever wanted to be an author? Daydreaming of being a novelist? Then think about entering our annual Short Story Competition!

Entries open soon, but in the meantime come along to a creative writing workshop just for you, to help you write the best story ever. Your writing coach will be Gareth Real, who has taught creative writing for years to reveal his secrets of what makes a great short story and how to write one.

Tuesday 1 July 2014
Lake Haven Library
P: 4350 1570
10am-12 noon

Tuesday 8 July 2014
Tuggerah Library
P: 4350 1560
10am-12 noon

Book your spot today by calling the library.

"I always advise children who ask me for tips on being a writer to read as much as they possibly can. Jane Austen gave me the same advice, so I'm in good company there." — J.K. Rowling, author of Harry Potter series

KILLARNEY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL
STUDENT ABSENCE NOTE

My child
Was absent from school on
for the following reason:

Signed:
Date:

(parent)