Killarney Vale Public School has S.T.A.R. Students.

Safety
Tolerance
Achievement
Responsibility

These are our core values that support our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) philosophy at KVPS. Whether in class, or in the playground or on the way home from school, our hope is that all KVPS students demonstrate their STAR values. As part of this week’s homework, I would encourage all parents/carers to ask their child/ren what each of our values should look like, feel like and sound like in a variety of settings. Let’s work together and make KVPS the best known school on the Central Coast!

Swimming Carnival

Who: All Year 3 – 6 students and competent Year 2 (Students who are turning 8 Years Old in 2015) swimmers.
Where: Mingara Pool
When: Thursday 19th February 2015
Cost: $8.00

Making appointments to see staff

At this point in time in the school year, staff are very busy with a range of items, setting up their classes and getting to know their new students. Parents are reminded that all staff have specific communication times that they have set aside for parent teacher meetings. If you require a meeting, please put your concerns addressed to the staff member in writing and ask for a scheduled meeting. All staff will endeavour to get back to you within a short timeframe.
 Attendance

It is important that students attend school every day where 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 days have been recorded next to a student name. This is a legal requirement.

If you are planning to take leave of 5 or more consecutive days, please contact the front office to complete an application for leave form.

Did you know that if you 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)

 Active After School Care: (AASC) With Mr Smith

The highly popular AASC program was funded by the Federal Government and concluded in 2014. A trial program is currently being operated throughout selected schools in the state. Unfortunately, at this point in time we are not one of the trial schools. We are hopeful that the program will begin at KVPS in Term 3. Mr Smith is trying to get the program here as soon as possible. We will keep the community informed as the information becomes available.

 Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management

The Department of Education and Communities have asked all Principals to remind their communities that all schools will have policies and procedures in place for students who have known allergies and anaphylaxis needs. It is also common practice not to use peanuts, tree nuts or nut products in teaching and learning activities, including as rewards or treats. This does not include foods labelled as ‘may contain traces of nuts’. If you have any concerns, please contact your child’s classroom teacher or make an appointment with me to discuss your child’s health needs.

 Quality work with Mr Moxon

Congratulations to 5/6C who were engaged in an ICT lesson with Mr Smith on Monday morning in the computer lab. It is always pleasing to see senior classes setting those KVPS high expectations in all areas of the school. Mr Heaps, Principal of Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College: Berkeley Vale Campus who was with me on a tour of the school, made note of how settled our classes were and how engaged. Have a great week Killarney Vale!

Mr Moxon
Home Reading

We are pleased to announce we have issued our home reading program booklets for 2015. Please note the first date that can be registered for 2015 was Wednesday January 28 as this was our first day back at school. Good luck to all of our home readers, I look forward to handing out lots of rewards as the year unfolds.

Mrs Britten

2015 Book Packs

We have had some community feedback and inquiries about our 2015 Book Packs. In light of these discussions I have decided to construct this fact sheet.

Please note:
- The prices of book packs vary across the school depending on student and classroom needs. Individual classroom teachers and some stages have a combined approach to what is being sent home and what is being stored at school. If you have any concerns, you should speak with your child’s classroom teacher.

2015 Book Packs consist of the following sections:

Stationary: The stationary is designed to last your child the full school year and is usually stored in the classroom for safe keeping.

Books: Student workbooks have been selected to meet the individual lesson needs of the students at their grade level. Students in younger grades may need books with lines ruled for larger words, where students in Stage 3 will need more pages that are longer and with smaller ruled lines. Although some of these books can be purchased from local shops, consistency also helps classroom teacher as they need to focus on how students rule their books up. This can become difficult when the teacher is dealing with a variety of books for the same subject and can cause higher level of anxiety for the students trying to follow the teacher’s directions.

**Average Price:** $33 to $38

Text Books: This year we have opted for one mathematics textbook across the grades to support our mathematics program. Unlike previous years, this book will not be used every day and will allow classroom teachers to provide a more detailed differentiation to their teaching of mathematics. The textbook will be used as a resource where appropriate.

In our modern 21st Century learning environment, handwriting is a skill that always needs to be focused on and therefore that's why we have chosen to include a handwriting text book.

**Mathematics:** $17.50 / **Handwriting:** $14 – **Our price to you** $29

Technology Fee: At KVPS we use several ICT online programs that are highly engaging and useful in the classroom. These programs can also be accessed from home and on some tablet devices.

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For these programs, plus a small levy for the purchasing of apps for our fleet of iPads where one site licence for an app could cost up to 2 to 3 hundred dollars we charge only $32.38 and of this The P&C have subsidised $6 per student to reduce the overall price to only $26.38 per student. The school pays over one third of the cost on the online programs and over 75% of the costs associated with the iPad program. Included in the price this year, we have a USB thumb drive and lanyard to help students keep their login and passwords safe and secure. This money allows our school to have the latest technology to support our teaching and learning needs.

AT KVPS we also help families that are having financial concerns with some partial payments through our Student Assistance Scheme on various items throughout the school year. With parents purchasing book packs, our funds can be stretched to help reduce the burdens on families.

For example, in the coming weeks, I will be announcing a special excursion for 20 to 25 students in grades 4 -6 for a visit to The Entrance RSL Sub Branch Museum and have lunch at Digger’s at The Entrance as part of the 100 year anniversary of World War 1. In conjunction with Red Bus, The Entrance RSL Sub Branch, Diggers and our school funds normally this excursion would cost around $6 to $8 per student, but we will be able to offer this excursion for $0. This is just one example of how we try to reduce the cost of excursions for our students.

Without the support of our community, our funds would be spent on workbooks and other essentials and therefore we would not have the funds to assist families at need and assist in reducing the cost of school excursions.

KVPS would like to thank the many families that have purchased a 2015 book pack. As always we endeavour to reduce the costs where we can and maximise the quality of our products.

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

- All races are timed. There will be no finals – students will go through to the Zone Carnival based on their times.

- Children who place second in either the 100m OPEN freestyle or the 200m Individual Medley will also need to meet the qualifying time criteria to be eligible to be entered for this event. Children who place first will still be entered regardless of their qualifying time.

**YEAR 2 PARENTS**

- If your child is in year two, is turning 8 this year and can swim the length of Mingara Pool (50mtrs) then they are invited to attend our swimming carnival.

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**CHOIR 2015**

This year we have some exciting opportunities for children in the choir. We have been asked to sing with a few other schools at the International Women’s Day celebrations on Saturday 7th March at Ourimbah University. On Anzac Day, we will join with other school choirs for a performance of Anzac songs. In October we have the Central Coast Choral Festival at Mingara. Forty schools from across the Central Coast will be performing. Around thirty students in Years 3 to 6 from Killarney Vale, are invited to be part of this exciting event. Please see Ms Smiley for more details.
CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARDS TERM 1 WEEK 2

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS BELOW WHO HAVE RECEIVED ASSEMBLY AWARDS

1RS    Ty    Great knowledge of the life cycle of a butterfly
1RS    Paige  Trying her best in Maths groups
1M    William  Welcome wonderful William to our school
1M    Jye  Fitting in and making friends in his new school
1/2K    Jake  Showing beautiful manners in class
1/2K    Zeke  Creating an amazing watermelon artwork
2GB    Nevaeh  Being on task and being a tolerant worker
2GB    Liam  Writing a fantastic acrostic poem about spiders
2P    Isaac  Great start at KVPS
2P    Ava  A Quiet Achiever
3L    Kayla  Super attitude to learning maths mentals
3L    Braiden  Lovely, quality writing
3B    Kimberley  A super, sensational STAR start to Year 3!
3B    Lyrical  A super, sensational STAR start to Year 3!
4/5BM    Jindamarra  Settling in well to KVPS
4P    Christopher  A fantastic start to the year
4P    Elanor  A sensible and determined work approach
5/6C    Tahnee  Taking on and persisting with challenging tasks
5/6C    Jack  Taking initiative towards creative writing
5/6E    Kaitlyn  A determined start to Year 6
5/6E    Luke  A mature start to Stage 3
5/6R    Paige  Citizenship
5/6R    Grace  Enthusiastic participation in discussions
K1P    Mia  Excellent manners in class
1/3W    Tyler  A fantastic start to the year!
Stage 1 have had a wonderful start to their year. We have been very busy organizing our rooms and beginning some exciting work. This term our classroom theme unit is "Schoolyard Safari." We have been exploring Mini-Beast creatures around our school and have even had some come and visit!

Literacy and Mathematics groups are also under way as students participate in a variety of reading, writing and numeracy hands on learning experiences.

Sport has commenced and will be on Monday afternoons at 2pm. Students will be participating in Fundamental Movement Skills developing their hand eye co-ordination and team work skills.

Stay tuned to the newsletter as it will contain important dates regarding the upcoming Parent Information Night.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year in Stage 1!

Mrs Keyes, Mrs Garratt, Mrs Britt, Ms Price-Pahulu, Mrs McPherson, Ms Smiley and Mrs Richardson
PODIATRY CLINIC
The University of Newcastle Student Podiatry Clinic at Wyong Hospital is offering children age 0-17 free lower limb assessment. Children will be assessed by final year students, supervised by a podiatrist. Children and their families can receive advice on footwear and normal development, and receive treatment of foot warts, foot and leg pain, walking problems, and night-time 'growing pains'.

When: Mondays from 2.15 to 4.15pm
From: 2ND March to 25th May 2015
To make a booking, or for more information, Call 430947280

The simplest way

The Cancer Council NSW want to know how to get your family to eat all the fruit and veg they need to stay healthy?

The simplest way to improve the health of your family and save money.

Over the coming weeks, we will give you tips and ideas that will help you:

- Make healthy meals the whole family will love
- Pack healthy lunch boxes that will get eaten
- Save money by eating more fruit and veg
- Encourage fussy eaters with fun food ideas
- Grow your own fruit and veg without fuss

Got an idea to help us? Get in touch!

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Nutrition Snippet

Eat It To Beat It
Your P&C
KVPS P&C is made up of a group of parents, grandparents and friends who join together to assist in looking at ways to make our school a great school. The P&C manages and operates the canteen and uniform shop, co-ordinates school banking, fundraises and purchases items the school needs. Being a member of the P&C enables you to be involved in decisions that the P&C, as a committee, make to benefit our students, school and community. We hold regular meetings to discuss what is happening in our school with our first meeting coming up on Thursday 26 February at 7.15pm. If you would like to hear what is happening in our school we would love you to come along and join our dynamic group of caring and supportive parents. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would still like to be informed of P&C activities, please complete and return a P&C membership form to receive regular communications from your P&C and to have access to the P&C Facebook page. Membership is just .50 per person per year. Forms are available from the canteen, can be downloaded from the school website, or email us and we will forward one to you.

Election Day Markets - Saturday 28 March
Bookings are now being taken for our Election Day Markets with sites available for just $20 each. If you are interested in reserving a stall, please complete and return the booking form included with this newsletter. The P&C will be conducting a BBQ and cake stall as well as a book stall for which we would greatly appreciate any donations (please bring any books to the canteen). Please contact us via email or sms your details to 0408 894 841 if you have any questions.

Canteen News
Thompsons Pies It’s time to fill those freezers with a delicious selection of mouth watering Thompson’s pies and cakes. Your order form is attached to this newsletter which lists the selection available for order, the prices, the closing date and the collection date. Extra forms are available from the school canteen if you need them. Make sure to ask your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues what they would like to order as well or they’ll be eating all of ours! This is a canteen fundraising event so all money raised is returned to the school via the P&C.
Sticky Beaks Reusable Lunch Bags Available for purchase from the canteen in a range of cool colours. $9 each.
Apple Slinking Machines If you would like to purchase a quality apple slinking machine, contact Rhonda in the canteen. Machines are $30 each and will be available from the canteen in a few weeks.

Canteen Roster
Thu 12: Brenda, Hazel, Natalie, Lynsey
Mon 16: Tania, Christine, Sharon, Mary (9-10am)
Wed 18: Denise, Lesley, Kristy Anita, (Karen PM)
Fri 13: Elysia, Nik, Mel, (Charmaine PM)
Tue 17: Mel, Kel C

Uniform Shop News
Thanks to our fantastic uniform team for all of their hard work over the last couple of weeks (and months) in getting our students dressed for the 2015 school year.
Opening Times
Every Monday and Thursday 8.45am - 9.15am

Commemorative Year Six Shirts for 2015 Year 6 students wishing to purchase commemorative 2015 Year 6 polo shirts have until 16 February to place your orders. Shirts are $37 each with a $20 deposit per shirt required with your order. Shirts will delivered towards the end of March.

Commonwealth Bank School Banking
Win a family trip to Disneyland School Banking is introducing a new Grand Prize competition in 2015. Students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits during 2015 will automatically enter the draw to win a trip to California’s Disneyland where they can enjoy Space Mountain and everything the park has to offer. The prize includes return airfares, five nights’ accommodation, transfers and 3 days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, as well as AUD$2000 spending money. For further competition details, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
**THOMPSON’S PIES**

**FUNDRAISING ORDER FORM**

**KILLARNEY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION**

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Please return your completed order form and money to the school canteen by Monday 16 March 2015

Your name:  
Collection date: Monday 23 March 2015

Contact phone number:  
Collection time: 1pm – 3.15pm
ELECTION DAY MARKET STALLS

Saturday 28 March 2015

General Information/Terms and Conditions

Location: Market stalls will be set up on the grounds of Killarney Vale Public School in the primary assembly area in front of the school office.

Hours: Market stalls can trade from 8am until 3pm. Polling booths are open from 8am until 6pm.

Access: Access is via the front gates of the school on Heinricks Road.

Sites: Each site area is approximately 5m x 5m. All sites are open air. Sites will be allocated by us on a first in basis in a designated area that does not impede the movement of voters to and from the polling place.

Fees: $20 per site.

Payment: Cash or cheque made payable to Killarney Vale Public School P&C Association. Bookings and site allocations will not be confirmed until full payment is received. Payment is non-refundable.

Set up / Park up: Set up is available from 7.30am. Stallholders must be packed up by 3pm. All rubbish must be removed from the school grounds.

Vehicles and Parking: No vehicles are permitted on site. Parking is available on Heinricks Road and in nearby streets.

Equipment: No equipment is provided with your site. Stallholders are required to provide their own equipment. Power is not available.

Salesable Items: For insurance reasons, no electrical items are permitted to be sold. Killarney Vale Public School will be conducting a BBQ and other food and beverage stalls. No other food or beverage items will be permitted for sale unless by prior arrangement. We will also be conducting a book stall and any donations to this would be greatly appreciated.

Security: Stallholders are responsible for the security of their own stall and their stock. Killarney Vale Public School is a smoke and alcohol free area.

Liability: Killarney Vale Public School and Killarney Vale Public School P&C Association will not accept responsibility for your items or items sold by you, your equipment, vehicles or persons. Stallholders are expected to take responsibility for work health and safety within your site area and any injuries sustained by anyone due to your negligence.

I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined above: The signing of this document means you have read, understood and agree to the above terms and conditions.

Print Name ___________________________ Signature ___________________________

Mobile No ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Company/Stall Description ___________________________

Contact Person ___________________________

Company Name ___________________________

Address ___________________________

Mobile Phone ___________________________ Home Phone ___________________________

Email ___________________________

Detailed product description

Number of sites being booked @ $20 per site ___________________________

Total payment included of $ ___________________________

By signing this Stallholder Booking Form you acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to the Terms and Conditions for the 2015 Killarney Vale Public School P&C Association Election Day Market Stalls.

Print Name ___________________________ Signature ___________________________

Date ___________________________

Please retain a copy of these documents for your information.