School and Community News 18th February 2015

Term 1 Week 8

Wed 18th March—P&C Disco
Thurs 19th March—Year 5 & 6 visit to RSL The Entrance
Wed 25th March—K-6 Music Incursion “Planet Rhythm”
Thurs 26th March—P&C Meeting—7.15pm and Stage 1 walk to lake

School Photos – with Master School Portraits (MSP)

Congratulations to all of our students who had their photographs taken last week with Master School Portraits (MSP). After speaking to Grant and the team, they could not stop talking about how fantastic our students were. Their great smiles, lovely manners and uniform were clear stand outs on the day.

We are all very keen to see the final products when they are returned to school in Term 2.

Parent Teacher Interviews

When: Tuesday March 24 (Week 9)
Where: KVPS Classrooms
Time: 3:30 – 6:30

Parent teacher interviews 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 support and will help to build a positive link between home and school.

In order to meet with as many parents as possible, we will be offering only ten minute interview timeslots. 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 support.

Due to time restraints, if you have any major concerns, you may need to book an additional timeslot on another day to discuss these matters with your child’s teacher. Places will be limited and a reserve list will be generated depending on the number of parent teacher requests.

Attached in the newsletter will be a tear away slip that needs to be returned to your child’s classroom teacher to secure a timeslot. All interview times will be confirmed at a later date prior to the interview day.
School Promotions and technology at KVPS

Star News 2015 goes live!!!

Check out our latest edition of STAR News, meet the staff and student leaders of this Great School.
www.killarneyv-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Skoolbag Version 3 – A message from Skoolbag

Just a quick note to let you know that you now have access to Version 3 of Skoolbag. It will be ready for download soon in both the Apple App and Google Play Stores. Skoolbag has announced that this release fixes the issues with the current Android version, and also brings it up to date with the same features that have been on iPhone for some time. You can also now have a dedicated iPad version in the iPad App Store!

Parents/Community members, if you have an earlier version of Skoolbag installed on you devices, you will see this new version as an app update, and will install it as an update. Some users may already have automatic updates switched on, in which case the app will update itself.

New Version 3 features include:
- Supports iPhone 6 and 6 Plus resolution
- Rotation/landscape view when viewing landscape on larger resolution devices.
- New interface design and content navigation improvements
- Colour coded for each school
- Support for the Custom Form Builder
- iPhone Version has new Accessibility mode for visual impaired users.
- iPad Version!

We now have over 500 downloads of our school ‘app’. Keep spreading the word Killarney Vale!

Don’t forget to check out our school website: www.killarneyv-p.schools.nsw.edu.au to see and read about all of the exciting things that are happening at our wonderful school.

The School A to Z app contains the following features for parents and children:

English A to Z: Do you need to brush up on your adverbs and adjectives? Are you having trouble explaining English grammar to your child? Our English A to Z has more than 350 definitions of commonly-used English terms from primary and high school. Each word has an easy-to-understand definition based on the current school curriculum, with graphic illustrations and help sheets to help you.

Maths A to Z: Is your child learning maths in a completely different way to the way you were taught? With nearly 300 definitions, our Maths A to Z will help you to understand what is happening in your child’s classroom. Each word has an easy-to-understand definition based on the current school curriculum, with graphic illustrations, help sheets and ‘how to’ videos to help you support your child.

Technology A to Z: Technology is changing at an ever-increasing pace and - as a parent - it is not always easy to keep up with the latest trends and terminology. Our Technology A to Z explains these terms in language that you can understand.
**Around the school!**

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 that parents/community members 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.

We have received reports that the council rangers were out the front of the school early last week. Please remember this area is often patrolled by council rangers or the NSW Police Highway Patrol where infringements can be high. As a community we need to work together to help reduce traffic issues. If you need any clarification on the meanings of traffic signage please see the banner on the gate near the crossing.

Parents are reminded that one of the easiest places to park is in either of the council car parks adjacent to the oval behind the school where there is easy access to Wyong Road. Your understanding and support in this matter is appreciated.

We also had a parent call the office to inform us that two young girls were seen two days in a row crossing at the corner of Wyong Road across Henricks Road. This is a very dangerous corner and we encourage all students to use the appropriate crossings to increase safety.

**After School Procedures**

It has been noticed that some students are waiting for parents either out the front of the school or on the bottom oval at the conclusion of the school day. It is school practice that students do not leave the school grounds unless they are being collected by their recognised parent/guardian or have been given permission by their parents to walk/ride home. Please remind your children, that if you meet them in a predetermined location and that you are not there, they need to return to the front office so that a contact call can be made. The wellbeing of our students is our primary concern, only together can we make this work.

**Access to classroom**

It has been brought to the attention of the executive that that some community members have been accessing classrooms during lunch and recess breaks. Parents and community members are required to sign in at the front office and must not enter classrooms without explicit permission from the classroom teacher or executive staff member. As a community we need to remember that all visitors to the site need to be signed in via the office Workplace Health and Safety register to ensure safety for all at Killarney Vale Public School. Please note that if you are attending a special function i.e Cross County Carnival, Mother’s Day Activities or a Weekly School Assembly visitors you are only allowed in specific parts of the school. This is to ensure all visitors to the site are accounted for and that normal operating procedures are not disrupted. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

**Quality work with Mr Moxon - Home Reading**

Reports are coming in from across the school that students everywhere in all grades are starting to achieve the first milestone in their home reading books for 2015. This is very exciting news and we are preparing to start recognising these students at an upcoming assembly. Keep reading everyone.

Have a great week Killarney Vale!

Mr Moxon
Out and About
This Weeks Topic:
What is your favourite literacy activity?

Levi  
Kindergarten  
“Writing is my favourite literacy activity”

Layla  
Year 2  
“My favourite Literacy activity is telling news”

Monte  
Year 3  
“I like playing the ipads during literacy time”

Kaitlyn  
Year 6  
“I really enjoy playing Scrabble in reading groups”

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Our annual Athletics Carnival for Year 2-6 is coming up on 31st March at Mingara Track. This is a compulsory day for all students in year 2-6. Please bring in your note and $7.00 as soon as possible.

Yours in Sport - Kate Keyes

Killarney Vale Public School
Parent - Teacher Meeting Time Preferences
Tuesday March 24

☐ 3:30pm - 4:30pm (Please select in order of preference) 1,2 & 3
☐ 4:30pm - 5:30pm (Please select in order of preference) 1,2 & 3
☐ 5:30pm - 6:30pm (Please select in order of preference) 1,2 & 3

Student’s Name: _____________________________________________ Class: ____________

Parent/Caregiver’s Name (Please Print): ________________________________________________

Parent/Caregiver’s Signature: __________________________________________ Date: ____________
Planet Rhythm is coming to our School NEXT WEEK!


“Planet Rhythm is a large production: the students will be amazed at the magnificent collection of majestic world drums and percussion instruments sourced from the four corners of the globe.”

Taken on an evolutionary journey, the children will gain an insight into how rhythm and instruments originated. They will also begin to understand and appreciate the significance drumming has had on many cultures throughout the ages.

Cost: $7.00 per child

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CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARDS TERM 1 WEEK 7
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS BELOW WHO HAVE RECEIVED

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

KD Chelsea Producing fabulous STAR quality work
KD Thomas Completing STAR quality work
KL Zahra Being a quality worker & superstar student
KL Kaiden Being a helpful and good leader in literacy groups
KR Elektra Being a responsible STAR student
KR Riley Working hard in literacy groups
1RS Brooke Being a superstar in our assembly item practises
1RS Kurtis Fantastic writing about spiders!
1M Allira Beautiful illustrations in her work book
1M Brock Taking pride in his book work
1/2K Malcolm Brilliant expression when reading
1/2K Hannah A shining Super Star student!!!
2GB Cooper Excellent presentation of his talking topic
2GB Caley Great responses in maths
2P Keenan Excellent movement and rhythm when dancing
2P Remy Working hard with multiplication strategies
3L Summer Excellent organising skills in mathematic groups
3L Jason Quality listening at all times
3B Kaylee Awesome attitude to her learning
3B Kye A sensational super STAR who never gives up!
4/5BM Mason Fabulous commitment to the Peace poster
4/5BM Cody Fully committed to learning and star behaviour
4P Elizabeth Approaching all tasks with enthusiasm
4P Joshua A conscientious effort and improved focus
5/6C Andrew Quality imaginative writing
5/6C Ethan Being a positive role model for his group
5/6E Ella Excellent contributions during reading groups
5/6E Maddison Great use of personification in her writing
5/6R Chance Mentoring in mathematics
5/6R Chloe Excellent work habits
K1P Tyler Looking after his belongings
1/3W Elle Being a kind friend
It is fantastic to see the Library Monitors are enthusiastic, keen and passionate about our school’s library!

They have been learning how to loan and return books.

I’m so proud of you all, keep doing an outstanding job!

Dr. Seuss is an adored children’s author of over 60 cherished books. This month he would have celebrated his 111th birthday!

To honor this occasion and his dedication to children’s literature, students have been borrowing his beloved books. K-2 have loved reading ‘The Cat in The Hat’, ‘The Lorax’ and ’Horton Hears a Who!’.

Parents never forget …
‘You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child!’ - Dr. Seuss

Happy reading,

Miss Taylor
End of Term activities on Thursday 2nd April—2015

9:30  - Super Star Assembly
10:30 - (Reward students only) Family Picnic / Movie
12:00 - All School 3-6 Bunny Hop Disco & K-2 Easter Egg Hunt
13:00 - Class
13:30 - Recess
14:00 - K-2 Disco & 3-6 Easter Egg Hunt
14:40 - P&C Easter Raffle in the School Hall (K-6)

Easter Egg Hunt

Coming up in week 10 is our Easter Egg Hunt.
To make the day a success we need you to donate some Easter Eggs.
We are hoping to get enough Easter Eggs so that everyone from Kindergarten to Year 6 can participate in the hunt.

Please deliver all Easter Eggs to the office where they will be safely stored!
Thank you for your support.
SPORT DISCO - Tonight

Venue: The school hall.

Time: 5.30 till 7.30pm. Tickets: $5.00 available at the door.

Refreshments: Sweets, snacks and juice cups will be available for purchase at the disco with prices starting from 20c (juice cups 50c). Pick up/Drop off: Children must be dropped off and picked up from the school hall by a parent or carer. Supervision: Provided in the school hall only, for the duration of the disco by staff members and a limited number of parent helpers. Siblings: For safety reasons, older and younger siblings are not permitted. This event is for KVPS students only.

Disco Poster and Decorations Competition Thank you to everyone who made a poster or decorations for our disco. They will all be on display at tonight’s event. Winners will be announced this evening with their ticket entry being refunded.

Uniform Shop News The commemorative year six shirts are back from the printers. Shirts can be collected from the Uniform Shop (Mon & Thu 8.45-9.15am) once payments are finalised.

Canteen News

Thompson’s Pies Orders will be ready to collect from the canteen on Monday 23rd between 1pm and 3.15pm.

Canteen Roster

Thur 19: Joy, Vicki  Fri 20: Katrina, Hazel, Michelle Mc (PM Charmaine)
Mon 23: Tammey, Sheridan  Tue 24: Mel, Nari  Wed 25: Lesley, Anita, Kristy (PM Karen)

P&C Annual General Meeting - Thursday 27 March The Annual General Meeting of Killarney Vale Public School P&C Association will be held on Thursday 26 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 was included in last 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.

Easter Raffle Tickets for our Easter Raffle went home last week. If you did not receive any or if you would like additional tickets to buy or sell, call into the canteen or contact us and we will send some home with your child. Tickets are $1 each or $10 for a book of 12 tickets (bonus two tickets included). Include name, telephone contact and your child’s class on each ticket stub sold then return tickets and money to the canteen no later than Wednesday 1 April. There will be more than 20 prizes to give away. Winners will be drawn at the school Bunny Hop Disco on Thursday 2 April.

Election Day - Saturday 28 March Only ten days to go until polling day when we will see hundreds of people filing through our school to vote in our school hall on Election Day 2015. As you know, we have lots planned for the day including market stalls, a cake stall, BBQ and book stall. It is shaping up to be a great day and we are asking for your help with the following

➤ Donating cakes, slices and baked goods (home baked or bought) for sale at our cake stall - cake containers are available from the canteen if you need them. Bring cakes in on Friday 27th or on election day.
➤ Donating books for sale at our book stall — please bring them into the canteen.
➤ Helping with sales on the day and to cook at the BBQ — complete and return the helpers slip below or send us an email if you can help.

HELP NEEDED - Election Day - Saturday 28 March

Yes, I can help on Election Day!
Name ______________________________ Mobile/Home # ______________________________
MYUNA BAY SPORT & RECREATION CENTRE
April Holiday Programs 2015
PHONE enquiries / bookings : 131302

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The program includes: all meals, accommodation and activities.
Activities could include any or all of the following: low & high ropes challenge course, rock climbing, abseiling, archery, giant swing, canoeing, kayaking, flying fox and much more.

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way to get your kids loving Fruit & Veg.

Eating plenty of fruit and veg can help keep your children healthy, but sometimes it’s hard to get them to eat enough. Children often copy their parents, so our first tip is to make sure you eat enough too!

Other tips are:

- **Put your kids in charge.** Let them choose and wash fruit and veg for their lunch box; if they’re able to, let them peel, cut or grate it.

- **Keep it interesting.** Cut fruit and veg into a variety of small shapes so it’s easier and fun to eat.

- **Make ready-to-eat snacks.** Keep cut fruit and veg in the fridge for the kids to grab and eat with hummus or yoghurt.

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