**Dates to Remember**

- **Monday 24th Feb** - Parent Info Night
- **Friday 7th March** - Curriculum Day
- **Monday 10th March** - Labour Day no school

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**LIAISON PARENTS**

A letter went home last Thursday about each grade having a Liaison parent that can be contacted if there are questions, concerns. Please make contact with the person who has been allocated to your child’s grade. They are willing to support you and find out answers if unsure. Thank you to the following parents who have volunteered to support their peers.

- Prep - Stacey Fife
- Grade 1 /2C - Melanie Morgan
- Grade 2 /3H - Alison Biber
- Grade 3 /4P - Jessica Taylor
- Grade 3 /5T - Christine Heffernan
- Grade 5 /6 J - Jodi McConchie

**School Council**

We are seeking 3 school council members. The following council members positions have been declared vacant this year:

- Brent Strahan
- Nicole Lucas
- Vacant position

Kerryn Morey and Andrew McConchie are re-standing. Please think about how you can contribute to the school. Council members meet 8 times a year, there are Committees: Finance, Education, Buildings and Grounds, OHSC, Community Group. Our meetings are short and it is a great way to find out how the school operates.

**SWIMMING**

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the swimming trials: Sam T, Kaitlyn T, Claudia, Chloe F, and Troy.

Well done to Claudia, Chloe and Troy for advancing to the next level. We are very proud of all of you.

Grade 1/2C will be presenting themselves as a group to the whole school at assembly tomorrow.

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**RIDE TO SCHOOL**

We have a Ride to School day on the second last Friday of each Month

Encourage your child to ride to school on **Friday 21st February (TOMORROW)**. They can also walk, skate, scooter to school. Normal shoes MUST be worn when at school. A tally is made and sent off the Ride 2 School Organisation. Our school has been part of this initiative for the last 10 years. We encourage to students to live healthy lifestyles and exercise is one way to look after ourselves.

**CANTEEN**

Our Canteen operates on Fridays. This a service we provide for our students and families. Many students love having a special lunch order throughout the Term.

Our Canteen is run by Parent Volunteers. Lucy Wright is our Coordinator and needs your help. If you can help in the Canteen, even if only once a term, Lucy would love to hear from you. Please ring the school if you can support her and the students.

Without volunteers the Canteen service will close.

**HELPERS NEEDED**

If you have some time and would like to help we have some beautiful new ‘Take Home Books’ that needed to be contacted/ covered for protection. Once covered they can be put into classrooms for students to borrow and take home. These books have been purchased by the Community Group with funds raised from projects that you supported. Thank you

Elizabeth Thomas  Principal
Road Safety

Roads and vehicles are an everyday part of life for all of us. Either as a driver, a passenger, or as a pedestrian, we all must negotiate the road traffic environment on a daily basis.

Children are especially vulnerable around vehicles and roads due to their size and capabilities.

Be aware of the opportunities to teach children to become safer road-users.

- Walk down to the local shop for groceries or the newspaper with your children when you can.
- Park the car and walk around to the sports ground, on the way explaining the observations and choices you make to get there safely.
- Talk about the importance of wearing seat belts and insist that everyone in the vehicle wears appropriate restraints for their age and size.
- Point out rules of the road when driving.
- Always demonstrate responsible and safe behaviours when driving, as a passenger or while walking anywhere around vehicles and roads.

Remember children learn good habits by modelling behaviour from adults.

CURRICULUM DAY

Friday 7th March
Students are not required at school.
There will be NO OHSC service on that day.

Sick Children

We currently have several cases of gastro here at school. If your child is unwell please keep them home so that we can contain outbreaks of illness.
The importance of full time attendance

Every day counts

The Education Department is asking schools to alert families about changes in guidelines in regard to School Attendance. Changes will come into place from the 1st March 2014.

Schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 – 17 years unless an exemption from attendance has been granted.

Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don’t fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

Conversely, limited school participation is associated with a greater chance of dropping out of school, disruptive and delinquent behaviour and may lead to a cycle of rebellion against authority. These outcomes have later implications for employment, a range of health risk behaviours (drug and alcohol abuse), homelessness, poverty, welfare dependence, and involvement in the justice system.

It is acknowledged that for some children and young people mainstream school environments may not always be the most appropriate settings. For the purpose of this document, participation in an approved re-engagement program is considered attendance at school.

Students are expected to attend the school in which they are enrolled, during normal school hours every day of each term, unless:

- there is an approved exemption from school attendance for the student, or the student is registered for home schooling and has only a partial enrolment in a school for particular activities.

A student is considered to be in attendance at school when involved in an offsite curriculum program or other activity organised by the school (for example an excursion or camp), or where the student is engaged in a re-engagement program or another school part time to make up full time attendance and the schools or settings have agreed the time fractions, allocation of Student Resource Package (or other funding) and the educational plan for the student.

Home schooling in Victoria is a legally recognised alternative to attending a registered school. Parents who wish to home school their child must satisfy the requirements of the Victorian Regulation and Qualifications Authority.
Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2014/2015 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.
(Your crossing lady’s name is Pauline)

Pick up a nomination form online at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

Closes Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May 2014

SCHOOL BANKING

A reminder that school banking has begun. It does not matter how small the deposit, ALL deposits support your child’s understanding of financial literacy and the school. Our school receives :

- $5 when a student makes their first deposit
- 5% on every deposit made
- This years theme for school banking program is the Deep Sea Savers.

A very BIG thank you to our parent volunteers: Jane Sparrow, Melanie Morgan, Stacey Fife, Andrea Donders who have been trained and give time on Tuesdays to get the banking done.
We made sand. Our sand tastes good. What did we use?

We made the sea. You can see through our water. What did we use?
GO COUGARS!!
NEW PLAYERS WANTED
SEASON 2014
Positions available in all teams
Under 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s, 14s & 15s
First Year Players to the Club receive
FREE registration
President : Danny Lamb 0419 348 669
Registrar : Bonnie Isbester 0411 406 443

Download our free APP now or check out us on facebook
kilsyth junior football club

Kilsyth Heat Basketball Club – Winter Comp 2014
We are currently recruiting for new players to join
our basketball club for the upcoming Winter 2014
competition, which begins at the end of April 2014.

Our club is currently in a rebuilding phase and we urgently
need players for 2 girls teams as follows:

Girls Under 12’s (must be 11 at 30/6/14)  3-4 players
Girls Under 14’s (must be 12 or 13 at 30/6/14) 3-4 players
Please contact Richard
0425-872330 or Email rjnandb_d@optusnet.com.au


**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

**21st February, 2014**

Prep  Louis C for trying his best and following our classroom rules

1/2C  Jordy C for her excellent work in place value

2/3H  Ayla H for always doing your personal best and treating others with respect

3/4P  Lachlan N for caring for school property and helping others

5/6J  Thomas F for trying his hardest in sport and always pushing the limits

5/6T  Claudia C for always showing a mature, polite and respectful attitude in class

Prep Art  Abbey F for working so hard and helping others. Well done.

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**Basketball News**

**Results for this week**

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**Upcoming games**

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**Reminders**

If you cannot make game night please contact your team manager so they can organize a stand in player – This is very important for the players that do turn up so they are guaranteed a game

AND be at the game 5 – 10 minute before the start so you are not rushed