



Building strong foundations for life.

Newsletter

We may be small but we've got it all!

Term 1 – Issue 02

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TERM 1 CALENDAR 2020

Foundation Students do not attend on the following Wednesdays during February—5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

Welcome family BBQ—Thurs 13th Feb @ 5.30

Public Holiday—Monday 9th March

Term 1 ends — Friday, 27th March

Easter—10th to 13th April

Term 2 starts—Tuesday, 14th April

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The brochures have been distributed for issue 1. Orders must be placed on line this year through www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

No cash orders. Orders close 17th February.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2020

Nominations for both Parent Member and DET employee members will open on Monday, 10th February.

Nominations forms will be available from the office from **9-00am** and must be lodged by **4.00pm Monday, 17th February, 2020.**

Parent positions:

1 year	(2020-2021)	1
2 years	(2020-2022)	3

DET positions:

2 years	(2020-2022)	1
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Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and call for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

An information note will be sent home today.

Please speak to Carol or Jeanette if you need further information.

What a lovely surprise!!! Thankyou for the beautiful flowers and scrumptious cake that was left on my desk for my birthday. Turning 40 is quite a milestone. (hehehe)

WELCOME BBQ

Yesterday you should have received you invite to the Family BBQ that will be held at school on Thursday 13th February from 5.30—7.00. This is a great opportunity to catch up with other school parents in a relaxed and informal meeting.

The school will provide the sausages and hamburgers and we are asking parents to bring a salad (senior class families) or a dessert (junior class families) to share. (NO NUTS PLEASE). Please return the attendance slip asap for catering purposes.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

You may have noticed that we have had a few things done over the break to enhance our school grounds and resources. We have concreted the base of the pavilion, started painting in the courtyard, put up a new basketball backboard & we have a new PA system with a new school bell. (The old school bell will be showcased and displayed prominently in the foyer)

Things to look forward to in the near future are a new water tank, some lines painted on the concrete areas and a new school sign. Hopefully we will get the house of bottles finished also. Please keep sending in 1.25 clean plastic bottles.

A HUGE THANKYOU to **NOEL P** (and my brother John), **BERNIE H** (and his father-in-law) and **SHAUN S** for their help around the school. Noel and John removed the old backboard and put up a new one. Bernie and his father in law have attached down pipes from the pavilion roof and connected them to the tank so we can catch much water to fill the tanks and Shaun for cleaning our concrete and entry ramp. Together, these jobs would have cost the school quite a bit of money if we had to get experts in. **Once again we really appreciate your support.**



HELP REQUIRED—11TH FEBRUARY

Hello to all parents,

Mr Boxall is looking for some helpers on the 11/2 from 9am to 12.30pm to help move all the equipment from the sport shed to the art shed and vice versa. There will be a bit of lifting, but the end result should have both the sheds being clear and easy to use for PE and Art lessons.

Please see Mr Boxall if you're keen to volunteer or volunteer someone.

IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY & IT'S NOT GREAT TO BE LATE.

Regular school attendance is a critical factor in student success. For learning to take place, students need to be at school in class and engaged in learning. Students who regularly miss days of school miss valuable opportunities for education that often cannot be regained. Regular attendance is also associated with the development of social skills, including friendship building, team work, communication skills and self-esteem.

If your child is sick or absent, please notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence, (or prior) using one of the following methods:

1. Enter the absence on uEducateUs.
2. Telephone the school office and speak to a staff member OR leave a message on the answering machine with your child's name and reason for the absence.
3. Email the class teacher cc Principal with the notification and reason for the absence.

KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS

It was fantastic to get back into the garden with the students this week. Fortunately, there has been some rain through the holidays, so our fruit trees have not suffered too much. The downside of course is that the weeds have been thriving so we had plenty to do. In the process of clearing the beds to ready them for new plantings the students were delighted to unearth some potatoes, along with many intriguing mini-beasts. We also have a decent crop of garlic, so we will be able to include some of our own produce in our cooking exploits.

As always, I invite families to participate in the program in any way they can. Hands on volunteers are always welcome, whether in the garden or the kitchen. If you would like to volunteer, please email me at: anders.meghan.m@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Our 'Big Cook' sessions this term will be **Monday, February 24th** and **Monday, March 23rd** from 11.30.

Other ways to participate include bringing in donations such as broken-down manure, straw for mulching, seedlings and seeds or anything else you think might be useful. Please don't hesitate to contact me, or chat on Mondays before or after school.

Meghan Anders.

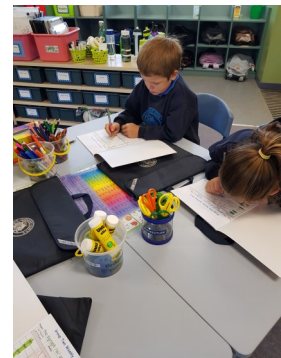
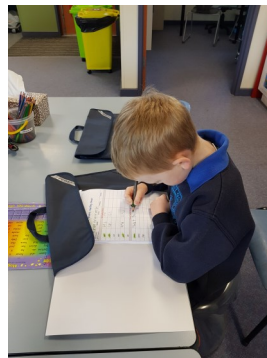
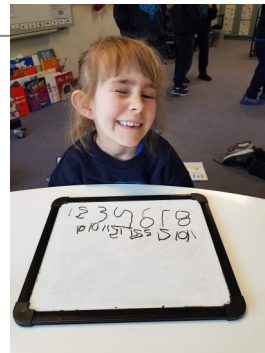
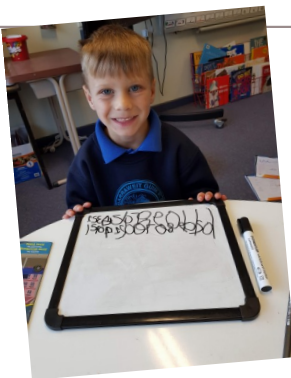


Classroom News

JUNIOR CLASSROOM

Students in the junior grade have dived straight into their learning this week! Foundation students have been showing what they know about the letter 'S' with many games and practising writing on whiteboards. Grade one and two students have their first lot of SMART spelling words for the year, and have taken home a copy to practice each night. Thank you to the families who have already begun listening to their children read each night, and written in the reading diaries – this is a great communication tool for you to let me know how they are going.

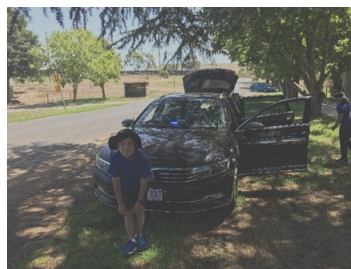
As well as literacy and maths activities, students have been practising classroom routines such as 'whole body listening' and how to line up at the end of playtime. We take photos of the children showing these behaviours as reminders, and the children love to see themselves!



SENIOR CLASSROOM

The senior class was lucky enough to have their sports lesson interrupted by a couple of Victoria Policemen. They saw all the students practising their tennis skills and thought a great reward was to have a play with the lights and sirens.

Thank you to Victoria Police for volunteering your time and answering many questions.



Parent Information

KILMORE – St Patrick
BROADFORD – Our Lady Help of Christians
WALLAN – Our Lady of the Way
WANDONG – St Michael



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Website: pol.org.au/kilmore/Home.aspx
Parish Priest: Fr S Marneni MSFS
Parish Secretary: Janette Hinchcliffe

2020 SACRAMENTAL DATES IN THIS PARISH

The Parish Priest and Schools, having been advised by the Bishop's office of the dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation, have set the dates for all other Parish Sacraments.

Children in the following year levels to be able to receive the following Sacraments:

Reconciliation ~ Grade 3 and above.

Eucharist ~ Grade 4 and above.

Confirmation ~ Grade 6 and above.

If you know any children, living in the Parish, who are Baptised Catholics but **attend the State Schools** please pass on this information to their parents.

Those wishing their children to attend preparation classes must contact the relevant School office to register for these classes.

St Patrick's Primary School, 1 Conway Street Kilmore

Phone: (03) 5782 1579

Email: principal@spkilmore.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady Of The Way Primary School, 30 Alcantara Blvd, Wallan East

Phone: (03) 8609 1784

Email: annette.moore@ourladywallan.catholic.edu.au

Catechist classes for Reconciliation will begin on **WED 19 FEB** from **4PM-5PM** with **Mrs. Christina Skora** in the Our Lady of the Way Parish Hall.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;

Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

- Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- Submit an application to the school by the due date.

A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (28 January 2020) or term two (14 April 2020).

If you believe you are eligible for the above, please request a form from Jeanette (Mon/Wed), complete and return by Wednesday 12th February.

Claimants from this school in 2019 do not have to complete new forms for this year.

T-Ball
Boys & Girls
Ages 5-10
\$2 per child - per session

**Friday nights
6.00 - 7.30pm**

Begins Friday 7th February
Programme will run for 8 weeks

Don't forget your hat and drink bottle
Please wear closed toe shoes

Sausage sizzle
every week

Majors
BASEBALL CLUB INC

Cnr Mollison & Pinniger Streets, Broadford
Contact: Nick Attard - 0400 480 013