Welcome back!

Hello everyone and welcome back to Term 2 at our wonderful school!

**Bells of Peace**

Over the last two months our choir has been rehearsing for Bells of Peace, culminating in two exciting and moving performances last Saturday and Monday. Bells of Peace has been a wonderful local music event, commemorating the stories and sacrifice made by our ANZAC service men and women, and the impact of this on our local community. This DRMC (Dandenong Ranges Music Council) project has been led by the accomplished artistic director John Shortis. What a wonderful shared experience for our children to perform with composer Brian Hogg, hear opera singing, sing with a full orchestra and be on stage with 300 other performers.

Our choir has expanded to over forty students this year—almost a quarter of our school! How exciting! Our deep gratitude to our dedicated and passionate teachers, Margaret Brooks and Amy Roworth (choir teacher), who have such a love for music education and have devoted so much of their own time to making this rich musical and community experience a reality for our students and school.

**General Purpose Room and Assemblies**

Our G.P. Room/Fire Shelter is undergoing refurbishment and renovation this term, thanks to the funding support of the Department of Education.

While the G.P. Room is undergoing improvements, we will continue to have assemblies in the library on Fridays, however, we have decided to split these into Senior and Junior assemblies, as follows—

9am:  
**Senior Assembly - Year 3 to 6 assembly**

3pm:  
**Junior Assembly - Prep to 2**

This arrangement will make the assemblies far more comfortable in our smaller space. We are also looking forward to making music a very special part of these cosy assemblies. This week, the Senior Assembly is dedicated to a commemoration of our ANZACs and we are very privileged to have a special guest speaker.
Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) - New Phone Number!

Our wonderful Out of School Hours Care program (OSHC) is operating out of the library this term while the G.P. Room is under improvements.

We have a new phone number to contact Liz and Jayne - 0497 310 233

Yard Supervision

As you would be aware, ‘The Rocks’ are supervised after school until 3.45pm. In addition to this, the lower playground will now be similarly supervised by teachers to 3.45pm. This will ensure the safety of our students within the school grounds. After 3.45pm, students will be brought to the office and be placed in Out of School Hours Care.

We are also concerned that some children are coming to school very early and are unsupervised in the yard in the morning. Supervision in the yard in the morning is from 8.45am. Please do not drop children at school by themselves before this time as they are unsupervised before 8.45am.

We understand that sometimes parents need to leave children at school earlier, but please make arrangements for them to attend our OSHC program. The program is provided at a very reasonable cost for parents who need children to come before school hours, or stay a little longer after hours.

Please call and speak to Liz about the cost and hours of our OSHC program, or ask the office to send home an OSHC brochure with your child. Thank you.

Solar Panels

Our solar panels are now back working for us and the Grid!

I’d like to say a big thank you to the Dandenong Ranges Renewable Energy Association for offering financial support to us to get our solar panels up and working again after vandals made them ineffective. Thanks so much!

Parent Contributions 2015

Information regarding Parent Contributions (school fees) for 2015 along with policy documentation was posted home last year and is available from the Office. Statements were posted home last week to those who still have amounts outstanding.

Parent Contributions cover the cost of consumable items used by your child and are integral to the running of the school.

Please understand that we are very conscious of family budgets and Chris, Andrea or Bronwyn are always available to discuss suitable payment options with you to manage these educational expenses.

We would appreciate payment as soon as possible and thank you for your ongoing support.

Annual Report

The Kallista Primary School Annual Report will be tabled at our School Council Meeting next week on Monday 27th April, 8pm. It provides an overview of our progress across a number of measures including student achievement, opinion surveys and financial performance. This document will be available on the Kallista Primary School website or as a hardcopy from the office.

School Council and Committees are Underway!

Thanks to all our parents who are involved in supporting our school in all kinds of ways, both in and out of classrooms, on committees, School Council, creating our school newsletter (thanks Sandra!), attending excursions and events such as Bells of Peace! Your input makes this a friendly, positive and supportive place for our children to learn, grow and play! And a great place for staff and parents to be!

The Friends of Kallista Primary School (our parents and friends’ association’s new name!) was really well attended last week and there are many social and fundraising activities being organised by this marvellous group! If you would like to join, speak to the convenor Kate Hannan, or contact the office and we will let you know how to get in touch with Kate.

The Facilities Committee, headed up by Karen Koolstra, is also getting off to a great start this year. Facilities and Grounds always needs hands-on-deck, so consider joining this committee and help us continue on the road to improving our buildings and grounds!

Another exciting group helping our school is the Parents and Friends Music Appreciation Association who are meeting this week on Wednesday 22 April 2015 at 7pm in the school library. Kerry Wardlaw and Lisa Baird are organising this important group. Hope to see you there!

Looking Forward to a Great Term!

Our school is such a wonderful community, with caring, dedicated and talented teachers, creative and capable students, and energetic, creative and supportive parents and friends! I feel so lucky to be the principal of this great school and I am looking forward to what this term will bring. See you around our school!

Warm Regards

Christine
Kallista Primary School
Open Day
Wednesday May 20th 9-11am

Drop by and see our school in action!

'Step Into School'
Friday 29th May 9.15-10

Step Into School is a special morning for children starting school in 2016! 9.15 -10am in our Foundation classrooms.

Please book for Open Day and Step Into School
Ph: 9755 2633

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Sand Art
Find the Golden Snitch
Bowling
Juice Factory
Bookmarks
Cake Decorating
Mini Beasts
Cone Game
Card Games
Mothers Day Activities (SSSHHHH!!)

PARENTS
We have a new mobile phone number for Before and After School Care which we will be using while we are in the Library.
Before & After School Care available 7.30 am til 9 am and 3.30 pm til 6.00 pm 0497 310 233.

Regards Liz
David Walliams & Andy Griffiths
headline
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Japanese Calligraphy by Grade 5/6

Ki (Tree)
Ryan

Hana (Flower)
Jake

Ame (Rain)
Shea

Sora (Sky)
Katie

Hi (Fire)
Ineka

Yama (Mountain)
Quinn
Welcome to term 2 in the kitchen........

Back into the kitchen for term two, and this term we are ALL going to be doing kitchen and garden classes.

I have spent my holidays in Japan, doing a cooking class and eating and have come back wanting to test out my new skills, and new ideas in the kitchen.

I am also super excited to be working with Sonja going forward. The garden looks excellent and Sonja’s enthusiasm is contagious.

As we start the junior school classes, I hope to see many new faces in the kitchen. These classes will be very reliant on parent helpers to be successful. Hopefully all will run smoothly, however, this is untested ground, so we may have minor teething problems. I am very excited to meet the preps, 1’s and 2’s. And, I think they are pretty excited to be starting in the program.

If anyone has ended up with any kitchen equipment at home, tea towels, etc, could you please bring them in. I am missing a lot of stuff.

Thanks

Kylie

PS. If anyone feels inclined to wash aprons and tea towels, they are done every week on a Tuesday, and need to be returned by Monday.
Hello welcome to Garden Buzz. My name is Sonja (Olly W,  
Oscar W, Ava W and Roland’s mum), your new garden  
specialist. Thank you for all the warm wishes and offers of  
help. Here is the list of class times so come along:

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We have begun to plant some vegies (seeds and seedlings),  
onions, broad beans, peas, leeks, carrot, brassicas  
(broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage) and some different greens,  
mizuna, tatsoi, lettuces, silverbeet.

So much to write about but we will get there, step by step....

Buzzing off

Sonja
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