Hello Everyone!

We have had a tremendous start to the year, with our students displaying wonderful manners and excellent learning behaviours in their classrooms. I was delighted last week to notice a large group of children playing ‘Duck, Duck, Goose!’ on the oval. Children ranged in age from Year 1’s to Year 5’s and they were all having such a terrific time together! Wonderful!

Compliments Jar!

We now have class compliments jars. Classes can receive compliments for working together positively, showing excellent group learning behaviours, such as listening well, working in teams, sharing, taking turns, lining up ready for class, moving around the school in an orderly fashion, and showing respectful manners to all students, staff and visitors!

Food Allergies and Anaphylaxis…we need your help

What is anaphylaxis?

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention.

Anaphylaxis is a generalised allergic reaction, which often involves more than one body system (e.g. skin, respiratory, gastro-intestinal and cardiovascular). A severe allergic reaction or anaphylaxis usually occurs within 20 minutes to 2 hours of exposure to the trigger and can rapidly become life threatening.

How you can help...

We have a number of students who are at risk of Anaphylaxis due to severe allergies to certain foods at our school. We will be providing further information about this but two things are very important and we request your support.

1. Please do not send peanuts or treenuts in school snacks or lunchboxes.

Students with anaphylaxis are learning to manage their eating safely, however, as they are still very young they need our school community’s help. It is therefore our school policy to ask that no peanuts or tree nuts come to school in your child’s lunchbox. This will minimise our students’ risk of anaphylaxis.

2. Students must not share food.

Our Anaphylaxis policy states that we have a strict ‘No Sharing Food’ rule for everyone at school.

This rule reduces the risk of students eating the wrong food and triggering an allergic reaction or anaphylaxis. Please do not send any food in their lunch or snacks to share with classmates.

In the instance that there is a class party or event where food is shared, this will be managed by classroom teachers, our kitchen teacher Kylie, Out of School Hours Care staff, or the Principal to ensure that food does not contain
Somers Camp

Thirteen students headed-off to Somers Camp on Tuesday and we wish them all a very safe and happy adventure! I am thrilled that Sonja Winkler, one of our 3/4 teachers, has accompanied our students. Thank you Sonja! You are going to be a wonderful support to our kids!

I have received this lovely word from Sonja ...

‘The kids had a great trip down, getting to know new people and a fun bus driver who played music they could sing along to.

Today has been about getting to know where things are, establishing routines and making new friends. Tomorrow we start the group activities. Everything is going really well.

Also, if ‘ parents ask about the visitors’ day it is from 12-2.25pm on Sunday.’

It is great to know they are all safe, happy and ready for Somers Camp fun!

Classrooms- Induction, assessment and getting to know each other

I hope that you took the opportunity for a ‘Get to Know You’ interview last week. Our teachers were very happy to meet you all, to discuss your child’s interests, needs and abilities. Teachers are getting to know your children at this stage of the year, and are concentrating on socialising the students and training them in the type of positive learning behaviours that will set their classes up for success!

This is our induction phase, and something that we are working on doing better and better, across the whole school.

Currently assessment is also underway in classrooms. Teachers use this learning data to inform their teaching, plan learning programs and target instruction at the point of student need. Teachers have much to do at this early stage of the year and I appreciate their professionalism and dedication to their classes, and to the many responsibilities and tasks that are undertaken to manage their class and teach effectively.

‘School Pix’

Change of date again!! I apologise but once again we have needed to change the date for class photos. The photos will now be taken on Wednesday April 20th, that is, Week 2 of Term 2.

Payment for Excursions and Camps

Just a reminder that payments for excursions, incursions and camps must be made at least three days before the event. Special consideration will be given where there is need, so please call the office and speak to Chris, Bronwyn or Ange for assistance. Phone 97552633.

Lower Playground Parking

I have been alerted to some unsafe driving and parking that is occurring outside of the double gates, next to the lower playground. Please be aware of the dangers posed to oncoming traffic as you turn in and out of this area. It is also essential that drivers are mindful of children moving in and out, and between vehicles. Please be aware of the dangers that are all too present. Take care, and let’s all be safe!
Picnic Sports!

We look forward to seeing you all for Picnic Sports on Friday 26 February, here at school. Please let us know if you can help with any of the activities. The children always love having mums, dads, grandparents and friends along! We know you love to take photos on these days... beautiful memories of happy times at school are ways great to look back on!

In regards to photos of other people’s children –
Do not post photos of other people’s children on social media, including websites, Facebook, Instagram, etc., etc.

Kallista Primary School has clear policies around internet usage and social media, and does not allow children’s photos to be posted on our website without written parental permission. Please respect people’s privacy and the need for safety and do not post photos on any internet or social media site.

Warm Regards

Christine

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**PICNIC SPORTS CARNIVAL**

**DON’T FORGET :** We will be holding our annual Picnic Sports Carnival on the school oval on Friday 26th February. This will be following our Friday morning School Assembly. We will once again be using the Educational Sports Carnival Company who will be providing us with interesting and fun activities.

**Arrangements for the day are as follow:**

- Normal 9.00am start for students
- Tabloid Sports to run from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm
- Parents, we would love you to come and watch or join in as an Activity Marshall.
- At 1.00pm parents might like to join their child for a picnic lunch on the school oval. Lunchtime for all will be from 1.00pm – 2.00pm.
- At 2.00pm children will return to class for the remainder of the day.
- Feel free to take your child home early at the completion of your picnic lunch if you think this is best for your child. It can often be a busy morning for the younger children. Ensure you sign your child out with their classroom teacher first.

In the event of a Total Fire Ban, predicted temperature above 35 degrees or inclement weather, this event will be postponed to another suitable day.

**URGENT – I am in need of parents to act as Marshalls on the day. If you are able to help, and do not have a pre-schooler in tow, please put your name on the whiteboard at the General Office or get a message to me via your classroom teacher.**

*Sessions are 10.00am – 11.15am and 11.45am – 1.00pm.*

Hilary Morris
Physical Education
DO YOU LOVE WORKING WITH CHILDREN?
DO YOU WANT TO LEARN A NEW SKILL?
CAN YOU SPARE 1 OR 2 HOURS PER WEEK?

THIS REWARDING VOLUNTEER POSITION MAY BE JUST FOR YOU

THE KALLISTA PRIMARY SCHOOL BRIDGES PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO WORK INDIVIDUALLY WITH CHILDREN IN GRADES 2-6

FULL TRAINING PROVIDED. UNI STUDENTS/ PARENTS/ GRANDPARENTS/ FRIENDS ARE ALL ELIGIBLE TO BE TUTORS.

Bridges is a program designed to be implemented by parents and friends under the guidance of a teacher to help children in grades 2-6 who require some assistance with their literacy. If you (or anyone you know) could spare two or three half hours (on two or three different mornings) per week to help these children, please see me this week. This structured program is designed to work intensely for a limited (usually 10 weeks) amount of time with school and home and student making a real effort to improve the child’s skills and strategies in literacy.

Margaret Brooks (literacy coach & reading recover teacher)     Chris Finighan (Principal)

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B r i d g e s v o l u n t e e r
P l e a s e r e t u r n t o s c h o o l b y M o n d a y F e b 2 2 n d

NAME……………………………………..…………… PHONE……………………………………………………

I would be available 2/3 mornings per week for 40mins.
I have attended training/ I am available for training for 1 hr training

☐ a.m.(9-10.00)
☐ p.m.(2.30-3.30) Wed only
Kallista has a long and successful history of dedicated parents nurturing their children’s learning both at home and in the classroom. We are pleased to be able to offer training and education in the area of literacy to all parents interested in understanding more about how their children’s learning develops and how the school and home can best work together to support their education. The three session course will explore ways that you can help your child acquire literacy skills in the areas of Oral literacy, Reading and Writing as well as investigate How Children Learn.

All participants will receive a certificate at the end of the course which is recognized throughout Victoria.

Numbers in each course are limited to allow maximum discussion and tailoring of the course to meet individual needs of parents.

It is essential that those parents wishing to hear reading in classrooms attend the Reading session.

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It is preferable that participants choose either the morning or evening course so that the groups can get to know one another but there can be some flexibility if necessary.

Margaret Brooks (Reading Recovery Teacher)  Chris Finighan (Principal)
(Literacy Specialist)
MUSIC AT KALLISTA 2016

Classroom Teachers will be encouraging children to enjoy music in the junior school through song, dance, movement and by providing a range of tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments during investigation time to encourage composition and creating of music.

Older pupils will be encouraged to access and pursue musical interests through their ERPs where applicable.

The following music electives will also be offered.

**Choir** with Amy- Tuesday lunch times for P-gr6 students.

**Marimba** gr 5 and 6 students with Marg Brooks

**Japanese Drumming** gr 5 and 6- we are currently seeking a teacher for this group- if you know of anyone who has expertise, please come and speak to Marg or Chris.

We have several **private providers** for instruments and voice. Parents pay these providers and enrol by responding to the flyers attached to this newsletter or available outside the office window.

**Gitta** provides lessons in violin and viola during lunch and class time.

**Groove Foundations** will provide individual training in voice and small group lessons for ukulele involving singing and playing along. Contact jordanscotney@gmail.com 0408 881 395. Ukuleles may be borrowed from our school. Please see Marg to arrange this.

**Inschools Music** provide lessons in Piano, Guitar, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Bass Guitar, Drums, Percussion and group lessons in recorder. These lessons take place during class time. These students have access to several bands run by Andrew McAlister.

The concert band program has an enviable reputation state-wide.

Cluster band rehearsals are open for parents to watch. There are four levels of ISM bands that rehearse weekly at the Dandenong Ranges Music Council involving about 110 students

Andrew McAlister 0408 467 147 Po Box 47 Narre Warren North 3804 ismusic@bigpond.com

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To Enrol in any of the private instrumental options please pick up a flyer from outside the office.

**Friends of Kallista Performing Arts** Interested parents are welcome to attend all meetings of the Friends of Kallista Performing Arts committee. Last year this committee organized two very successful Performing Arts days for the whole school involving dance, composition, sound exploration and music.

**Whole School Production (Term3)** This year’s production will be on a circus theme. All children will participate in some way in their class, individuals will also participate and of course, our performing groups. Ideally, we would like to perform this on our school oval under a mini bigtop, with a pre show carnival atmosphere selling food, having children busking and some pupils on stilts etc.

**Can you help?** We need to source a suitable bigtop through a benefactor or have its hire sponsored as obviously if we were to pay full price for the hire of a mini bigtop, risers for seating, sound and lighting, the cost of ticket sales would become prohibitively expensive. If you can help in any way with the sourcing of these, please see Marg Brooks ASAP as we currently have a booking to perform at Burrinjiga but would prefer the above option if possible.
After School Care Activities

February
- Mon 22nd: Mini Beasts Weaving
- Tues 23rd: Ooblek and Slime
- Wed 24th: Cooking
- Thurs 25th: Murder in the Dark
- Fri 26th: Making Playdough

March
- Mon 29th: Raft Building
- Tues 1st: Octopus
- Wed 2nd: Origami
- Thurs 3rd: Cooking
- Fri 4th: Playground

Thanks, Liz
School Sport Victoria Team Vic Online Registration Process
12 Years and Under

Registration to trial for most SSV 12 Years and Under Team Vic teams to compete in School Sport Australia Championships is done through an online process managed by the School Sport Unit.

Historically, the exceptions are Australian Football, Netball, Soccer and Basketball due to the large number of students that start the trial process in these sports. These sports have traditionally started with nominations through their schools to enable attendance at District trials as the first step. If selected they proceed through to the next stage being Division trials. If selected at Division level a student will move through to Region trials except for basketball where a conference trial is held; and finally a State trial for possible selection in a Team Vic team.

After 18 months of consultation and planning with Region Coordinators and Sport Coordinators across the State, SSV has decided to change the process. Two changes have been made;

1. District trials will no longer be held

2. SSV is implementing an online registration process for the four sports mentioned above across the State from 2016. This is being done for the following reasons;

   - It will ensure all 12 Years and Under registrations to trial are done the same way.
   - It will ensure that regardless of where a child is and in what sector, primary or secondary, the process will be fair and equitable.
   - It will reduce the cost of running trials, allowing District Coordinators to redirect their funds to school based sports that increase participation at a local level.
   - It will ensure the trial process attracts only students capable of performing at a high standard and move away from a ‘come and try’ opportunity.

**The Online Registration process will open on Jan 25 and close on March 16 2016**

Please be aware of the following;

1. On the SSV website it has been made clear that students need to consult with their Sport Teacher at school to ensure they have the skill level to trial and represent their school.

2. It is imperative that teachers will decide on your child’s capability of representing their school at a state level trial.
3. This discussion with the school Sport Teacher is necessary as all students MUST get the Sport Teacher / Coordinator and Principal signature on their registration form prior to attending a trial.

4. Registration is a NON-REFUNDABLE $25 fee. This fee will be for the cost of hosting the trial and subsequent expenses as well as an administration fee.

5. This Registration is a registration for a Division trial. Confirmation to attend a trial will occur after registration.

6. Once registered, you will receive an email confirming payment and a bar-coded ticket through Eventbrite (the supplier of the registration process software) which will require a Sport Teacher's signature and the Principal's signature. This ticket must be handed in to the Division Trial Coordinator on the day.

7. Once registration for Division trials close on March 16 2016, Division Coordinators will email the registered participants and inform them of the time and place of their trial.

Please go to the respective sports - Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer) & Netball - via the Team Vic page of the SSV website for more information on final State dates.

If you require any further information about this process, please contact your school Sports Coordinator / Teacher.

Regards,

[Signature]

Jude Maguire
Chief Executive Officer
School Sport Victoria
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb

State

Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and for State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant

Date / /
We are looking for casual School Crossing Supervisors in your area now!

You will have excellent remuneration and conditions, social club and more.

If this would interest you, and you have the time—and passion to be a part of this program, please contact Sharon Moran Coordinator School Crossings Local Laws Department 9294 6463
Hooray! The work has finished in our garden, so we can readjust our area & beds. I've decided to build a little picket fence to define our space. I would like to ask for people to bring in scraps/stale bread for our chooks → I'll have a bin near chook shed: pop bits in. Thank you.

Feel free to help out in classes or at lunchtimes on Monday/Tuesdays.

All my buzz, Sonia.