Kallista Primary School, 72 Monbulk Road, phone 9755 2633

A word from the Principal...

Hello Everyone,

The term is off to a great start with special events throughout the next two months! Olympic fever is building! It was a real privilege and honour to have the United Kingdom’s Minister of Sport attend our school this morning and address the children and staff. Mrs. Morris has some real pulling power in high places and I really can’t wait to see what’s next! Of course Production is also on the horizon and the children are well underway, practising their circus skills and class acts. “Clowning Around” promises to be a whole lot of fun!

Step Into Prep! Our next Step into Prep session for children in 4 year old kinder is on Thursday 4th August, from 9.15 to 10.00 am. (Please arrive slightly early to sign in first). Our wonderful, caring prep teachers are really looking forward to having another class session with prospective 2017 prep students! Further transition activities are planned for Term Four, concluding with a teddy bears’ picnic! If you have another child at our school already, and a sibling is going to start in 2017, please enrol now to assist us with our planning! Thank you!

Premiers’ Reading Challenge and Book Fair Well done to those students who have taken up the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Remember you have until September, so keep your reading goals in mind, and pace yourselves for a great finish! Book Fair will be on in the library from the 5th to 7th September this term. Save up your pocket money so that you can purchase some wonderful reading materials and stationery, and help raise money for our library! Last year you all helped us to raise over $3000, which meant that our school could buy around $5000 worth of books from Scholastic after the book fair finished. Scholastic give substantial discounts to schools who use the fundraising dollars to purchase books, so we will definitely take them up on that opportunity again this year.

Artists in Schools Last week I attended an Artists in Schools information evening at the National Gallery of Victoria. We are hoping to find a suitably qualified working artist who can develop a mural project with our students here at Kallista Primary School in 2017. We have two wonderfully large walls on the ends of both our external buildings, and we would love to cover them with our students’ art work. Watch this space!

Vic Roads – making our school safer!

As you would be aware our police officer and dad, Jason Fox, has been instrumental in helping us to approach Vic Roads and James Merlino about improving safety on Monbulk Road. Thanks Jason! This week, Jason and I received good news that Vic Roads have agreed to the flashing lights...now they need to find the funding. James Merlino has been involved in the meetings with VicRoads and has offered his support in trying to acquire funds from the government for this important ‘make safe’. We’ll keep you posted.

Also, VicRoads are going to instate the footpath boundary at the lower gates parking area, by placing bollards along the footpath. This should be undertaken over the next couple of months. Thanks VicRoads!

Meantime, please move in and out of the parking area very carefully everyone, as we need to make sure our children and families are safe. Please do not park forwards too much, as then people cannot use the pathway along the fence line. We do not want children, prams, or bikes going around the rear of cars on the roadside as this is extremely dangerous.
Parent Opinion Survey

Over the next week, the annual parent opinion survey will be sent to 40 randomly selected families. There will be one week to complete it and return it to school. Anonymity is assured as only the office staff will keep track of returns and will let the class teacher know only how many are returned and how many more are needed.

The survey provides information about where parents perceive our school to be ‘at’. It does make a difference so please participate, if you have the opportunity.

I am sometimes asked about what to do if you do not have knowledge about a particular question, e.g., you may know about Kinder to Prep transition, but not Year 6 to secondary college.

As the data should reflect on topics you have experience and knowledge about, I would suggest that you leave unknown questions blank. Even sitting on the fence and giving a ‘3’, out of a 1 to 5 scale gives inaccurate data.

Can you please help us with important information on Census Day? If possible, the following are two ways that you can help us to have accurate information on Census Day:

1. Have you enrolled your child yet for 2017? If your child is going to attend our school in 2017, please come and fill out an enrolment form as soon as possible so that we can report indicative enrolments accurately to the Department and look at class structures for next year.

2. Please let us know if your child/children will not be attending Kallista Primary School in 2017, for the same reasons.

Chess at Kallista Our Year 3 and 4 students will be taking chess lessons as part of their curriculum program this term. Chess is a great work-out for the mind, involving strategic thinking and problem solving- not to mention, that it is a lot of fun to play together! On Wednesdays we also have our lunch chess club, and next Tuesday 26th July, some of our older students will take part in the Zone chess competition at Mt Evelyn. It should be a fun and challenging day of chess!

Bendigo Bank here at 8.30am to 10am next Friday 29 July!

Jackie is coming from the Belgrave Community Bank from 8.30 to 10 am and will be in the staffroom to open Kallista kids’ bank accounts. Please visit Jackie and get your child’s starter pack. You will need birth certificate, Medicare Card & drivers licence. Learning to save in primary school is a great introduction to financial management over a lifetime!

Plastic Bottles! Our garden teacher Sonja needs plastic bottles please! Just drop them outside the garden shed door. Thanks!

NAPLAN I have been advised that NAPLAN reports will be delivered to schools in the week commencing Monday 15 August 2016. Please be assured that we will pass on your child’s NAPLAN results during that period.

Northern Territory Trip to Yarralin next week! Simone Patterson, Marty Koolstra and myself, along with our students Finn, Tom, Hamish, Ollie, Liam, Grace, Kate, Hannah and Indi, are very excited to be heading to our sister school at Yarralin in the Northern Territory next week. We have to say a very big thank you to everyone who contributed goods or help at last weekend’s garage sale, and also to those of you who purchased goodies on the day! You helped raise over a thousand dollars which we will use to benefit the aboriginal students at Yarralin School, both when we visit, and when they visit us, which we hope will happen next year! It is a privilege for us all to be welcomed into their community at Yarralin. We are looking forward to making friendships and learning lots about Aboriginal history within their country, their culture and their way of life. I know our students are going to be great representatives of their families and of our school community, and we look forward to returning with stories and learnings to share.

I wish you all a safe and happy fortnight and will look forward to seeing you all when I return back to school from Yarralin, on Monday 8th August.

All the Best!

Christine Finighan

Principal
School Councillor Profile

Name: Kirsten Greenall-Belloni

Children at School: Grace Belloni 3/4S

Time been on School Council: 2.5 years

Sub committees attended: Education, OOSHC

What I have learnt from being on school council: I have really become aware of how our parent community is so important in the success and daily running of our school. We are very lucky to have so many parents helping on a daily basis with fundraising, classroom help, school maintenance etc. There are also parents that help out behind the scenes. I know that all our teachers are very grateful. Kallista Primary has a lovely community.

Where you can usually find me around the school for a chat: In my classroom! Right next to the office. I teach 3/4 K. You might also see me at the Deli grabbing a coffee!

What I love about Kallista Primary: I love a lot of things about Kallista. I started here as a CRT (Casual Relief Teacher) and loved working with the teachers here. They were very friendly, clever and lots of fun. They still are and it makes work enjoyable! I also think the kids at Kallista are a joy to teach. We have lots of great kids here and this makes teaching rewarding. Finally, our parents at Kallista are awesome! I really enjoy getting to know them all and have always felt really supported.

Favourite Childhood School Memory: I went to Sassafras Primary School. I loved it! My favourite memory would have to be playing sport in Summer. I loved being outside and I loved sport. I loved school.

After School Care Activities

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Please Note: Before and After School accounts can now be paid via Qkr

Thanks, Liz
The Sporting Schools Program is offering a great opportunity for children to develop their A.F.L. skills under the guidance of qualified coaches.

Beginning Wednesday 27th of July and running for six weeks on a Wednesday afternoon 4.00pm til 5pm
The coaches will take children through kicking, handballing, evasion and skill games..

Come along and join the fun!!!

Liz, After School Hours Care
Congratulations to Indi Linde

Well done Indi for achieving tenth place at the recent Victorian Cross Country Championships. What a fantastic effort. Of course, Indi works hard to maintain her level of fitness and should be proud of her results. It's always wonderful to have her speak at Assemblies about her experiences in sport as this serves to motivate other children to set themselves challenges also. Great work.

Our Taekwondo Olympic Visitor

What an inspirational presentation the Grade 3/4’s experienced when Caroline Marten came to speak about her experiences and achievements. At the age of 31 she finally made the Olympic team after 3 attempts. One of her main competitors has always been her sister Carmen who has been to previous Olympics but will also join her at Rio.

It was great fun watching some of the children put on her Olympic competitors clothing and try some kicks and turns. Caroline stressed the importance of etiquette in her sport, diet, training (which she does 3 times a day) and the importance of always setting yourself a challenge.

The children were transfixed listening to her 12 year Olympic journey. Her key tips were

“Believe in yourself, Challenge yourself and Enjoy what you do.”

The children asked some great questions and I know that they were truly inspired by Caroline today. We wish her well at Rio and will be following her and Carmen’s progress throughout the Games.

School Banking

Jackie from Bendigo Bank will be attending our school on Friday July 29 between 9 - 10am to open up New bank accounts for students and family members.

Every new account opened earns $$$ for Kallista Primary through the Club Rewards program, and any family member can contribute. Last term we were awarded over $300 in funds raised!

When you open a new account through Bendigo Bank and mention Kallista Primary School, the school receives:

- $500 for Home or Investment Loans
- $50 per Business Account
- $50 per Personal Loan or Credit Card
- $20 per Term Deposit (min $2000)
- $10 per Savings or Cheques Account
- $10 per Piggy or Christmas Club Account
- $10 per Student Account

Parents, you need to bring your child's Birth Certificate, and your Medicare card and Drivers Licence.

You can also open up your child's account at ANY Bendigo Bank Branch. Just remember to mention Kallista Primary School.

AND... Don’t forget to bring your Bank books to school for collection on Thursdays. Extra deposit slips are available from the school office...HAPPY SAVING!!
School Production 2016

23 and 24 August at Burrinja

Rehearsal day Monday 22nd
Run through and photos at school on Tuesday 16th

Tickets on Sale via Burrinja from Friday July 29th

The children have loved working with Emily and Sam from Ruccis Circus and the show is starting to take shape. It has been exciting to see the children in the yard at recess and lunch practicing their skills.

Costume ideas are starting to take shape and Class teachers will be notifying you next week of costume requirements for your children.

T-shirts will be arriving next week. There should be a few spares after the orders are filled if you didn’t get a chance to order.

Kallista Kinder children will be clowning around with some of our grade 5/6 students.

Thank you to: Sandy who has volunteered to be our Kinder liaison parent.
Lisa who will be picking up and returning our lighting. Trevor who has been consulting with me on lighting requirements etc. Sonja, Helke, Jo, Tash, Ben and Yvonne who have been making ribbons, poi and devil sticks.

Rachel who has arranged and sourced marimba and circus music.
Kerry who has offered to be our photographer for the school run through/dress rehearsal. Amy who has offered to work with our hoop dancing group. Annabelle who will help with make-up and costumes.

I always love the vibe around the school at production time and the way everyone steps up to help however and whenever they can. What a great supportive community we are.

Second Hand Uniform Shop
Yes, it's running again!
This Friday 22 July
Opening 8.45am – 9.45am

In the Staffroom

Come along and grab a bargain. Everything $2!!
DONATIONS WANTED - please drop donations in to the school office
Thanks, second hand uniform team.
THE MINI-OLYMPICS ARE COMING TO KALLISTA

Couldn't get tickets to the Rio Olympics? Don't worry, it's all happening here at Kallista. **Wednesday 10th August** will be our Opening Ceremony and Activities and **Friday 12th August** will be the Closing Ceremony at Assembly. Further instructions will be provided as we get closer to the date. So many Nations will be represented on the day........Bolivia, Jamaica, Iceland, Germany, France, Italy and many more. All students will be representing a country and competing with true Olympic spirit under its National flag. Flags are being made at school the week before so please check with your small Kallista Olympian as to what Country they are representing. They will be informed of this shortly by their classroom teacher.

Our Mini-Olympic Day will begin with the assembly of our Olympic Nations in the GP Room for the Opening Ceremony, lighting of the flame, athlete’s oath and explanation of competition rules. Athletes will then move through activities based around Olympic events.......some more serious than others.

As usual **HELP IS NEEDED!** If you can be an EVENTS JUDGE please provide the information below to your child’s classroom teacher ASAP or leave a note for me at the General Office. Not much is required as a judge. The activities will be simple but fun, and a brief explanation is all that will be required. If you can count from 0 to 100 that would be a bonus. It will also be a great cultural experience for you to meet so many athletes from such diverse nations.

Hilary Morris - Kallista Olympic Committee

Citius, Altius, Fortius

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I would love to help out at the Mini - Olympics on Wednesday 10th August.

Name__________________________________________

Child’s Name____________________________________ Grade __________________
**Sushi Lunch Orders are now on Qkr!**

Sushi lunch orders are now being taken through Qkr. This saves lost and forgotten orders and finding the correct cash!

**From Thursday 4th August orders will be solely operating through Qkr.** You will be able to place orders until 9.30am on Thursdays on the app, and will also be able to pay by cash at their Sushi Express store in Belgrave until 9.30am. Sushi Express will NOT be picking up orders from the school from this date.

**Important Qkr Sushi Order Tips**

To ensure your child’s receives their lunch order, could you please:

- Order via Qkr no later than 9.30am each Thursday or personally at Sushi Express
- Be sure your child’s class is correct in Qkr (and update each year)
- Check your receipts sections to ensure the order & payment have processed correctly
- Please make sure you tell your child when you have ordered.

*Thank you, The Staff at Sushi Express*

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**Paying Cash at School**

As we are fast becoming a cashless school, we do not hold any change on the premises. If you are needing to pay cash at school you will need to ensure you have the correct amount as we are unable to give change.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Qkr (pronounced - Quicker) is a FREE app to enable mobile payment for school-based accounts to save parents time. The app enables parents to use their smartphone or tablet to make payments for school fees and excursions without having to give their children cash to carry to school.

For those without access to a smart device, a web-based version of Qkr is available at:

https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home

You will need to search Kallista Primary to find our school on the web-based version of Qkr. Although the app is a MasterCard initiative, it enables payment from most financial institutions and major credit cards with Safe and Secure MasterCard Technology and has been developed for use in schools in partnership with the Department of Education.

Qkr Download Instructions

How To Register

After registering your email address, select ‘Kallista Primary School’ and follow the prompts. (For those living outside a 4km radius from Kallista Primary School please go to the search bar and enter KALLISTA)

Getting Started ‘How To’ Guide

Should you have any questions regarding the use of the Qkr app please contact the office and someone will be happy to help. We hope you enjoy this new flexibility in managing your school payments.
KALLISTA PRIMARY SCHOOL
WINTER PIE DRIVE

Yes it’s time again to stock up
on pies, pasties and other
baked goodies for the cold
winter weeks ahead!! Feed
your busy family and stock
your freezer with goodies from
Tim’s Home Made Pies and
Cakes (Monbulk), and the
gourmet options from
Boscastle (Brunswick).

This pie drive is being run to
raise funds for the school and
kindergarten, so please mark
your forms clearly, or select
your child’s school class or
kinder status on Qkr! so we can
keep track.

Orders must be placed by
Wednesday 3rd
August, so get in quick!
Payment due at time of
order.

Collection of orders will be
Thursday 18th August,
3pm onward from the
school kitchen.

Any questions, contact Hannah on 0403
706 504 or Sandy on 0419 899 967

Full product lists and order
forms attached to this notice
and also on Qkr!

Please order using our
school’s Qkr! App
(this is our preferred method –
no paper form required!)

Or simply return your order
forms and payment in the
envelope provided to your
child’s classroom teacher.
Introducing Qkr! (pronounced ‘quicker’) by MasterCard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:
- Pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions and more;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

**Step 1 Download Qkr!**

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

**Step 2 Register**

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

**Step 3 Find our school**

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

**Step 4 Register your children**

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.
Add your children’s details in Student Profiles

Select ‘Add student profile’

Add each child’s details

Manage each child’s details in Student Profiles

Purchase school items

Select a menu from our school

Select child you are ordering for

Select your items

Tap ‘Checkout’ then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.
Thank you for your support!

Last Saturday’s Garage Sale fundraiser at school was a great success, thanks to the support of our wonderful Kallista PS community!

The garage sale tragics began arriving before 9am and we had a steady stream of people throughout much of the day ... a few locals stayed on for a cuppa / cupcake and a chat, enjoying the community feel....

All of the nine students who’ll soon be taking part in the trip to Yarralin helped out on Saturday – putting up signs and balloons / baking cakes / making those all important sales and helping with pack up. They also had great support from parents and other interested Kallista PS kids throughout the day - well done to you all!

Best of all, we raised $1151.85, a really wonderful result !! All of the funds raised will be used to help fund a return visit by Yarralin’s indigenous students, or to support a project in the Yarralin community.

A HUGE THANKS to all those families who donated a fantastic range of sellable donations. Thanks also to everyone who helped in any way before or on the day, or who came along and supported us on Saturday ..

We have arranged to donate all the remaining goods to Monbulk Primary School. They are having their own garage sale in the next few weeks to raise money for a local family in need, so it’s great that we can help them out.

Thanks again everyone ... it was a great team effort 😊 !

Melissa and Kate.
So many memories! The yellow dots, shelter sheds, sound shell, forest escapes, excursion sing alongs, Mrs Kranz, school sport.

Do you know any of the people in the photo? They all belong to the Class of 1976 from Kallista Primary School.

We're holding a reunion of this class on Saturday 23rd July 2016

Contact: Juliette Parker (nee Gerkens) 0408 313 729
Deanne Teese (nee McIntosh) 0400 948 050
Carolyn McAlister 0432 902 291
Hello! Welcome back to the depths of WINTER! The garden is quiet & slow at the moment so we are looking at weather - making thermometers, barometers, wind vains!
The 5/6s are moving our fruit-trees from the chook run to our Bank of Espailers - barerooted season at the moment - great time to plant fruit trees!

Donations for the Garden are greatly welcomed - looking for plastic bottles of all sizes - so much garden craft to make! Come and join us anytime! Buzzing off Sonja.
Instrumental Music Lessons

Fully qualified and experience music teacher

Electric Bass

Drums

Beginner Piano

Home Studio in Tecoma

Full VIT registration and current police check

Lessons $25 per half hour

Primary Students and Secondary Students welcome

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