I Wanna Be the Leader

I wanna be the leader
I wanna be the leader
Can I be the leader?
Can I? I can?
Promise? Promise?
Yippee!!!
I'm the leader
I'm the leader
OK..... what do we do?
By Roger McGough

A word from the Acting Principal.....

Welcome to Week Six!
We’ve had a full program of events over the last fortnight, with a well-attended school working bee, Year 3 and 5 children participating in NAPLAN, and a variety of engaging learning activities during Education Week.

Kallista Primary School Student Leadership Training
We are pleased to invite all Year 5 and 6 students to participate in the Kallista Primary School Student Leadership Training Afternoon. The K.P.A. Student Leadership Training will be held on Wednesday 18 June, 2014 from 1.50pm to 3.30pm in the G.P. room.
The training will be facilitated by the highly experienced and inspirational trainer and consultant Kate Wilde, from The Workshop. This program will provide an excellent educational experience where our Year Five and Six students learn what it means to be a caring, confident leader and a good citizen.

Students will be accompanied by Sam Graunke and Christine Finighan.

Leadership is really not about having a title or a ‘position’, so much as leading through demonstrating attitudes and behaviours that inspire others. Great leaders demonstrate through their actions and words positive attributes, such as care, honesty, trustworthiness, respect, enthusiasm and responsibility.

There are so many more positive attributes that you could think of I am sure!
Can you learn to be a leader? Yes you can!! Kate will come to talk about how to get the best out of yourself, out of your relationships and out of your life as young people in the senior years of primary school.
(Free of charge.)
From the Kallista Kids....

A huge thank you to Peter from all of us for blowing the leaves out of our playground in the wee hours of the morning when it is still dark!

A big thank you for the new sandpit to Guido and the Sandpit Crew!!

You are all awesome!!!
WORKING BEE BREKKY

An enormous thank you to all the parents, children and friends who attended the working bee on the Sunday, 18th June.

We proved that many hands do make light work, (MHMLW) as so much was accomplished together.

Thanks to these folk from our register...

Guy Watson, Judi Porter, Sonja Wittmann, Shelley Walker, Emma, Matthew, and Olivia Absolom, Justin Finighan, Marama Amity and parents, Rachel Nendick, Peter and Lisa Grimes and family, Michael M, Deb Flagg, David Nankivell, Mike Lewis, Flynn Lewis and Rachel Smith, Rebecca, Darren, Spencer and Elyse Bos, Hilary and Bonnie Morris, Tamsin, Martin, Lulu and Aron, The Hourigans, Lila Tucker, Anne Vear, Kat Hathaway, Che Timmins and Kelly in the kitchen! And thanks to our convenor Craig Tennant, Angela Bruce and Harry. Thank you to anyone else who came and helped but didn’t sign the register. Thanks for giving so generously of your time to our great school!

Educating the Whole Child

Lately, I have been giving some thought to the important challenge that we hold dear here at Kallista Primary School; to educate the whole child and to improve achievement in literacy and numeracy standards through quality teaching.

I attended a conference recently, where world renowned academics and educationalists discussed, explored and debated this question. We looked at some of the current, significant issues facing schools and communities today. The fact that we are living in a fast changing global society, driven by technologies that are changing the way we live and work, and many future jobs that as yet cannot

The theme of our September School Production is the beat that is found in music all around the world and unites us all.

We are encouraging children to design a logo and suggest a title.

So put on your designer thinking cap and look inside for Marg’s guidelines!

Dance!

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Hi everyone!

We are really getting excited about our School Production this year. It’s going to be enormous fun singing and dancing to the rhythm and beat of world music. To get inspired, go to

http://gorillachildren.org/photo-and-video/

and click on the videos of the Mburameizi Primary School children in Uganda dancing and singing!

We’ll be writing to the children soon 😊 They will love your letters!
be known, is a challenge to schools and the education system at large. How do we prepare our young people for their lives in the 21st century and beyond? What is the purpose of education today?

Professor Yong Zhao believes 21st century learners need to be numerate, literate, creative, collaborative and curious. Professor Fernando M. Reimers suggested that education needs to firstly develop people who, having the necessary academic knowledge and understanding, can be ‘architects of their own lives’, and secondly, who can be effective members of the global community, that is, being able to govern themselves and to work positively and effectively with others.

These big picture statements, though important when thinking about what drives education, can seem a long way from what actually happens at school. Interestingly at the conference, the panel of academics and educationalists also included Year 12 students, whose ideas aligned with the professors’ comments.

The exciting thing to me was how the students succeeded in bringing the focus back to the day to day business of what goes on in schools and what they wanted from education in their lives.

Here are some of their comments:

- We need the equipment to learn, and high quality content, but not just content, we need to learn how to learn
- We need opportunities to grow on our strengths and learn about our weaknesses
- We need authentic purposes and real tasks to do that require responsibility and commitment, because having a sense of responsibility gives purpose and then you learn that it requires real effort to achieve something
- Opportunities to participate and equality. For example, everyone in the (Oceania Sport) project has a task and everyone is included
- Learning to work in a team is important - I never knew how much you can get done!
- To develop as an individual but also as a citizen
- Students need to be able to contribute to themselves and to the world
- To be able to use technologies and to develop skills to contribute in the world and to continue to develop once we leave school. Where will technology take us?
- We need to have developed the skills to learn independently, and the knowledge and skills to work and take our place in the world
- We need opportunities to build character and humanity.

As I visit classrooms and meet with teachers, I am beginning to develop an appreciation of what the teachers call the ‘Kallista way’. What I am observing in classrooms and in the educational programs, is a positive alignment with many of the other inspiring educational messages of the conference:

- Differentiating teaching is an effective strategy in the classroom to improve numeracy and literacy outcomes for all students
- Teaching the ‘whole child’ must be a focus; with programs that include movement, health and physical education, productions, artistic and musical pursuits and with opportunities to develop confidence, social and emotional wellbeing, and a love of learning
- Opportunities for project and inquiry based learning including ‘passion projects’ or ‘fields of fascination’ facilitating entrepreneurial, authentic, creative and collaborative opportunities within units of study
- Environmental and sustainability studies are vitally important
- Internationalising education, including opportunities to develop perspectives and understandings about and participation in citizenship, both local and global
- Developing the use of ICT to support and facilitate learning needs to be integrated wholly into classroom teaching programs.

What a rich field of possibilities and ideas, and much of it we are already doing!

**Have a great week everyone!

Chris Finighan**

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As advised in the newsletter earlier this year it has been decided, as at the beginning of term 3, to change the way we communicate from school to home. We are trying to reduce the number of paper notices going home, or being lost or misplaced, while at the same time reducing our carbon footprint and the cost involved in printing publications. The answer we believe is an app for your phone, tablet or computer. Tiq biz is an easy to use app designed to let our school communicate directly with parents. Through Tiq biz our school will be able to send newsletters and show calendar events. We will be even be able to send immediate updates such as, “The excursion from the city is running 20 minutes late, as we missed the train”.

The attached flyer explains how to download the app.

As Tiq biz will be the school’s preferred method of communication from term 3 onwards, we would like every family possible to be involved. To begin with there will be minimal notifications on the app but as we become better at managing it, it will become one of our principle communication tools. Paper copies of newsletters will still be available on request.

As we already have consent forms regarding media appearances and the use of your child’s photographs in school publications, such as our newsletter and website, these would be strictly adhered to in anything published on Tiq biz. Of course if you would like to withdraw your consent at anytime please just call at the office to make necessary changes.

We hope you all become as excited about this as we are.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

If you have any problems downloading the app please contact the technical support team on the number supplied on the brochure.

Thanks

Christine Finighan
Drumming Circle at School!

Where?  GP Room

When?  Wednesday lunchtime

Who's teaching us?  Lisa Baird

One of our talented musician mums, Lisa, wants to share her love of drumming with students. This time the sessions are open to students from Year 3 to 6.

If you are interested, please fill out the expression of interest to attend. Please fill out the form and return as soon as possible as places will be limited. No charge at this stage.

Starting Wednesday 4 June!

Drumming Circle Expression of Interest

I would like to come to Drumming Circle that will be held on Wednesdays this term.

Name:.................................................................  Class:.........................................................

(Please bring this form back to school this week, so that Mrs Fin can work out when children can have a turn. Depending on the interest work out numbers of children.)
News from the Office

Thanks to all those families who have been providing us with prompt payments for the numerous activities that the children have been enjoying. If you choose the convenience of paying by credit card and sent in your details on the payment envelope, please remember to complete the form fully (including card expiry date) and please also ensure funds are available so your payment can be processed without delay.

Head Lice
We are still looking for volunteers to conduct Head Lice checks. There have been quite a number of head lice cases reported from the classrooms, but without trained volunteers we cannot act on these.

2015 Prep Enrolments
REMINDER Please remember that enrolments for 2015 for siblings are required by the end of this term (Friday 27th June). Enrolment forms are required by this date so the school can offer remaining places to families on our waiting list. Because the school transition program commences in October we need to finalise enrolments well before this.

Andrea, Bernie and Bronwyn
PUT ON YOUR CREATIVE HATS!!

Our production will focus on the BEAT of music from different cultures. Valanga Khoza will be helping the children to learn and create items from their class. Yahiro will be working with our Japanese drumming groups, marimbas and recorders. Sam Graunke and Lisa Baird will be working with our choir. Sam and I will be encouraging grade 5/4 pupils to create stick dancing items.

This truly will be a team effort and celebration of music from different cultures. At the heart of all music is the beat that enables groups to unite and even if they don’t speak the same language. We would like children to do two things.

Create a 1, 2, or 3 word title that will encompass the feeling of beat and cultural acceptance.

Design a logo that incorporates the title.

All Title entries should be on a named piece of paper and placed in the box at the office by Monday June 2nd.

Teachers will select a few finalists and then classes will be asked to vote for their favorite. The name will then be announced at assembly on Wednesday 4th.

Once the title has been selected, children will be asked to design a logo that will be used for our T shirts, programs and advertising.
Well, we were all a bit worried as we left Kallista for Cardinia Dam as it had been raining for hours. However, as we drove into the Park we were welcomed by a mob of kangaroos and...........the rain had stopped. Our Kallista athletes performed competitively and I was so proud of the level of determination and sportsmanship they demonstrated in the wet and muddy conditions. Competitors who gained top ten results will now move on to the Yarra Ranges Cross Country Competition to be held at Yarra Glen in June. Thankyou to all the parents that turned up to watch but wound up looking after wet kids, taking photos and marshalling at check points. Reminder: please return washed tops to me ASAP.

Check out the great results below

| 12/13 Girls | Zoe Clift 13th Shea Randall 17th |
| 12/13 Boys | Jake Riordan 3rd Liam Cresp 14th Tadj Ulrich 17th, Noah Kondis 23rd |
| 11 Girls | Elysia Mietscke 6th Ellen Jones 18th, Emily Spirt 27th Ruby Scott 28th |
| 11 Boys | Taj Linde 7th Tyler Belloni 10th Indigo Blake 15th, Morgan Cameron 28th |
| 9/10 Girls | Indigo Linde 2nd Brielle Tipping 8th, Chloe Pascoe 12th Poppy Evans 13th |
| 9/10 Boys | Ollie Grujic 1st Oliver Ball 2nd Billy Martin 3rd, Quinn Borchardt 7th Hamish Strathairn 17th, Camden McLean 18th |
ADOPT A BOOK

Thank you to all the children and parents who adopted books. We were able to purchase an extra $250 of books for our classroom libraries. As Adopt A Book is a subsidized program we would ask that all Adopted Books return to their classrooms by this Friday so that all children can love and care for them. The bookmark adoption certificates will be presented at assembly this Wednesday.

Dear Parents,

There will be no care provided on Thursday the 5th of June (Curriculum Day) unless numbers require it. Please contact Liz or Jayne if you wish to be on a provisional waiting list.

Regards Liz

Please note the Beleza uniform shop is closed over the Queen’s Birthday long weekend.

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Second Hand
School Uniform Shop

Open Friday 30th May
8.45am-9.15am, In the Staff Room

- New Stock
- Great Winter Wear
- BE QUICK!

Items priced at $2, $3 & $4

Look who visited 1/2H

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I am a Kallista Parent. Feel free to contact me on 0419556467 or e-mail gus_8@hotmail.com

Free Dental Care is not just for Children of Health Care Card Holders.

Children and youth who attend public dental clinics will NOT incur out of pocket expenses with the Child Dental Benefit Scheme

NO FEES ~ YOU WILL BE BULK BILLED!

On January 1st 2014, the government introduced the new Child Dental Benefit Scheme. Families who receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or a relevant Australian Government payment will receive a letter outlining their eligibility.

It entitles all eligible children aged 2-17 years old to general dental care up to the value of $1000 over 2 years.

Our normal dental care continues to operate for all 0-12 year old children and eligible 13-17 year old youth at no cost. (Youth must be a holder or dependant of a health care or pensioner concessioner card holder, in out-of-home care provided by Department of Human Services or in Custodial Care).

Following their treatment, your child will be placed on our patient recall system and receive a reminder letter when their next appointment is due.

Please do not hesitate to phone the reception staff on 9757 6200 at Knox Social and Community Health if you require any further information about our dental services.

Thank you for your assistance.
The Oral Health Team, Knox Social and Community Health
1063 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully, 3156, Phone: 9757 6200
Greetings from the Garden

What a busy time in this beautiful Autumnal weather we’ve been having! Some planting—lettuce, cabbage, kale, beetroot... And lots and lots of mulching—especially along the bank under the Espaliers! Just to see how far we walked mulching we set a satellite tracking... Nearly 3 km! Amazing!

(Its amazing how far and fast kids will work when they really want to!)

Today we created a dry creek bed + mulched part of the Indigenous garden with help from Bec Bos—who organised the rocks... By the time we’d finished the heavens opened up and the dry creek bed was not so dry!

*Oh... School holidays are coming up & we need some outdoor monitors—someone who can come each day + feed the girls—if you can help please let me know!*