At Kallista Primary we all value:

- Courage
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Honesty

A word from the Principal.....

Hello everyone!

**Production Fever as Beat the Heat begins!**

There has been so much excitement at school over the last fortnight! Rehearsals for Beat the Heat are in full swing and it is all coming together thanks to the brilliant direction of Margaret Brooks. We are so privileged to have the talented and charismatic Valanga lead us in the songs, dance movement and to give us many chuckles along the way! Of course the production cannot go ahead without the support of all our fantastic teachers and the marvellous enthusiasm and energy of our wonderful Kallista kids. Children all over the school are smiling, laughing and singing. Others who are providing special musical expertise are Lisa Baird, Mitch Graunke and Yahiro, our Japanese-Music teacher. Thanks to everyone for the parts you are playing in this exciting performance extravaganza. I can’t wait for the show to open!

**Working Bee Sunday 24th August**

Working Bee this Sunday...come and join us in improvements to our beautiful school. Come along to the working bee this Sunday and enjoy time with friends and families beautifying our school. We start at 9am and finish at 1pm, with roast lamb sandwiches at 11am. Vegetarian options available. See details on Tiqbiz. Please advise office if you will be attending to assist with catering.

**Transition Morning at Monbulk College**

Thanks to Monbulk College for providing our Year 5 students with an enjoyable and educational experience on Tuesday morning this week. Our senior students visited Monbulk College in the morning, taking part in subject lessons such as Science and enjoying some time in the grounds. These excursions to secondary colleges give students a taste of the secondary college environment and are most beneficial to preparing them for the next stage of schooling.
Peacemakers
Peacemakers are our Year 5 students who have volunteered to help our Year Prep, 1 and 2 students in the playground at lunchtime. Thanks Peacemakers for helping our school increase our friendliness rating once again!

Playground Development News
We are really happy to have developments underway for our playground. Our playground working party has been meeting to plan and design the exciting new improvements. Thanks to parents Bec Bos, Karen Koolstra, Jenny Abraham, Julie Konda and Sonja Wittman-Lines for meeting with our teacher Kirsten, and getting started with planning.

We have a question for our school community: Does anyone have any knowledge about the history of the pine that is located next to the rocky, river bed - near the back gate. Removing this pine, from this native garden bed is being considered, because in the future, as it becomes very large, it will shed needles that will impact on the native garden beneath. Please see me in the office should you have concerns or objections.

School Council
I just wanted to acknowledge our school councillors Emma Miller, Judi Porter, Ian Bland, Jenny Abraham, Craig Tennant, Rebecca Bos, Helen Whitelaw, Peter Grimes, Karen Koolstra, Julie Konda, Raelene Schafer Evans, Anne Vear, Sonja Winkler and Kirsten Belloni who are working across many fronts through committees and working parties in areas such as fundraising, policy review, facilities, and finance.

Our monthly meetings are always informative, with respectful and thoughtful discussions on matters of importance. Thank you for your dedication to our school and I look forward to working with you in the years to come.

Facilities Update
Beautifying the breezeway
Julie Konda is going to begin beautifying our breezeway by painting it brick by brick in bright colours. If anyone has any tins of good quality acrylic paints in pretty, bright, happy colours, we would love to have your left overs. Please drop them at the office and thank you.

The fence around our school.
We will be having an upgrade to our school fencing. Thanks to Parks Victoria for supporting us with half the cost for our back fence. The works should take place over the holidays.

Tony Twining
You may see a tradesman Tony Twining around our school sometimes over the next few weeks. Tony is working hard around our grounds, assisting with small to medium jobs and general school maintenance. In a past life, Tony was principal of Marlborough P.S. and has a very special understanding of the OHS issues and maintenance concerns in schools, so I am delighted to have him on our Kallista team!

‘Thank yous’
Thank you to Karen Koolstra and her arbourist team for clearing dangerous branches last week from our lower playground, to Hugh Abrahams for plumbing advice and help, and to Guido and Karen K for clearing the old canteen portable of lots of unwanted goods! Wow! I cannot believe the help and enthusiasm we have in our community for so many aspects of school improvement. Many thanks for helping Kallista Primary School ‘shine’!

All the best everyone
Have a great week of learning!
See you on Sunday!

Christine Finighan
**Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians**

Congratulations to the following students who participated several months ago in the ‘Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians’. Their certificates of achievement were handed out at Assembly this week. Well done to Indigo B, Ty M, Ollie G, Jacob K, Hamish S, Luke A, Ben J, Brynn O, Rohan H, Jett K, Oliver B, Jake H, Eadie A, Alex H, Rahni D, Hannah S and Tadji U. Keep up the great Maths thinking!

PS For those students who entered the Australian Mathematics Competition a few weeks ago .. .we have not received your results yet.

Heather Glover

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**Mountain District Athletic Sports Results**

Congratulations to Indi L and Ollie G who represented Kallista Primary School at the recent Mountain District Athletic Sports. Indi ran a fantastic 800m to come second in what was a very competitive race. Well done Indi! Ollie won his 800 metres and sprint race and will be moving on to the next round of competition. What a great effort by both students.

2028 Olympics here they come!

Hilary Morris

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**MISPLACED LIBRARY BOOK**

If anyone has a Belgrave library book called “Birthday Pony” by Jessie Haas, could they please return it to the school office. The book was taken to school by mistake.

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**Don’t forget Every Thursday!**

**Banking Day**

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**Sushi Lunch**
After School Care Activities for August / September

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Request for parent help

Marg Brooks will be taking delivery of the t-shirts for the school production this week and needs help to sort and distribute the orders.

If there are any parents who would be able to assist with sorting and distributing the orders to classrooms on Monday, it would be appreciated if you could please let the office know. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Club Reminder

Orders for the current catalogues need to be placed either with classroom teachers or in the Scholastic Box located in the office no later than **MONDAY 1st SEPTEMBER**.

Contact Julie if you require assistance with placing your order.

Call or sms 0413 802 715 or email: juliekonda@gmail.com

**Julie and Robyn, KPS Book club TEAM.**

Do You Have A Child Beginning School in 2015

If you have a child beginning Prep next year and have not yet enrolled them, we ask that you do so as soon as possible.

Accurate enrolment numbers assist greatly in the planning of classes and programs for the next school year.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Kallista Chookingham Palace

Eggs for sale!!

$5 per dozen

See office if you wish to purchase.
Addition pictures by Prep students

Counting Legs

My addition picture by [Student Name]

4 and 4 is 8

My addition picture by [Student Name]

10 and 4 is 14

My addition picture by [Student Name]

My addition picture by [Student Name]

4 and 4 is 8

My addition picture by [Student Name]

8 and 8 is 16
BEAT THE HEAT Rehearsals!!!

Valanga Khoza will be our artist in residence and working with our children on 12, 13, 14, 28 and 29 August.

Our rehearsal at Burrinja will be on Sept 1.

PLEASE try to ensure your child is at school for these important dates.

Please set aside Sept 2 and 3 for our school production.

Please see Marg Brooks or your class teacher if you would like to help in any way, it would be most appreciated.
The Prep children have been experimenting with mixing colours

Willow T

Sofia

Jackson

Finn W
Emerald Community House has Playgroup on Thursdays 9:30am—11:30am

Get to know other families in the area. We have a great range of toys, activities and outdoor play equipment.

Call 5968 3881 or email emhouse@iinet.net.au
So, Spring is just around the corner...but it feels as if it's here already. The birds have changed their morning song, the sun is rising and setting earlier, and the flowers are bravely facing the cooler mornings and waving their "look at me" flags. Some with their bright colors, others with their strong scents. There are not many insects around at the moment - bees & butterflies especially won't make any real appearances until mid-September, so the flowers that are around have to work hard to attract attention. Wattle is the first sign that Spring is knocking at our door.

There's a lovely Chinese proverb "Spring is sooner recognised by plants than men" - I think if we look at our surrounds - the wattle in the forest, the plum near the school crossing, the jonquils... and the kale (which is beginning to flower) - Nature is telling us... "Spring is Coming!"

Spring is a busy time in the garden... lots of weeding, pruning, mulching... and at this time of the year, gloves are very important... but they get wet & yucky pretty quickly... so sometimes, by the time the third class gets to put gloves on, it's not a very pleasant experience... I've bought some new gloves, but we need more... if anyone has a spare pair of kids' gloves (or is able to donate a pair (not little little gloves... 8/10 year old size...)) that would be unreal!