Miniscope

Kallista Primary School, 72 Monbulk Road, phone 9755 2633

Wednesday 12th November 2014

Important Diary Dates

**November**
- Thurs 13th: Prep Transition 9.30-10.30
- Fri 14th: Athletics Sports Day
- Mon 17th: 7pm Education Sub Committee 8pm School Council
- Tues 18th: 3/4F Piggery
- Thurs 20th: 7pm Prep Parent Info Session
- Wed 26th: 3/4 Excursion—CBG
- Sat 29th: State Election—GP Room

**December**
- Mon 8th: Gr 6 Graduation @ Marybrooke
- Tues 9th: Chess Tournament
- Wed 10th: Prep Welcome Picnic
- Thurs 11th: Playtime with Principle
- Mon 15th: Reports & Class Lists Home  Nursing Home Visit
- Wed 17th: Cinema & Treetops Excursion
- Thurs 18th: Last Day of Term 4
- Fri 19th: CURRICULUM DAY

**January 2015**
- Wed 28th: Teachers Return to School
- Fri 30th: First Student Day

**February 2015**
- Thurs 5th: Preps Start School

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A word from the Principal.....

**Hello everyone!**

**Friday Ball Sports**

Last Friday’s Ball Sports was a marvellous school event and showed true Kallista spirit! The action was well underway as I walked towards the lower courts. I could hear the excitement from the school gates. The chanting teams trying to out-do each other, cheering kids, teachers and parents, and the house captains yelling encouragement on the sidelines as the teams battled for victory! As I entered the court the team colours smiled brightly. Red, blue, green and gold flags waving, soft toys dressed up as house mascots, and kids, parents and teachers in team colours. It looked brilliant!

Such a great level of participation and fun was enjoyed and undoubted sporting prowess was shown by all, but exemplified by the mighty Gleghorn who won the day! Proud speeches were made by a very happy Alex and Lauren. Congratulations Gleghorn - the mighty blue shone through!

Well done to the other houses, Emberson, O’Donohue and Grant. You showed great energy and determination. I wish you luck for next year, when you will be back to try to steal the glory! I will be there, with our fabulous staff, with their stilettos and gumboots, ready to play tunnel ball!! What a hoot! A special thanks to Hilary for super organization, fun and comedy! And to the teachers and parents who supported the children and made this great event possible.

**Working Bee**

Thank you to the following people who made it along to last Saturday’s working bee and worked really hard to get many jobs done around the facilities and grounds. We really appreciate your support. 😊

Many thanks to: Lisa and Peter Grimes, Rebecca Bos, Kate Hannan, Paul Grujic, David Whyte, Craig Tennant and Julie Konda.

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At Kallista Primary we all value:

- **Courage**
- **Respect**
- **Responsibility**
- **Honesty**
Play! Play! Play!
Speaking of the grounds, the playground continues to be a place of interest and development. The children are very excited that the spiral sandpit is back in action. Not only that, but you might have noticed that four very large concrete pipes appeared last week in the lower playground last week. Wow, they are enormous! (A big thank you to Karen Koolstra for sourcing these!) How will they be used? Where will they be placed? Intriguing questions indeed and I know just who to ask - our Kallista kids!

Kallista Kids’ Council...
I’m looking forward to meeting with Kallista Kids’ Council (KKC) this week to discuss things that matter to our students here at Kallista Primary School. I would like to give our Kallista kids one more chance to draw and write about their playground ideas before our works get underway! We have already incorporated some KKC ideas into our plans such as a new sandpit, drinking taps and places to climb, but we’d like to know more.

So Kallista Kids...What can you imagine playing in those enormous pipes? What kind of equipment would help you explore, build and play in the sandpit and rock river? I will give your KKC representatives a little survey to gather your ideas about a few things and I’ll be interested to see your drawings, too!

Scrap Metal Drive
Our scrap metal fundraising drive has begun. We have two large yellow skips situated behind the Learning Centre and can be accessed through the back gates.

You can bring your scrap metal in to the school through the unlocked gates. It is preferable to bring a car in before or after school hours for the sake of children’s safety. However, should you need to drop off in school hours, please call into the office and let us know that you need to come onto the property and someone will come and open the gate and ensure children stay away from your vehicle. Or simply call the office on 97552633, and we will ensure children are safe at all times.

Special ‘thank-yous’ this week to –
Julie Konda for continued decoration of the breezeway. Karen Koolstra for sourcing those terrific concrete pipes. John Whitehall for fixing the drinking trough and mounting it to the wall in the lower playground. Bec Bos for coming in today and helping fill in the sand pit with the children and Jamie Bolton for help with plumbing.

Classes for 2015
We are anticipating an enrolment of about 220 children next year which is slightly up to this year’s number.

We are still finalising staffing and our class organisation. You will find out your child’s 2015 class teacher on Monday 15th December when school reports go home.

Athletics Sports Carnival
We are all looking forward to the Athletics Carnival to be held this Friday the 14th November. Come for part of the day or the whole day! We’ll be at the Knox Athletics Track and would love to see your smiling faces!

Remembrance Day Assembly
The Year 5 students made us all very proud Tuesday morning as they led our Remembrance Day assembly after recess. Our Year Fives sang to us, read poetry, and helped us to remember the fallen soldiers around the world, and those too, who returned to us with heavy hearts and sometimes with physical injuries to bear.

Thank you to Meagan for helping the children represent their families and their school with such sincerity and respect on this Remembrance Day.

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Christine
Scrap Metal Collection
November 7th to November 17th

Bring your scrap metal to - Kallista Primary School,
72 Monbulk Road, Kallista

Eco-Waste Recycling will continue to replace the bins as they fill!!
Large items are no problem!
The bins are around 8 cubic metres and the physical size is 4.4m long x 1.8m wide and 1.3m high.
Your scrap metal will raise much needed dollars for our school. Thank you!

What to collect?
We will accept all types of metals including the following:
✓ Stainless Steel
✓ Copper
✓ Aluminium
✓ Brass
✓ Cars & Car Parts
✓ Clothes lines
✓ Lawn Mowers
✓ Computer Towers
✓ White Goods
✓ Steel Beams
✓ Sinks
✓ Car Batteries
✓ Electrical Cables
✓ Hot Water Systems & Pipes
✓ Taps & Plumbing
✓ Colourbond Fencing
✓ Guttering
✓ Roof Sheeting
✓ Pots and Pans
✓ Tools
✓ Soft Drink Cans
and much more!
Well once again we had beautiful weather for our Ball Sports and some high level skills were demonstrated by our Kallista students. I was so pleased to see the level of enthusiasm and sportsmanship shown by all students. I must congratulate our House Captains and Vice Captains on their efforts in trialing and training fellow House members and for their leadership on the day. The role of House Captains is time consuming and, at times extremely difficult with so many jobs to complete prior to, and during sports days. Our Kallista House system provides wonderful opportunities for many students to gain experience in leadership and management of others. Students had been practicing not only in Phys. Ed. lessons but during recess and lunchtimes also. It was also wonderful to see other students step in and help when the House Captains were busy on the day. At the conclusion of competition I was able to announce that this year’s Ball Sports were most definitely THE BEST BALL SPORTS EVER held at Kallista Primary School. (unless of course you are an ex student reading this.........yours were good too!)

Thank you to Peter Grimes who cleared the courts with his blower early in the morning. I think he must have done it before the birds were up. Thanks also to the judges. Phew, no close finishes or disqualifications!

Special thanks to Melissa Strathairn for her ability to remain calm under pressure when scoring. Gleghorn won by only ONE POINT. Can’t wait to see what happens at our Athletics this Friday. It’s bound to be a day of excitement and keen competition.

Make sure that you check out the kids in action on the sports noticeboard which is located near the General Office. Photos taken by our ‘Sports Photographer’ Nicky Tipping.

ATHLETICS REMINDER

THIS FRIDAY 14th November
Knox Park Melways Ref. 73 D6

All children travelling by bus are to be at school by 8.45 am. Buses will leave promptly soon after and will be gone by 9.00am. The Grade 5/6 800m will be run first and the Program CANNOT wait for late arrivals.

Children travelling by car need to be at the venue by 9.30am (9.20am if they are in the 5/6 800m) Please see the classroom teacher on arrival.

If you are collecting your child from the venue you must arrive by 2.00pm and see their classroom teacher before you leave. Children can wear House colours (no singlet tops).

Children need to bring: hat, sunscreen, lunch, drinks, safety pin for ribbons.

The predicted weather forecast is for early showers clearing towards mid morning. Please ensure that your child is prepared for predicted weather conditions and has plenty of fluids and sun protection.

For new parents: many parents come on the day and share a picnic lunch with their children under the shade sails. At all other times children remain in the stand. For safety reasons we cannot have pre schoolers in the stand. We hope to see as many parents there as possible. Don’t forget your runners for the parents’ race!!!!

Hilary Morris
Physical Education
Dear Parents,

We will be sending new booking forms with the accounts shortly, as places are becoming filled and if you are sure of your before and after school bookings for 2015, please return the booking forms as soon as possible.

Regards Liz & Jayne
This fortnight saw Kirsten and Sonja’s grades walk to The Piggery in Sherbrooke to tour their substantial kitchen garden, visit with the animals, pigs, geese, emus and horses, and enjoy a hard earned hot chocolate and cookie. (That fire track is steep and long!!!) Everyone enjoyed the outing, teachers and parents included.

Last Thursday saw Meagan’s grade 5 and Sam’s grade 5 students coming up with some very interesting pizza and pasta ideas. We made a chocolate, marshmallow and vanilla bean ice cream pizza (ice cream made from scratch), thanks to Taj ..... And chocolate linguine with spiced strawberries. Not sure who was ultimately responsible for this idea, but think Ruby, Ellen, Lily and Elysha had some input. It was certainly interesting and quite inventive.

Don’t forget we definitely require parent help in the kitchen for it to be successful. We only had one helper last week, and consequently, a lot of ingredients ended up in the bin. Thanks, Rochelle.....you were a life saver.

Kylie
Shannon Bennett is a chef who opened his first restaurant in France 2002 called Vae De Monde. He moved to Australia in 2005 and made the same restaurant in Melbourne.

Shannon just opened his newest café - The Piggery (Burnham beeches.) He introduced more and improved recipes to the café. The Piggery used to be the stable for the historic mansion Burnham Beeches. They have many different animals for breeding and ingredients such as emus for eggs, geese for eggs and pigs for finding truffles and they are planning to get chickens, alpackers and cows. They are growing oak trees for truffles and planning to teach the pigs to find the truffles.

Burnham Beeches

Burnham Beeches is an historic Dandenong Ranges mansion in Sherbrook. It was once owned by the Alfred Nicholas family. They owned the Aspro brand. It was closed for 20 years. Shannon Bennett and Adam Garrison bought it and are spending lots of money to fix it. They are doing it in 3 stages, the 1st stage was the garden, the 2nd was the café and the 3rd stage will be the mansion.

Burnham Bakery & Piggery Café!

The Burnham Bakery have a delicious selection of treats like toffee apples, apple pie, spelt flour piggy bikkies, almond toast, fruit toast, chocolate croissants and croissants. They also have a nice selection of drinks such as dark hot chocolates, espresso, tea, beer, fizzy drinks, juices and wine. Their baker has quit so they are looking for a new one. They also serve breakfast lunch and afternoon tea.

Piggery Truffles

At the Piggery they have a field with about 500 French Oaks. French Oaks grow truffles on their roots. They’ve just got new pigs. We were the first people in the public to see them. They’re training the pigs to find truffles. This year, so far they’ve found three truffles and hope to get more!

Compost

At the piggery garden they have a massive pile of compost. It really stinks. They have a pile because then they can scoop it out easily. They have compost so then they can grow plants.
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By Brandon & Owen

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Pigs
By Ruby & Katie P. & Brielle

The pigs at the Piggery Cafe are 3 months old. Their colours are black, brown and pink. Both of the pigs are males which are boars. The old pig stables that use to be there are where the Piggery Café is now. That’s why the café is called the Piggery Café.

Emu & Emu Eggs
By Finn & Graison

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The Garden
By Nakarra

The Piggery’s garden is a big garden and has two green houses. They pick the veggies and use them in the kitchen.

- Thyme
- Sorrel
- Flowers
- Mint
- Different types of strawberries
- Lettuce
- Pear trees
- Apple trees
- Tomatoes

Walk to the Piggery
By Abbey & Mya

Today we walked from school to the piggery. They had geese with new babies there in a large enclosure. The geese are used for their eggs which are cooked for customers. The geese can also eat the vegetable food scraps. Which is a great way to recycle.

Horses
By Poppy & Katie W.

The horses at the piggery names were Luna and Thunder, Thunder was a brown colour, Luna was a cream and brown. They use the horses in summer for horsey rides and lessons. Thunder was Emma’s horse. Luna is Shannon Bennett’s daughters. Shannon Bennett is the owner of The Piggery. The horses are 1 and a half years old.

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At this time of the year we have a huge, silver-tailed, seedling munching problem in our Garden (as do you all, I'm guessing...) with the Abundant new growth and Rainy / Sunny days. The Snails are out in Abundance. So we turn a pest into a fun activity... and, jumping in on the Melbourne Spring Racing Carnival, we have our own Cup of sorts... the Snail Racing Cup. The garden is purged of pests. Racing colors applied. Chalk circles drawn on the ground... let the Racing Begin. Lots of cheering and co-ercing is essential to guide the winners over the finish line. And then, once all snails have raced it is the feathered ladies of Chookingham Palace who are the Ultimate Winners.

The Piggy Visits...

Over the last couple of weeks (or next week), the Grade 3/4 classes have visited the Piggery in Sherbrooke. A vigorous walk to get there, but well worth the effort... with a tour of the extensive garden (yes, we know what Fennel + Sorrel are!!)... A pat of the new piglets, an oggle at an emu followed by hot chocolate + a piggy baked... it's good to see the kids out & experiencing other Kitchens + Kitchen-Gardens.

Happy Gardening!

Jen