Hello Everyone!

Yay!!! Production is here! It was launched early this term with the title ‘Beat the Heat’- perfect title thanks to Hamish- and the kids cooked up a storm yesterday at rehearsal! I was thrilled to see big kids and little kids singing and dancing to the beats of world music! What a hit this will be kids!

It takes many hands, a cast and crew, to get a production such as this up and running, and we have been privileged to have many talented people working on our school production ‘Beat the Heat’. Yesterday’s rehearsal at Burrinja ran like clockwork, thanks to the tireless work of our wonderful production coordinator, Marg Brooks, and the children looked terrific on stage, wearing their colourful ‘Beat the Heat’ t-shirts, designed by Kallista student, Indigo Linde. We love the t-shirts Indigo!

Valanga Khoza’s exciting artistic direction and musical inspiration has been appreciated by everyone across the school this term. He continued with gusto on Monday, ensuring the children put energy and enthusiasm into finetuning their performances for opening night, which as you know was …. last night!!

It’s also been great to have members of our Kallista families involved in the production. Thanks to former student and Sam Graunke’s son, Mitch, and our drumming mum, Lisa Baird, for providing fabulous live musical accompaniment with Valanga. Music is such a powerful force for good in the world and so special to share in this way at school. Our terrific teachers, Yahiro and Sam enrich the children’s educational experience each week with their love of music and we thank them for taking the production instrumental groups and choir to performance standard over the last few weeks.

At Kallista Primary we all value:

- Courage
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Honesty
There are also people working behind the scenes. Thanks to Michael Meitzke for his continued support in many ways, including being in the bio box and making sure all the technology goes to plan! Our graphic designer mum, Anthea Heagney, has generously given her time to create the Beat the Heat poster and program. It looks great!

As you would be aware, the teachers have been behind the children’s success all the way. Their reward will be in the children’s smiling faces and the joy that will be shared through their performances. Marg Brooks has been a tower of strength and vision and is the driving force behind ‘Beat the Heat!’ and we all say a very big “Thank you Marg!”

What inspires teachers to create and direct a school musical production?

I would like to finish with some words from Marg:

‘Our hope at Kallista is that we can help to build compassionate, caring and thoughtful young citizens who embrace all cultures and contribute to a peaceful, harmonious and sustainable global environment. We can do this by empowering our students to “make a difference” in whatever way they can. Whether that be taking pride in their school surrounds or collecting money and crocs to send to disadvantaged communities. They learn that we all walk to the same “beat” no matter where we are from, and through this recognize that children everywhere are united by the common bonds of laughter, play and a desire to enjoy the simple things in life.’

So, let the music and play begin!

**Dads - Please Help!!**

We urgently need Dads to help in the first two weeks of next term with our swimming program!

Can you help Dad?

We need to have a male at the change rooms to ensure our boys are safe and secure. The swimming program is run over the first two weeks of next term, October 6th to 17th, at Monbulk Aquatic Centre. There are different session times and even if you can only help one or two days it will make a difference and provide the supervision we require.

Please talk to your child’s teacher if you can help, or call the office and speak to Christine Finighan or Hilary Morris. Our children’s safety is our number one priority. We thank you for your support in this vital and practical way.

**K.P.S. Out of School Hours Care Program - ‘Food, Fun & Friendship!’**

I have been thinking about our Kallista Primary School Out-of-Hours Care Program lately. When I visit, the children look happy, secure and so positively occupied with games, food, fun and friendship. I would like to acknowledge the care and creativity that Liz and Jane put into the program. It really is the *best ever!!* The children love being there and I see why! Thanks ladies for your professionalism and dedication to our children’s before and after school experience.

**Kallista Uniform**

I want to pass on a few thoughts about our Kallista P.S. uniform. As you know, we now have our new production t-shirts that can be worn as part of school uniform. They will certainly brighten up the playground with their happy colours.

A couple of requests...

I have been looking in the lost property cupboard lately and have been very surprised at the large number of jumpers, jackets and other assorted items of clothing are left unloved within!

So this is for the kids!

Kids... Please look after your clothing. Give some thought and be mindful about your jumpers and jackets. These items are expensive for mum and dad to buy. They are also of a really good quality material and so you should get long lasting wear out of them. If you take something off in the yard, remember to pick it up and take it back to class with you after your game.
Save dollars by naming clothes.

Parents, we would love to return these items back to the children, however it is often not possible to do so as they are not named. You can help us look after your child’s clothes and your dollars by naming children’s clothes and other articles.

Secondly, please wear the Kallista uniform with pride 😊

We have been discussing our school uniform at School Council and have decided to create a uniform display at the office area next term to make sure that everyone knows what our uniform looks like.

We have a couple of School Council members who are looking into expanding the range of clothing items on offer, but keeping our current great colour! So keep a look out for the display next term and don’t forget to wear you uniform to school!

**Administration information regarding student absences**

Please be aware, that it is a Department of Education requirement that if your child is absent, it needs to be followed up with written or verbal notification of parent permission. This can be done via the absentee line by calling 97552633, or on Tiqbiz, or by a formal written note.

From time to time, the office will forward an automated notice of absence. This occurs where the office has no record of parent permission for the absence. We are required to forward these to parents and it is appreciated if you could return the form to the office for processing.

From time to time, the Department will audit our attendance records, so we appreciate your support and understanding in this administrative duty.

**Education Support Staff- awesome staff, great people!**

August was Education Support Staff month at Kallista Primary School and I would just like to acknowledge the wonderful work of all our Education Support Staff in our school. Thanks to our wonderful office ladies, Andrea, Bronwyn, Bernie, and the lovely Sandra who does an amazing job on our Miniscope every fortnight! Thanks also to Kylie in the kitchen, Jennie in the garden and Jayne and Liz at OSCH- always smiling and enriching our students lives at school. And our beautiful teacher aides Kerrie, Sherrin and Robyn who provide care and support in the classrooms. Thanks ladies- our school would not be the same without each and every one of you.

**Being Late is Not Great!**

Last little word from me today is please be on time for school!

The first ten minutes of the day gets everyone set up for learning. It is really important for everyone to be in class on time and to hear the instructions for the start of the day’s activities. School is an exciting and busy place and we need to support the teachers in creating and maintaining the best learning environment in every class, for every child. Let’s get everyone starting the day off on the same foot!

And finally, please read the story of the Lone Pine, later in Miniscope, which is the story about how we receive the Pine tree in the Native Garden.

Have a great week!

Christine

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**Fathers Day Stall Next**

**FRIDAY - 5th September**

*Happy Father’s Day*

Spoil Dad with a super-duper gift from the Father’s day stall next Friday!!

Gifts will range from $5 to $10.
EVERYDAY COUNTS

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

In Primary School, some students miss on average three weeks of school per year. That’s half a year of school by the end of Year Six.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early
Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do
The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

“Day off” – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

• Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
• Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.
• Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.
• Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer.

A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:
A BIG thank you to all the Mums and Dads and Teachers and Children and Friends who attended the Kallista Primary School MHMLW No 2 working bee on Sunday the 24th August 2014.

A great time was had by all and lots got done.

A special thanks to the kitchen crew who provided sustenance on the day.

A special thanks to those team leader people who managed each and every project, big and small.

A very special thanks for everyone’s efforts and time... greatly appreciated.

WELL DONE TEAM KPA.

Signed KPSFF (Kallista Primary School Facilities Facilitator)

Next working bee term 4.

MHMLW No 3

Many Hands Make Light Work.

Come, contribute and Bee surprised!

Kallista Primary School...............a really great school.....just getting better!

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Don’t forget:

- Full payment and permission notes are due this Friday 5th September. If you need to make special arrangements please speak to the General Office Staff.
- If your child DID NOT participate last year you will need to return an assessment sheet also.
- Advise your classroom teacher immediately if your child WILL NOT be participating.

**URGENT**

We are in need of Dad’s, with current Working With Children Checks, to help supervise in the boy’s change rooms. You would need to arrive ten minutes before the end of your child’s lesson. Of course, if you could help supervise any other lessons that would be great too. Please see your classroom teacher if you can help. You don’t have to commit to all ten days........we would be grateful for any help you can provide.

**Proposed Lesson Times**

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You can prepare your child for the Swimming Program in the following ways:

- If you have a younger child, it is a good idea to get them to practice independent dressing. In this way they can be more organised and responsible in the changerooms. If need be, practice tying shoelaces over the holidays too.
- Ensure your child’s bag is named and large enough to hold all items of clothing eg. enviro. bag.
- If your child requires a shower due to eczema please supply the classroom teacher with a note. Your child will need to leave the pool slightly earlier to ensure that there is time for showering.
- Children will not be allowed to buy lollies or snacks at the pool and we request that parents attending refrain from buying these items for their children.
- Bathers need to be sensible and functional. Oversized board shorts are not appropriate and actually act as a hindrance during swimming lessons. One piece swim suits are best for the girls. School uniform should be worn to the pool (no thongs) and children need to wear their bathers underneath for a quick change poolside when they get there. But please.....don’t forget to pack their underwear!
- We encourage children not to wear goggles as this is part of the water safety experience. Let’s face it, if a child is ever involved in a water based emergency, they probably won’t be wearing goggles. Of course, you know your child best and we want their swimming experience to be a positive one. If they need to wear goggles for any reason please ensure they have them for the first lesson and that they are named.

With thanks

Hilary Morris
Physical Education
Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent’s bank account; or
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

Who is eligible?
The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off?
No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.

The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.

For more information visit www.education.vic.gov.au.
The Gallipoli ‘Lone Pine’ has become a piece of living history in Australia.

Australian soldiers who served at Gallipoli knew Plateau 400 or “Lone Pine”, the scene of some of the fiercest hand-to-hand combat by Australians who fought there. The plateau was distinguished by a solitary lone pine which bore silent witness to the heroism and tenacity of Australians who fought there.

At 5.30 p.m. on August 6th, 1915, Australians of the First Brigade attacked the Turkish trenches under heavy machine gun and artillery fire. The Australians found the trenches were roofed over with pine logs covered with earth. They clawed the roofing back and jumped into the trenches below. After savage hand-to-hand fighting, the trenches were taken by 6.00 p.m. Attack and counter attack continued until August 10th, when fighting at Lone Pine ceased. In the few days of the August assault 4,000 men died.

During the evacuation of Gallipoli in January, 1916, 33 men of the 24th Battalion were left behind to keep up the pretence that the Lone Pine trenches were still occupied. They destroyed the remaining guns then embarked less than two hours before a storm blew up which would have made withdrawal impossible.

During the withdrawal a soldier, Sgt. Keith McDowell, picked up a pine cone from the Lone Pine and placed it in his haversack as a souvenir. When he eventually returned to Australia, he gave the pine cone to his aunt, Emma Gray, so that she could plant the seeds.

Twelve years passed before Mrs Gray planted the seeds. Mrs Gray lived at Grassmere, near Warnambool. Four seedlings thrived. Two were planted in the Warnambool area; one at Terang and one in the Warnambool Gardens. One was planted at Wattle Park and the other at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne, where the tree shades the statue of Simson and his donkey.

The cemetery at Lone Pine was later cloaked in pines but they were swept away by forest fires in 1994, leaving only one: a lone pine planted years ago as a memorial from the seed of the original tree which had stood there during the battle. Reforestation efforts are under way.

Seeds have been propagated from the four Victorian trees grown from the seeds collected from the original lone pine. The young trees are given to schools and other interested organizations by Legacy Clubs in the hope they will be cherished as a symbol of Australian nationhood and of its just pride, devotion, courage, selflessness and sense of service to others.
Scenes from Africa—Grades 1/2

Jazz

Harry

Fleur

Tahlia
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Oh my goodness! We have had a busy time in the garden... Jo was able to bring some plants donated to us from John & Christine from the edible garden in Wonga Park/Lilimba... So many goodies - kale, silver beet, mustard, ground chestnuts, red onions, thyme, parsley, chervil... Just to name a few... Ollie, Oscar & Ava's mum Sonia dropped off some strawberries & raspberry canes... We planted a chestnut tree donated by Monique (a next-year prep mum...) and we mulched everything with lovely worm rich compost from the leaf pit - all the lovely manures have broken down beautifully... (speaking of which... We need to fill our leaf pit up again... if anyone can get their gloved hands on horse/cow/sheep/chicken/alpaca poo... That would be sensational. We are also after coffee granules, fire place ash & egg shells (in paper bags not plastic...)... The naughty cookies are also up to mischief... They snapped the heads off a whole bed of cabbage & broccoli... We have to think about sparkling up the garden... If you have any unwanted Christmas decorations, tinsel, baubles, CDs, tin foil pie dishes, ribbons, anything shiny + colourful + weather proof... We need it all!!

Next term we will be taking scarecrows again... One for each class that does the garden... But we can't have naked scarecrows... Oh no! We'll need finery; hats, gloves, earrings, trousers... and then bling... Jewellery, bags, feather boas? Start scavenging around... Let's see what we can come up with! 5 scarecrows... or should we say "scare-cookies"?!

During the school holidays we need some "chook monitors" for the second week (30 Sept - 5 October)... It's not a huge job... the girls just need feeding + fresh water every day.

If you think you can help out, please give me a call on 0400 696 216.

Also... the chooks are laying lots of eggs, but as we don't have kitchen classes running this term, we have a surplus of eggs... If you need eggs they are for sale at the office for $5 a dozen... All money raised goes back into the garden.

Happy Gardening!!

Jen.