Dear Parents,

As another school year comes to an end I would like to wish all families a safe and happy holiday. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with some information for the 2013 school year to assist you with planning in the New Year.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents and community members to our thank you morning tea Thursday in the PAC. The morning was an opportunity to thank everyone for their incredible generosity and support of our school, students and staff in 2012. A school is so much more than the learning programs, classrooms, students and teachers. It is a community and we certainly could not have achieved all that we have this year without the incredible support of our parents and wider community. Some of these wonderful people include:

- **The scripture teachers who volunteer their time every week throughout the year**
- **The reading tutors who have put so much energy and time into making this new reading program a success**
- **Our tireless garden and maintenance team who have spent so many hours in the gardens and working to improve our school grounds**
- **The many, many parents who have assisted in classrooms to support students and assist teachers with a multitude of tasks**
- **The dedicated members of the P&C. Your efforts and activities are too many to list but from fundraising to social activities to supporting school events, we appreciate your efforts and could not have done it all without you.**

### 2013 Staffing and Classes

I am currently in the process of finalising our staffing and classes for 2013. Due to an increase in enrolments, the size of our school will increase by one class in 2013. At this stage we are waiting on some families to confirm that their children will be attending Killara and as a result I am unable to finalise our class structures and staffing entitlements. Families can assist me in this process by:

- **Asking other families who would like to apply for enrolment but have not yet done so, to contact us as a matter of urgency.**
- **Informing us if you are moving out of the area and your child will not be returning to Killara in 2013.**
- **Ensuring we have notification in writing if your child will be returning late at the beginning of the 2013 school so that we can hold a place for them.**

### 2013 Teaching Staff

It is with pleasure that we welcome a few new teachers to our staff for 2013. Mrs Sue Salter will join the staff at Killara as the Learning and Support Teacher and Ms Sophie Honeybourne will join us as part of our 2013 school-based initiative focusing on differentiation. Both teachers have extensive experience and expertise in their fields and I am excited to welcome them to the teaching staff in 2013. Mrs Sally Eriksen has accepted a permanent position at another school in 2013. We will miss her and would like to wish her all the very best with her 2013 endeavours. Ms Gill Appave has confirmed that her secondment will continue at Regional office for the duration of 2013.

### 2013 Leadership Team

Our outstanding leadership team will continue their great work in 2013. Their roles will be as follows:

- **Mrs Julie Renwick – R/Assistant Principal Kindergarten and Stage 1**
- **Mrs Helene Brunker – Assistant Principal Stage 2**
- **Mrs Kate Wurth – Assistant Principal Stage 3**
Forming 2013 Classes
As we will need to wait until the beginning of the 2013 school year to finalise enrolments and staffing, students will return to their 2012 classes on Wednesday 30 January 2013. I anticipate we will be ready to form classes during our first week back. While I appreciate children and parents are excited to join their new teacher and class as soon as possible, it is far better to wait a couple of days rather than settle children into classes and then have to make changes if our student numbers alter. I appreciate your patience and understanding with this matter.

Staff Development Days
Parents will be aware that schools have staff development days on the last two days of Term 4 (December 20 and 21) and on the first day of Terms 1, 2 and 3. In 2013, to support the introduction of a national curriculum and new syllabuses in 2014, an additional day will be held on the first Tuesday of Term 2. These days are non-teaching days and focus on teacher professional learning and school planning. This year, our Term 4 staff development days will involve presentations from teachers detailing their Term 4 action learning projects, participate in learning and support training, attending a Killara Schools Partnership professional learning session at Killara High School and curriculum planning for 2013. At the beginning of 2013 staff will be introduced to the new national curriculum, participate in professional learning about Gifted and Talented education and work collaboratively to develop the Term 1 learning programs for your children.

What’s on at Killara in Term 1 2013?

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2013 Indicative Costs
To assist with family budgeting, please find below an outline of anticipated activities and approximate costs you can expect during Term 1 2013. Please note this list is not complete and exact costs will be notified at the beginning of next year. Fees are not required to be paid until next year.

- Voluntary School Contribution - $40
- Class Resources - $50
- KLA levy (including art supplies) - $30
- Mathletics Subscription - $10
- Technology levy - $50
- School-based initiatives (including the continuation of the music and PE programs) - $130

2013 Stage 2 Camp
The 2013 camp for Years 3 and 4 children has been booked. The children will enjoy a fabulous three day excursion to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. Students will participate in a range of outdoor activities such as canoeing, archery and ropes course. Please put the following details into your diaries:

Dates: Monday 25 March – Wednesday 27 March
Estimated Cost: $300

2013 Stage 3 Camp
The 2013 camp for Years 5 and 6 children has been booked. The children will enjoy a four day excursion to Canberra where they will visit venues such as Parliament House, the War Memorial, Questacon, the Australian Institute of Sport and the Museum of Australia. Please put the following details into your diaries:

Dates: Monday 27 May – Thursday 30 May
Estimated Cost: $420

End of Year BBQ
Thank you to the many parents who assisted with the P&C run end of year BBQ yesterday. It was fabulous to see the students have such a great time and was a wonderful opportunity for the school to farewell our Year 6 students. It was much appreciated by everyone who attended.
Another school year ends…
It has been a brilliant year for our students and school in so many ways. We thank you for supporting your child’s learning in whatever way you have been able to. 2013 will be an exciting year for Killara PS as we embrace exciting goals in teaching and learning and build upon the strong values of care, respect and lifelong learning. I have been delighted to lead the school this year and am very appreciative of the immense amount of support I have received from students, staff and parents. It is with a sense of optimism and pride that I ask you to celebrate our successes and look forward to a great future.

Unity Taylor-Hill
Principal

School Requirements

To assist in getting your child ready for the 2013 school year we have supplied below a list of requirements that need to be brought to school with your child on their first day.

Kindergarten

- 1 box of tissues
- 1 art shirt (an old one of Dad’s with the sleeves cut off) labelled clearly in BOLD lettering
- Clear contact to cover your child’s books when they come home for covering – (kept at home)
- 250ml hand sanitiser pump
- 250ml liquid soap pump
- 1 roll paper towel
- 1 Wet Wipes

Year 1

- 1 box of tissues
- 1 roll of paper towel
- Clear contact to cover your child’s book when they come home for covering – (kept at home)
- 1 art shirt
- 250ml liquid soap
- 250ml hand sanitiser

Year 2

- 5 good quality HB pencils
- Colour pencils (a set of 24)
- 3 highlighter pens of different colours
- 1 pair of medium size scissors
- 1 box tissues
- 1 pencil case no longer than (approx.) 30cm x 15 cm (not A4 size)
- Clear contact to cover your child’s books when they come home – (kept at home)
- 1 roll of paper towel
- 250ml liquid soap
- 250ml hand sanitiser
Year 3 and 4

- 1 calculator
- 6 good quality HB Lead Pencils (not Pacers)
- 3 highlighter pens of different colours
- 2 red biros
- 1 set of 12 good quality coloured pencils
- 1 barrel pencil sharpener
- 1 soft white eraser, large enough to write name on
- 1 set of thin coloured textas.
- 1 pair quality sharp scissors
- 2 large glue sticks (UHU or BOSTIK, not liquid)
- 1 box tissues
- 1 roll of paper towel
- Everyday pencil case (30cm x 12 cm)
- Pencil case for art stationery
- Clear contact (to be kept at home) to cover your children’s books
- 1 paint shirt
- USB

Years 5 and 6

- 2 of each - HB pencil, blue, black and red erasable pens
- 2 highlighter pens (different colours)
- 2 black fine liner pens (Fine 0.5)
- 1 soft white eraser (large enough to name)
- 1 pencil sharpener with own container
- 2 large glue sticks (UHU or BOSTIK, not liquid)
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 set coloured pencils
- 1 pack of Textas
- 1 calculator
- 1 box tissues
- 1 roll paper towel
- 1 protractor
- 1 compass
- 1 small pencil case for everyday stationery
- 1 pencil case for art stationery
- Clear contact (to be kept at home) to cover your child’s books
- USB