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 2014 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 last 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 2013. 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 MultiLit 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.**

2014 Staffing and Classes
I am currently in the process of finalising our staffing and classes for 2014. Due to an increase in enrolments, we are currently sitting on the edge of forming an additional class in 2014. 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 2014.
- Ensuring we have notification in writing if your child will be returning late at the beginning of the 2014 school year so that we can hold a place for them.

2014 Teaching Staff
It is with pleasure that we welcome back Ms Gil Appave our Assistant Principal back to Killara in 2014. Ms Appave has been working for the past two years at Regional Office as a consultant and it is wonderful to welcome her back to Killara to share her expertise with our K-2 staff.

2014 Leadership Team
Our outstanding leadership team will continue their great work in 2014. Their roles will be as follows:

- **Ms Gil Appave – Assistant Principal Kindergarten and Stage 1**
- **Mrs Helene Brunker – Assistant Principal Stage 2**
- **Mrs Kate Wurth – Assistant Principal Stage 3**
Forming 2014 Classes
As we will need to wait until the beginning of the 2014 school year to finalise enrolments and staffing, students will return to their 2013 classes on Wednesday 29 January 2014. 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.

What’s on at Killara in Term 1 2014?

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2014 Indicative Costs
To assist with family budgeting, please find below an outline of anticipated activities and approximate costs you can expect during Term 1 2014. Please note this list is not complete and exact costs will be notified at the beginning of next year. Term invoices 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 - $100
- Voluntary P & C Contribution - $40

2014 Stage 3 Camp
The 2014 camp for Years 5 and 6 children has been booked. The children will enjoy a three day excursion to the Blue Mountains. They will visit the Bathurst Goldfields, Scenic World and go abseiling and orienteering. Please put the following dates into your diaries:

Dates: Monday 8 September - Wednesday 10 September

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. 2014 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 2014 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
- 1 Wet Wipes

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
- 1 Art Shirt
- Glue Stick
- Wet Wipes
Years 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)
- 2 boxes tissues
- 2 rolls 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
- 1 pack of 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
- 2 boxes tissues
- 2 rolls 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
- 1 bottle liquid hand sanitizer (girls only)
- 1 bottle liquid hand soap (boys only)