

CARING and SHARING

No. 14
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday 19 September	9:15 Parents Club meeting (tomorrow) School Council meeting 7:30
Friday 21 September	Last day of term 3 – early dismissal, 2:30 Football Day
Monday 8 October	First day of term 4 – no assembly Christian Religious Education (CRE) starts (available to all children from Prep to Grade 6)
Wednesday 10 October	Kinder children and parents here 9:30 – 10:30 (Computers and Phys Ed)
Friday 12 October	Curriculum Day (pending School Council approval)
Sunday 14 October	Working Bee 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Friday 19 October	Summer Sport starts (bat tennis and cricket)
Friday 26 October	Teachers' Day
Sunday 28 October	Daylight saving starts
Mon. to Wed., 29 – 31 October	School Camp
Tuesday 4 December	Orientation Day – preps, year 6
Friday 21 December	Last day of term 4 – early dismissal, 1:00
Wednesday 30 January	First day of 2008

Dear Parents and Friends

Our school's vision statement is:

A school which values the worth of every individual, a child's right to learn in a safe and happy environment and a strong community spirit.

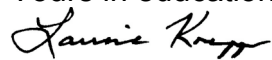
I have been impressed with the ways in which each child is valued and the environment in which they are learning. We have a great community here. I hope you see many examples of how everything we do here is in support of the above vision statement.

One current initiative in making our environment safe and happy is a review of our bullying policy, conducted by Mary, our School Chaplain. We'd like to hear from parents, staff and students. If you'd like to have a say, or even be informed, pick up copies of the relevant policies being considered from the school office.

There have been three recent examples of children's learning which have been very successful. Today's excursion to Werribee Zoo was an enjoyable learning experience for all children, on such a beautiful day. Last Monday's Italian day was also a vibrant and valuable activity for everyone, with children dressed in some magnificent costumes. Thanks to Mrs Guzzardi for organizing the day. And the Athletics Sports were an opportunity for all children in grades 3 – 6 to excel against much larger schools.

I'm looking forward to another great Keilor Park PS tradition – the Footy Day this Friday. All children are invited to come dressed in the colours of their favourite football team.

Yours in education



Laurie Krepp

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

I am so pleased to say that I have settled into my role at KPPS and have been made to feel very welcome by parents, staff and of course the students. My transition has been a smooth one thanks to your kindness and support. Already, I have got to know many special people in the school community who work so tirelessly to make KPPS such an amazing place to be! I have found a

pleasant workspace in the library so feel free to drop by and have a chat, but chances are you will probably find me in other areas of the school – classrooms or the schoolyard. I will be working at the school on Mondays and Tuesdays. Most Wednesday mornings, my son (Michael) and I attend the playgroup.

One of the initiatives of the chaplaincy role will be to extend the CRE program to the whole school. This will commence in Term 4. Permission forms have been distributed.

Any parent wishing to have their child celebrate the Catholic sacraments of Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation has the opportunity to attend the Ripples program at Saint Christopher's in Roberts Road, Airport West. Sessions are held on Tuesdays between 4-5pm. This is not a term-based program, students will only be required to attend 6 sessions per year.

This applies only to families residing in the parish. If you do not live in the parish or are unsure of what parish you belong to, please contact me to make alternative arrangements. Further information about the Ripples program can be obtained from Catherine Young Ph 9338-3793.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Mary D'Agostino
Chaplain

BASKETBALL TOMORROW

Tomorrow there will be basketball clinics run by a representative of a local basketball club. It would assist if any children who have basketballs at home could bring them along.

PARENTS CLUB MEETING – TOMORROW

The next Parents Club meeting will be held at 9:15 a.m., **tomorrow**, Wednesday, 5 September, in the staffroom. Younger children are welcome. The meeting will go for about an hour. Please support this valued group – I hope to see you at the meeting!

CURRICULUM DAY – FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER

The first Friday of term 4, October 12, will be a Curriculum Day, pending school council approval. There will be no school for students on that day. The Before and After School Programs will not operate on October 12.

LAST DAY OF TERM – FOOTY DAY AND EARLY DISMISSAL

This Friday, September 21, students will be dismissed at 2:30. The Keilor Park PS tradition of a Footy Day will be held on the last day, so children are invited to dress in the colours of their favourite football team. After Care will operate from 2:30 on Friday.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

It's not too late to send back your parent opinion survey if you still have it at home.

We still need more surveys to reach the required response rate. If you haven't returned your's yet, please send it back tomorrow.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS are needed for Tuesdays and Thursdays next term

Final words ...

'An educational system isn't worth a great deal if it teaches young people how to make a living, but doesn't teach them how to make a life.' -
Unknown

CARING AND SHARING PROGRAM Term 3 focus: RESPECT

This Week: RESPECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

'Our environment depends on us'

Students will discuss issues relating to the school and the wider environment and what positive effect they can have. These will include recycling, ground cleanliness, garden care, etc

First Week of Term 4: DOING OUR BEST

'Our best is often better than we think'

Students will discuss how they can do their best in different situations they encounter. These may include school, home environment, sport, etc