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Upcoming Events/ Dates

May	
5	Trail Bike Ride Meeting 7pm
11	Year 10 to 11 WSHS Transition
11-21	NAPLAN
14	Book Club Orders Close Today
17-21	GOOD NEWS WEEK
19	National Simultaneous Story Time at 11am
20	Prep Vision Screening
25	P&C Meeting 7pm Tea, coffee and supper provided
30	Trail Bike Ride
June	
25	Last Day of school

Our School Values:

- ◆ Caring
- ◆ Improving
- ◆ Our Learning Community



From The Principal's Desk

Explicit Improvement Agenda: What is it?

Clear and detailed school-wide targets for improvement are set, with all of our staff given the opportunity to input into the decision making as part of the EIA process. These targets are then communicated to the whole school community along with the accompanying timelines. This agenda is set over four years and is based on feedback from student data and information from our school review. Our 2021 targets are:



OUR TARGETS

2021

ATTENDANCE – “READY TO LEARN EVERY DAY”	95%
BEHAVIOUR – Students on Silver & Gold Levels “RIGHT TO TEACH, RIGHT TO LEARN”	60%
LEARNING – Students moving through the Literacy Continuum writing cluster/s aligned with the expectations of the student’s curriculum level, irrespective of the starting point <i>“Pathways to grow a successful future through effort”</i>	100%

Last week I attended two days of professional learning in Roma. Thursday was specifically for P-9/10/12 school across the DDSW region and Friday was a Regional Development Day. It was certainly a very long few days and there was lots of travel involved, but I am very grateful for the opportunity to meet with Principals across our region. Our region covers a very large area, and although I travelled for almost 6 hours to get to Roma, the distance travelled by some other Principals was similar. Issues and celebrations that we see in our school are similar to those seen in like schools and it is great to have the opportunity to chat with these schools.

Parent/Teacher meetings – In weeks 5 and 6 parents will be invited to meet/speak with teachers to discuss their son/daughter’s school progress. I know that in some cases, this contact has

already occurred and this is always encouraged. It is our intention to speak with the parent/carers of all of the students in our school this term.

Students will bring home information in regards to these meetings this week. Please provide the requested information back to class teachers as soon as possible.

Office staff – last week we welcomed Tracey Batten to our office. Tracey is currently working at Yangan State School and will join us on Thursdays and Fridays during Terms 2 and 3. Tracey brings with her a wealth of knowledge as a result of working in another school. Please welcome Tracey to our school if you are in the office on these days.

Pre-service teacher – Next week please welcome Laura Baills to our school. Laura will be working with Mrs D in P/1 while completing her pre-service placement for 3 weeks.

Harassment and bullying – I urge parents to talk to their children about sharing incidents of harassment/bullying that happen at school, with their class teachers or a trusted adult at school when it happens. We take incidents of harassment/bullying seriously and our Student Code of Conduct includes a process that will be followed. The sooner the behaviour can be investigated, the sooner an outcome can be reached.

P&C membership drive – Have you ever been curious about the P&C meetings? You are invited to come along and have a look at what goes on. Each meeting I present my Principal's report and this includes an overview of what's happening. It is a great opportunity to chat and ask questions. We also discuss how the P&C contributes to our school and the great things that are possible because of this contribution. The next meeting is on Tuesday 25th May in the Room to Read at 7pm. There will be tea and coffee and I may even make a chocolate mud cake to share. See you there.

Behaviour celebrations – teaching teams in each sector have been busy putting plans together for end of term behaviour celebrations. Stay tuned for some fun-filled activities.

Have you updated student details?

Don't forget to update emergency contacts and contact details to ensure we have the most up to date information. Notes have been sent home for parents/carers to check details and edit as required. Please have these returned to the office. You never know when we may need to use it. Thanks

Stay home if you are sick

We encourage everyone to continue to stay home if they feel unwell. Staff will contact parents to collect students if they show signs of sickness at school. If you are concerned about missing assessments and class work, I encourage parents to contact teachers to discuss

Don't hesitate

Please do not hesitate to phone the school if there is ever a time that you have any concerns or you would like to celebrate what's been happening. We may not be available when you phone, but we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Thanks Mrs Bartz

Attendance Recognition



Week 2, Term 2 – 3/4J Team and the Year 5 Team achieved our target of 95%+ attendance.

Aligned with our Explicit Improvement Agenda, and given that attendance at school is an expectation, classes will be recognised each week for reaching the 95% attendance target.

Each week the class teams who achieve our target of 95%+ for attendance, receive an entry into the draw at the end of the term. At the end of the term a draw will occur for a class reward. Classes achieving 100% across a week will receive 2 entries into the end of term draw.

While we are celebrating attendance, it is still very important for anyone who is sick to stay home for their own and everyone else's health and wellbeing.

If students become sick at school, parents/carers will be contacted to collect them.

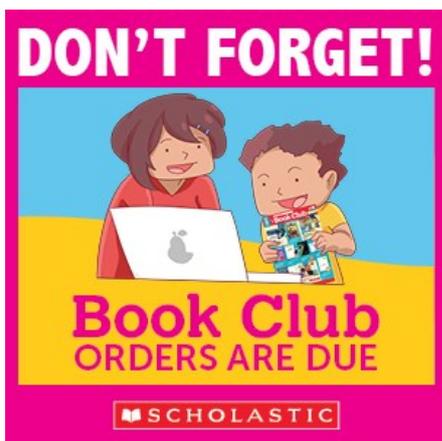
Email – absences@killarness.eq.edu.au or text 042819680

School News

Condamine Café

This week the order forms are green and it would be appreciated if the orders could be in before 9am on Thursday morning.





Book Club orders are due back by **Friday 14th May**

You can place your child's order online at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or use the LOOP app.



TACKLE FLU FREE INDIGENOUS FLU CLINIC

Warwick Health Service is organising the Tackle Flu Indigenous Flu Clinic for Indigenous people 15 years and over. The clinic will be held at Cowboys Rugby League Club on Tuesday 25th May from 5pm–7pm. People are asked to please bring their Medicare Card to the Tackle Flu Clinic.

There will be some opportunity for Indigenous children aged 6 months to 15 years to have their flu shot at the same time, but this needs to be pre booked by ringing Child Health on 4660 5400. Alternatively appointments for the flu shot can be made for the Child Health weekly immunisation clinic, or with your preferred health provider.

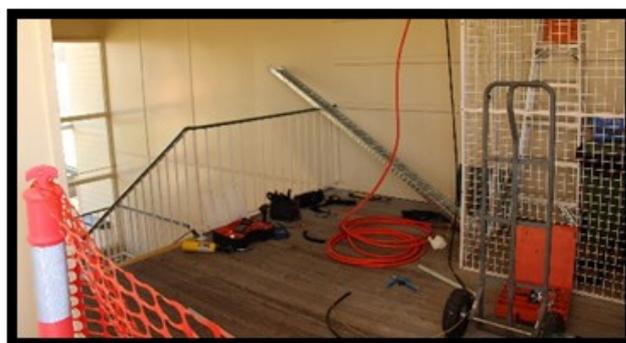
Please note: Tackle Flu shirts are only available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People aged 15 years and over.



K.S.S Solar System Update

Our school has recently been identified as being eligible for and has now having installed, a brand new solar system. The 108 solar panels are installed on the Junior Secondary building roof. The new 39.96 kW DC system will offset our school usage; 0.37kW for each of the 108 panels. The department is committed to supporting the Queensland Government's 50% renewable energy target in Queensland by 2030. As one of the Queensland Government's largest energy consumers, state schools spend more than \$70 million each year on energy. The \$97 million Advancing Clean Energy Schools (ACES) program is reducing energy costs at more than 800 state schools through the installation of solar systems and other energy efficiency measures. Power throughout the school is used over a wide range of applications, some of these including lights, air conditioners, projectors etc.

A kilowatt hour (kWh) is a measure of how much energy you're using. It is simply a unit of measurement that equals the amount of energy you would use if you kept a 1,000 watt appliance running for an hour. If you switched on a 100 watt light bulb, it would take 10 hours to build up 1 kWh of energy use. The daily usage at our school is approximately 256.36 kw/h, however we were lucky enough to be chosen to participate in this program and receive these solar panels at no cost. Our new solar system, when commissioned, should go a long way towards offsetting the cost of all of our air conditioning across the school, depending on the weather and the usage.



Reported by Year 10 numeracy students

NAPLAN update

Students in years 3,5,7 and 9 will be commencing their NAPLAN testing next Tuesday May 11 with the timetable of tests planned for completion on Friday May 14. The window for catch up testing remains open until Friday May 21 to allow any student who has been absent in the original timeslot, to sit the test.

What do students need to have: A pencil, rubber, sharpener, a charged laptop (Junior Secondary students) and a positive attitude.

Where will this testing happen: In separate areas across the school which have been tested for connectivity through trials by the IT staff.

How do I support my child: Conversations that have been had with students during preparation activities have frequently raised the question, why do we have to do NAPLAN? Apart from the obvious reasons of determining how students are going across the nation when measured against their same aged peers, the feedback does give teachers an insight in to the “what’s next” for the students individual cycle of learning. My big message however, is that whatever challenge we are presented with in life, we have to give it our best. There are plenty of people in the world that are denied the opportunity of an education. All we ask is that students take the test seriously, give it their best, and keep trying until the very end. The world will not stop turning if results are not what was expected, but as teachers we are invested in making sure our students are the best learners they can be. Let’s make sure our positiveness towards NAPLAN and all other assessment is contagious. Thanks for your support.



Junior Secondary

Assessment calendars for Term 2 have been distributed this week. If further copies are required, please see the school website or request one through the office.

Year 10 Sunshine Coast trip – students have been asked to pay a \$50 deposit to secure this trip. Planning is in full swing and proves to be difficult when we are uncertain of the number attending. Thanks for your support with this.

Weathering investigation – ‘Buff it up’

Year 4 students have been investigating weathering and erosion as part of their Earth and space sciences unit.

We have learnt that wind alone can cause weathering to rock given long enough, but the rate of weathering increases greatly if the wind is carrying fine, abrasive sand or rough or hard particles.

To simulate this process, students used different grit sized sandpaper applied with differing amounts of pressure to ‘weather’ the rock (sugar cubes).

We found that as in nature, the weathering process does not occur in an instant and requires ongoing ‘buffing’. Students make a prediction before beginning the investigation and recorded their observations along the way. They reflected on the value of this activity in supporting their learning and justified their opinion based on the evidence they collected. Many students were surprised at the amount of ‘weathering’ required to change their rock (sugar cube).

Year 7 science class completing their aircraft models.



Tips for Healthy Headspace

Guidance Officer: Mrs Goddard is here each Friday and is available for appointments.

Lifeline: ph. 13 11 14 is a confidential telephone crisis support service available 24/7 from a landline, payphone or mobile.

Headspace: Youth health service for anyone aged between 12 and 25 years. It's about support for general health, mental health, drug and alcohol issues and employment and education support.

e-headspace: provides online and telephone support and counselling to young people 12 – 25 and their families and friends. If you're based in Australia and going through a tough time, e-headspace can help.

Kids helpline: 1800 55 18 00 Australia's only free, private and confidential, telephone and online counselling service specifically for young people aged between 5 and 25.

Pathways to Peace

Prep-Year 2 Behaviour Rewards

Week 1

Prep-Hayley

Year 1-Melody

Year 2- Lilly-Ann

Good Guy Token Tally
as at
Monday 4/05/2021
Madsen: 19 Chauvel: 21

Good Guy Tokens

Students may be awarded tokens throughout the school day for following the peace code. These tokens are then collected for Madsen or Chauvel in containers in the office, and the tally is announced (with much excitement) weekly on parade.



Congratulation

The end of Term 1 and the beginning of Term 2
Gold and Silver students.



The focus across our school for this week is:

do the right thing



be a peacemaker - do the right thing

Intent (what will you know and be able to do):
Knowing and making appropriate choices within a context.

Evidence (what will be seen by others):
Following instructions respectfully and as expected;
Aligning actions with expectations;
Supporting others to do the same.



P & C News

President: Glen Lamb
Vice President: Marissa Costello
Secretary: Laura Diets
Treasurer: Jaunita Rawle
Uniforms: Dahlia Hall

Community News

THE LEGUME COMMUNITY CHURCH COMMITTEE

invites everyone along to their PRE-MOTHERS DAY DINNER on Saturday evening, 8th May 2021 at the Legume Hall commencing 6.30pm for 7pm. A delicious three-course hot meal will be served. BYO drinks. There will be a raffle and lucky door prize, along with a special prize draw for Mothers only. Adults \$15.00; High School Students \$10.00; Primary Students \$7.00. Spoil Mum and come along for a fun night! For bookings or further information, please phone Glen Lamb on 4666 4135. Covid regulations apply.

THE PARENTS AND PARTICIPANTS OF KILLARNEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

would like to sincerely thank the 2020/2021 Executive Committee – Sandi Petersen, Laura Deite and Carol Wehmeyer – and publicly acknowledge their hard work organising Club Nights, the Carnival and Presentation Evening. Without the efforts of these ladies these events would not have been the success they were. Again, to each of you, a very big thank you from everyone involved with the Club.

Uniform News

Uniforms are no longer available through the office.

Please order online at:

<https://schoolshoponline.net.au> or phone, text or email Dahlia to discuss all your uniform needs.

Phone: 0429 917573

Email: dahliahall@bigpond.com



Killarney P&C

Get **involved** and be **informed** about what is happening at the school - after all, your children spend 30+ hours here every week!

The P&C is here to work with the Principal and the school community in a productive partnership to achieve the best possible outcomes for students of the school.

Have you ever **wondered why** something happens the way it does at the school?

Have you ever thought that something could be **done better**?

Please think about coming along to have a listen, or to have your say!!

P&C Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm. There are no meetings in the school holidays, which means there are only about 8 meetings per year. There is **no commitment** to attend every meeting - come to one, some or all - **everyone is welcome!**

Don't have anyone to watch the children? You are very welcome to bring them along. An area or room can be made available for children to play while waiting. We are considering offering online attendance at the meetings - if this interests you please send us an email - pandc@killarness.eq.edu.au

Next meeting - 7pm Tuesday 25th May in the School Office. Tea, Coffee and Supper will be provided.

All the executive positions are filled!

So there is no need to worry that you will be roped into a job that you are not comfortable with! We would love to see more parents get involved and have a say!

HAVE A QUESTION? PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US:
PANDC@KILLARNESS.EQ.EDU.AU

Did you know?

The Principal presents a report to each P&C meeting.

Parents who come along get **great information** about what is going on at the school with details of class numbers, staffing, upgrades and excursions. The Principal is also in attendance to answer questions or have a chat.

Tuckshop is run by parent volunteers. Due to other commitments, Dahlia is unable to continue to attend Friday tuckshop, however if we can get some eager volunteers to run the tuckshop, Dahlia has offered to continue to do the paperwork and orders. Free time on a Friday? Please consider helping - the kids (and parents) really miss tuckshop! If you or someone you know is interested or wants more info, please chat to Dahlia or Mrs Bartz or drop us an email.