Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Education Week has been a wonderful celebration of learning at Kismet Park. Staff and students have greatly appreciated the support shown by the parents who have attended our open classroom activities across the school.

Spelling Bee

Sunbury Rotary Club’s Spelling Competition was held on Tuesday evening. We would like to congratulate Calan Bowman on the wonderful manner in which he represented our school. During the competition students were asked to spell a wide range of complex and challenging vocabulary. All local primary schools were represented and all students clearly displayed their excellent spelling ability. The adults in attendance were in awe of their skill and confidence throughout a highly competitive session. Congratulations Calan, your efforts were highly commendable!

School Matters – Have Your Say!

Thank you to the families who attended our Annual Report presentation School Matters– Have Your Say! The feedback and suggestions you provided. All were noted by Council and will be passed on to the relevant sub committees for consideration / actioning. A copy of our 2013 Annual Report is now available on our website.

Parents Teachers & Friends Association (PTA) Annual General Meeting

6:30pm Monday 26th May

PTA’s Annual General meeting will be held in the staffroom at 6:30pm on Monday 26th May. This is a great opportunity to celebrate achievements over the past year. The election of Office Bearers will also take place. ALL WELCOME—please come along and show your support. Nominations for Office Bearers are available from the office.

Prep 2015 Enrolments

Our 2015 Prep enrolment process has commenced with information sessions being held at the following times:

Thursday 22nd May 2014 7:00-8:00pm
Tuesday 27th May 2014 9:30-10:30am
Wednesday 4th June 2014 9:30-10:30am

It would be greatly appreciated if Kismet Park families with children commencing school in 2015 could collect and complete enrolment forms as soon as possible as this greatly assists our forward planning for next year.

Have a great week!
Glenn & Diane

Kismet News
Empowerment & Excellence in Education for all

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Our next PUPIL FREE DAY will be held on FRIDAY 6TH OF JUNE. Professional training throughout the day will focus on Student Wellbeing with the implementation of The KidsMatter Framework, Cyber Safety and Literacy through introducing the ‘Big 6’ in Reading and The Writing Model. Students do not attend school on this day.

Date to remember:

Friday 23rd May: TOMORROW—Community Walkathon 1:45-3:15pm
Monday 26 May - PTA AGM 6:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome
Tuesday 27th May: Prep Info morning 9:30am-10:30am
Thursday 29th May: 3/4 Rugby
Friday 30th May: 2:30pm Assembly
Wednesday 4th June: Prep info Morn 9:30-10:30 & Let The Music Move You Performance
Friday 6th June: PUPIL FREE DAY: Students do not attend school on this day

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The Kismet Park Community Walkathon is Tomorrow!

PTA’s Community Walkathon is on tomorrow, Friday 23rd of May. The funds raised will be used to further enhance our learning spaces and our playground environment. Please speak to your child’s teacher if you require further information.

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School Council News

May Meeting of School Council

- Approval of our updated Mathematics Policy (available on the schools website – see the Mathematics page under curriculum)
- Confirmation of our 2015 Year 5/6 Canberra Camp
- Approval of our next Working Bees (Painting) to be held on Friday 1st August and Saturday 2nd August
- Approval of Junior School Council’s request for a Pyjama Day fundraiser on Thursday 26th June. All funds raised will go to The Cancer Council.
- Approval of our expenditure during the month of April

Acknowledged that the installation of sinks to Rooms C12 &13 were completed. Other rooms in Building C will be completed as funds permit.

Sub Committee News

- The Facilities Sub Committee reviewed conceptual plans to improve drop off zones and parking around the school as part of our Transport Accident Commission (TAC) project. Traffic Works will present the plans at our June meeting.
- Our school based Asbestos Management Plan was reviewed.
- The Education Sub Committee presented the Mathematics Policy to School Council and continued work on the contents of a school handbook. A review of our English Policy will be next.
- The Community Liaison sub-committee also worked on the contents of our school handbook. With our Facebook page being launched this week, the group is also considering the merits of other communication tools to be considered at our June meeting.

Functions of a School Council

The functions of a school council are outlined in the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 and include:

- establishing the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community
- participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan
- approving the annual budget and monitoring expenditure
- developing, reviewing and updating school policies
- raising funds for school-related purposes
- maintaining the school’s grounds and facilities
- entering into contracts (such as for cleaning or construction work)
- reporting annually to the school community and to the Department
- creating interest in the school in the wider community
- informing itself of and taking into account the views of the community
- regulating and facilitating the after-hours use of school premises and grounds

School Council are very keen to hear your suggestions for our school. Over the coming weeks we will be prompting each of our Parent Members with a photo and a brief introduction. If you have any thoughts you would like to share or would like to know more about School Council please speak with one of our Councillors or email us at kismet.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and type School Council in the subject box.

School Councillor of The Week

My name is Aaron Malcolm and I am a parent representative on your school council. My daughter is in 1L and I am regularly around the Prep to Year 2 gallery at school drop off and pick up times.

If you have any questions about school council or you have any suggestion please feel free to approach me.
Maths Challenges

Junior Maths Challenge

Number 3 What’s the Rule Puzzle?

3. What is the rule?
4-------------> 1
8-------------> 5
36-------------> 33
50-------------> 47

Rule…………………….

Senior Maths Challenge

Number 3 Square Puzzle

How many squares are in the figure below?

Answer: _____ squares

Our weekly recap,

Extend KPPS had another fantastic week, the children making the most of the outdoors before winter comes with football matches and down ball competitions. Using the outdoors to make some craft activities pin wheels worked great out in the wind. The students have put their cooking hats on again, making some rainbow cookies.

Last week the children did a fantastic job of making gifts for a special person with cards and bath salts.

Extend KPPS has a fantastic new teacher Teresa who comes in and does yoga with the children on a Friday afternoon.

Our Extend Superstar is Abbey Mclaughlin

Next week’s activities:
Monday 26 May: Comic Strip
Tuesday 27 May: Stencil Painting
Wednesday 28 May: Making Slim
Thursday 29 May: Mask making
Friday 30 May: Pizza Making

6 June: Pupil Free Day bookings

Please note there will be a Pupil Free Day on Friday 6 offer a full day service on this day, subject to minimum book in for this full day service which runs from 7.00am

As we require minimum bookings for the service to cancellations on Pupil Free Day bookings. Bookings close Friday 30 May and parents who book in will be notified on this day by COB. Fees are $58 per child – pay between $10.35 - $29.00 after child care entitlements, including the non-income tested 50% Child Care Rebate.

Winter School Holiday Program bookings NOW OPEN at a School near you!

Monday 30 June to Friday 11 July 2014—We have heaps of jam-packed activities and incursions ranging from Arts & Crafts, Cooking, plenty of games and sports and lots of Winter activities! We are also now offering Excursions! Visit the Extend website at extend.com.au for program timetables, booking forms, and activity descriptions.

Bookings close Friday 13 June – book now to avoid disappointment.

COMMUNITY WALKATHON—Tomorrow Friday 23rd May

Kismet’s Community Walkathon is on tomorrow from 1:45pm to 3:15pm; come along and join in the fun. Sausages sizzle available to purchase during the event for parents and children @ $1.50 each, tea and coffee $1.00 and free fruit for all!

We’ll see you there.
**Student Engagement & Wellbeing**

**BETTER BUDDIES FRIENDSHIP DAY FRIDAY 23rd MAY**

Kismet Park strongly promotes a sense of belonging and community spirit by planning special Buddy events and community activities throughout the year. So as part of our Education Week celebrations we are very excited to be having a combined School and Community event happening tomorrow with our Whole School Buddy Day and PTA Walkathon. Prior to the Walkathon all students will spend the day with their Buddy to engage in a range of activities that promote friendship and resilience. The program is outlined below to help you share in the experience when your child comes home from school:

**Preps and Year 6 Buddies**
- **Session 1:** Students will make Friendship quilts with each buddy pair decorate a square towards the completed group quilt.
- **Session 2:** Students will participate in Dance/Aerobics.
- **Session 3:** Students will view a Friendship video clip and share their understandings on getting along and resilience.

**Year 5 and Year 1 Buddies**
- **Session 1:** Students will participate in a weaving activity
- **Session 2:** Students will participate in Dance/Aerobics.
- **Session 3:** Students will view a Friendship video clip and share their understandings on getting along and resilience.

**Year 2, 3 and 4 Buddies**
- **Session 1:** Students will view a Friendship video clip and share their understandings on getting along and resilience.
- **Session 2:** 10-11am - Each buddy pair will decorate a piece of a friendship jigsaw puzzle.
- **Session 3:** The Buddy Groups will work collaboratively to piece the puzzle together.

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**Psychological Services onsite at Kismet Park PS**

Kismet Park now has an independent group known as onPsych who offer psychological services to students, parents and teachers in our school. The aim of this service is to build a partnership between families and the school. The onPsych company is a registered provider under the Federal Government school welfare program.

Some children encounter developmental, social, emotional and behavioural problems. This can result in difficulties with building positive relationships, making friends, managing their anxiety and fear, or dealing with their anger. The onPsych psychologists can help children to learn essential skills such as:
- Helping them recognise and manage anxiety, fears and stress
- Making and keeping friends
- Controlling anger and frustration
- Impulse control
- Learning techniques to help deal with ADHD
- Epilepsy and Autism
- Learning to deal with phobias
- And much more.

Early intervention in social, emotional and behavioural problems may make a positive difference to a child’s future. If a child qualifies under Medicare guidelines and is referred by a GP, Paediatrician, or Psychiatrist, they can use this service at no cost. The service is completely confidential.

For information about onPsych or how to access their services, please contact Diane Powell at school. Or visit their website at: www.onpsych.com.au

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Last week as part of our Asia Connexions video conferencing 5/6A and 5/6G had a virtual excursion with our South Korean buddy class to Reef HQ in Townsville, an aquarium which shows what the Great Barrier Reef is like. We learnt dive signals and watched and spoke with a scuba diver as he swam around telling us about the different fish and coral. He even hugged a shark! It was a fantastic experience!

Campbell— I learnt a lot about sea animals.

Ben— I liked seeing the Giant Clam spurt out water.

Riley M— We learnt that sea cucumber’s poo is actually clean sand!

Jewel— It was amazing how the coral is an actual living creature/animal.

Wimansa— It was a great way to show the South Korean students a part of Australia.

Drew— It was very interesting to listen to the diver talking about sea plants. Especially the sea anemone, where Nemo lives!

Ben—I liked seeing the Giant Clam spurt out water.

Jordan—I liked looking at the Brain Coral.

Diana— We saw a turtle that was recovering in the aquarium after it was hit by a boat. It was so cute and will be released back into the wild when it is better.

Jack— it was amazing to see inside the shark’s mouth.

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