Kismet News
Building the foundations for success and happiness

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Throughout the week we have visited many classrooms to view the CAFÉ Reading model in action. We enjoyed the discussions with students about their learning and the strategies they are applying to advance their reading. We look forward to sharing our CAFÉ approach with parents during Education Week.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES
We will be commemorating ANZAC Day with a special school assembly tomorrow afternoon commencing at 2:35pm. All are invited.

The Sunbury RSL invites all community members to attend their services at Memorial Hall on ANZAC Day Monday 25th April.

The first service will be a Dawn Service at 6am. The second service will commence with a march from the Sunbury Post Office which will start at 10.00am. Members of our Junior School Council will lay a wreath on behalf of the school community at this service.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
At our meeting on Monday evening we elected our office bearers for 2016 as follows:
President: Glenn Campbell
Vice President: Aaron Malcolm
Treasurer: Sean Bassett
Secretary: Vanessa Leetch

As a result of Luisa Coppola’s transfer a casual 12 month teacher representative vacancy was created. This position has been filled by Trevor Faure. Thank you to Luisa for her contribution over the past twelve months.

On behalf of the Kismet Park Community we would also like to express our thanks to Wendy O’Sullivan for her contribution to the work of School Council over the past two years.

At this meeting key agenda items included the ratification of our 2016 Annual Implementation Plan that outlines school improvement plans for this year. School improvement initiatives for 2016 include:

- A consistent approach to the implementation of CAFÉ Reading strategy groups across the school.
- Introduction of a Reading Intervention program.
- Emotional wellbeing sessions incorporated into classroom programs.
- The Building Resilient Communities project.

The process for reviewing Out of School Hours arrangements was discussed with a sub-committee meeting scheduled next week to refine timelines and documentation.

Remember that your Parent Representatives on School Council are:
Sean Bassett, Glenn Campbell, Mark Davies, Brad Duffy, Aaron Malcolm, David McLean, Damien Mowlam and Sharna Small. They are your voice on Council so please speak with them if you would like a matter raised at one of our meetings.

We all want to make Kismet Park the best we can be.

KIDSMATTER

KidsMatter Community Action Team Meeting will be held next week, TUESDAY 26th April at 6:00pm in the Staffroom.

We are excited by what we hope to achieve and encourage more members to come along and contribute their ideas. See you there.

MOTHERS & GRANDMOTHERS AFTERNOON TEA

Accompanying today’s newsletter is an invitation to our Mothers and Grandmothers afternoon tea on Thursday 5th of May. Students will be involved in preparing food for our afternoon tea. Please complete the return slip accompanying today’s Newsletter and return it to your child’s teacher by Tuesday 3rd of May so we can cater appropriately. We hope to see you there!

Have a great week!
Glenn & Cynthia

HOURS OF SUPERVISION

Please remember students should arrive at school from 8:40am and leave grounds after school by 3:30pm. Grounds are supervised from 8:40 – 8:55am and from 3:15 – 3:30pm. If you need to access the school earlier in the morning and/or later in the afternoon than these times you are able to book into our Out Of School Hours program by contacting Extend on 1300366437.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 22nd April Assembly 2:30pm (Honouring ANZAC)
MONDAY 25TH APRIL: ANZAC DAY – Public Holiday

Tuesday 26th April: P-2 Athletics (watch for a notice tomorrow)
Friday 29th April: Molly Day wear something Purple & Buddies

Monday 2nd May: Mother’s Day stall
Tuesday 3rd May—Prep—2 Cross Country
Thursday 5th May: Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea

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Engagement & Well-being

Learning to Read and Good Fit Books

What We Need to Know

1. **Reading begins at home**, amidst all the print and talk that surrounds a child in the years before going to school. There is much more to this earliest reading than decoding print, for the items of print which the child learns to read are those that have meaning or interest for him or her and also capture their imagination. We as adults should see a lesson in this for whatever reading we ask a child to do: Always keep a child’s reading matter interesting!

2. Parents who tell interesting stories and read interesting books to and with their children are giving them the best chance to become keen readers.

3. Children learn to read in different ways, at different times and at different rates – as is true of every other human skill. So teachers try to relate their teaching to each child’s individual interests and abilities.

4. Let’s remember that both at home and in the class, the best guarantee of reading improvement is reading material that interests or delights the child and that most of what they read is easy to see themselves as independent and successful readers. In classrooms and homes where reading is flourishing, plenty of interesting books will be found along with time for self-chosen “Good Fit” books.

Research shows when children are reading independently, they should be reading books they understand and can read fairly easily. Reading books that are too difficult can lead to frustration, inability to understand the story, and then reading is no longer enjoyable. We want children to enjoy reading, which means it is important they are reading books they are interested in and are “good fit” books. Research also shows that children are motivated to read when they can choose their own books.

What Parents Can Do

**DO** read aloud to your child every day. If this is done in the years before going to school and in the early years of schooling, (and even beyond!) it will launch and embrace a love of reading.

**DO** talk about a book before you start reading it to a young child. Ask older children about their current reading.

**DO** buy a bed-lamp (the best reading aid!) and encourage reading each night before going to sleep.

**DO** praise every effort in reading, especially if confidence is low.

**DO** be seen reading for pleasure yourself and making visits to the library for adult as well as children’s books.

**DON’T** nag your child about reading, nor worry if the reading isn’t yet word-perfect or equal to that of some other child. Rather, pursue this basic question: ‘Is my child finding interesting reading material and are conditions at home favourable for reading? (Can the TV go off at times?)

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**PAUSE PROMPT PRAISE Method when listening to a Child Reading a Take Home Book**

**Pause:** If a mistake occurs, pause; wait to give the student a chance to solve the problem. Allow a few moments for thinking time before expecting an answer.

**Prompt:** Give a hint or lead to encourage a response.

**Praise:** At all times it is important that students are praised and encouraged in their efforts. Use a variety of encouraging words and phrases to support students with their attempts. 
**Student Well-being and Engagement**

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MOLLY DAY

Junior School Council are organising Molly Day for Friday 29th of April! We would like you to wear your school uniform with a little bit of purple. Be creative! You can wear any accessories that are purple such as ribbons, hats, bracelets, shoelaces. Please bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will go to the Epilepsy Foundation (Molly Fund). Thanks, JSC

KISMET KITCHEN

Don’t forget our Meal Deal is on Thursday 19th May. Orders must be placed on our QKR App prior to 9am on Wednesday 4th May for catering purposes. No other lunch orders will be available on the day.

MOLLY DAY CUPCAKES: As part of our fundraising effort on Friday 29th April for Epilepsy, the canteen will be selling purple cupcakes at recess. There is no need to pre-order. $1.50 per cupcake with 50c for each cupcake donated to the Epilepsy Foundation.

ROSTER

Thank you to the following people on our Roster for the remainder of April:

Friday 22nd April
9:30 – 11:30 CLAIRE GILSON
12:30 – 2:00 NATALIE FOWLER

Friday 29th April
9:30 – 11:30 KIMBERLEY WOODS
12:30 – 2:00 KRISTY UPTON

If you’d like to help out at the canteen any day, any time please contact Naomi or Sara to have your name added to our Roster. We appreciate all the assistance and your kids will love seeing you behind the counter!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB.

Notices for the Scholastic Book Club are being sent home today. It is the first Book Club for the term. If you would like to order a book from Book Club, all orders and monies must be returned by lunchtime on Thursday, APRIL 14th.

Alternately, you can order your own child’s Book Club online using the new LOOP system. If you have any queries regarding Book Club or the LOOP system, or would like some extra brochures, please come and see me in the Library.

Orders usually take about 1 week to arrive and will be delivered to your child’s classroom.

Thanks, Jennifer Driver

SUNBURY ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

The Sunbury RSL will be holding a Dawn Service between 6am and 7am, as well as a traditional service including a march from the train station on Brook Street to Barkly Street, finishing at the Memorial Hall from 10.30 to 11.30am. For more details, go to the Sunbury RSL website.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.

– Laurence Binyon (1869–1943)

HUME CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS LEISURE CENTRE ZUMBA FOR KIDS

TERM 2 PROGRAM STARTS THURSDAY 21 APRIL 2016

Zumba Kids classes feature kid-friendly routines based on original Zumba choreography.

Where: Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Studio 1
When: Thursday 4pm-4.50pm* for 4 Year Old Kinder to Grade 2 Thursday 5pm-5.50pm* for Grade 3 to Grade 6
Cost: $6 payable on the day
Instructor: Marcelle

*Note new session times
No bookings required. Please bring a personal towel to class.
For more information call 9740 9766.

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