

Kismet News

Building the foundations for success and happiness

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Thank you for your support of our school reporting processes through your involvement in our Parent Teacher Interviews held this week. An effective partnership between school and home is vital in order to maximise the learning of our students. The information shared along with the learning goals set for each student enables parents and teachers to work together so that our students continue to work toward being the best that they can be. We look forward to your continued support of your child's learning.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Our next Pupil Free Day will be held on Friday 11th March. Staff professional training throughout the day will focus on KidsMatter (student health and wellbeing) and implementation of the teaching of Reading with a focus on the Daily CAFÉ approach and strategies. Staff will also commence a review of our processes for assessing student progress in writing.

EXTEND WILL BE OFFERING CHILD CARE ON THIS PUPIL FREE DAY. PLEASE CONTACT EXTEND at www.extend.com.au TO MAKE A BOOKING

Easter Raffle: We would appreciate any Easter Egg donations to the school this week please. All raffle tickets are due back prior to 23rd March to be included in the draw.

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CLASSROOM HELPERS PROGRAM

Earlier this week we sent home an invitation for parents to attend our Parent Helpers Induction program to be held on Wednesday 16th March from 7-8:30pm and Thursday 17th March between 9-10:30am.

The session aims to make you familiar with expectations and procedures for working with children in the classroom.

These procedures are also very useful when helping your own child at home. Sessions will be led by Cynthia Schumann and Donna Matthews.

IT'S NOT GREAT TO BE LATE

CLASSROOM TIME IS 'FIVE TO 9'

Punctuality is a valuable habit for children to learn. Students arriving late miss out on important information or instruction time at the beginning of the learning session. It also distracts other students from their work and disrupts teachers. As we strive to make the most of all learning times, please assist class teachers by ensuring your children arrive at school on time.

PARENT ROLE MODELS

In the interests of all we ask that parents be mindful of their behaviour in and around the school. As role models we need to always demonstrate courtesy and respect for one another in our interactions. The welfare of our

students is of paramount importance to us all and we therefore ask that parents refrain from approaching other children or adults regarding any personal matters which are of concern. Where issues arise please contact Glenn or Cynthia so that the matter can be dealt with appropriately and in accordance with DET procedures. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a great week!

Glenn & Cynthia

Confidential Student Information Reminder

Each year we confirm / update our electronic Student Confidential Records. A few weeks ago we sent home our Student Information records to confirm the accuracy of the information we have on file for you and your child. As you can appreciate, the accuracy of the information you provide to us is of utmost importance as it is used to contact you or others in an emergency, send you correspondence or manage a medical condition your child may have. If you have not already done so, please check and **return these forms even if there are no changes** by Friday 4th March. Please contact the office if you require any further information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 26th February: Buddies

Monday 29th February: Woodlands Division Swimming

iPad info night Wednesday 2nd March 6:00pm—7:00pm

Thursday 3rd March Essendon Player visit grades 3&4

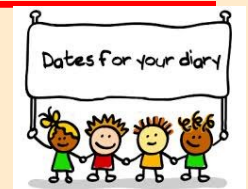
Friday 4th March: House Athletics 3-6

Friday 4th March Grades 1 & 2 Clean Up Australia Day event

Wednesday 9th March: Region Swimming

Monday 14th March Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 16th March SCHOOL PHOTOS



Engagement & Well-being



How to talk more with your kids

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If you were to focus on one thing to give your child an advantage then do what should come naturally – talk with them.

The links between school achievement and parents' ability and propensity to engage in conversation with kids from a young age is indisputable. The language stimulation they receive when they talk with parents is one factor. The language of first borns is generally more extensive and richer than their siblings who spend less time in one-on-one situations with a parent. But engagement in conversation with parents benefits kids in a far broader sense. It is trite to say that kids learn a great deal from their parents but, in fact they do when we talk with them.

In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us and who we are. It is by talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts as well as how we get a window into their worlds and how they think.

Getting conversations going with kids can be a massive challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, and kids that clam up are some of the blockers to conversation that parents meet. So you may need to be a little cunning, a little proactive and a little inventive to get some chat going at home.

Here are five ideas to help you get more conversation going in your family:

1. Turn off the TV (and other screens). Most homes have a range of electronic screens that you compete with to get their attention. Don't be afraid to take control of those screens and create a little conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you are a home full of screen junkies.

2. Turn on the TV (and other screens). If you can't beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder particularly for older children and teens. This can range from "who's going to win Australian Idol?", "what happens to the winners of Australian Idol?" to "what is the point of Australian Idol?"

3. Have more mealtimes (with the TV off). The family that eats together talks together...or they should. I have a theory that families with a strong food culture (i.e. they love food and value the whole eating experience) have strong bonds. So make mealtimes special and insist that kids sit until everyone finishes rather than they eat all their peas. Avoid turning mealtimes into food fights that you can't win.

4. Move more. If sitting and chatting is not your child's thing then try getting them up and moving. Boys will often talk when they walk or play so consider getting some action happening. When their hands are busy the tongues will often loosen up.

5. Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting. Sitting together in a car, washing dishes and playing a game can provide opportunities for talk. Take the eye contact out of the equation and you may find the talk just flows with some kids.

Every family has their own way of getting the talk happening. Figure out what works for you and make sure it happens. It seems to me that the best communication in families happens when no one is working at it BUT in busy modern families you do need to work at communication. That is the way of it. You have to work hard at family.

*For more ideas, support and advice for all your parenting challenges visit:
www.parentingideas.com.au*



Student Well-being and Engagement

Our School Pledge

We are the children of Kismet Park Primary School.

To make our teachers and parents proud we use courtesy, consideration and care.

We will play happily and safely in the yard and strive to make our school a better place to learn.

In 1996 the Junior School Council composed a school pledge that remains relevant today and fits well with our *Better Buddies* and *You Can Do It!* philosophies. The pledge is a simple affirmation of what it means to be part of our Kismet Park PS Learning Community. It reinforces for every student their role and shared responsibility in creating a friendly and safe environment and brings young learners together under a united oath. Our school uses the pledge at every school assembly as a means for building shared pride and recognising the importance of collective responsibility for how students care for one another and the importance of respect for staff, parents and visitors to our school.

It would be appreciated if you could spend the time with your Kismet Park children to discuss the words of the pledge and what it means in actions at school. By reinforcing every child's role in being a considerate, courteous and caring student, we are promoting key characteristics of good citizenship and community spirit.

The 3 School Rules

This year we have introduced 3 school rules that cover all of the behaviours and attitudes we promote at Kismet Park. Classroom teachers have unpacked each of the rules by relating them to every day examples.

1. Respect your school
2. Do your best
3. Help others to succeed

Please discuss these at home and ask how your child has demonstrated these rules over the past week. This will assist by reinforcing our values at school.

You Can DO It

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded ribbons for Getting Along.

PA	Mackenzie Baird
PC	Caleb Keech
PJ	Chase Green
PW	Zoe Cullinan
1A	Rhyley Cusack
1T	Ellie Hulme
1/2B	Charlotte Chapman
2H	Indiana Wilson
2Z	Isla Nielson
3M	Adam O'Brien
3F	Lila Brandie
3B	Jeremy Martin
4S	Helayna Carr
4B	Riley Casey
5/6C	Zac Ramsay
5B	Aliyah Clarke
5N	Lexie Spiteri
6A	Charlotte Satchwell
6S	Evelyn Tzirvelakis



Our weekly recap

students have had a great week at extend, there has been lots of excitement at the prep students began joining us at after school care. We have got lots more work done on our "all about me" wall, played lots of group games and finished the week off with pancake night.

- All the staff at extend

Next weeks activities:-

Monday 29th February: Table soccer round robin

Group games

Tuesday 1st March: Cooking- chocolate crackles homework club

Wednesday 2nd March: Cricket match, volleyball skills

Thursday 3rd March: Origami ,homework club

Friday 4th March: Movie night, group games

PMI KEYBOARD LESSONS FOR YEAR 2

This year we are able to offer a small number of Year 2 students access to the PMI Keyboard program. The program for year 2's will consist of a 30 minute session on Thursdays during lunch time. Please send a written expression of interest including your child's name and class along with your contact details to



Interschool Swimming Sports— TWILIGHTSWIMMING

The Sunbury district held its Twilight Swimming Sports last Wednesday 17th February. Congratulations to all Kismet Park competitors who competed to their best. Kismet Park came 4th on the night. Thank you to the teachers and parents who came and supported our team. Our Team members were: **Charlotte Satchwell, Isaac Wells, Freya Bishop, Holly Kaminski, Matilda Guyett, Chelsi Bowman, Alice Hedgelong, Shaelyn Connor, Hayley Jardine, Samantha Burnside, Tahlua Bradley, Caitlin Woods, Olivia Brcan, Amber Smajila, Bridie Collings, Vanessa Kire, Matthew O'Rafferty, Trent Lynch, Declan Woods, Grace Brcan, Sebastian Reino, William Merrigan, Nathan Hunter, Nicholas Salvatore, Jason O'Rafferty, Ethan Smith, Brodie Dunne, Aaron Trafford, Ryan Lewis, Kael Sherlock, Liam Johnston, Syd Guyett.**



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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN!

Thank you to the following parents rostered on to work in the canteen this week:

Friday 26th February: 9:30- 11:30am, Danielle Fenn

12:15- 2:00pm, Tash Cecchini

If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer please contact the school. **We need a copy of your Working with Children Check.**

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE TO CORRECT CLASS & DATE ON YOUR CHILD'S ORDER. SOME STUDENTS ORDERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE WRONG CLASS.

Thanks, Naomi & Sara



MILO T-BLAST is a new cricket available for girls & boys ages 7-12. Playing with a softer ball everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl & field. The 8 week program is a great way for kids to keep active with their friends.

When: Thursday nights. Time: 4:30pm- 6pm
Where: 63 Vineyard Road, Sunbury
Contact: Mat 9744 5406

PTA: - Our next meeting will be held on Monday 7th March at 6:30pm in the staffroom. All Welcome!

Camalco's Treasure



Local author Wilmy Johnson has donated this book to our Library. When a storm hits Well-spring Lake, Camalco and his friends face all sorts of trials. Sparro

and Sparia lose their nest and Oldman Yabby's hut is destroyed. When Camaloco finds treasure it seems that all their troubles will be solved, but Reback has other ideas. (Suitable for ages 8-12) Details on facebook under Camalco's Treasure.

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