

Kismet News

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

This week we commenced the formal welcoming of our 2015 Prep students and their families to our learning community. While the students will commence their orientation program next Thursday their parents attended an information session on Monday evening. We thank the parent representatives who assisted us in welcoming new families to our community. Their contributions demonstrate the wonderful way in which our community works together to provide a positive learning environment for our students and their families.

BILLY SLATER SHIELD STATE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to our Girls Tag team who won the NRL State Championship title held at Elwood Park on Tuesday. Thank you for the wonderful manner in which you represented our school by showing great sportsmanship, teamwork and enjoyment of competition. Our State Championship Team is Taylah Bailey, Rebecca Baker, Kiralee Collings, Halle Denman, Lucy Hedgelong, Abby Hildebrand, Jade Dunne, Holly Hodgson, Charlotte Kelly, Jennifer Stevenson, Nijayta Tauhinu and Tiana Wells. The team will be presented at our next assembly on Friday 5th December.

D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

PLEASE NOTE : NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW AFTERNOON

- Friday 21st November: Payment due for Prep Bendigo Excursion
- Monday 24th November: Session 1 "Are You Ready?"
- Thursday 27th November: 2015 Prep Orientation
- Wednesday 26th—Friday 28th November: 3/4 Camp. Anglesea
- Friday 28th November 9:30am: Payment due for Grade 6 2015 Bomber Jacket.
- Saturday 29th November: Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall
- Monday 1st December: PTA Fete Meeting 7pm
- Tuesday 9th December: Grade 6 Orientation Day for Secondary School.
- Thursday 11th December: Community Christmas Picnic



ARE YOU READY?

Next Monday afternoon we will be holding the first session of our 'Are You Ready?' Transition Program for students across the school.

We see this as a great opportunity for students to become familiar with their new learning environment for 2015.

Teachers will be leading students from Years Prep to 5 through activities from the YOU CAN DO IT ! program with an emphasis on developing good friendships and Getting Along.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PICNIC

5:30-7:00pm Thursday 11th December

7:00-7:45pm Christmas Carols

Invitations to our Community Christmas Picnic accompany today's newsletter. We look forward to getting together for a great evening of fun.

PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR 2015

Pupil Free Days play an important role in our school improvement processes, providing opportunities for staff to participate in extended teacher training sessions which compliment after hours professional training sessions attended by teachers throughout the year. School data over the past three years indicates that this work is raising the level of student achievement. Careful consideration was given to the needs of the community and therefore it was decided to schedule days so that they adjoin weekends. Please note these dates for 2015:

TERM 1: 28th Jan to 27th March
*Students return to school on **FRIDAY 30th JANUARY 2014**

PUPIL FREE DAYS: Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th January

PUPIL FREE DAY:

Tuesday 10th March

TERM 2: Tuesday 13th April to 26th June

PUPIL FREE DAY: Friday 22nd May

TERM 3: 13th July to 18th September

TERM 4: 5th October to Friday 18th December

PLANNING FOR 2015

To assist us with our forward planning we ask any families / students who are moving to another area and not returning to Kismet Park in 2015 to notify the school office as soon as possible. This information is critical in terms of class structures and staffing. Thank you for your assistance.

Have a great week! Glenn & Diane

N O T E S H O M E

Easing Children's Anxiety

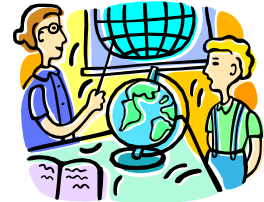
Parent Funded Materials 2015

Community Christmas Picnic Invitation

2015 School Structure and Class Placements

This is an exacting task and teachers spend many hours considering and deciding upon the most appropriate class placement. Following lengthy discussions about the most effective way to meet the needs (academic, social and size of classes) of year levels across the school the following class structure has been decided for the 2015 school year:

- Prep: 3 Classes
- Year 1: 2 Classes
- Year 2: 3 Classes
- Year 1/2: 1 Class
- Year 3: 2 Classes
- Year 4: 3 Classes
- Year 5: 2 Classes
- Year 6: 2 Classes
- Year 5/6: 1 Class
- Specialist Programs: Art, Music, Physical Education and Japanese (0.5)



When placing children in new grades a range of factors are considered based on some simple principles -

- Classes need to have a gender balance,
- Classes need an academic ability balance,
- Classes need a “social behaviour” balance,
- The placement of students with friends is considered, while at the same time acknowledging that some students work better away from some of their friends.
- At times it is good for students to be challenged to make new friends as it is unrealistic to expect that we will travel through life with only one set of friends.

When the teachers meet they consider all that is known about the students, including relative academic and social needs and begin to place them in class groups. Throughout the year teachers observe student interactions both inside the classroom and in the playground. These observations assist in identifying those peers who have a positive influence on students. *Ultimately we want to provide class groupings that lead to the best learning environment for all.* The process includes Input from the specialist teachers, past teachers and the leadership team who will consider the lists and give their feedback. Furthermore, there are often confidential matters influencing the placement of children. These matters cannot be shared and we simply ask that parents trust the school’s decision.

Given the number of children who need to be placed there are oversights occasionally (eg. we may have inadvertently placed students who are related together) . If this occurs parents are encouraged to contact us. However as a general rule we are unlikely to make changes to class placements. Our experience over many years suggests that children’s or parents’ concerns are quickly forgotten within the first few weeks of the new term. *More importantly we believe that it is important for children to build the resilience and social skills required to make new friends and broaden their experiences.*

PREPARING OUR STUDENTS FOR 2015: KISMET PARK TRANSITION PROGRAMS

Over the past few years students have participated in a variety of transition programs aimed at preparing them for the following school year. The focus is on becoming familiar with their future learning environment while establishing connections with their peer group and the teaching team. Our programs include:

PREP ORIENTATION PROGRAM: ‘GET SET FOR PREP!’: Orientation mornings to be held on Thursday 27th November , 4th of December and 12th December provide our future Preps with an opportunity to work in their future learning space with their 2014 class teacher. During the final session on 12th December they will meet their Year 6 Buddy for next year.

YEAR PREP TO YEAR 5: ‘ARE YOU READY?’ Students in Prep to Year 5 participate in our ‘Are You Ready?’ transition program. Held over four sessions, including a half day, this is an opportunity to work in their future learning environment with their peer group. Sessions will be held on 24th November, 2nd December , 10th December and 19th December.

YEAR 6 TO 7: ‘ON OUR WAY TO SECONDARY!’: Year 6 teachers work closely with local Secondary Colleges to support a smooth transition from Primary School to Secondary College. The process also includes orientation days which allow students to spend time in their future Secondary College environment.

EASING CHILDREN’S ANXIETY

We have included the Insight article ‘Easing Children’s Anxiety’ which provides advice you may find useful during your child’s transition into 2015.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & WELLBEING

Junior Maths Challenge: Number 4

Kristin wishes to bake some cakes.

Each cake requires four eggs. How many cakes can Kristin bake if she has one dozen eggs?

Senior Maths Challenge: Number 4

John is twice as old as his sister Mary.

Mary's age is 1/6 the age of her mother. Their mother is 30. How old are John and Mary?

John _____ Mary _____

PTA Christmas Hamper Raffle

This year the PTA has decided to run a Christmas Hamper raffle in place of our usual Christmas stall. You will find a book of 10 tickets accompanying today's newsletter. Feel free to sell to family and friends and if you need more, just pop into the office to collect another book or 2. This raffle will be drawn on Thursday 11th December at our Community Picnic. 3 fantastic hampers to win, on display in the office. Good luck everyone!



BOOK CLUB LAST ONE FOR THE YEAR!!!!

Notices for Scholastic Book Club are being sent home today. Book orders and monies must be returned by lunchtime on Thursday NOV 27th

Please remember to put your child's name and grade on the order form. Orders usually take about 1 week to arrive and will be delivered to your child's classroom.

If you have any questions regarding Book Club, please come and see me in the library.

Thanks, Jennifer Driver



Canteen Reminder

Thanks for those offering to assist in the Kismet Kitchen in the next few weeks, our roster is as follows.

Friday 21st November

Rebecca Billet—9-11:30am

Kaylene Perry 12pm– 2pm

Friday 28th November

Toni Wells—9-11:30am

Jason Hunter —12pm-2pm

Friday 5th December

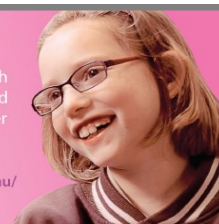
Janette Clarke—9-11:30am

IF YOU ARE FREE on Friday 5th December from 12:30pm-2pm please CONTACT SARA OR NAOMI



Raising funds for research into Dravet Syndrome and bringing families together

www.supportepilepsy.com.au/event/mollydravetfund



**Do you own a small business?
Would you like to Rent a Stall at our Trade Fair fundraising event? Great opportunity to sell some Christmas gifts!**

The Trade Fair will be held in Building B at Kismet Park Primary School on Friday 5th December from 5pm to 8pm. Set up time for stall holders is 4:30pm. Cost is \$20 per stall plus a donation of a gift or voucher to be used at a future fund raising event. Please RSVP by 28th November to :- mollysfundfordravet@gmail.com



	Prep	Grade 1/2	Grade 3/4	Grade 5/6
Bright Spark	Logan Ross for outstanding results in maths.	Stasios Paras for a fantastic effort and improvement in reading	Sheleah Perry for consistently completing her work to a high standard and creating an impressive jingle.	Jake Barker for amazing improvements in BIDMAS.
Big Effort	Luke Chapman for always trying his best in the Homeroom program.	Mia Calfapietra for her effort in her poetry piece "At the Swimming Pool" by using interesting writing devices such as the "Power of Three"	Olivia Pashalidis for consistently striving to do well.	Tahla Johns for her constant hard work in all areas across the curriculum.
Friendly Act	Ned Casey for always looking out for others.	Jessica Pierce for being a great friend to a new class member	Joelle Parmar for being an all round friendly, clever and wonderful student	Jewel Gahleitner for her kind and caring nature.

THE KEYS TO AUSTRALIA

DVD

A REMINDER THAT IF YOU ORDERED A DVD FOR THIS YEAR'S PRODUCTION, THEY ARE WAITING AT THE OFFICE FOR YOUR COLLECTION.

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