Dear Parents, Staff and Students,
We would like to thank all the volunteers who supported our Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall. We were able to raise $733 towards improvements to our facilities. Thank you!!
Next Tuesday, 9th December our Year 6 students will participate in the Statewide Secondary College orientation day program. This day provides a great opportunity for our students to explore their future learning environment, meet with teachers and begin establishing connections with their new peer group. We wish them all the best for the day.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
As we are awaiting confirmation of school crossing arrangements for the last day of school we are unable to announce our finishing time. Details will be communicated as soon as possible through next week’s newsletter and Skoolbag.

PMI KEYBOARD CONCERT
Mr Langton, Mrs Rowan and Elaine would like to congratulate all students who performed at last night’s Keyboard concert. Thank you to all the families who came along to be entertained. It was wonderful to see over 80 people come along to support our talented musicians.

STUDENT LEADERS
We would like to thank our student leaders who have performed their important roles so diligently throughout the year. Students currently in year 5 are now in the process nominating for 2015 Student Leadership positions including School Captains, Junior School Councillors and House Captains. Our 2015 Student Leaders will be announced at our final assembly on Friday 19th December. Please see the program for our final three assemblies below:

Friday 5th December at 2:30pm
• Final Kids Matter Awards for 2014
• Melbourne Storm presentation to our Girls Tag Rugby team
• Boy’s Basketball report
• T Blast Cricket Report

Friday 12th December at 2:30pm
• Louise Trollope Award
• Sports Award
• Christmas Performance

Friday 19th December (Time To Be Confirmed)
• Presentation of Year 6 Award
• Winners
• Acknowledgement of our 2014
• Student Leaders
• Presentation of our 2015 Student Leaders
• House Competition Trophy

PARENT HELPERS THANK YOU MORNING TEA
As mentioned in our invitation which went out earlier, as a token of our appreciation of wonderful work of our PTA members as well as those who have assisted in classrooms and supported a range of extra-curricular activities including our school production, sporting events and camp we will be holding a PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA in the library on TUESDAY 11th of DECEMBER AT 11:00 AM. We hope to see you there to let us say thank you and to celebrate your wonderful work throughout 2014. Have a great week!
Glenn & Diane

KISMET PARK COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PICNIC -THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER
Thank you to all those families who have indicated they will be joining us for our Christmas Picnic between 5.30-7pm on Thursday 11th December. To assist with planning it would be appreciated if RSVP’s are returned by tomorrow, Friday 5th December. At 7.00-7.45pm we’ll gather in the Gym for our students to sit together & perform their Year Level carols and adults to watch theses performances by sitting in the seats provided at the back of the Gym. The long range weather forecast looks promising so we look forward to getting together on the school oval to socialise and celebrate Christmas. There will of course be a special guest making an appearance to spread the Christmas cheer. Please bring along a rug and picnic dinner to share with your family. We look forward to seeing you there!
Parent Helpers Thank You Morning Tea
At Kismet we are extremely fortunate to be supported by a wonderful band of parent helpers who perform a wide range of jobs around the school as well as assist in classrooms and support a range of extra-curricular activities including our school production, sporting events, working bees, stalls, banking, excursions and camp. We warmly invite our parent helpers to join us for MORNING TEA on WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 11.00am in the LIBRARY to let us say thank you and to celebrate your wonderful work throughout 2014. Hope to see you there!

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!

PTA Second Hand Uniform
If you have any Second Hand Uniform that your children have outgrown or no longer need— can you please drop it at the school office (especially small sizes) thank you!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PICNIC
5:30-7:00pm Thursday 11th December
7:00-7:45pm Christmas Carols
We look forward to getting together for a great evening of fun.

School Calendar Assembly Changes
Please note there WILL BE assembly on Friday 5th Dec along with Friday 12th Dec at 2.30pm. Our final assembly is still being held on Friday 19th Dec at a time to be confirmed next week.

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

**Friday 5th December**
Janette Clarke—9-11:30am
Esther — 12:00pm—2:00pm

**Friday 12th December**
Rebecca Billet 9—11:30am
Kaylene Perry—12:00pm—2:00pm

As the year is coming to an end we may run out of some products. We will contact the students if changes need to be made to lunch orders.

Thanks,

SARA & NAOMI

PTA Voucher Booklets
There are still some voucher booklets available for purchase at the office for $5. Please support the PTA with this fundraiser.

Trade Night Fundraiser
Friday 5th December 2014
5-8 pm at Kismet Park Primary School

Great stalls
Super sweet boutique hair clips
My Special Plate
Creative Kazazz
Great ideas for xmas
Lucky door prize
And many more fabulous stalls

There will be a Sizzling Some of how many tallow in the jar.

Molly’s
Gold Coin Entry
Fund For Draget
Sausage Sizzle

McDougall’s
Playhouse Cafe

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Loyalty Program
Free item with purchase

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Building Family Relationships

As we enter the festive season there is the wonderful opportunity for families to come together. It is a time for reflection, understanding, sharing and building positive family relationships. Although children (and adults!!) like to focus upon the giving and receiving of gifts, our long term memories of strong, positive relationships far outweigh the significance of such momentary extrinsic tokens. The following article extract from KidsMatter provides some valuable insights on how family relationships can be strengthened and endure during family ups and downs that we all experience.

What supports strong family relationships?

Two main dimensions of the parenting role have been found to have important effects on family relationships and on children’s development, no matter what kind of family children are raised in. These are:

- Communicating warmth and care
- Establishing clear and appropriate limits for children’s behaviour

Positive styles of communication are a common element that supports both of these dimensions. All families experience ups and downs as they strive to do their best for children and deal with challenges that come along. A recent study asked Australian families of different kinds to nominate what they considered to be the characteristics that made their families strong in spite of any difficulties they might face. This table shows the eight characteristics that were identified:

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<td>Communication</td>
<td>Listening to each other and communicating with openness and honesty.</td>
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<td>Togetherness</td>
<td>Sharing similar values and beliefs that create a sense of belonging and bonding.</td>
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<td>Sharing activities</td>
<td>Spending time together doing things they enjoy, for example, sports, reading, camping, playing games. (Our School Picnic &amp; Christmas Carols is an opportunity to come together as a family and share in a fun activity with our school community.)</td>
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<td>Affection</td>
<td>Showing affection and care on a regular basis through words, hugs, kisses and thoughtfulness.</td>
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<td>Support</td>
<td>Offering and being able to ask for support, with family members knowing they will receive assistance, encouragement and reassurance from one another.</td>
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<td>Acceptance</td>
<td>Understanding, respecting and appreciating each family member’s unique personal qualities.</td>
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<td>Commitment</td>
<td>Seeing family wellbeing as a first priority and acting accordingly with dedication and loyalty.</td>
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<td>Resilience</td>
<td>Being able to withstand difficulties and adapt to changing circumstances in positive ways.</td>
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<td>Good Sport</td>
<td>Alexander Jacobs for excellent basketball skills.</td>
<td>Spencer Davis for excellent kicking skills in kickball.</td>
<td>Cameron Moore for excellent batting in T-Blast cricket.</td>
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<td>Budding Artist</td>
<td>Leah Twigg for excellent ‘marks’ to represent geese.</td>
<td>Madeleine Northey for demonstrating excellent painting skills.</td>
<td>Erin Longworth for an excellent reflection of her treehouse work.</td>
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<td>Great Performer</td>
<td>Ruby Guyett consistently brings a smile to the music room and always tries her best when asked to play an instrument. She demonstrates an excellent attitude towards her.</td>
<td>Charlotte Wilson: Charlotte is an excellent listener who always tries her hardest. She is encouraging to those around her and is happy to attempt all tasks given to her – great work!</td>
<td>Hayley Edwards: Hayley gave an excellent performance during her instrumental assessment. She brings a smile to music classes and is helpful to those around her – keep up the great guitar playing!</td>
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Next year we’re going to Year 7,
Some of us will be the age of 11.
We’re looking forward to the new canteen,
We want to learn more, we’re super keen.
We look forward to doing every subject,
Such as Sport, Art and Science...can’t wait to dissect.
Primary School was the best,
But as we move to high school we’re ready for the test!

The thing that we will miss the most,
Is our amazing friends,
We’ve all become so close.

We’re looking forward to graduation at the end of the year,
The girls have picked out the most amazing dresses,
As soon as it’s done, our parents will cheer.

Moving onto high school,
Is a big challenge for us,
It will be inspirational,
We will make new friends who we can trust.

We are looking forward to new classes,
Like food tech, science and more.
As time passes us by,
We’ll continue to learn and explore.