

DATES TO

REMEMBER

Thursday 7th February

House swimming sports (4-6)

Tuesday 12th February

Grade 5/6 iPad launch evening 7:15pm

Wednesday 13th February

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Friday 15th February

Better Buddies Welcome

Monday 18th February

School Council Meeting

Wednesday 20th February

Parent Helpers Training sessions

9am or 7pm

Tuesday 26 & Wednesday 27th Feb

Parent /Teacher interviews

Friday 1st March

House Athletics Sports (3-6)

Monday 11th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 12th March

PUPIL FREE DAY

Thursday 14 March

Prep-2 Athletics Day

Monday 18th March

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

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Kismet News

TERM 1 WEEK 2

7 FEBRUARY 2013

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

This week has provided our community with opportunities to come together and share information about our School Values, expectations and classroom programs for 2013. We greatly appreciate your support of our Community Welcome Evenings and trust that we have been able to provide you with the information you need to work with us in helping your children to have a happy, productive year. For those parents unable to attend our information nights please read through the Term 1 Teaching & Learning Newsletter produced by the teachers at your child's level of the school. These newsletters provide useful information about learning programs and how you are able to support your child's learning at home.

Daily Welcome

Parents will have noticed students being welcomed into classrooms

at 8:45am each morning. This promotes a positive start to the day, allowing students to unpack belongings, deliver notes, organise themselves for the first learning session and supports social interactions between peers.

Students then have the choice of remaining indoors or returning to the playground until the bell rings at 8:55am.

School Council Election

Our 2013 School Council election will commence shortly. The timeline for this process will be included in next week's newsletter.

DEECD information about the workings of School Council is included later in this newsletter. If you are considering nominating and would like more in-

formation please speak Glenn or Diane.

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2013

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.

Our next Pupil Free Day will be held on Tuesday 12th March.

Professional training throughout the day will focus on the use of Information Communication Technology to enhance student engagement and achievement, Cyber Safety and Inquiry Learning.

Parent Helpers Induction

Our Parent Helpers Induction program will be held on **Wednesday 20th of February at 9am and 7pm.** Invitations accompany today's newsletter.

KEY DATES FOR 2013

TERM 1: Tuesday 29th January —Thursday 28th March

Pupil Free Days: Tuesday 29th January & Wednesday 30th January

PUPIL FREE DAY: Tuesday 12th March

TERM 2: Monday 15th April —Friday 28th June

PUPIL FREE DAY: Friday 7th June

TERM 3: Monday 15th July—Friday 20th September

Term 4: Monday 7th October—Friday 20th December

Minimum Absence = Maximum Learning Opportunity



Some absences are impossible to avoid. Genuine illness, bereavement, etc are examples of the acceptable reasons for a child being absent. However, every time a child is late for school or absent from school the child's learning progress is disrupted.

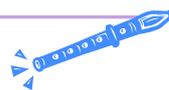
Most teaching is sequential—what is taught and learned today is foundation which enables the children to understand and master what is taught tomorrow. It is usually harder for a child to catch up on work missed, than to master it when it is being taught in class.

To avoid disadvantaging your student parents should minimise absences by:

- Arranging doctor and dentist appointments out of school hours
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- Ensuring that personal shopping trips for your child occur out of school hours
- Not allowing children to remain at home for minor / frivolous reasons
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Please remember to provide a written explanation of any absences to your child's teacher when they return to school. Student attendance is carefully monitored and parents are contacted when frequent absences occur.

RECORDER



Dear Parents,

Children in Grade 3 will begin learning to play recorder and will require their own instrument. Good quality YAMAHA recorders can be purchased through the school at a cost of \$7.00 (GST inclusive). Please note that cheaper recorders purchased at discount stores are of poor quality creating difficulties for children trying to learn and play them and are unsatisfactory for school use. Thank you, Charles Schumann—Music Teacher
I engrave all recorders purchased for permanent student identification

Student Injuries At School

Kismet Park has a range of first aid protocols in place to deal with student injuries. These protocols include giving first aid, contacting a parent or other emergency contacts and if necessary, calling an ambulance. For this reason it is important that parents and guardians ensure that the school always has up to date emergency contact details.

DEECD wants parents to be aware of the following information:

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students., however reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers.

SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome back to school banking in 2013.

All new account packs have been issued to the Preps – if anyone else is interested in participating in this great programme please come and see us on Tuesday morning or leave a note with the office. All new accounts need to be returned to the school so the school gets rewarded. Caroline & Evelyn



School Council

WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?

There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DEECD employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council or encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal issues a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Remember to:

Ask for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do

Consider standing for election to council this year

Be sure to vote in the elections.

Look out for School Council election dates in next week's newsletter.

Please contact Glenn or Diane for further information.

Pupil of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded ribbons for Pupil of the Week -

1/2B	Georgia Wilson
1/2C	Samantha Burnside
1/2L	Caitlin Woods
1/2M	Amy Beattie
1/2w	Grace Brcan
3A	Sheleah Perry
3B	Jesse Ramsay
3M	Darcy Freeman
4J	Holli Cecchini
4S	Charlotte Campbell
4W	Tenisha Hollow
5/6C	Isabel Brown
5/6G	Renee Warrior
5/6K	Luke Shoesmith
5/6N	Patrick Attard
5/6Z	Murphy Boyd



Memorial Hall—Barkley Street, Sunbury.

Monday 4th March 1:30pm – 7:30pm

Tuesday 5th March 1:30pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday 6th March 1:30pm – 7:30pm

Thursday 7th March 2:30pm – 7:30pm

KISMET KITCHEN

Welcome to Kismet Kitchen for 2013. We are again seeking volunteers to assist us with the busy periods in the canteen this year. Our busiest times are Tuesday mornings and all day Thursday and Friday. Friday we are grateful if we can get 2 helpers so please come along with a friend! You don't have to commit to the entire day, just an hour or two would be fantastic. Pop in and see us or return the slip below and we will contact you soon. Thanks, Naomi & Sara.



First Book Club for the YEAR 2013

- Book Club notices are being sent home today. If you would like to order a book please return the order form and money to the Library by lunchtime on Friday February 15th. Remember to include your name and grade on each order form. If paying by credit card you can combine several orders and just ring the credit card payment phone line once. Book club orders usually take 1 week to arrive at the school and will be delivered to your child's

WHAT TIME IS IT? DANCE TIME!

DANCE LIKE JUSTIN BIEBER & JUSTICE CREW!

TEDP CAN HELP!

*HIP HOP *BREAKDANCE *KRUMP*ACROBATICS *GUYS CREWS

*DANCE CREWS *HIP HOP COMPETITIONS & EVENTS *GIRLS CREWS

WE ARE ALL ABOUT HIP HOP AND ALL ABOUT DANCE CREWS!

ALL INSTRUCTORS ARE IN SOME OF MELBOURNE'S BEST DANCE CREWS ALL INSTRUCTORS ARE PROFESSIONAL HIP HOP CHOREOGRAPHERS & TEACHERS WITH A STRING OF HIP HOP CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS AND TITLES TO THEIR NAMES. ALL WITH THE EXPERTISE TO TAKE YOUR HIP HOP TO THE NEXT LEVEL. IF YOU WANNA BE THE BEST YOU HAVE TO TRAIN WITH THE BEST. TEDP EVERYTHING HIP HOP STREET STYLES & DANCE CREWS. CLASSES START AS SOON AS FULL. SECURE YOUR SPACE TODAY. BEGINNERS TO PROFESSIONAL WE HAVE A PROGRAM FOR YOU. CALL OR EMAIL SPACES NOW FILLING. Now training at KISMET PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL GYM 0431 565 900 theempireofdance@gmail.com SEARCH TEDP on facebook and like us we are HIP HOP!

KISMET KITCHEN

I would like to offer my assistance in the Kismet Kitchen

On: TUE WED THU FRI (Pls circle)

Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Please return to the canteen or office