Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

This week has provided our community with opportunities to come together and share information about our expectations and classroom programs. 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.

Tomorrow afternoon we will be holding our first assembly for 2014. We hope to see you there.

Have a great week!
Glenn & Diane

Parent Teacher Interviews Tomorrow we will be sending home invitations to our term 1 Parent teacher Interviews. See further details on page 2.

Every Day Counts New laws regarding student attendance at school come into force on 1st March 2014. We ask all parents to read the DEECD article on page 2 of this newsletter carefully.

Instrumental Music Many students have already commenced instruction with Cassandra Ivin and PMI Keyboard.

Last week Mrs Eustace sent home expressions of interest for our Instrumental Music program that provides instruction in a range of instruments including clarinet and guitar. These programs are offered to students in years 3 to 6. Expressions of interest are due by next Thursday, 20th of February. Please contact the office if you require an expression of interest.

Our Music Teacher position has been advertised. We look forward to our new Music teacher joining us at the start of Term 2 and preparing for our Whole School Production in Term 3.

Insights by Michael Grose Starting this week we will be sending home articles by Michael Grose on a fortnightly basis. Over the past few years families have found these to be useful.

This week’s refers to Parent Involvement in schools.

School Council Election Last week’s newsletter included important information about School Councils. Our 2014 School Council election process commences today, Thursday, 13th of February with a notice of the election and call for nominations. The following timeline will apply for this election:

Thurs 13th Feb: Notice of election & call for nominations
Thus 20th Feb: Nominations close
Wednesday 21st Feb: List of candidates displayed
By Wednesday 26th Feb: Ballot papers distributed by this date.
4pm Thursday 6th March: Ballot closes
5pm Thursday 6th March: Vote count
Friday 7th March: Declaration of ballot

Monday 17 March: First School Council Meeting to elect office bearers.

Nomination forms can be collected from the school office. If you would like more information please speak Glenn or Diane.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 14th February: 2:30pm Assembly In The Gym
Tuesday 18th February: Parent Education Induction Session 9:00am-10:30am
Wednesday 19th February: 5/6 iPad Cyber safety evening for parents at 7:00pm
Monday 10th March: Labour Day (No school on this day)

Tuesday 11th March: Curriculum Day (No school on this day)
Monday 17th March: School Photos

Friday 4th April: Last Day of Term 1
**Every Day Counts – School Attendance**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

♦ Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
♦ Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

**From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.**

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

If your child is absent please ensure that you send a note explaining their absence to your child’s teacher. To ensure our records are kept up to date it is expected that a note explaining their absence is sent on the day of their return to school.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Tomorrow we will be sending home information which explains our online process for booking in your times for interviews with your child’s teacher. Interviews will occur between 1:00pm and 8:00pm on the following dates:

- **Year 3-6 Classes** on Tuesday 25th of February
- **Year Prep -2 Classes** on Wednesday 26th of February

Our specialist teachers Mrs Keenan (Physical Education) and Mrs Rowan (Visual Arts) will be available on both days between 3:30pm and 5:30pm each day. Music will be included in our mid year interviews when our new music teacher will be in place. You will be kept abreast of developments regarding the school Music program via the school newsletter.

The computer program is very easy to use. Just go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au, put in the school code **LW8YD** and follow the simple instructions. Remember that if you do not have internet access you can contact the school office to arrange a suitable time for you.

**Please note that bookings open at 9:00am on Monday 17th February & close at 9am on Monday 24th February.**
Applications for parents holding a current (valid 01/02/2014) Health Care/Pension Card are being taken up until 4:00pm Friday 28th February, 2014. Please bring your current Health Care Card to the office and complete an application. The Education Maintenance Allowance provides assistance to eligible families by helping with the costs associated with the education of their children.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

All your orders for Book Club have been sent today and your books should arrive in approximately 1 week. If you forgot to order this time, the next Book Club for term 1 will be sent home in a couple of weeks.

Thanks, Jennifer Driver

EXTEND AT KISMET PARK PRIMARY

Welcome!

Greeting to all parents, friends and staff! Once again there has been a successful transition to Extend’s After Hours Care program.

Throughout the course of the week, the children were able to experiment with science activities. Along the journey we travelled to Italy to make Pizzas, with the children choosing what toppings they desired. Next stop was to see the imaginative side of the children, as they got creative with building cubby houses, playing dress ups and shaping balloons. Many of the pupils showed a keen eye for sport, playing several games, incorporating all children.

The children got to experiment and hypothesise on what would happen if different ingredients were mixed with one another. Children were extremely excited to see the chemical reactions of bicarb soda and vinegar, along with the chemical reaction of diet cola and mentos. The children were curious into why the two ingredients reacted the way it did, in which some conducted some research to find out how and why it does.

On Wednesday the children made gooey, slimey slime. The children played with this for a while, however some of the children added a little bit too much of the PVA glue which turned the slime into a fantastic bouncey ball!

The children love their sports. We had lots of games of basketball, cricket and octopus, allowing each child to vote on which game they believed would be most enjoyable.

Also, be sure to enrol so that you have access to the service when you need it. It is a regulatory requirement that children are enrolled before attending. To access an enrolment form visit extend.com.au. You will not be charged the $20 fee until you first use the service and WE HAVE NO WAITLIST! The more the merrier!

- Danielle—ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au OR CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

Our Extend Superstar is …. Mitchel C for being an outstanding participator across all activities conducted. Behaving in a positive and happy manner, and always well mannered to staff and pupils alike.

Next week’s activities:
Monday 17 February:
Cooking coloured pancakes, creating sun catchers and having a markers up competition
Tuesday 18 February:
Science - Milk and colour separation, weaving art and river ball
Wednesday 19 February:
Flying japanese carp, making sushi and playing a game of scare crow tiggy
Thursday 20 February:
Papier mache rain sticks, scientific bubbles and froth and outdoor games of tug of war and three legged races
Friday 21 February:
Cooking Honey joys, making craft roll butterflies and having multiple competitions of throwing, skipping and running.

Message from the Canteen

Unfortunately we have run out of Apple Pies, we will NOT be re-stocking.
Please keep and eye out for our Updated Summer Menu for 2014

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Student Leadership is integral to promoting a sense of belonging and taking an active role in our learning community. The diversity of roles provides our senior students with opportunities to nurture leadership aspirations and build skills of communication, problem-solving, decision-making and recognising their own capacity to play an important role at Kismet Park PS.

Through training and holding positions of responsibility our student leaders demonstrate the following:

- positive behaviours that demonstrate respect for themselves, their peers, their teachers and all other members of the school community
- respect for the rights of others, including the right to learn & valuing differences
- a student voice in the educational decision-making processes (eg. Junior School Council)
- peer models for promoting a sense of belonging
- active participants as members of the whole school community

At our final assembly in 2013 we proudly announced our leaders for 2014 and their roles and names are listed below. We wish them the very best in their leadership roles and hope the skills and experiences they gain this year go some way to preparing them for future leadership roles in the wider community.

Leaders for 2014:
School Captains - Isabel Brown & Joshua Evans
Vice Captains - Alexandina Ritchie & Max Miljus
Hogan Red House Captains - Calan Bowman & Caitlyn Austin
Vice Captains - Aiden Nemeth & Ella Davis
McEwen Blue House Captains - Campbell Dunn & Kaitlin Howell
Vice Captains - Corey Spiteri & Holly Evans
Clarke Green House Captains - Bailey Korteman & Nijayta Tauhinu
Vice Captains - Tyson Griffin & Ellie Mueller
Lambert Yellow House Captains - Ben Merrigan & Gemma Allen
Vice Captains - Cameron McCubbin & Bryannan Collard-Southgate
Photographers - Rebecca Baker, Harry Guyett, Jordan Davis, Dakota Griffin-Westcott & Todd McLennan
Tech Wizards - Lachlan Sweet, Joe Pounder, Darby Davis, Jwel el Ghaleitner, Renee Warrior, Joel Parsons, Rory Ward, Hayden Moore, Amy Bonacci, Callum Bishop, Jarrod Hayes, Brydon Bradley & Caleb Newton
Dance Group Leader - Hollie Mifsud
Band Leader - Drew Pratt
Garden Club Leaders - Mikayla Lewis-Howlett & Shenae Kelly
Choir Leader - Hayley Lewis-Howlett
Junior School Council - Charlea Williams, Tiana Wells, Skyla Turner, Daniel Salvatore, Jesse Ramsay, Charlotte Satchwell, Samantha Burnside & Harry Casey
Flags - Beth Pantelidis, Diana Koubar, Joshua Newton & Jack Gregory

DIGGERS REST JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INC. CALLING ALL JUNIORS!
REGISTRATION DAY, THIS SUNDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY 2014 FROM 11am to 2pm
DIGGERS REST RECREATION GROUND, PLUMPTON ROAD, DIGGERS REST
Boys & Girls aged U10 – U16 Season 2014 NEEDED. Come Play for “The Burra’s”! Our Registration Fees are one of the cheapest in the League!

Earlybird Rate:
1 Player: $130.00 ; 2 Player - $190.00 ; 3 or more player - $260.00.
Early Bird Rate ends Friday 4th April. No Latecomers accepted.
Payment plans can be made with this rate and must be set up by deadline.
Standard Rate (Applies as at Saturday 5th April):
1 Player - $160.00 ; 2 Player - $220.00 ; 3 or more player - $300.00
Please contact Registrar, Michelle Ryan on 0417 134 846 or email drfc@outlook.com for more information.

Sunday 16th February
11.00am to 2.00pm
Boardman Oval No. 2, Mitchells Lane (Next to the athletics track). Fielding teams in every grade from Under 10s through to Under 16s. We will also be taking registrations for Junior Netball Under 13’s & 15’s. For further information call our Club Registrar, Kat Muir on 0409 335308

www.sunburyfc.com.au

2014 REGISTRATION FEES
Under 12’s to 16’s
1 Child: $180.00
2 Children: $210.00
3 Children: $240.00
Under 10’s: $140.00
Jnr Netball: $80.00