Dear Parents, Staff and Friends,

Congratulations to all for such a smooth start to Term 2. With so much happening throughout the term we will do our best to keep you informed through Newsletters, Notices, Flyers, our website and text messages. Please assist us by taking a few moments to read through any communication you receive.

This morning we held our Prep-2 Athletics Sports. Spectators were very impressed with the students’ efforts with all giving their best. Well done to all!

Regards, Glenn & Diane

School Council Summary

At our meeting on Monday night School Council addressed the following items in addition to other General Business:
* Approved our 2013 Annual Report & discussed how to best communicate the report to parents.
* Approved the 2014 Program Budget which allocates spending in areas including teaching resources and facilities improvements.
* Worked on our Parent Handbook
* Reviewed our Mathematics Policy

*Approved a 2015 Year 5/6 Canberra Camp. Families of students in Years 4 & 5 will receive details soon.

Remember that your Parent Representatives on School Council are: Rod Munro, Glenn Campbell, Sean Bassett, Brad Duffy, Hayden Dunne, Aaron Malcolm, Wendy O’Sullivan, and Troy Wilson.

Please remember they are your voice on Council so please speak with them if you would like a matter raised at one of our meetings. We all want to make Kismet Park the best we can be. Look out for further information about each of our Parent Councillors in future newsletters.

School Matters—Have Your Say!

School Council will be holding information sessions for parents at 2:30pm and 5:30pm on Monday 19th May. Sessions will last approximately 40 minutes during which there will be an opportunity to:
* Hear about the progress of our school
* Share ideas / views with parents on School Council

Invitations will be sent home early next week. We hope to see you there and hear your views!

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy Numeracy) Testing

Today all students in Years 3 & 5 took home important NAPLAN information from the VCAA (enveloped). NAPLAN Testing for students in years 3 & 5 will be on Tuesday 13th May, Wednesday 14th of May and Thursday 15th of May. Catch up tests for students who miss tests through absences will be offered, wherever possible. Catch up tests must be undertaken by Friday 16th of May. For more information about the tests please speak to your child’s teacher or visit the VCAA website at www.naplan.edu.au.

The Kismet Park Community Walkathon is Coming!

PTA will be holding a Community Walkathon on Friday 23rd of May. Family involvement and support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved—we are even hoping to see parents involved! Sponsorship forms along with further details have been sent home with students today. The funds raised will be used to further enhance our learning spaces and our playground environment.

Community Working Bees

Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd of May

Thank you to those families who have indicated they will be participating in our Working Bees at 4-6:15pm tomorrow and between 9-12 noon on Saturday. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Dates to Remember

Friday 2nd May: PM Working Bee & School Assembly
Saturday 3rd May: AM Working Bee
Monday 5th May: Interschool Cross Country & Mother’s Day Stall
Tuesday 6th May: Prep Excursion to Bundoola Park
Thursday 8th May: Mini Meal Deal –(no other lunch orders this day)
Friday 9th May: Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea & P-2 Cross Country
Sunday 11th May: HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY
Monday 26 May - Advance notice of PTA AGM 6:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

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School Photos will be distributed before Mother’s Day!

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Maths Challenges Answers

Junior Maths Challenge.

Answer to Number 1 House Puzzle

1. (24 blocks) For this problem students can duplicate the activity or draw pictures to help arrive at the solution. As with all good problem solving, a discussion of their work, both method and solution, is important.

Senior Maths Challenge

Answer to Number 1-Pencil Problem

(1,020 pencils) Students will either round off, add, then double or double the number in each grade level as it is rounded. If by chance they add all the numbers, double, and then round off they will get the same answer.

Canteen

Please be mindful of price increase on our current Winter Menu.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

All your orders for Book Club have been sent today Thursday May 1st and your books should arrive in approximately 1 week. If you forgot to order this time, the next Book Club for term 2 will be sent home in a couple of weeks.

Thanks, Jennifer Driver

Well done to all those students who have returned their Premier’s Reading Challenge form and have joined “Lachlan the reading dog” for this years’ challenge. Happy reading to you all!
KPPS KidsMatter Gold Pin Awards

Last term we announced our new award system that aims to recognise students for outstanding contributions and achievements. Students from across the school will be recognised for their exceptional abilities in the areas of the Music, Visual Arts, Sport, Academia and positive school community role models.

The award categories have been given the following titles:

**Bright Spark** – awarded to students demonstrating excellence in an academic area such as Reading, Writing, Spelling, Mathematics

**Big Effort** – awarded students demonstrating personal best in their learning and continually striving to work at their full potential

**Friendly Act** – awarded to students demonstrating respect, courtesy, consideration or care towards their fellow students, staff or community members in their words and/or actions

**Good Sport** - awarded to students demonstrating outstanding capacity in a sports discipline or demonstrating excellence in teamwork or sportsmanship

**Budding Artist** - awarded to students demonstrating artistic flair or excellent knowledge and/or application of a particular medium

**Great Performer** - awarded to students demonstrating excellence in a field of Performing Arts including drama, instrumental, singing or public speaking

At this week’s School Assembly we will be announcing the first of our worthy recipients who will each receive a certificate explaining the reason for their particular award and a special KidsMatter gold pin that each student will wear as a reminder to all of their fine efforts. At future assemblies the previous recipient of a KidsMatter pin will present a new pin to the next recipient in the same category. It is hoped that every recipient will continue to wear their pin each day at school with pride.

All six categories for students from Prep to Year 6 will be awarded this week so that everyone can see the range of awards on offer. It will also help students to understand the significance of each award, examples of how to achieve such recognition and that they are to be earned rather than seeing these presentations as a turn taking exercise. At each School Assembly thereafter, a selection of awards from the above mentioned categories will be announced and parents will be informed via the school newsletter each fortnight. The names of the fortnightly winners will be on display in the school foyer.

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<td><strong>Bright Spark</strong> (Academia)</td>
<td>Edith Bruce – for always being curious.</td>
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<td>Holly Clarke for always going above and beyond the expectations of her school work</td>
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<td>Patrick Merrigan – for always being involved and having a go.</td>
<td>Rio Correia-Bartels Putting in a big effort and trying her best at all times with reading.</td>
<td>Daniel Arnold for giving everything he does at school 100% effort at all times</td>
<td>Jack Gregory for always trying his best and making great progress in all areas of learning and impressing Miss Gilbert.</td>
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<td><strong>Big Effort</strong> (Personal Best)</td>
<td>Mabel Clarke – for always caring about how other teachers and students are feeling.</td>
<td>Khye Bassett Showing confidence when speaking to staff and students.</td>
<td>Bridie Collings for her willingness to always help a friend in need.</td>
<td>Eric Strnak for playing with his buddy throughout lunchtime in a friendly caring way.</td>
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<td><strong>Friendly Act</strong> (Social Skills)</td>
<td>Alexia Campbell for being attentive and contributing in class.</td>
<td>Jason O’Rafferty for being considerate when playing with a partner.</td>
<td>Liam Denner for having an excellent attitude and success in Athletics.</td>
<td>Nijayta Tauhinu for showing initiative to organise basketball training.</td>
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<td><strong>Good Sport</strong></td>
<td>Liam Delany precise making of the sky for his collage</td>
<td>Caitlin Woods for always taking care with her work – Busy Artist</td>
<td>Lily Dowsett for using her creativity</td>
<td>Rebecca Baker willing to extend her art knowledge</td>
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<td><strong>Budding Artist</strong></td>
<td>Isabell Brown for exceptional Public Speaking skills at our last school assembly</td>
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Course - Run around Council oval once or three times, out along the walkway to McEwen Drive, left along the footpath on Elizabeth Drive, into Ervine Court through the walkway onto the council oval to finish.

Distances - 10yr olds - 2kms  11/12yr olds - 3kms

Staff are located along the numerous check-points on the course. No roads are crossed.