

Kismet News

Empowerment & Excellence in Education for all

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

This week has seen a pleasing number of parents involved in information sessions provided by teaching staff.

Our first Parent Helpers Induction sessions were held on Tuesday. There was a fantastic response with over 35 participants. We look forward to seeing parent helpers assisting our students and staff across the school. Thank you to Mrs Powell and Mrs Matthews for putting together such an informative program.

Last night parents attended an iPad and Cyber Safety Information session during which they heard tips about how students can use technology in a safe, smart and responsible manner.

Thank you to Miss Gilbert, Mrs Campbell and special guest speaker Kylie Hemiak for sharing this important message with our community.

In the classroom our new approach to writing continues to see students creating impressive pieces of work. The current focus is on using quality vocabulary and building knowledge of sentences structures to create quality pieces of writing.

Have a great week!

Glenn & Diane



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Parent Teacher Interviews

At Kismet Park PS we value the partnerships that are developed between home and school and so every effort is made to provide a wide range of opportunities to build strong connections that inform, support and enhance practices. Our first scheduled parent teacher interviews for 2014 will be held on Tuesday 25th February for Year 3-6 and Wednesday 26th February for Prep-Year 2. Please remember to register on line by going 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 need to contact the school office to arrange a suitable time. **Please note that bookings close at 9:00am on Monday 24th February.**

Grade 3& 4 Camp

Last week notes went out regarding our Grade 3/4 Camp which will be held at Camp Wilkin, Anglesea between Wednesday 26th and Friday 28th November. *We remind families that camp confirmations along with a \$50 non refundable deposit are due by Friday 22nd March. Please speak to your child's teacher if you require any further information.*

It's Not Great To Be Late

Classroom Time is 'Five to 9'

Punctuality is a valuable habit for children to learn. Students arriving late miss out on important information or instruction time at the beginning of the learning session. It also distracts other students from their work and disrupts teachers. As we strive to make the most of all learning times, please assist class teachers by ensuring your children arrive at school on time.

At Kismet Park we use 'Welcome Time' each morning to support a smooth start to our learning day. You can read more about our Welcome Time later in this newsletter.

PUPIL FREE DAY REMINDER

Our next **Pupil Free Day** will be held on **Tuesday 11th March**. Staff professional training throughout the day will focus on the teaching of Writing and Spelling.

Students do not attend school on this day.

Red Communication Bags

Parents and students are reminded that all students are expected to use our red communication bag to carry important messages to and from school. Red bags can be purchased from the office for \$8. Next week teachers will begin sending home reminders with students who are not bringing their Red bag to school.

D a t e s t o r e m e m b e r

Friday 21st February: 2:30pm Assembly

Tuesday 25th February: Parent Teacher Interview

Wednesday 26th February: Parent Teacher Interview

Thursday 27th February: Twilight Swimming & 5/6 Museum Excursion

Friday 28th February: House Athletics

Monday 3rd March: Woodlands Swimming

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



EXTEND OSHC AT KISMET PARK PRIMARY

Our weekly recap

Week 3 of Extend Before and After School Care saw another fantastic week for the pupils of Kismet Park Primary School.

The week was one of imagination and enjoyment, with many activities putting a smile on each child's face. Jelly was one creation which allowed the children to not only learn new skills but implement their imagination and cooking talents. As well as the jelly, the students also made and baked a rainbow cake. We then used the cakes our master chefs made to wish and sing Danielle (Extend Leader) a Happy Birthday.

The outdoors was again a favourite for the children, with the students playing fantastic games of dodge ball, working together in teams with great communication and support for one another.

Indoors the students showed their imaginations and creative side whilst making dream catchers and dancing dragons.

We stopped the students in their tracks this week with rainbow bands being one of the favourite activities for the students. Seeing some amazing designs and creations from each student. The rainbow bands bring out the sharing and caring side of the children as they helped one another with new designs and made some bracelets for one another. Finally, another successful week with the bingo board having the whole board nearly full. Our winner this week was Isaak D.

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, CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

Our Extend Superstar is Olivia K for always using beautiful manners and always going beyond what is asked of her.

Next week's activities:

Monday 24 February:

Making magnets and a seasonal wall. Playing a game of Kick the can

Tuesday 25 February:

Making amazing helicopters and fruit kebabs, along with completing an outdoor obstacle course.

Wednesday 26 February:

Making grass heads, a sport bag tag and a game of dodge ball.

Thursday 27 February:

Making Hamma bead decorations and a game of Pirates treasure.

Friday 28 February:

Making a vegetable patch, science explosion and a game of capture the bag.



Conveyance Allowance 2013

The Conveyance Allowance Program provides financial assistance for the journey to and from school in areas where transport options are limited.

If you reside 4.8km or more from your closest school, you may be eligible to apply for this allowance.

Please call Vanessa on 9744 4566 if you wish to discuss your possible eligibility.

Building Fund Voluntary Contribution

Earlier this week we sent home our Voluntary Contributions letter for 2014.

Kismet Park School Council is asking for each family to donate \$70 towards our Building Fund. These funds will be used for the upkeep and beautification of our school buildings.

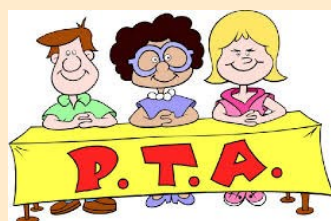
We've had a great response so far already. Thank you to those families who have sent their \$70. You will receive a receipt to enable you to claim this contribution on your income tax.

Kismet Park Primary School Council.



ATTENTION PARENTS / BUSINESS OWNERS

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) are excited about creating a Discount Book as part of our fundraising for 2014. The book will contain offers for shopping discounts ie, *buy one coffee get one free*, the voucher can only be used one time for each book sold and the business owners will have to stamp/date the book for validation. This is a great opportunity to advertise your business within our school community and Kismet Park would love to promote a new local growing business so please don't hold back. If this is something your interested in please contact Avetta with any questions you may have., kismet-pta@hotmail.com



Message from the Canteen

Unfortunately there will be NO Chocolate Big M until next Wednesday 26th. February

Please check our Menu on-line for other options.

Sara & Naomi

<http://kismetparkps.vic.edu.au>

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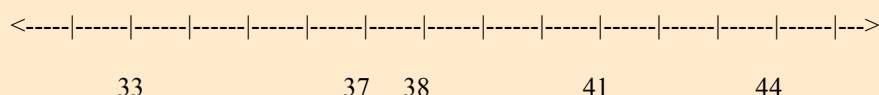
FUN, FUN FUN, MATHS.....Every fortnight a Maths Challenge or Game will be put in our Kismet Park Newsletter. These will be activities that the family can do together. Talk about Maths, play and record the games and see how you can solve the problems. There will be an activity for the juniors and one for the seniors. You might even like to try both!

Record how you do the challenge or game and then bring it in to school (with your name and class) and post it into the Maths Challenge Box in the office foyer by Friday Morning of the assembly week.

At assembly a lucky winner will be drawn out of the box and receive a prize. Answers to puzzles will be published in the newsletter with the next activity.

For the Juniors

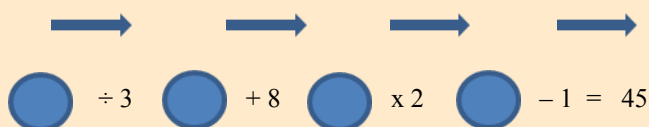
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For the Seniors

3. If you begin with a certain two-digit

number and follow the arrows, you will end with 45.



Setting Personal Goals

Problem solving is what you do when you don't know what to do. Being a good problem solver will help you be ready to live and work in our changing world. Computers can do computations but people must tell the computers what to do. Good problem solvers know how to make plans and use many different strategies in carrying out their plans. They

use all of their past experiences to help them in new situations. We learn to swim by getting in the water; we learn to be good problem solvers by solving problems!

5/6G Chat to a Champ

This year 5/6G were lucky enough to talk to an Australian Winter Olympic Athlete live from Sochi, Russia. On Monday we were part of a Google Hangout Video Call with Lucy Chaffer and three other primary schools from across Australia.

Lucy Chaffer is one of Australia's top Skeleton Athletes. Although she did not do as well as she had hoped, she still came a commendable 17th.

We have learnt a lot about the Winter Olympics, Russia, Skeleton and of course Lucy Chaffer. It was great to be able to talk to such a great role model and have her answer our questions. If you would like to watch our chat you can at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnJ2xCUGP5I>

Thanks, Miss Gilbert and the students of 5/6G



Student Engagement & Wellbeing

Welcome Time at Kismet Park PS

Our lives are full of appointments, deadlines and time commitments so it is very important that we instil in our children the importance of punctuality and preparedness. These attributes also ensure that our students have a smooth start to the school day by feeling settled and focussed for learning.

As parents and educators it is vital that we model punctuality and preparedness and value the importance of instilling these attributes in our children from an early age. So please support us by endeavouring to have your children at school by 8.45am when we announce our Welcome Time by our inviting students to move to their classrooms and prepare for the school day.

The teachers are currently training students to come into their classrooms from 8.45 to 8.55am each morning to unpack their schoolbags and Red Bags to ensure readers, notes, monies and permission slips are placed in their appropriate locations before instructional time. Older students are also reading the daily schedule that is on display in their classroom so that they can gather their workbooks, stationery, iPads and whatever other materials are needed in readiness for their first learning session.

Where classes have Art, Music, Physical Education or Library at 9am, Specialist teachers arrive at 8.55am to mark the roll and take the class to its specialist location promptly to ensure all students gain optimum time in the Gym, Art Room, Music Room and Library.

It is very important that your child has the time to feel prepared for the day and doesn't miss valuable learning time, particularly if they are continually late to class. If you are experiencing difficulties with being punctual due to the child's reluctance to cooperate in the mornings or other reasons, then please speak to the class teacher or Mrs Powell for advice. We understand that on that odd occasion being delayed is an unavoidable consequence and we will always ensure that your child is given time to feel settled.



**SECOND HAND UNIFORM
SHOP WILL BE OPEN
TOMORROW, FRIDAY 21ST
FEBRUARY FROM
8:30AM—9:30AM.
COST IS \$2 PER ITEM OF
CLOTHING.**

A d v e r t i s e m e n t s

COME AND TRY KARATE.

Specialised children's classes here in the school's B Building every Wednesday at 4pm. Two free lessons for everyone. Beginners very welcome. Increase your self esteem and personal confidence, learn self defence techniques, enhance good health and fitness and have fun all at the same time! Free uniform on joining. Call Amelia on 0407320333 or visit www.artofdefence.com.au "



CRAIGIEBURN COMMUNITY

FESTIVAL IS ON
THIS WEEKEND, SATURDAY
22ND—SUNDAY 23RD AT DS
AITKEN RESERVE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE VISIT hume.vic.gov.au/
events or call 9205 2200

