Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Last Friday our Athletics Team competed in the local Interschool Sports competition. All team members put in great performances throughout the day, culminating in some very exciting relay events which led Kismet to victory in the Large schools competition. We would like to congratulate all of our athletes on their efforts and the manner in which they represented our school.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 28th of April.

School Council

At our meeting on Monday evening we elected our office bearers for 2014 as follows:

- President: Rod Munro
- Vice President: Glenn McConnell
- Treasurer: Diane Powell
- Secretary: Vanessa Leetch

School Council appointed Sarah Hedgelong as Minute Taker.

As a result of Lee Carter and David Collins no longer being eligible to be on Council, 2 Casual 12 month Vacancies were created. School Council offered these positions to Brad Duffy and Troy Wilson who recently contested the School Council election. We are pleased that they have accepted and will join Council at our next meeting.

On behalf of the Kismet Park Community we would like to express our thanks to Lee Carter for the energy and commitment he gave to our school over the past five years. We also thank David Collins for the contribution he made during his time at Kismet Park.

Our key subcommittees for 2014 have been identified as:

- Communication and Community:
  Development/implementation of a school-home communication plan and increasing parent participation.
- Education Policy:
  The review and ratification of school policy documents.
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  The review and ratification of school documentation such as policies, procedures and communication materials.
- Facilities / Road Safety:
  Overseas maintenance and development of school facilities and is working towards the construction of a Kiss and Drop Zone to improve traffic flow and access.
- Finance:
  Oversees the development of school budgets and reviews monthly revenue and expenditure.
- PTA:
  Organisation of community and fundraising activities across the year.

During 2014 we will undertake a school review which will lead to the development of a new Strategic Plan that will create a vision for the next four years at Kismet Park. School Council looks forward to working with you during this process.

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Sporting Chance

Today’s Insights article reminds parents about the value of kids’ participating in sport and offers alternatives for children who aren’t interested in sports.

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Our weekly recap
Hello Parents and Guardians, even though last week was a very short week we had a great, eventful week.
On Tuesday we were very lucky to get our new additions to our room, our pet fish! We haven’t yet come up with names yet as we are voting for our top four names for a fish. Happy voting! Due to a popular demand we also created pizza and cupcakes again. The children really got into the different toppings they could choose from. Our creative hats were also on, with multiple minions, hammerheads and rainbow bands being made. We also implemented a new competition! A colouring competition! The children have all actively joined in within this activity. Our winner will be drawn on Monday! Good luck to all who joined in!

- Danielle

Our Extend Superstar is …. Charlie O’S for continuously having beautiful manners and helping out without being asked!

Next week’s activities:
Monday 24 March:
Felt Finger puppets, DIY headbands & knock out
Tuesday 25 March:
About me files for their portfolios, bottle piggy banks & handball
Wednesday 26 March:
Memory Games, sink or float & kick the can Thursday 27 March:
Broken Picture drawing, ‘Simon says’ draw & skipping
Friday 28 March:
Googly eye starter drawing and I spy & ship and shore

Enrol NOW!
You will not be charged the $20 fee until you first use the service and WE HAVE NO WAITLIST! The more the merrier! Autumn School Holiday Program bookings NOW OPEN at Sunbury Primary School!
Monday 7 April to Thursday 17 April 2014
We have heaps of jam-packed activities and incursions ranging from Arts & Crafts, Cooking, plenty of games and sports and lots of Easter activities! We are also now offering Excursions! Visit the Extend website at extend.com.au for program timetables, booking forms, and activity descriptions. Bookings close Friday 21 March – book now to avoid disappointment.

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Student Engagement & Wellbeing

Every Face Has a Place

Children come from an endless range of different families, backgrounds, cultures and religions. They also have a variety of interests, learning styles and abilities. Despite all of these differences, everyone should feel included and welcome within our school community. When children feel included, when they are part of a community that promotes inclusion and respect for everyone, they show more caring and compassion towards others, and they feel safer and more secure. They are also better learners and have better mental health and wellbeing. In a positive school community Every Face Has a Place, every voice is valued and everyone has something to contribute.

The physical appearance of the school is one of a range of factors that helps to promote a positive school community. So as part of our ongoing landscaping master plan, we recently had the first of our two purple, circular Buddy Benches installed in the courtyard. Over the next few weeks teachers will be discussing with their students the purpose of these benches for promoting friendship and inclusiveness. The main purpose of these benches is for students who are feeling alone or unsure how to reconnect with their peers to move there and wait for assistance. By sitting in these locations it alerts their peers, senior buddies and staff on duty to approach these students, initiate a conversation and help them to find someone or a group to play and interact with in the playground. The benches are also there as a gathering point for students to chat and relax together.

Parents and carers can also help with promoting our Buddy Benches by making use of them (and our Picnic Tables!) and encouraging others to join you when waiting to farewell or greet your children at the start and end of the day. By doing so you will get to know other families, provide welcome and support to new families, show interest in one another’s backgrounds as well as what you have in common. The best learning happens when our children see the adults around them putting values like these into practice. Being included and learning to include and respect others are very important for children’s social development.

Reference: KidsMatter information for families and school staff.

School Banking Day is Tuesday

It’s not too late to join our exciting School Banking program. We realise that many parents already have an account for their child and are actively saving for their child’s future. Most of the time this is done through electronic banking and your child doesn’t get to see and handle the benefit first hand. This program is once again about your child learning the process of saving and handling the cash themselves. Participating in School Banking gives your child the opportunity to do this on a weekly basis. Every time a student makes a deposit at school they receive a silver Dollarmite token. Once they have individually collected 10 tokens they can be redeemed for an exclusive Dollarmite reward.

2014 Rewards available this Term are the scented pencils and handballs.

PTA Message

Thanks you all for the fantastic response for our Easter Raffle.

Since we have so many generous families at Kismet we are now able to offer more prizes. Raffle ticket books are still available from the office.

Could all tickets and money please be returned to the office by Tuesday 1st April.

Kismet Park Auskick starts on Saturday the 22 March 2014. Come and join our great clinic where you’ll learn lots of skills, make new friends and have heaps of fun.

Register online at www.aflauskick.com.au

The clinic starts 9.30 am at McEwen Dve Oval

For further information contact Peter Attard ph 0438 08 03 08 or kismet.parkauskick@gmail.com
The Writing Module

What does a good writer do?

This is a question I asked grade 2M at the start of the 2014 school year. The response was very interesting.

* Writes five pages of writing - Lachlan
* Spells all the words correctly - Rylan

This year the Grade 2M are on a journey to become good writers. They will produce their best writing, show pride, write neatly, use emotive language, make connections with their life and the news around them and take risks.

Taking the first step….. Reflecting on what we do well and things we can improve on.

Question: What I do well?

- Ethan S - the crocodile snap
- Matilda - spelling and writing an interesting sentence.
- Amy - listening to instructions, and writing neatly.

Question: What are the things I can improve on?

- Trent - write on the lines.
- Hayley - letter spaces and writing longer stories with more details.
- Mia - writing stories and spacing my words apart
- Skyla -

During Term One we have followed ‘The Writing Model’ process and have written many interesting narratives about Australia and Aboriginal culture. We start the process by brainstorming interesting vocabulary about a given topic. The students then begin their stories using a sizzle start. Below are some of our sizzling starts.

- **In the Dreamtime when the world was young. The bush animals had a meeting. They complained that they had struck a drought and that they need it to rain.** by Amy
- **It was cold and dark in the middle of Tasmania as the aboriginal elders walked across the land looking for a place to rest for the night.** By Skyla
- **The land on top of the mountain was hot and dusty. When the wind blew it howled.** By Courtney
- **One night the moon was out and the dingo was sitting on top of a hill, howling.** By Mia
- **Long ago, the land suffered a trouble drought.** By Caitlin.
- **One night when the moon was shining bright a kookaburra sat on an old gum tree.** By Matilda