Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Today we wish our swimming team all the best for the Twilight Interschool Swimming Sports which will be held at Sunbury Aquatic Centre from 4:30pm this afternoon.

We also wish all of our students in Years 3 to 6 all the best for Friday’s House Athletics sports. These are both great opportunities to put the You Can Do It! Foundations of Organisation, Resilience, Persistence, Confidence and Getting Along into practice. Good luck!!

Have a great week!
Glenn & Diane

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

Voting packs containing Ballot papers and information about each candidate were sent home with students yesterday. The Ballot will remain open for 7 days, closing at 4:00pm Thursday March 6th. Mums and Dads are both eligible to vote.

Please call the office if you have not received your voting pack or require further information.

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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.

SICK CHILDREN

Lately we have had a significant number of children attending school who really have not been well enough to attend. We ask that if your child is not well enough to be at school, that you keep them home or make other arrangements. If your child is returning to school from an illness and has medical treatment that must be administered we are happy to assist. In order for this to occur we must have written consent and a clear management plan completed by a parent or doctor. Forms are available at the office. Please discuss the details with the office staff.

PARENT BEHAVIOUR

In the interests of all we ask that parents be mindful of their behaviour in and around the school. As role models we need to always demonstrate courtesy and respect for one another in our interactions. The welfare of our students is of paramount importance to us all and we therefore ask that parents refrain from approaching other children or adults regarding any personal matters which are of concern. Where issues arise please contact Glenn or Diane so that the matter can be dealt with appropriately and in accordance with DEECD procedures. Inappropriate behaviour by parents will not be tolerated around our school. Thank you for your cooperation.

INSIGHTS BY MICHAEL GROSE

This week’s article highlights the importance of developing persistence and resilience in our students.

PMI KEYBOARD FOR YEAR 2

This year we are able to offer a small number of Year 2 students access to the PMI Keyboard program. The program for year 2’s will consist of a 30 minute session on Thursdays either during lunch time or between 3:15 and 3:45pm at the end of school. Please send a written expression of interest including your child’s name and class along with your contact details to Glenn indicating your preference for the lunch or after school session by Wednesday 5th of March.

Dates to remember

Friday 28th February: House Athletics
Monday 3rd March: Woodlands Swimming
Friday 7th March: Better Buddies Assembly

Monday 10th March: Labour Day (No school on this day)
Tuesday 11th March: Curriculum Day (No school on this day)
Friday 14th March: Interschool Athletics

Monday 17th March: School Photos
Friday 4th April: Last Day of Term 1
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Our weekly recap

Week 4 is over, and term 1 is going quickly. Last week at Extend the children took part in many exciting activities including science, cooking, outdoor activities and art and craft. Our Student master chefs were busy cooking sushi, coloured pancakes and honey joys. The children are all willing to give all the cooking a go and having a try of all the food they cook. The students work on their communication and sharing skills throughout these cooking activities.

Science was a favourite, as always, the students love getting their hands dirty. We did milk and colour separation - watching the colours mould together when touched with dishwashing liquid. The students are becoming experts at making play dough for After School Care and made another batch last week. They blew their mind with the bubbles and froth experiment, making gas in a bottle to blow up a balloon.

We saw the kids crafty side again with some fantastic colouring, paper chain making and sun catchers. Indoors is becoming more creative with cubby house building and twister competitions. Outdoors is always a hit with fantastic group games consisting of kickball, octopus, dodgeball and a great tug of war game which involved all students with great support for one another and communication to pull their team over the line. All up, another successful week at Extend.

Our bingo board winner this week was Oliva K.

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!


Our Extend Superstar is …. Taj for his fantastic behaviour and participating in all activities.

Next week’s activities:

Monday 3 March:

Origami animals, habitat and a game of kick ball

Tuesday 4 March:

Cooking Jelly slice, Simon says, cupcake liner flowers and a game of knock out

Wednesday 5 March:

Salt dough decorations, images out of finger prints and a game of line tiggy

Thursday 6 March:

Hand paintings, I am table, picture flicaka book and a game of egg and spoon race

Friday 7 March:

Creating insects out of art and craft materials and super hero chalk and a game of touch cricket

Answers to last week’s problems.

For the Juniors -

1. \((32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46)\) This problem reinforces the concept of using the number line while giving students the opportunity to count and record numbers up to 50. It is sometimes difficult for students to start at a number other than one.

For the Seniors

1. \[
\begin{align*}
\frac{45}{3} + 8 \times 2 - 1 &= 45 \\
15 + 8 &= 23 \times 2 - 1 = 45
\end{align*}
\]

This problem requires working backwards and the use of inverse operations to determine the unknowns. Students should check to be sure their answers work when they work from left to right.

School Photos will be taken on Monday 17th March.

Each child should have received a Photo envelope yesterday. These envelopes are due back to school by Friday 14th March. Sibling envelopes are available at the office if you wish your school aged children to have a family photo.

EMA Applications MUST be handed to the office by this Friday 28th February.
**Student Engagement & Wellbeing**

**Our School Pledge**

We are the children of Kismet Park Primary School.
To make our teachers and parents proud we use courtesy, consideration and care.
We will play happily and safely in the yard and strive to make our school a better place to learn.

In 1996 the Junior School Council composed a school pledge that remains relevant today and fits well with our Better Buddies and You Can Do It! philosophies. The pledge is a simple affirmation of what it means to be part of our Kismet Park PS Learning Community. It reinforces for every student their role and shared responsibility in creating a friendly and safe environment and brings young learners together under a united oath. Our school uses the pledge at every school assembly as a means for building shared pride and recognising the importance of collective responsibility for how students care for one another and the importance of respect for staff, parents and visitors to our school.

It would be great if you could spend the time with your Kismet Park children to discuss the words of the pledge and what it means in actions at school. By reinforcing every child’s role in being a considerate, courteous and caring student, we are promoting key characteristics of good citizenship and community spirit. The school pledge also helps to promote a sense of belonging which is a major focus this year as part of our Student Wellbeing program.

Dear Parents, Last week we sent home a donation envelope. If you would like to support this very worthy cause, simply pop a few dollars into the envelope and send it back to school. We’ll pass your donation on to the Royal Children’s Hospital on your behalf. Don’t forget to include your child/ren’s names and grades on the back too! Thanks in advance for your generosity!

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**Junior Netball**

Rupertswood Football Netball club are introducing Junior Netball this season with U13 and U15 age groups. The games will be played on Sundays around 11:00am-12:30pm commencing on April 6th, anyone interested please email David Kane at juniorfootyops@rupo.com.au
Kismet Park

Books, computers, games and friends. Learning and fun just never ends!