Dear Parents, Staff and Students,
We start by acknowledging all of our Year 3 & 5 students who sat the NAPLAN (National Assessment Literacy and Numeracy) Tests for demonstrating their resilience, persistence and confidence throughout what can be a challenging process. Parents will be informed when results are ready to collect during late term 3.

Sunbury Rotary Club will be holding their Annual Spelling Bee next Tuesday evening. We wish Ellyse Xiberras all the best as she represents Kismet Park.

Those who attended our ANZAC Assembly will recall the wonderful narrative read aloud by Cameron McCubbin in 5/6G that relayed the roles of his grandfather and great grandfather as soldiers who like so many Australians, past and present, proudly represent our country in times of need. We are pleased to include Cameron’s Narrative in this week’s newsletter.

Education Week
20th — 24th of May
Just a friendly reminder that next week is Education Week. Details of our Education Week activities accompanied last week’s newsletter. The timetable of activities is also available on our website by clicking on the 20th of May on the calendar and following the links. These activities provide a range of opportunities for parents to learn more about our school and to see their children working in their learning environment. We hope to see you there!

How Kids Learn At Kismet
Tuesday 21st May
7-8:30pm
On Tuesday 21st May from 7-8:30pm we will be conducting a Parent information session to demonstrate teaching practices at Kismet Park: with a focus on:
- Teaching Students to work mathematically
- Using iPads in the classroom
These initiatives are key components of our Strategic Plan for improving the learning outcomes of students. Invitations will be sent home on Monday.

Hours of Supervision in Grounds
Please remember students should arrive at school from 8:40am and leave grounds after school by 3:30pm. Grounds are supervised from 8:40 – 8:55am and from 3:15 – 3:30pm. If you need to access the school earlier in the morning and/or later in the afternoon than these times we do have an excellent Out of School Hours Care facility which is managed by the City of Hume. This program operates in Rooms 1&2 and the program coordinator Alev, can be contacted on 9744 6524.

Prep 2014 Enrolments
Our 2014 Prep enrolment process has commenced. Prep 2014 Information sessions will be held at the following times:
- Wednesday 29th May at 7:00 pm
- Thursday 30th May at 9:30am
- Tuesday 4th June at 9:30am
Enrolment forms are available at the office or you can download a copy from our website.

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Kismet News
Empowerment & Excellence in Education for all
Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school

Parental withdrawal from children’s education is a big problem these days as increasingly parents are worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities. By the time you get home from work or doing other activities you are spent.

But the message for parents is clear – become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child’s education. The involvement of parents helps break down the mystique about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school. Children copy many of their parents’ views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching. Many primary schools offer parents classroom jobs such as hearing kids read, taking small groups in elective activities and assisting children when writing stories.

Parent participation is much broader than helping out in the classroom. There is a range of simple ways to assist teachers to maximise the learning of your child. These include; hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education in positive ways:

♦ **Find out** what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Discover what sets your child’s school apart from others.

♦ **Support a broad, balanced curriculum** that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R’s.

♦ **Direct constructive criticism through the correct channels** such as your child’s teacher, the principal or the school’s governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school’s reputation.

♦ **Become an advocate** for your child’s school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.

♦ **Attend school activities** such as open days, concerts, sports events and celebrations. Invite other members of the community along as well.

♦ **Consult with your child’s teacher** about practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school.

Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school-life.
Have you visited our website lately? You will find some very helpful information on our website including a 2014 enrolment form, Get Set For Prep 2014 information book, the latest Kismet Kitchen menu, all of our Newsletters and current excursion notices. We have also posted a copy of our excursion permission form if you ever need one in a hurry. To access our latest excursion notices go to PARENT INFORMATION on our homepage or if you know the date of the excursion click on the calendar and you’ll find the excursion notice and permission form there. Don’t forget you can always send absence explanations via the school email address: kismet.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and we’ll be sure to pass the note on to your child’s teacher. We have included an ‘absence form’ for you to use in the parent information link. Log on and have a look around. Let us know what you think and give us any suggestions for improvement—we’d love to hear from you!

PTA MESSAGE!

AGM followed by PTA meeting
Wednesday 22nd May at 7:00pm.

ANZAC DAY MESSAGE

It was also wonderful to hear a narrative read aloud by Cameron McCubbin in 5/6G at the Anzac Day Ceremony. These are the stories he told.

Private Thomas James Taylor SX11396
My Great Grandfather enlisted in the Australian Defence Force on the 22nd February 1941, served with the 2/43 Australian Infantry Battalion during the second World War. The second World War started in 1939 and finished in 1945. My Great Grandfather served in the Middle East and New Guinea during his service and was awarded his medals, The 1939—1945 Star.

Warrant Officer Class 1 Robert James Taylor.
My Grandfather enlisted in the Australian Regular Army in 1963 and served our country for 21 years. During those years my Grandfather also served in the Vietnam War which lasted for 10 years, from 1962—1972. My Grandfather also served in the South Vietnam during 1967—1968 at a place called Nui Dat In Phooc Tuy. For service to his country my Grandfather was awarded his medals, The Australian Active Service Medal, The Vietnam Medal, Permanent Forces for efficient medal, The National medal for service, The Australian Defence Medal, The Vietnam Campaign Medal. My Grandfather is still with us and may march on the next Anzac Day.

Our School Canteen is really DESPERATE for your help!

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If you have time to help out please contact Naomi or Sara 9744-4566

Family Maths Challenge 6 – THE LETTER “M”
Write down as many mathematical words as possible that begin with the letter "M".

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Pupil of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded ribbons for Pupil of the Week for GETTING ALONG.

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SUNBURY GYMNASTIC COLLEGE INC

Gymnastics Disco Friday 17th May from 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

The entry fee is $10.00, which includes a can of drink, a sausage in bread and 2 hours of entertainment.

The theme will be "WHO AM I" so please dress up and enjoy the night.

Bring your friends and have a great time!

Parents do not need to stay but they are welcome and can join in the dancing. There is no entry fee for parents. Children are unable to leave the building without an adult.

12-14 Sussex Court Sunbury P.O Box 119 Sunbury Vic 3429
Phone: 9740 4957
Website: sunburygymnastics.wordpress.com

Win the Dollarmite treasure!

Simply make three or more deposits through school banking during Term 2 and you’ll automatically be entered into the competition.

1st prize: $5,000 family adventure to anywhere in Australia and receive $500 spending money.

2nd prize: 25 x Awesome prizes

Kid’s pack that will always have you ready to adventure.

Including— A Wii U
  - Walkie Talkies
  - Night vision goggles
  - Waterproof camera
  - A razor spark electric scooter
Ingredients:
- ½ cup Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 125g Unsalted Butter
- 250g Milk Arrowroot Biscuits
- 1 teaspoon Grated Lemon Rind
- 1 cup Dessicated Coconut

Icing:
- 1 ¾ cups Icing Sugar
- 3 tablespoons Fresh Lemon Juice
- 15g Unsalted Butter
- 2 tablespoons Desiccated Coconut

Directions:
1. Line a 28cm x 18cm baking tin with baking paper and a little butter.
2. Place condensed milk and butter in a small heatproof jug. Put in microwave at 30 second intervals stirring in-between until butter is melted and mixture is combined.
3. Place a handful of biscuits in a small bag. Ensure there is somewhere for the air to escape and hit biscuits gently with a rolling pin or mallet to make small crumbs.
4. In a large bowl, mix the crushed biscuits, lemon rind and coconut. Pour in the melted butter and condensed milk mixture. Mix together until the biscuit crumbs are evenly coated.
5. Use the back of a large spoon to press the mixture into the lined baking tin.
6. Refrigerate for 1 hour.
7. To prepare the lemon icing, add the icing sugar, lemon juice and softened butter into a medium bowl. Mix well to form a smooth icing. When the slice is cool, pour icing over the top and sprinkle with coconut. Once the icing has set, cut the slice into squares.
Mother's Day Afternoon Tea!

Happy Mother's Day!