

# Kismet News

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## Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

At tomorrow afternoon's first school assembly for Years 1 to 6 we will be presenting our school captains with their badges. We look forward to acknowledging the wonderful work they do around our school. Our new Preps will attend their first assembly on Friday 6th March.

## School Council Election

Today's newsletter includes important information about School Councils. Our 2015 School Council election process commences today, Thursday, 12th of February with a notice of the election and call for nominations. The following timeline will apply for this election:

**Thurs 12th Feb:** Notice of election & call for nominations

**Thurs 19th Feb:** Nominations close

**Wednesday 20th Feb:** List of candidates displayed

**By Wednesday 25th Feb:** Ballot papers distributed by this date.

**4pm Thursday 5th March:** Ballot closes

**5pm Thursday 6th March:** Vote count

**Friday 7th March:** Declaration of ballot

**Monday 16th March:** First School Council Meeting to elect office bearers. Nomination forms can be collected from the school office. If you would like more information please speak to Glenn or Diane.

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## HOURS OF SUPERVISION

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. As our staff are involved in meetings and staff training programs we are not able to provide supervision outside these hours.*

If you need to access the school prior to 8:40am in the morning and/or later than 3:30pm in the afternoon we do have an excellent Before & After School program which is operated by Extend. For further information about this program please visit their website at [www.extend.com.au](http://www.extend.com.au) or call on 1300366437.

## STUDENT SAFETY

**For student safety reasons please ensure you always Drive & Park Safely and Legally.** Because of the narrow streets surrounding our school parking can be a problem. Please do not exacerbate this problem by careless or illegal practices. To provide a safe environment for all of our students to arrive and leave school safely please ensure that you:

- Do not use the staff car park.
- Do not double park anywhere.
- Do not drop off in the oval car park if there are no parking spaces.
- Always ensure you and your children use pedestrian crossings.
- Ensure your children DON'T jump fences.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Information about our first Parent Teacher Interviews accompanied last week's newsletter. To book in times for interviews with your child's teacher go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the school code **MMV2D**. Then follow the simple instructions. **Bookings close at 11am on Monday 16th February.**

## HELP YOUR CHILD ACHIEVE!

The Parenting Ideas article 'Help Your Child Achieve' accompanies today's newsletter. We trust you will find this information useful.

Have a great week!

Glenn & Diane

## HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

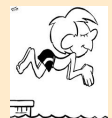
Our 2015 House Swimming Sports were held last Friday at the Sunbury Aquatic Centre. Congratulations to all students from years 4-6 who participated in 50m trials, 25m trials and novelty events, with many outstanding performances recorded. Teams were well led by our House Captains and Vice Captains who organized and encouraged participants.

Results: 1st Clarke

2nd McEwen

3rd Logan

4th Lambert



Thank you to the parent helpers and staff who officiated on the day. Students who have qualified for the Twilight Interschool competition to be held on Thursday 26th February will receive notification this week.

Mrs Keenan

## D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

Friday 13th February: 2:30pm Assembly

Tuesday 17th February: Parent/teacher interviews

Wednesday 18th February: Parent/teacher interviews

Monday 9th March: Labour Day (No school on this day)

Tuesday 10th March: Curriculum Day (No school on this day)

Wednesday 25th February: Parent induction sessions 9.00-10.30am or 7.00-8.30pm

Monday 17th March: School Photos

Friday 27th March: Last Day of Term 1

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

### ***What is a school council and what does it do?***

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

### ***Who is on the school council?***

There are three possible categories of membership:

**A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category.

Department of Education and Training employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.

**A mandated elected DET employee category.**

Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

**An optional Community member category.**

Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members. The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

### ***Why is Parent membership so important?***

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### ***How can you become involved?***

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

### ***Do I need special experience to be on school council?***

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

### ***What do you need to do to stand for election?***

- The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year.
- All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.
- If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.
- DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled
- Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.
- You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.
- If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

### **Remember**

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

**If you would like more information please speak with the Principal, Mr Glenn McConnell**

## **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. 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.

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & WELLBEING

### KPPS KidsMatter Gold Pin Awards

Last year we commenced our new KidsMatter award system that aims to recognise students for outstanding contributions, skills and achievements. Students from across the school are recognised for their exceptional abilities in the areas of the Music, Visual Arts, Sport, Academia and positive school community role models. The award categories selected by class teachers at Prep, Years 1&2, Years 3&4 and Years 5&6:

**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

The award categories selected by specialist teachers at Prep, Years 1&2, Years 3&4 and Years 5&6:

**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 class award recipients who will each receive a certificate explaining the reason for their particular award and a KidsMatter gold pin that each student will wear as a reminder to all of their fine efforts. The following fortnight students will receive specialist awards and continue to alternate between class and specialist categories thereafter. It is hoped that every recipient will continue to wear their pin each day at school with pride. 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 awards as a turn taking exercise.

Students from Year 1 to Year 6 will be awarded from the Class based categories of Bright Spark, Big Effort and Friendly Act this week so that everyone can see the range of awards on offer. Preps will begin receiving awards at the next School Assembly when they will officially join us. Recipients will be named in the school newsletter each fortnight and when called to the front of the assembly to be presented with a pin, parents are welcome to take snapshots of their own child.



	Prep	Grade 1/2	Grade 3/4	Grade 5/6
Bright Spark		Scarlett Stephens for always trying to do her best and having a go.	Jake Maguire for completing and taking on learning challenges.	Elijah Sinfield for persisting in achieving excellence.
Big Effort		Joshua Courtney for making new friends and getting along with others.	Rayden McPherson for helping others in need.	Tomas Mueller for demonstrating initiative.
Friendly Act		Georgia Soderstrom for writing great sentences.	Maddison Vowles making an incredible effort to start Grade 3 in a positive and enthusiastic way.	Holli Cecchini for helping younger students in the yard.



An update of Student Information was sent home this week. This is an important part of our Admin process so it's imperative we have these forms returned



Welcome Back!

Thank you to those who offered to help in canteen this term. Your support is very much appreciated.

**Reminders when placing a lunch order:**

- Please make sure you have the correct canteen price list. Unfortunately if there is not enough money in lunch orders your child will miss out on an item.
- Lunch order bags are 20c extra, as are the tomato and soy sauces.

Thanks,

Sara & Naomi

**PTA FETE MEETING**

Next Meeting: Tuesday 17th February 7pm

Do you have any 2nd hand books or jigsaw puzzles that you would like to donate for our fete stall? All donations will be gladly received at the front office.

A pre-fete second hand book stall will be held on Tuesday 3rd March 2:30-4:00pm Everyone welcome

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB First Book Club for the year!!!!**

Notices for Scholastic Book Club are being sent home today. Book orders and monies must be returned by lunchtime on Thursday FEB 19th.

Please remember to put your child's name and grade on the order form. Monies can be paid online with a credit card. Orders usually take about 1 week to arrive and will be delivered to your child's classroom.

If you have any questions regarding Book Club, please come and see me in the library.

Thanks

Jennifer Driver



Save lives together



JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP IN MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE

**SUNBURY Mobile Collection Venue**

Location: Memorial Hall - Barkley Street, Sunbury 3429

Monday 2 March	1:30pm – 7:30pm
Tuesday 3 March	12:00pm – 7:30pm
Wednesday 4 March	12:00pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 5 March	1:30pm – 7:30pm
Friday 6 March	9:30am – 3:30pm

**Before giving blood:**

- drink up - 750ml plus before donation, especially in warm weather and have at least 3 good sized glasses of water/juice in the 3 hours prior to your visit.
- eat up - make sure you eat something in the 3 hours before donating.
- bring ID - please bring at least form of photo identification

**To secure your appointment:**

Call **13 14 95**  
Or visit [www.donateblood.com.au](http://www.donateblood.com.au)

Just one blood donation can save three lives. Imagine how many lives you could save if your group donated.

Club Red gives you the opportunity to do something really special and give blood in a group. Over 27,000 blood donations are needed every week and blood has a short shelf life, so regular donations from groups like yours are really important. By joining Club Red, you can make a big difference.

Donating as part of the Club Red program is a great way to build community spirit, and to enjoy a part in

**SUNBURY UNITED** Junior Soccer Club

**Kids, get into ASIA Cup Fever!!**

**Join Sunbury United Junior Soccer Club in 2015**

At Sunbury United Junior Soccer Club you will:

- Have fun and make new friends
- Learn new skills and get fit
- Gain confidence and self esteem

Registration Day:

When: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2015  
Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm  
Where: Langama Park, Mitchells Lane, Sunbury (Mel Ref 381 K6)  
Males and Females: 5 years to 99 years

Join now to play your part in "The World Game"

For more information go to [www.suisc.com.au](http://www.suisc.com.au)  
or call Paul on 0419 530 652 or xxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx

Email: [sunburvisc@hotmail.com](mailto:sunburvisc@hotmail.com)

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**Rupertswood Football Netball Club**

Junior football 2015 registrations are now open. Old players should receive email confirmation with details. New members are welcome. Please visit the Club's website : [rupo.com.au](http://rupo.com.au) for registration instructions.



**SINGLE PARENTS ACTIVE KIDS PROUDLY PRESENTS:**



FREE FAMILY FUN DAY  
LOGAN RESERVE ALTONA, CORNER ESPLANADE AND PIER ST  
SUNDAY 15TH OF MARCH  
STARTING 12 NOON  
FREE BBQ ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS:  
MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS/RENEWALS AND MORE  
EVEN IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND THERE ARE PLENTY MORE OPPORTUNITIES, HERE IS A LINK TO OUR VERY ACTIVE WEBSITE  
<http://www.singleparentsactivekids.org/>  
LIKE MINDED SINGLE PARENTS TO CHAT WITH ACTIVE KIDS WANTING TO PLAY WITH YOUR ACTIVE KIDS, WIN WIN!  
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