Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Thank you for your support of our school reporting processes through your involvement in our Parent Teacher Interviews held this week. An effective partnership between school and home is vital in order to maximise the learning of our students. Information shared at these interviews enables parents and teachers to work together so that our students continue to work toward being the best that they can be. We look forward to your continued support of your child’s learning.

ARE YOU CONNECTED WITH SKOOLBAG?

As part of the school’s efforts to effectively communicate with you, in 2014 we introduced the ‘Kismet Park Primary School Skoolbag’ app. As our society moves into the new technological world, newsletters, school information, notes and important dates are now available from your Smartphone.

We would like all families to connect with us through the free Skoolbag app. Currently there are 267 registered users. Please see the flyer that accompanies today’s newsletter for further information and instructions.

*Note that due to cost our SMS messaging service will not be available after the end of term 1. *

For many years the Kismet Park community has indicated its strong support of our uniform policy. We would like to remind families of the following points:

- If a child is unable to wear the school uniform on any particular day, the parent should advise the class teacher in writing, indicating the likely duration that the student will not be in complete uniform.
- The only jewellery items permitted are watches and sleeper and stud earrings. No other facial jewellery is permitted.
- No make-up is permitted, however children are encouraged to wear clear sunscreen in Terms 1 and 4.
- Dying of hair in non natural colours (eg Blues, greens, reds) or extreme haircuts are not permitted.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PUPIL FREE DAY REMINDER

Our next Pupil Free Day will be held on Tuesday 10th March (Day after Public Holiday) Staff professional training throughout the day will focus on the teaching of Reading with a focus on the Daily CAFÉ approach to the teaching of Daily.

Have a great week!
Glenn & Diane

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.

JAPANESE IS COMING!

みなさんこんにちは！

(Hello everyone!)

It is with great excitement that I am formally introducing Japanese to Kismet Park Primary School this year. I have a great passion for Japanese language and culture, and I cannot wait to share it with the staff, students and parents of Kismet Park. Japanese will be phased into classrooms and the Kismet community during Term 1 with the focus being on greetings, introductions and classroom vocabulary. Here are a few phrases to try at home:

-o-hai-yo-go-zai-masu -good morning
-kon-nichi-wa - hello
-o-ya-su-mi-na-sai - good night
-sa-yo-na-ra -goodbye

In order to involve the students in Japanese culture, we will be having a 30 minute lunch on 3rd March (starting at 1pm) with our buddy groups to celebrate Doll Day (Hina Matsuri). Students are encouraged to bring a doll/toy (labelled with their name) to share with their buddies during lunch eating time.

I’m looking forward to hearing Japanese around the school and to our first whole school Japanese cultural celebration.

Anderson Sensei

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 9th March: Labour Day (No school on this day)
Tuesday 10th March: Curriculum Day (No school on this day)
Wednesday 25th February: Parent Helper induction sessions 9.00-10.30am or 7.00-8.30pm
Monday 17th March: School Photos
Friday 20th March: Kismet Cartoon Fete 3:15-8:00pm
Friday 27th March: Last Day of Term 1
YOU CAN DO IT!

At Kismet Park PS the You Can Do It! (YCDI!) Program assists in building students’ social and emotional capabilities that all young people need to acquire in order to be successful in school, experience wellbeing, and have positive relationships including making contributions to others and the community (good citizenship).

The 5 Keys of YCDI! on display in our foyer are:

1. CONFIDENCE (academic, social)
2. PERSISTENCE
3. ORGANISATION
4. GETTING ALONG
5. RESILIENCE.

Central to the development of these 5 Key Foundations is instilling in young people 12 Habits of the Mind, including:

1. Accepting Myself
2. Taking Risks
3. Being Independent
4. I Can Do It
5. Giving Effort
6. Working Tough
7. Setting Goals
8. Planning My Time
9. Being Tolerant of Others
10. Thinking First
11. Playing by the Rules, and

To promote the importance of the 5 Keys we are reintroducing the acknowledgement of students who are demonstrating these capabilities by presenting a girl and a boy from each class each fortnight with a YCDI! ribbon. This term we are identifying students who are well organised and our first recipients are listed in this week’s newsletter.

To assist your child with understanding the importance of being organised you may wish to use the following script: Organisation means setting a goal to do your best in your school work, listening carefully to your teacher’s instructions, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all your supplies ready and keeping track of your homework and projects’ due dates.

Examples of organised behaviour include:
- making sure you understand the teacher’s instructions before you begin work
- having all your school supplies ready at a neat table and in a neat locker
- writing in your diary projects and homework with their due dates
- planning when you’re going to do your homework so that you have enough time.

Positive Habits of the Mind that help develop a young person’s Organization include:
- Setting Goals - thinking that setting a goal can help me to be more successful at a task.
- Planning My Time - thinking about how long it will take me to do my schoolwork and planning enough time to get it done.

Sun Smart Reminder

… No Hat No Play – It’s Safer That Way.

5 Steps to Remember:
Sun Smart would like us to remind families that UV index levels are on the rise again from September, please make sure you are ready to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide to keep well protected from the sun. Whenever UV Index levels reach 3 and above they are strong enough to damage eyes and skin and lead to skin cancer. To keep you and your family well protected use a combination of Sun Smart Outside 5:

1. Slip on some sun-protective clothing – that covers as much skin as possible
2. Slop on SPF30+ sunscreen – make sure it is broad spectrum and water resistant. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards.
3. Slap on a hat – that protects your face, head, neck and ears.
4. Seek shade.
5. Slide on some sunglasses – make sure they meet Australian Standards.

To check on UV Index levels each day and the times sun protection is needed, go to the Sun Smart UV Alert in the weather section of your daily newspaper or visit http://www.bom.gov.au/announcements/uv
For more information on staying safe in the sun visit www.sunsmart.com.au
**Student Engagement & Wellbeing**

**Psychological Services Onsite at Kismet Park PS**

Do you find that your child is having emotional or behavioural issues? *OnPsych* are a team of fully qualified and registered psychologists who specialise in child and adolescent services working in primary and secondary schools in both individual and group settings. The aim of this service is to build a partnership between families and the school. The *OnPsych* company is a registered provider under the Federal Government school welfare program.

The *OnPsych* psychologists can help children to learn essential skills such as:

- Helping them recognise and manage anxiety, fears and stress
- Making and keeping friends
- Controlling anger and frustration
- Impulse control
- Learning techniques to help deal with ADHD
- Living with Epilepsy and Autism
- Learning to deal with phobias
- And much more.

**Services are performed at NO COST to the school, student or parent through Medicare bulk billing.** We are now fortunate to have established an OnPsych psychological service at Kismet Park PS. If you believe that this service might benefit your child, please contact Diane Powell for further information and instructions on how to access the service.

**Our new OnPsych psychologist, Amanda Lamont, will also be available between 8:30am and 8:55am on Thursday mornings each fortnight throughout Term 1 for any further inquiries or just a general meet and greet. Please sign in at the office if you wish to see Amanda and a member of the Office staff can take you across to the OnPsych consulting room.**

**HOUSE COMPETITION NEWS**

Throughout the year we will be providing updates of House Point tallies the week following each Whole School assembly. Our House Captains will also be providing reports about school events. The House point tallies as at our last assembly on Friday 13th February:

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Congratulations to the following students who were awarded ribbons for Organisation:
An update of Student Information was sent home last week. This is an important part of our Admin process so it’s imperative we have these forms returned to the office ASAP. Thank you.

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.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 2nd March, 9am