

Kismet News

Building the foundations for success and happiness

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

LEAP FROG INTO A LEAP YEAR was the theme of the day last Monday being the 29th of February. The concept of having an extra day in February due to the leap year was promoted through a school treasure hunt. There was a real buzz of excitement as our 'budding detective's searched high and low for hidden frog pictures around the classrooms and the school. It was fabulous to see students exhibiting the foundations of the 'You Can Do It!' program especially in working together and persistence. Our frogs can be seen in the school foyer, so please come and see the graphed results!

HOUSE SPORTS

We wish all of our students in Years 3 to 6 all the best for tomorrow's House Athletics sports which will be held at Boardman Reserve. We look forward to seeing plenty of parents supporting our students as they strive for personal best performances. Good luck!!

Competition commences at approximately 9:30am

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. 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 Before & After School program which is operated by Extend. For further information about this program please visit their website at www.extend.com.au or call on 1300366437.

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS

Kismet Park has two adventure playground areas—a Prep to 2 playground and a Years 3-6 playground (with the spider). The equipment in each playground has been designed as appropriate to each age group. We ask that parents ensure their children play on the appropriate equipment before and after school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

As the number of nominees equalled the number of vacancies an election was not required. Congratulations to the following nominees on being duly elected parent representatives on school council.

Sean Bassett

Aaron Malcolm

David McLean

Damien Mowlam

Returning parent members of school council are: Glenn Campbell, Mark Davies, Brad Duffy and Misharna Small.

Congratulations also to our elected DEECD employee members:

Vanessa Leetch

Cynthia Schumann

Returning DEECD employee members of council are:

Michael Langton and Trevor Faure (filling a 12 month casual vacancy)

We would like to acknowledge the work of retiring members Wendy O'Sullivan (Parent), Sarah Hedgelong (Community Member) and Luisa Coppola. Thank you for the contribution you have made to making Kismet Park the best we can be.

Our first meeting will be held on Monday 21st March.

PUPIL FREE DAY REMINDER



Our next Pupil Free Day will be held on Friday 11th March

Staff professional training throughout the day will focus on further training in component 1 of the KidsMatter Program, the teaching of Reading with a focus on the Daily CAFÉ approach to the teaching of reading and the moderation of our 'Writing Model' *A brief explanation of the KidsMatter Program is provided on the next page.*

*** EXTEND WILL BE OFFERING CHILD CARE ON THIS PUPIL FREE DAY. PLEASE CONTACT EXTEND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION***

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 4th March: House Athletics 3-6

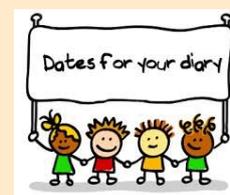
Friday 4th March Grades 1 & 2 Clean Up Australia Day event

Wednesday 9th March: Region Swimming

Friday 11th March: CURRICULUM DAY

Monday 14th March Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 16th March SCHOOL PHOTOS



Engagement & Well-being

KIDSMATTER

Primary is an Australian initiative that aims to improve children's mental health and wellbeing. It recognises the important role that parents and carers play in the lives of their children and encourages effective working relationships between school staff, parents and carers, and the broader community.

Mental health and wellbeing is vital for learning and life. Children who are mentally healthy learn better, benefit from life experiences and have stronger relationships with family members, school staff and peers. Good mental health in childhood also provides a solid foundation for:

- ◆ managing the transition to adolescence and adulthood
- ◆ engaging successfully in education
- ◆ making a meaningful contribution to society.

School is the most significant developmental context, after family, for primary school-aged children. Schools play a crucial role in building children's self-esteem and sense of competence. They can also act as a safety net and assist in protecting children from circumstances that affect their learning, development and wellbeing.

Schools, working closely with families and the community, are key environments for comprehensively supporting children's mental health and wellbeing.

The KidsMatter Primary framework brings together: the beliefs that underpin KidsMatter (the guiding principles) the areas in which schools can most effectively concentrate their learning, planning and action (the core components) the essential elements for working together as a school community (the whole school approach).

Seven principles underpin the KidsMatter Primary framework. They have been informed by research and the experiences of primary schools that successfully implemented KidsMatter.

The seven guiding principles are:

The best interests of children are paramount

- ◆ Respectful relationships are foundational
- ◆ Diversity is respected and valued
- ◆ Parents and carers are recognised as the most important people in children's lives
- ◆ Parents and teachers support children best by working together
- ◆ Students need to be active participants
- ◆ Schools, health and community agencies work together with families.

For further information, including information sheets, visit the KidsMatter website: www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary



LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES YOUR CHILD CAN ACCESS AT SCHOOL

As part of the KidsMatter program students have the opportunity to access a range of extra-curricular supervised activities during their Lunch Play from 1.45pm to 2.15pm each day. These activities provide students with recreational pursuits beyond time spent building relationships through play in the schoolyard.

Like many adults, children enjoy being involved in a range of recreational activities that reflect their personal interests and provide opportunities to develop a wide range of social, intellectual, physical and artistic skills. Participation in recreational activities also assists in connecting children with like-minded peers who have similar skills, interests and ambitions that can be shared, enjoyed and communicated by bringing them together for friendly competition, mental stimulation, artistic expression, literature appreciation or simply to relax whilst listening to soothing music.

The school setting is the ideal environment to learn and experience a range of recreational pursuits to build on what they do at home and out of school hours in the wider community such as basketball, dance, swimming, family outings and hobbies.

The extra-curricular activities on offer during the week at school include:

- ◆ Indoor games & art activities in the Home Room
- ◆ Garden Club
- ◆ Computer Club
- ◆ Library- junior school (P-2)
- ◆ Library- senior school (3-6)
- ◆ Sports competitions (Generally held in the gym)
- ◆ House led sport activities
- ◆ Dance Group & Choir
- ◆ Wakakirri
- ◆ Whole School Production



Talk about the different activities that are available and perhaps encourage your child to give one of them a go!



Student Well-being and Engagement



BRIGHT SPARK	Prep	Jamie Susnjara for using her excellent letter sound knowledge to write great sentences.
	Grade 1/2	Zac Beaumont for using excellent strategies in solving problems in addition.
	Grade 3/4	Jayden Hodgson for displaying excellent skills during mathematics
	Grade 5/6	Kyla Ward for her excellent ability to solve open ended maths problems.
BIG EFFORT	Prep	Kandyce Langdon for always contributing and participating in class discussions and brainstorms.
	Grade 1/2	Ryan Wilson for having a positive attitude towards all learning tasks.
	Grade 3/4	Amy Beattie for continually displaying efforts in reading.
	Grade 5/6	Olivia Brcan for her big effort in all areas of her learning.
FRIENDLY ACT	Prep	Isabelle Fowler for looking after others in the playground.
	Grade 1/2	Michaela Bench for going out of her way to welcome new students into our grade.
	Grade 3/4	Courtney Kalms for willingly supporting her friends in times of need.
	Grade 5/6	Zac Ramsay for always caring about his peers and ensuring everyone is getting along.

CONGRATULATIONS



Charlotte Satchwell for coming First in breaststroke & Isaac Wells coming First in Backstroke at Division Swimming on Monday. Both students will now compete in Region Level– WELL DONE TO BOTH OF YOU.



AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!



Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates!

VIC booking deadline: Friday 18 March. We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can't wait for you to attend! Create a diorama of the Amazon jungle, mould an autumn leaf dish out of clay, and participate in lots of group games including a time challenge and secret agent maze! Join in on all this and more at Extend's Autumn Holiday Program.

To check out what's on visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

Our weekly recap we have had a very busy, fun filled week here at extend. We have played lots of games, finished most of our homework and finished the week off making some awesome slime.

- All the staff at extend

Next weeks activities

Monday 7th March: Soccer skills

Tuesday 8th March: Science- pop top rockets

Wednesday 9th March: Suitcase relays

Thursday 10th March: Bead necklaces

PTA: - Our next meeting will be held on Monday 7th March at 6:30pm in the staffroom. All Welcome!



MILO T-BLAST is a new cricket available for girls & boys ages 7-12. Playing with a softer ball everyone gets a

chance to bat, bowl & field. The 8 week program is a great way for kids to keep active with their friends.

When: Thursday nights. Time: 4:30pm– 6pm

Where: 63 Vineyard Road, Sunbury



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB.

Notices for the Scholastic Book Club are being sent home today. It is the second Book Club for the term. If you would like to order a book from Book Club, all orders and monies must be returned by lunchtime on

Thursday MARCH 10th.

Alternately, you can order your own child's Book Club online using the new LOOP system. If you have any queries regarding Book Club or the LOOP system, or would like some extra brochures, please come and see me in the Library.

Orders usually take about 1 week to arrive and will be delivered to your child's classroom.



Thanks, Jennifer Driver

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN!

Hot **Chicken** Noodle Cups are currently Unavailable, our supplier is **OUT OF STOCK**. We will let you know once we receive them. All QKR orders placed: Please remember to purchase a paper bag 20c. **PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT CLASS & DATE ON YOUR CHILD'S ORDER. SOME STUDENTS ORDERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE WRONG CLASS.**

Thanks, Naomi & Sara



SUNBURY Sunbury Kangaroos Auskick Centre



Our first session kicks off Monday 11th April '16.

We offer a 13 week program (excluding school & public holidays) running to 1st August '16. Come and join in the fun with lots of activities, BBQ & pie nights.

Look forward to seeing you at kickoff. (entry off Mitchells Lane) Happy Auskicking!!!

To register go to: www.aflauskick.com.au

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