

Kismet News

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Dear Parents, Staff & Students,

We would like to acknowledge our Boys and Girls Basketball teams' performances at last week's Division Championships. They demonstrated great skills, team work and sportsmanship in the way they played. Congratulations to the girls who were Runners Up on the day and to the boys who won their way through to the Regional Championships on 7th November.

Yesterday we participated in a successful review of our school's achievements over the past four years. Graeme Lane, our reviewer will report his findings and recommendations to School Council on the 10th of November. An important part of the day was to identify key areas that will inform our vision for the next four years. We look forward to working with the community to formulate that vision.

CHANGES TO EMA EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria's neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015. Kismet Park will not receive increased funding in lieu of EMA in 2015. Funding that individual families at our school received for

EMA will now be redirected to schools that are considered disadvantaged.

TRIVIA NIGHT THANKS

A huge thank you to all who attended the PTA Spring Racing Trivia night and made it such a fun event. Our appreciation goes out to our band of volunteers for giving their time to organise and set up such a fantastic community activity.

THE PORTABLES ARE GONE!

Now that our portables are gone we need to decide how to make best use of the space. If you have any suggestions School Council would like to hear from you. Please pass on your suggestions by either dropping a note into the office or speaking with Glenn or Diane.

STUDENT ABSENCES

In recognition of the impact of absences on student achievement all schools electronically record details of absences and late arrivals. As a school we have set 90 % attendance as our benchmark for further follow up. When attendance falls below this level we look into the reasons for those absences to decide whether or not further action is required.

Please note that all absences require an explanation that the school can keep on its records. This explanation can be provided by either a phone call to the office or a letter to your child's teacher.



SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

At Monday night's meeting the following items were addressed in addition to regular items of business:

- Preparation for the launch of the Skoolbag communications app. Watch out for instructions which will be sent home next week.
- Discussed our 2014 Parent Opinion Survey. Responses were very positive—particularly in the areas of Parent Input, Reporting, Learning Focus and transitions. It was noted that parents would like to know more about expectations and processes regarding student behaviour.
- Ratified the following policies: Excursions, Incursions, Accidents and Incidents, First Aid, Emergency Management Policy and Procedures for Maintaining Registers Policies will be available on the school website soon.

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2015

If there is any information that we may not be aware of that may affect your child's class placement next year please **put the details in writing or complete the form provided later in this newsletter and forward to the office marked Attention: Mr Glenn McConnell by Friday 31st of October.** This is not a teacher / class selection process, but an opportunity to provide information which may assist with your children's social and academic grouping. While all information will be carefully considered we can not guarantee that all needs will be met.

PLANNING FOR 2015

To assist us with our forward planning we ask any families / students who are moving to another area and not returning to Kismet Park in 2015 to notify the school office as soon as possible. This information is critical in terms of class structures and staffing. Thank you for your assistance.

NOTES HOME

Prep Bendigo Excursion

Drama & Dance flyer

Blue Light Disco

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

Friday 24th October at 2:30pm School Assembly

Tuesday 27th October at 6:30pm iPad Information Session (Year 4 Parents)

Tuesday 4th November: MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY!

Friday 7th November: School Assembly & Sunbury Downs Orientation Day

Monday 10th November: School Council

Tuesday 11th November : T-Blast Cricket

Wednesday 12th November: Sunbury Downs Orientation Day 9-3:15pm

Friday 14th November: Footsteps

Monday 17th November: 2015 Prep Orientation Evening at 7:30pm

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Junior Maths Challenge

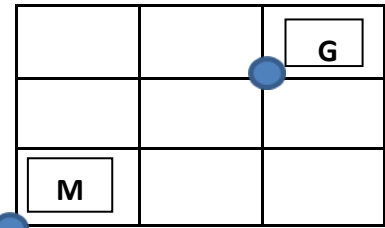
Number 2 Probability Problem

2. Mr. Moneybags put six coins in a jar. He shook them up and poured them on his desk. He got two heads and four tails. If he repeats this experiment lots of times, what are the other combinations that he can get?

Senior Maths Challenge

Number 2 Hidden Gold Puzzle

2. The miner located at point M has hidden his gold at point G. If the miner can only move up and to the right along the lines, how many different paths can he take from M to G?



EXTEND- Our weekly recap

With the weather constantly improving it has given us more opportunity to get outside and really enjoy the facilities we have available. We have such a sport orientated group that we get to enjoy playing a wide variety of sports everyday. The level of involvement has been fantastic with lots of encouragement and support coming from everyone. There has been some fantastic artwork being created, with our display looking brilliant. - Pete

Next week's activities:

- Monday 27th October- soccer night
- Tuesday 28st October- frisbee golf
- Wednesday 29th October- finger puppets
- Thursday 30th October- bracelets and necklace construction
- Friday 31st October- cooking- pizzas



Are you ready to Share Christmas?

Term 4 see's the launch of our Extend-a-Hand annual Project and we would love your children to be a part of it. We hope to empower and inspire our children by asking them to 'Share Christmas'. Extend is teaming up with Magic Moments Foundation by participating in the Basket Brigade Program to help families in need. The Basket Brigade Program raises funds throughout the year in order to put together gift baskets for families in need with items including food, necessities, and even toys. Extend is honoured to be given the opportunity for the children in our programs to hand-craft the Christmas cards that are placed inside these baskets. We've named this the Share Christmas Project. Until Wednesday 12 November, children who attend any Extend service can contribute to the Basket Brigade by making cards for families. We encourage you to speak with your child(ren) about this worthy cause so that they can get excited and involved in our Share Christmas Project. Thank you for your support in a wonderful cause.



	Prep	Grade 1/2	Grade 3/4	Grade 5/6
Bright Spark (Academia)	Oliver Tizzano for challenging himself in his learning.	Andrew Dabrowski for always displaying an ambitious and enthusiastic approach to his learning.	Ava Mueller for her outstanding performance in the ICAS testing.	Charlotte Kelly for extending herself in Science.
Big Effort (Personal Best)	Michaela Bench for always trying her best in all areas of learning.	Nathan Hunter for his continuous hard work and effort he displays daily in reading and writing.	Jyelle Yarlett-Smith for trying her best this term and impressing her teacher.	Tamara Cross for challenging herself in spelling.
Friendly Act (Social Skills)	Kaiden Jenkins for always checking those around him are ok!	Carissa Greaves for always offering kindness and friendship to her classmates.	Evelyn Tzirvelakis for being a wonderful friend in the yard and always helping others without being asked.	Tiana Wells for always helping those around her and encouraging her peers to strive for their best.

STUDENT PLACEMENTS FOR 2015

Please return to KPPS marked Attention: Mr McConnell

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

List the special educational needs / conditions that your child has that we may not be aware of:

Signed Parent / Guardian _____ Date: _____

KidsMatter article:

HOW SCREEN

TIME AFFECTS REST



When children don't get enough shut-eye they can become cranky, tired and moody, and run the risk of developing a host of physical and behavioural problems. And with more children using technology (at younger and younger ages), sleep specialists are seeing a clear link between too much screen time – the use of TV, computers and mobile devices – and poor quality of rest. “The main effect of overusing media devices is that it can decrease the total amount of sleep kids get,” says Dr Sarah Loughran, sleep researcher at the University of Wollongong. She says excess screen time can hamper sleep in three main ways:

- **Timing** - the use of electronic media can lead to delays in children's bedtimes, resulting in less time being available for sleep.
- **Content** - engaging the brain with exciting or provocative information before bed may trigger emotional and hormonal responses (like adrenalin), which can reduce the ability to fall and stay asleep.
- **Light emissions** - light from electronic devices can disrupt the body's natural occurring circadian rhythm, increasing alertness and suppressing the release of the hormone melatonin, which is important for regulating our sleep-wake cycle.

Being wise to your child's screen time consumption can have far-reaching benefits for the whole family, for instance, more sleep! It should only take a few adjustments to your evening routine -

- **Set a 'bed time' for media devices** - this should happen one or two hours before kids go to sleep, and applies to adults too so everyone gets into good habits.
- **Tweak their bedtime routine** - let kids wind-down properly in the run-up to bed, replacing screen time with gentle activities like stories, talking or bathing.
- **No media devices in the bedroom** - kids may kick back at first, but you will soon see the rewards of setting and sticking to this tough rule.
- **Replace screen time with exercise during the day** - outdoor exercise in bright light is wonderful for sleep and helps balance their 'virtual' and real lives.
- **Limit food and drinks during screen time, especially at night** - electronic devices tend to encourage mindless over-eating and drinking (especially of caffeine), which can stimulate the body and imbalance hormones.

The Department of Health guidelines recommend that **children five to 12 years have no more than two hours of screen-based entertainment per day**, and that two-to-five year olds have less than one hour.



Canteen Reminder

Meal Deal is due back next **Thursday 30th October**. Please make sure payments is sent before this date as **NO late orders** will be accepted.

Thanks for those offering to assist in the Kismet Kitchen in the next few weeks, our roster is as follows.

Friday 24th October

Aaron Malcolm 9:00—11:30am
Brooke Mantyvirta 12:30—2:00pm

Friday 30th October

Maryanne Ristic 9:00—11:30am
Claire Gilson 12:00—2:00pm

Friday 7th October

Jodi Collings 9:00—12:00pm
Janine Hodgson 12:00—2:00pm

SHOPPING TOUR MONEY CAN STILL BE MADE IN FULL.

ONLY ACCEPTING ORDERS UNTIL TOMORROW FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER.

HUME WHITE RIBBON WALK



Thank you for your support of Hume City Council's White Ribbon Campaign. Our active and family friendly event returns in 2014 to promote awareness of the message of White Ribbon – that violence against women is not acceptable in our society.

When: Sunday 9 November 2014

Time: 9:45am for a 10am start

Where: Jacana Reserve, Lorraine Crescent, Jacana (Melway Map 6, D8)

Distance: 3 kilometres

Entry Fee*: By donation

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KPPS Chess Championship 2014



The Kismet Park Open Chess Championship got under way last Wednesday with a field of 26 students ranging from Grade 1 to Grade 6. It is a knock-out competition with matches being played to a 30 minute time limit. If there is no checkmate during the allotted time, points are tallied to determine who progresses to the next round.

Students have shown wonderful enthusiasm, coming to the library in increasing numbers to watch the games. Apart from developing their chess skills, Participants are learning good game etiquette and sportsmanship. Second round matches are currently in progress, and the excitement will no doubt continue to build as the competition approaches the “pointy end”.

The matches are being held during lunchtime, Monday to Wednesday. Spectators are most welcome, and it is hoped that as the competition enters the final few rounds, students will be keen to follow the progress of the remaining competitors. It is also gratifying to see players who have been eliminated maintaining their interest and coming along to watch the games or to assist by scoring.

The tournament schedule is posted on the library door and is being continuously updated after matches have been completed. Stay tuned for next week’s report!

-Brent Reichenbach.

