

Kismet News

Building the foundations for success and happiness

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

It has certainly been busy at Kismet Park this past week. On Curriculum Day last Friday staff completed Professional Development in KidsMatter as well as further training in the CAFÉ Reading approach and unpacking of the Writing components of the new 'Victorian Curriculum' which rolls out next year.

Students have had the opportunity to see a performance titled 'Little Bad Wolf'. Through puppetry and song the values of kindness, respect, sharing and the value of friendship were explored. The performance reinforced anti bullying messages which are promoted through programs such as Bully Stoppers.

It was fabulous to see the many parents who came along to our Parent Education Program which was held last night and this morning. Donna and Cynthia led a group of almost 30 enthusiastic parents through a range of strategies to assist students with reading and classroom assistance. The CAFÉ approach to reading was explored and parents had the opportunity to view and use a variety of Word Work activities that students use in the classroom. We are looking forward to seeing many new faces around the school assisting students in many ways.

Just a reminder that all parents volunteering their time for any school activities require a **Working With Children Check**.

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3-6 HOUSE SPORTS REMINDER

Weather permitting our Years 3-6 House Sports will be held next Tuesday 22nd March. We remind students in years 3-6 to return their new permission form by tomorrow. Remember to wear school uniform and bring along lunch, snacks, drinks and sunscreen and a hat.

P-2 HOUSE SPORTS CHANGE OF DATE to 26th APRIL

We remind parents that due to the re-scheduled Year 3-6 House Sports our Prep to 2 Sports will now be held in Term 2 on Tuesday 26th April. We apologise for any inconvenience.

THANKYOU!

We would like to thank Masters in Sunbury for the generous donation of garden tools, gloves and a wheelbarrow following the theft of all our garden supplies. The Students at Kismet Park are very appreciative and will be putting the tools to good use.



We would also like to thank TJM, Sunbury for their kind donation of 4 Wheel Drive accessories for use in future fundraising activities. Our model 4 Wheel Drive, created by students with Mrs Rowan's guidance is on display in the store as an entry in the 'Best 4WD Model Art Competition. Please visit their store in Horne street Sunbury o place your vote for our school 4WD design. The winning entry receives \$500 for their school. VOTE FOR KIS-

MET. As always we encourage families to support businesses that support our school.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The KidsMatter Action Team are seeking donations of the following:

- Wool
- Ribbon
- Fabric

Please leave any donations at the office or the art room. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

GRADE 3& 4 CAMP

Notes regarding our Grade 3/4 Camp which will be held at Camp Wilkin, Anglesea between Wednesday 23rd and Friday 25th November were sent home last week. *Confirmations along with a \$50 non refundable deposit are due by Friday 22nd April. Please speak to your child's teacher if you require any further information.*

LAST DAY OF TERM

THURSDAY 24TH MARCH

8:55am School Commences

11:00am Recess

12:45 -1:00 Students Eat Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 Lunch play

1:35 – 2:20 School Assembly

EASTER RAFFLE DRAWN

2:30 Early Dismissal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 18th March: National Day of action against bullying

Monday 21st March: Harmony Day

Wednesday 23rd March: LAST DAY FOR LUNCH ORDERS

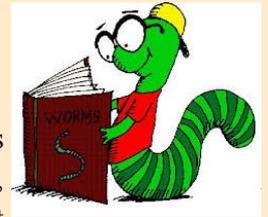
Thursday 24th March: House Cross Country & LAST DAY OF TERM 1– 2:30PM FINISH





Engagement & Well-being

LEARNING TO READ AND GOOD FIT BOOKS



What We Need to Know

1. Reading begins at home, amidst all the print and talk that surrounds a child in the years before going to school. There is much more to this earliest reading than decoding print, for the items of print which the child learns to read are those that have meaning or interest for him or her and also capture their imagination. We as adults should see a lesson in this for whatever reading we ask a child to do: Always keep a child's reading matter interesting!
2. Parents who tell interesting stories and read interesting books to and with their children are giving them the best chance to become keen readers.
3. Children learn to read in different ways, at different times and at different rates – as is true of every other human skill. So teachers try to relate their teaching to each child's individual interests and abilities.
4. Let's remember that both at home and in the class, the best guarantee of reading improvement is reading material that interests or delights the child and that most of what they read is easy to see themselves as independent and successful readers. In classrooms and homes where reading is flourishing, plenty of interesting books will be found along with time for self-chosen "Good Fit" books.

Research shows when children are reading independently, they should be reading books they understand and can read fairly easily. Reading books that are too difficult can lead to frustration, inability to understand the story, and then reading is no longer enjoyable. We want children to enjoy reading, which means it is important they are reading books they are interested in and are "good fit" books. Research also shows that children are motivated to read when they can choose their own books.

What Parents Can Do

DO read aloud to your child every day. If this is done in the years before going to school and in the early years of schooling, (and even beyond!) it will launch and embrace a love of reading.

DO talk about a book before you start reading it to a young child. Ask older children about their current reading.

DO buy a bed-lamp (the best reading aid!) and encourage reading each night before going to sleep.

DO praise every effort in reading, especially if confidence is low.

DO be seen reading for pleasure yourself and making visits to the library for adult as well as children's books.

DON'T nag your child about reading, nor worry if the reading isn't yet word-perfect or equal to that of some other child. Rather, pursue this basic question: 'Is my child finding interesting reading material and are conditions at home favourable for reading? (Can the TV go off at times?)

PAUSE PROMPT PRAISE Method when listening to a Child Reading a Take Home Book

Pause: If a mistake occurs, pause; wait to give the student a chance to solve the problem. Allow a few moments for thinking time before expecting an answer.

Prompt: Give a hint or lead to encourage a response.

Praise: At all times it is important that students are praised and encouraged in their efforts. Use a variety of encouraging words and phrases to support students with their attempts.

Student Well-being and Engagement



Good Sport		
	PREP	Chase Green for excellent locomotive skills and assisting others throughout the class.
	1/2	Taj Collings showing excellent locomotive skills.
	3/4	Taj Susnjara for displaying excellent skills in athletics.
	5/6	Bryon Lynch showing excellent hurdle skills.
Budding Artist		
	PREP	Tahney Small for her excellent colour identification.
	1/2	Chloe Jackson for an excellent use of colour in her self portrait.
	3/4	Theo Panetta for using scissors to creating an excellent patterned shape.
	5/6	William Merrigan for demonstrating excellent colouring.
Great Performer		
	PREP	Alexa Altham performed "Hot Cross Buns" very well on the xylophone. Keep up the good work!
	1/2	Grace Herridge has learnt to play the xylophone. She is a friendly and helpful student.
	3/4	Natasha Federico is working very well in the music room. She always tries her best.
	5/6	Jesse Ramsay brings a very good attitude to all areas of performing arts. Well done!





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

Here at extend we have had a fantastic week. Students have been very busy enjoying lots of games and sport skill sessions with staff. It is great to see the students happy to do homework and

utilise staff for assistance, with this happening on a daily basis. Students also were very involved with some arts and craft sessions, giving them a chance to show off their creative skills

- All the staff at extend

Next weeks activities

Monday 21st March: Colouring competition

Tuesday 22nd March: Football skills, Homework club

Wednesday 23rd March: Cooking- chocolate crackles

Thursday 24th March: End of term party, Easter activities.



Our Good Friday Appeal collection is winding up. If you would like to donate to this very worthy cause please return your Good Friday Appeal envelope to school by tomorrow, Friday 18th March. All monies collected will be counted and sent in to the RCH on behalf of our school community.



SKOOLBAG APP & FACEBOOK

As part of the school's strategy to effectively communicate with our community, we introduced the Skoolbag App last year. We use this tool to send you updates, reminders and emergency messages. For instance, because of the number of inclement weather days on our scheduled Grad 3-6 Athletic Sports recently we sent Skoolbag messages to advise you of the cancellations. It was then that we realised some people hadn't downloaded the free App. We have included instructions to download the App with today's Newsletter. I strongly encourage you (if you haven't already done so), to get the App on your phone. You really will benefit from it.

Are you a facebook User? Please find and like Kismet's page – we give lots of updates via facebook too! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me. Regards, Vanessa.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN!

CANTEEN CLOSED THE LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CLEANING.

Thanks to parents helpers Friday 18th March:

9:00-11:30am: Nat Fowler

12:30-2:00pm: Kristy Upton

Thanks to parent helper on Wednesday 23rd March:

9:30-11:30am: Claire Gilson

12:30-2:00pm: Tash Cecchini



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Physical activity during childhood can help with:

Developing a healthier heart and lungs

Reducing stress and anxiety

What can you do to help:

Be active with your children

Let your children choose and activity

Suggested activities you can do as a family:

Explore where you live, walk different route

Hide and seek

Hula hoop competition



PARENT HELPERS

NEEDED AT HOUSE SPORTS!

WE WOULD LOVE A HAND AT HOUSE SPORTS NEXT TUESDAY 22ND MARCH. ANY PARENTS THAT HAVE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CARD PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL AS WE NEED A COPY BEFORE ATTENDING TO HELP. HOUSE SPORTS ARE HELD AT BOARDMAN STADIUM.

