

Building the foundations for success and happiness

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Sunbury Rotary Club's Spelling Competition was held on Tuesday evening. We would like to congratulate Kasey Mueller on the wonderful manner in which she represented our school. During the competition students were asked to spell a wide range of complex and challenging vocabulary. All local primary schools were represented and all students clearly displayed their excellent spelling ability. The adults in attendance were in awe of their skill and confidence throughout a highly competitive session. Congratulations Kasey, your efforts were highly commendable!

KIDSMATTER RESILIENT PROJECT

KidsMatter Resilience Project is aiming to increase parent and student engagement, develop positive friendships, working together and instilling a sense of PRIDE within our school. Our topic is called COLOUR OUR WORLD AT KISMET as we endeavour to yarn bomb our school!

Have you seen our trees in the courtyard? Students will be working cooperatively during Buddy sessions to create beautiful pictures and weavings along fence lines and trees. You can help by donating materials which can be cut into strips or wool. If you can spare an hour to assist in the classroom during buddy sessions it would be greatly appreciated.

PTA Community Celebration and Annual General Meeting

6:30pm Tuesday 31st May

PTA's Annual General meeting will be held in the staffroom at 6:30pm on Tuesday 31st May, commencing with finger foods and nibbles. This is a great opportunity to celebrate achievements over the past year. The election of Office Bearers will also take place. ALL WELCOME—please come along and show your support. Nominations for Office Bearers are available from the office. *Attendance can be registered by calling the office on 97444566 to assist with catering arrangements.*

JAPANESE HOMESTAY VISIT

Monday 25th—Sunday 31st July

Between Monday 25th July and Sunday 31st July 2016 we will be visited a group of students from Tokyo. Families who have expressed interest will receive further information next week. There will be a homestay payment to assist families with the cost of caring for our visitors. The amount is still to be confirmed, but should be \$150-\$180 per student.

We are still looking for a few more families who are interested in caring for our visitors in their home during their stay. If you are interested in having 1,2 or 3 visiting students staying with your family please send a note to the

office or speak with Glenn or Cynthia. Thank you to families who have already indicated their interest.

Have a great week!

Glenn & Cynthia

Student Safety

For student safety reasons please ensure you always Park Safely and Legally

Because of the narrow streets surrounding our school parking will always 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.

**Please note local by laws officers will be roaming to ensure all drivers are following traffic regulations.*

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 27th May: Prep excursion to Melbourne Aquarium

Friday 27th May: Year 5/6 Winter Round Robin

Friday 27th May: Assembly Years 1-4

Wednesday 1st June: Year 3-6 Division Cross-Country

Thursday 2nd June: Grade 1/2 excursion to Melbourne Museum



Parenting *ideas*

INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Help your child ACHIEVE!

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child's teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.



There's no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children's learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child's teacher to maximise your child's chances of school success.

1 Know what your child's teacher is trying to achieve

Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child's teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child's class.

2 Keep your expectations reasonable and positive

If your expectations are too high your teacher may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child's school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3 Support your teacher's expectations & activities at home

One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4 Send kids to school ready to learn and on time

Maximise your child's chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame

of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It's estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5 Inform teachers of your child's challenges and changes

Life's not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child's teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6 Skill children to work with others

Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7 Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties

Resist the temptation to solve all your children's problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8 Participate in class & school activities

There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child's schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child's teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9 Trust your teacher's knowledge, professionalism and experience

Your child's teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10 Talk up what happens at school

Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10-point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you'll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child's teachers.



Stay one step ahead of your kids with great ideas & expert advice from Michael Grose. Join Michael's **NEW Parentingideas Club** today at parentingideasclub.com.au. You'll be so glad you did.



Student Well-being and Engagement

Restorative Justice

Kismet Park PS has been applying the underlying principles of Restorative Justice as our key approach for dealing with unacceptable behaviours and developing appropriate social skills. The key principles are:

- Focus on the relationship and how people are affected – traditional schools only focus on the rule-breaking and punishment whereas a Restorative school puts consequences in place but also works to develop in students with behavioural difficulties a greater empathy for others.
- Restore damaged relationships – serious breaches of discipline in the classroom may result in a breakdown of the relationship between the student and the teacher so that relationship needs restoring immediately after the consequences have been dealt with to ensure the ability of the student to learn is not affected.
- Talk about the behaviour without blaming or being personal – in a Restorative conversation the teacher is absolutely clear about the inappropriateness of the behaviour (without scolding or lecturing) and the effect this behaviour has on others. This conversation is always respectful and engaging.
- See mistakes and misbehaviour as an opportunity for learning – Restorative Practices promotes understanding, reflection and a sense of other.

Restorative Justice is a philosophy and a set of practices that embraces the right blend between a high degree of discipline that encompasses clear expectations, limits and consequences and a high degree of support and nurturance. Simply put, in a Restorative school one works with people rather than doing things to them or for them.

Our Restorative Justice Program aims to develop:

- A community that values the building of quality relationships coupled with clear expectations and limits.
- Restorative skills in the way we interact with students – using teachable moments to enhance learning.
- Restorative processes that resolve conflict and repair damaged relationships.
- A community that is forward thinking, optimistic and inclusive.

In next week's newsletter we will provide a dialogue that is used as our Restorative conversation that can also be used at home.

You Can DO It

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded ribbons for Organisation.

PA	Sean Palser
PC	Tommy Upton
PJ	Morgan Thomas
PW	Milly Casey
1A	Nate Burnett
1T	Annie Berntsson
1/2B	Luka Calfapietra
2H	Alexia Campbell
2Z	Taj Collings
3M	Madeleine Northey
3F	Kristian Collins
3B	Tex Drew
4B	Charlie Parsons
4S	Alice Hedgelong
5/6C	Kasey Mueller
5B	Hayley Holland
5N	Zara Hedges
6A	Treye Bennett
6S	Hayley Jardine





Extend OSHC at KPPS

WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS
ARE OPEN!

Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates!

Booking deadline: Friday 10 June

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can't wait for you to attend!

Join in on Extend's own mini Olympics tournament and aim for gold! Have fun with science experiments, come along in costume and join in on our party afternoons, and participate in a bunch of craft activities and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend's Winter 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 another great week here at extend. There were lots of games being played, dodgeball was yet again a favourite. Students were very creative, helping design and produce pieces for our new under the sea display. Students have been very active and are really enjoying being able to play outside. We have had a large number of students even asking to do the beep test. All the staff at extend

Next weeks activities:

Monday 30th May: pancake night,
soccer skills

Tuesday 31st May: group games,
friendship bracelets

Wednesday 1st June: production props,
non stop sports

Thursday 2nd June: homework club,
under the sea display

Friday 3rd June: movie night,
bouncy balls



2016 Kismet Olympic Trivia Night

Saturday 4th June Kismet Park Primary School

6:45pm-Late

\$25 per head

Tables still available

Want to come but you don't have enough people for a table? No stress.....We can place you on one!

Please finalise payment for your tickets at the office by Wednesday 1st May.

The Kismet Park Community would like to thank the following businesses for their

donations towards the Trivia Night:

AMF Bowling—Watergardens

Beauty At The Dollhouse—Sunbury

Collins Book Store—Sunbury

Creative Laws Nail Boutique—Sunbury

Elements Spa & Skin Aesthetics—Sunbury

Goonawarra Golf Club

Hair @ Bex—Sunbury

Hair Unleashed—Sunbury

Inter Sport—Sunbury

Just For Men—Sunbury

Masters—Sunbury

O'Shanassy Meats & Poultry

Readings Cinema—Sunbury

Soltan Pepper—Romsey

Sunbury Aquatic Centre

Sunbury Car Care Centre

Sunbury Mower & Chainsaw

The Valley Cellardoor—Sunbury