

Building the foundations for success and happiness

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,



Yesterday, the 11th November our Junior School Councillors represented our school at a Remembrance Day Service conducted by the Sunbury RSL. The service took place at the Memorial Hall in Barkly Street, commemorating an important time in our country's history. Thank you to the Sunbury RSL for including local students in their commemorations so that our students can gain an appreciation of the importance of such events.

2016 PREP INFORMATION SESSION

Our Parent Information session for 2016 Prep enrolments will be held next Monday 23rd November at 7.30pm in Building B. We look forward to officially welcoming our 2016 Prep parents/carers and introducing them to their child's class teacher. This is a great opportunity to promote a positive start to school by familiarising (especially our new families) with Kismet Park's transition program, meeting with School Council and PTA representatives, being made aware of our communication app, hearing about our Prep programs and gaining some tips on preparedness for school.

Have a great week!
Glenn & Cynthia

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Cyber bullying:

In light of recent reports we have received regarding unacceptable use of social media we provide the following article for your information.

Cyber bullying is a form of bullying which is carried out through an internet service such as email, chat room, discussion group, online social networking (Facebook), instant messaging or web pages. It can also include bullying through mobile phone technologies such as SMS. It may involve text or images (photos, drawings).

Examples of cyber bullying behaviour are:

- teasing and being made fun of
- spreading of rumours online
- sending unwanted messages
- defamation

Cyber bullying can happen to anyone and the bully can act anonymously if they want. People can also be bullied online by groups of people such as collective members of an online community.

What to do if you are cyber bullied:

- Don't respond to the message or image
- Save the evidence
- Block and delete the sender
- Report it to the website or internet service provider
- Tell trusted adults and the police if necessary.

It is important for the school to provide a safe and friendly environment for students and staff and to encourage care, courtesy and respect for others. All persons have a legal right to protection from harassment under the Commonwealth Sex Discrimination Act and the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act. As a parent you can work with your child to reinforce these messages.

PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR 2016

Pupil Free Days play an important role in our school improvement processes, providing opportunities for staff to participate in extended teacher training sessions which compliment after hours professional training sessions attended by teachers throughout the year. School data over the past three years indicates that this work is raising the level of student achievement. Careful consideration was given to the needs of the community and therefore it was decided to schedule days so that they adjoin weekends. Please note these dates for 2016

TERM 1: 27th January to Thursday 24th March

PUPIL FREE DAYS: Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th January

***STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY 2016**

PUPIL FREE DAY: Friday 11th March

TERM 2: Monday 11th April to Friday 24th June

PUPIL FREE DAY: Friday 20th May

TERM 3: Monday 11th July to Friday 16th September

TERM 4: Monday 3rd October to Friday 20th December

PLANNING FOR 2016

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 2016 to notify the school office as soon as possible. This information is critical in terms of class structures and staffing.

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

Monday 16th November: School Council Meeting 6:00pm (JSC attending)

Tuesday 17th November: Grade 3 Excursion to ScienceWorks

Tuesday 17th November: Girls State Basketball Championships (Yr 5/6)

Tuesday 17th November: BOOK FAIR 3:15-4:00pm in the Library

Wednesday 18th November: BOOK FAIR 3:15-4:00pm

Thursday 19th November: BOOK FAIR 3:15-4:00pm

Monday 23rd November: 2016 Prep Parent Information Session 7:30-8:30pm



Engagement & Well-being

2016 School Structure and Class Placements

This is an exacting task and teachers spend many hours considering and deciding upon the most appropriate class placement. Following lengthy discussions about the most effective way to meet the needs (academic, social and size of classes) of year levels across the school the following class structure has been decided for the 2016 school year:

- Prep: 4 Classes
- Year 1: 2 Classes
- Year 2: 2 Classes
- Year 1/2: 1 Class
- Year 3: 3 Classes
- Year 4: 2 Classes
- Year 5: 2 Classes
- Year 6: 2 Classes
- Year 5/6: 1 Class
- Specialist Programs: Art, Music, Physical Education and Japanese (0.5)



When placing children in new grades a range of factors are considered based on some simple principles -

- Classes need to have a gender balance,
- Classes need an academic ability balance,
- Classes need a “social behaviour” balance,
- The placement of students with friends is considered, while at the same time acknowledging that some students work better away from some of their friends.
- At times it is good for students to be challenged to make new friends as it is unrealistic to expect that we will travel through life with only one set of friends.

When the teachers meet they consider all that is known about the students, including relative academic and social needs and begin to place them in class groups. Throughout the year teachers observe student interactions both inside the classroom and in the playground. These observations assist in identifying those peers who have a positive influence on students. *Ultimately we want to provide class groupings that lead to the best learning environment for all.* The process includes input from the specialist teachers, past teachers and the leadership team who will consider the lists and give their feedback. Furthermore, there are often confidential matters influencing the placement of children. These matters cannot be shared and we simply ask that parents trust the school’s decision.

Given the number of children who need to be placed there are oversights occasionally (eg. we may have inadvertently placed students who are related together). If this occurs parents are encouraged to contact us. However as a general rule we are unlikely to make changes to class placements. Our experience over many years suggests that children’s or parents’ concerns are quickly forgotten within the first few weeks of the new term. *More importantly we believe that it is important for children to build the resilience and social skills required to make new friends and broaden their experiences.*

PREPARING OUR STUDENTS FOR 2016: KISMET PARK TRANSITION PROGRAMS

Over the past few years students have participated in a variety of transition programs aimed at preparing them for the following school year. The focus is on becoming familiar with their future learning environment while establishing connections with their peer group and the teaching team. Our programs include:

PREP ORIENTATION PROGRAM: ‘GET SET FOR PREP!’: Orientation mornings to be held on Thursday 26th November, 3rd of December and 10th December provide our future Preps with an opportunity to work in their future learning space with their 2016 class teacher. During the final session on 10th December they will meet their Year 6 Buddy for next year.

YEAR PREP TO YEAR 5: ‘ARE YOU READY?’ Students in Prep to Year 5 participate in our ‘Are You Ready?’ transition program. Held over four sessions, including a half day, this is an opportunity to work in their future learning environment with their peer group. Sessions will be held on 23rd November, 1st December, 9th December and 18th December. These sessions are not necessarily with their teacher for 2016.

YEAR 6 TO 7: ‘ON OUR WAY TO SECONDARY!’: Year 6 teachers work closely with local Secondary Colleges to support a smooth transition from Primary School to Secondary College. The process also includes orientation days which allow students to spend time in their future Secondary College environment.

EASING CHILDREN’S ANXIETY

We have included the Insight article ‘Easing Children’s Anxiety’ which provides advice you may find useful during your child’s transition into 2016.

Student Well-being and Engagement



Good	Prep	Cole Richards for playing well in Bocce.
	Grade 1	Kaiden Jenkins for displaying good netball skills in the "Keepings Off" game.
	Grade 2	Sophie Dunne for excellent throwing and catching skills in the "Keepings Off" game.
	Grade 3	Liam Gilson for excellent batting in T-Blast cricket hitting 4's and 6's.
	Grade 4	Amy Holland displaying excellent batting skills in T-Blast cricket.
	Grade 5	Treye Bennett for great catches and bowling at the T-Blast cricket clinic.
	Grade 6	Daniel Stubbs for excellent bowling and batting at the T-Blast cricket clinic.
Budding Artist	Prep	Finn Shalders for the excellent completion of his sewing piece "Buddy Bear".
	Grade 1	Mia Castagnini for demonstrating excellent paper weaving skills.
	Grade 2	Zachary Felice for his weaving on a cardboard loom.
	Grade 3	Vanessa Kire for her excellent charcoal drawing of "A Place in Nature".
	Grade 4	Riley Strange for his precise cutting of his positive and negative stencil pieces.
	Grade 5	Kasey Mueller for producing a great idea for her clay model depicting school days.
	Grade 6	Chloe Glennon for consistently focusing on her work and reflecting upon her learning each week.
Great Performer	Prep	Emily Kaminski for being an enthusiastic participant in all music room activities.
	Grade 1	Robyn Longworth for bringing a bright attitude and smile into the music room.
	Grade 2	Ella Woods for trying hard when performing "Twinkle Twinkle" on the xylophone.
	Grade 3	Mia Calfapietra for trying very hard on the recorder.
	Grade 4	Lochlan Fitzgerald for his improved effort towards his learning in the music room.
	Grade 5	Byron Lynch who continues to try his best during all music room activities.
	Grade 6	Sabrina Knight who has been working well in the music room and should be congratulated for her efforts.

House points as @ 30th October			
Clarke	Hogan	Lambert	McEwen
8717	6970	7042	7826



Extend OSHC at Kismet Park P.S

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Booking deadlines:

Book for December by Friday 27 November

Book for January by Monday 21 December

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can't wait for you to attend! Participate in an epic egg drop challenge, make your own burlap pillow, and play lots of sport including cricket and basketball! Join in on all this and more at Extend's Summer Holiday Program.

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

Weekly recap.

This week at extend we have had a great time with lots of fun games and arts and craft activities. Students were very creative with their box construction, played some fantastic group games and had another great cooking session.

Next weeks activities.

Monday 16th November: lego construction

Tuesday 17th November: construction- recycled paper

Wednesday 18th November: cooking night

Thursday 19th November: table tennis round robin

Friday 20th November: science night- slime making



TIME TO MOVE!

Sunbury Gymnastic College invites you to a FREE come and try LaunchPad gymnastics session. Fun, safe and challenging activities that will help you move to improve!

Date:

Time: -

Address: 12 - 14 Sussex Crt
Sunbury 3429

Contact the club for more information:

P: 03 9740 4957 or 0409 944 403

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sunburygymnastics.wordpress.com

PTA NEWS



Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Walkathon.

As a community we raised \$5,470.10.

The Prize winners from our Assembly draw were:

1st Prize – iPad/iTunes Card
Cate Wilke 4Z

2nd Prize – 20" Bike

Mavrick Campbell 5W

3rd Prize - \$100 READINGS Voucher
Jake Maguire 4J

Next Meeting: Monday November 16th, 9:00am in the staffroom.

All Welcome!

Contact us at: kismet-pta@hotmail.com



CANTEEN NEWS

Friday 13th Nov: Rebecca Hamer 9:00-11:30 am
Kimberley Woods 12:00-2:00 pm

Friday 20th Nov: Jodie Nielsen 9:00-11:30 am
Sonia Olden 12:00-2:00 pm

Please remember to add extra to your order for the following items: **sauce 20c**

Bag 20c

Thanks, Sara & Naomi



Scholastic BOOK FAIR IN THE LIBRARY

Tuesday 17th,
Wednesday 18th
Thursday 19th
November
3:15—4:00pm

If there is anyone who could help out with the Book Fair (even just for one afternoon) please come and see me in the Library.

Thanks Jennifer