

Building the foundations for success and happiness

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

We are currently completing staffing for 2017 and look forward to confirming our arrangements in the coming weeks.

Recently Louisa Wlodarska requested leave to pursue her passion for Japanese in a Part Time role. She has been appointed to teach Japanese at Sunbury West Primary School for one day per week. We look forward to collaborating with Louisa in her new role.

KIDS MATTER SURVEY ONLINE

We are asking all parents to complete an important online KidsMatter survey to provide feedback that can inform our future work.

The survey asks your perspective on our school and what you think is important for the school to consider in better supporting children's mental health and wellbeing. It will take approximately 10 minutes to complete the survey.

Your responses are anonymous and only summarised results are reported.

- It is important that you give your honest views and not be overly positive.
- Although not every question may seem relevant to you, please answer each question as best you can.

The survey can be accessed at: www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey

1. Find Kismet Park in the list of schools
2. Reporting Period: 2016 Q4 Oct Dec
3. Choose the main language spoken at home
4. Tick the year level/s of your child/ren
5. Click next to begin the survey

Please speak with Cynthia Schumann if you require more information about completing the survey.

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CHILD SAFE

Kismet Park Primary School is committed to child safety. As a community we want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children. There is zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures.

There are clear boundaries about how adults in our school community may interact with the children. These are set out in our school's Child Safe Code of Conduct which accompanies this week's newsletter. Child Safe related documents will soon be made available on our school website. We will let you know as soon as they are available.

2017 FETE: FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

The date for our 2017 'Country Fair' Fete has been brought forward to Friday 3rd of March to avoid clashes with other school activities. Planning and preparations for another exciting community event are well under way. Please 'save the date'. You contact the office if you able to help out in any way.

Next Fete meeting Tuesday 2nd November at 6pm.

Have a great week!

Glenn & Cynthia



Extend OSHC at KPPS

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM-
BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book early to take advantage of early-bird rates! Early-bird closes:

Friday 2 December for December bookings

Monday 19 December for January bookings

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

Have fun with science experiments, participate in a bunch of craft activities with access to a plethora of art media, and get active with a variety of outdoor sports and team games. 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.

Our Weekly recap

We have had a great week here at extend. With the weather improving everyday we have been able to spend lots of time outside playing new and exciting games. We have spent lots of time playing with our new equipment and board games. There has been lots of very happy and tired students after spending all of our days running around. Cricket is back to being a favourite game and is being played everyday.

All the staff at extend

Next weeks Activities

Monday

cricket skill session

homework club

Tuesday

finger painting

group games

Wednesday

cooking- chocolate crumble

box construction

Thursday

schoolyard games

basketball challenge

Friday

fitness session- running activities

group games

DATES TO REMEMBER

++ DEPOSIT \$50 FOR 2017 GRADE 5/6 CANBERRA CAMP DUE TOMORROW, FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

Friday 18th November—Footsteps Year 6

Friday 18th November—'SubZero' Melbourne Cup winner visit Prep-2

Wednesday 23rd November—Grade 1 & 2 Incursion Starlab—**Due tomorrow**

Wednesday 23rd November to Friday 25th November—Grade 3/4 Camp

Thursday 24th November—Prep Orientation Day 2

Tuesday 6th December—Prep Grades Excursion Animal Land Children's Farm

2017 School Structure and Class Placements

This is an exacting task and teachers spend many hours considering and deciding upon the most appropriate class placements for our students. 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 2017 school year:

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

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 2017: 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 17th, November, 24th, November, 1st of December and 8th December provide our future Preps with an opportunity to work in their future learning space with their 2017 class teacher. During the final session on 8th 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 1st December, 5th December and 16th December and 20th December. These sessions are not necessarily with their teacher for 2017.

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 2017.

Student Well-being and Engagement

HELPING CHILDREN LEARN POSITIVE FRIENDSHIP SKILLS

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au>

At any age, having friends provides support and promotes mental health and wellbeing. Children's friendships are also very important for their social and emotional development. Through friendships children learn how to relate with others. They develop social skills as they teach each other how to be good friends.

Most children want to have friends. Children who have friends are more likely to be self-confident and perform better academically at school than those without friends. When children have difficulty in making friends or in keeping them, it often leads to feeling lonely and unhappy with themselves. Feeling rejected by others may lead to significant distress. Learning positive friendship skills can help children socially so they feel happier and more confident.

HOW FRIENDSHIPS DEVELOP AND CHANGE

Friendships require give and take. By sharing toys, time, games, experiences and feelings, children learn that they can have their social needs met and can meet the needs of others. Since friendships develop through this kind of mutual exchange, close friendships are usually based on well-matched needs.

Children's friendship needs and skills change as they grow. Similarly, children's ideas about friendship change as they develop. This is reflected in the different kinds of activities that children like to spend time doing with their friends at different ages. The table below indicates the ways children tend to describe close friends and the kinds of skills that support positive friendships as they develop.

Children choose friends who have similar interests and enjoy similar activities. During primary school close friendships are most often with a child of the same sex. This is related to children's preferences in play.

As children's interests and developmental needs change, their friendship patterns may also change. By the middle of primary school it is common for children to form small friendship groups based around similar interests. These groups often establish their own rules about who can join them. Setting rules and learning to negotiate them is important for helping children to develop their understanding of social relationships. However, when children lack cooperative relationship skills it can lead to friendship groups being dominated by some children and excluding others.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded ribbons for CONFIDENCE

You Can DO It I

PA	Hunter Bates
PC	Alexa Altham
PJ	Sophie Warner
PW	Mekah Griffiths
1A	Cole Richards
1T	Jack Hedges
1/2B	Kaleb Walsh
2H	Sepidea Saberi
2Z	Hayden Spence
3M	Brandon Bish
3F	Skye James
3B	Mila Correia-Bartel
4B	Ethen Patten Cox
4S	Shimone Te Brugge
5/6C	Natalie Dunne
5B	Zac Main
5N	Wilson Pettitt
6A	Leyla Campbell
6S	Natarsha Clarke

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

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

MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Alternatively 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



LOST / UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

It is most important that all articles that children bring to school are clearly labelled with the child's name. Lots of things eventually arrive at the lost property room and without names we cannot return them to their rightful owners. If you happen to discover that you have items at home that don't belong to your children, we would appreciate you returning the items to our lost property room as soon as possible. We strongly advise that VALUABLES including expensive toys, clothing etc. should not be brought to school.

SUNBURY FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB —Women's U18's, U15's & U12's Football—Come and Try Night
When—Tuesday 22nd November at 6.30pm
Where— Eric Boardman Memorial Reserve, Mitchells Lane, Sunbury
Contact Krystie 0408 557 159

Sunbury Uniting Church's 13th Annual Giant Car Boot Sale & Craft Market 

Saturday 26th November
from 8.30am
Uniting Church Hall & Village Green
Cnr Brook & O'Shanassy Streets

Stalls selling:
jewellery candles wall art confectionery
suncatchers hand-painted glass
Christmas gifts porcelain dolls
... lots more!

Fun and food for kids!
jumping castle
Thomas ride for littlies
sausage sizzle lucky dips
face painting balloon twisting

Over 60 cars!!
Handcraft stalls
inside and outside

Live music!
also - our Devonshire Tea/Coffee café inside
and don't miss - our huge second-hand book stall!

 supporting The Leprosy Mission
The '4 Winds Cambodia Project' (inside)

This is a great Christmas shopping opportunity!
Enquiries to Helen on 0407 506 507



SUMMER 2016 - 2017 HOLIDAYS!

WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER - FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER &
MONDAY 9 JANUARY - TUESDAY 31 JANUARY

KISMET PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
LOCATION:
9 - 11 McEwan Drive, Sunbury VIC
HOURS:
7.00am - 6.00pm
Full session fee: \$70
PAY BETWEEN \$15.51 - \$35 PER SESSION!

***RECEIVE AT LEAST 50% OFF REGARDLESS OF INCOME!**

EARLY-BIRD CLOSURES:
Friday 2 December for December bookings
Monday 19 December for January bookings
Excursions are limited and fill fast!
Book now to avoid disappointment.

 **BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

BOOK ONLINE VIA THE PARENT PORTAL

SUNBURY KANGAROOS
JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB INC

SUMMER SKILLS PROGRAM
MONDAY 5TH & 12TH OF DECEMBER
Free skills session, bbq, information session
and early bird registration offers. 5pm-6pm

"ALL WELCOME"

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