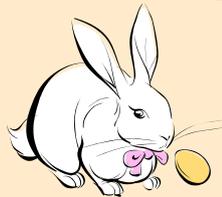


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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

To all members of our community who have worked together to promote and contribute to our highly successful Twilight Australian Fete we send our sincerest thanks on behalf of the staff and students at Kismet Park. Your ongoing efforts and commitment to our school continue to amaze us and contribute to our school being such a positive and supportive environment for our students, their families and staff.

We would especially like to acknowledge the wonderful work of the PTA Fete Committee who mobilized and coordinated our band of volunteers and who donated so much of their time to ensuring the success and excitement of the Fete. Great work!

A huge thanks also to our Fete Sponsors, the local business community and beyond who were so generous in their support. A list of our sponsors is included on page 3 of this newsletter. Please think of their kindness and community spirit while you are out shopping. They deserve our support.

The funds raised will help

support improvements to our playground environment and greater classroom access to technology.

Are you thinking what I'm thinking?

It is difficult to believe that term 1 is already drawing to a close, with so much being packed into the past ten weeks: Parent Information Evenings, House Athletics and Swimming Sports, Twilight Swimming and Interscholar Athletics, our amazing Twilight Fete, a Canberra Camp, iPad Launch, and Parent Teacher Interviews .

We would like to congratulate all of our students on the manner in which they have settled into their year of learning. Strong partnerships between home and school will further build our capacity to provide all students with opportunities for personal excellence and success. Thank you to all parents who have assisted in classrooms, attended information nights, parent teacher interviews and participated in Parent Helper's Training held throughout the term. Your support is greatly appreciated.

House Cross Country

Tomorrow morning our year 3-6 students will compete in the House Cross Country event. We wish all competitors all the best for this challenging event. From this event a team will be selected to represent Kismet Park at the interschool cross country scheduled for term2.

Best wishes to all for a safe and happy holiday. Have a wonderful Easter. We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 15th April for an exciting Term 2.

Last Day of Term Arrangements

Thursday 28th 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
- 2:30 Early Dismissal

School Assembly Program

This weeks assembly will include:

- Pupil of The week
- Interscholar Sports Reports,
- House Cross Country results
- Fete Presentations for Talent Quest Winners and the Most Raffle Tickets sold

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Dates to Note

TERM 2: Monday 15th April —Friday 28th June

P-2 CROSS COUNTRY: Thursday 18th April

NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5: Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th of May

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY: Monday 20th May

EDUCATION WEEK: Monday 20th—Friday 24th May

BETTER BUDDIES MATHS GAMES DAY: Friday 24th May

PUPIL FREE DAY: Friday 7th June

TERM 3: Monday 15th July—Friday 20th September

Term 4: Monday 7th October—Friday 20th December

YEAR 6 GRADUATION EVENING: Wednesday 18th December





How to talk more with your kids

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If you were to focus on one thing to give your child an advantage then do what should come naturally – talk with them.

The links between school achievement and parents' ability and propensity to engage in conversation with kids from a young age is indisputable. The language stimulation they receive when they talk with parents is one factor. The language of first borns is generally more extensive and richer than their siblings who spend less time in one-on-one situations with a parent. But engagement in conversation with parents benefits kids in a far broader sense. It is trite to say that kids learn a great deal from their parents but, in fact they do when we talk with them.

In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us and who we are. It is by talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts as well as how we get a window into their worlds and how they think.

Getting conversations going with kids can be a massive challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, and kids that clam up are some of the blockers to conversation that parents meet. So you may need to be a little cunning, a little proactive and a little inventive to get some chat going at home.

Here are five ideas to help you get more conversation going in your family:

- 1. Turn off the TV (and other screens).** Most homes have a range of electronic screens that you compete with to get their attention. Don't be afraid to take control of those screens and create a little conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you are a home full of screen junkies.
- 2. Turn on the TV (and other screens).** If you can't beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder particularly for older children and teens. This can range from "who's going to win Australian Idol?", "what happens to the winners of Australian Idol?" to "what is the point of Australian Idol?"
- 3. Have more mealtimes (with the TV off).** The family that eats together talks together...or they should. I have a theory that families with a strong food culture (i.e. they love food and value the whole eating experience) have strong bonds. So make mealtimes special and insist that kids sit until everyone finishes rather than they eat all their peas. Avoid turning mealtimes into food fights that you can't win.
- 4. Move more.** If sitting and chatting is not your child's thing then try getting them up and moving. Boys will often talk when they walk or play so consider getting some action happening. When their hands are busy the tongues will often loosen up.
- 5. Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting.** Sitting together in a car, washing dishes and playing a game can provide opportunities for talk. Take the eye contact out of the equation and you may find the talk just flows with some kids.

Every family has their own way of getting the talk happening. Figure out what works for you and make sure it happens. It seems to me that the best communication in families happens when no one is working at it BUT in busy modern families you do need to work at communication. That is the way of it. You have to work hard at family.





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FETE!



Pupil of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded ribbons for Pupil of the Week for ORGANISATION.

PB	Mikayla Mitchell
PC	Jessica Dipetta
PT	Name not supplied by teacher
PW	Jarvis Boland
1/2B	Trent Lynch
1/2C	Rylan Clark
1/2L	Bridie Collings
1/2M	Ben Munro
1/2W	Ayden Evans
3A	Dylan Johnson
3B	Hayley Edwards
3M	Natarsha Clarke
4J	Name not supplied by teacher
4S	Chloe Glennon
4W	Connor Morrison
5/6C	Hayley Lewis-Howlett
5/6G	Ariana Grandinetti
5/6K	Hayley Sandlant
5/6N	Lara Turner
5/6Z	Charolette McKenzie

TALENT QUEST FINALIST!

Thank you to all of our student that performed in the Fete's Talent Quest.

You all did an amazing job putting on your brave faces to perform in front of all of your family and friends.

The effort that was put into each act was fantastic, you all had our audience cheering, it was a delight to watch.



Judges Vote

1st

Shaelyn C (Irish Dance)

2nd

Mackenzie C (Flute)

3rd

Olivia D & Zoe P

Audience Vote

1st

Amber S, Kasey M, Natalie D, Chelsi B, Hayley E, Georgia B & Natarsha C

Money raised \$74.45

2nd

Emily O & Sally H with a dance.

Money raised \$53.80

3rd

Calan, Patrick, Josh, Murphy & Campbell.

Money raised \$45.65



**WISHING YOU ALL A
HAPPY EASTER!**

**ENJOY YOUR BREAK &
STAY SAFE..**