10 December 2021



# Celebrating 40 years at Kismet Park



Empowerment and Excellence in Education for All

### **Important Dates**

Dec 8-10: Year 5/6 Camp

Dec 10: Order online book packs from Kookaburra by this date to avoid a late fee and ensure delivery prior to the commencement of the 2022 school year.

Dec 14: Meet The Teacher 2:15pm-3:15pm

Dec 14: Prep Transition 2:15pm-3:15pm

Dec 15: Year 6 Graduation in school gym

Dec 16: Carols/Family Picnic/40Year Celebrations

Dec 17: Last day of Term. Whole school assembly 9:00am in gym.

### Early finish 2.30pm

Curriculum Days: Student Free—no students at school on the following days:

Friday 28th January 2022

**Monday 31st January 2022** 

Grades 1—6 commence school on Tuesday 1st February 2022

Grade Preps commence school on Monday 7th February 2022

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Dear Families,

I write this newsletter after arriving from my day visit to Campaspe Downs where I spent some quality time with our Year 5/6 students, who have been away on camp this past week. It was a pleasure to watch our students happily interacting with each other, displaying team work, resilience and initiative as they engaged in a number of adventure type activities. Thank-you to all our staff and parent/carer helpers who attended the camp – your efforts and care is greatly appreciated down my end. Our campers are due back today at approximately 3:00pm and I can't wait to hear what they got up to after I departed. I am sure all our parents/carers are looking forward to hearing more about the camp directly from their children.

We now head into the final stretch of the year that was 2021. As we move through next week and prepare for Year 6 Graduation and our Kismet Park Primary School Christmas Carols, and of course our 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations/picnic, I hope that the fun, laughter and joy reaches all in our community and makes up for all the challenges we have experienced over the last two years.

**Step Up/Are You Ready** Transition for all our students in terms of Step Up/Are You Ready for the next year level is almost at a conclusion with one more session next week where our students meet their 2022 class teachers. The feedback from our students, teachers and parents regarding these sessions has been very positive. I have spoken to a number of students and parents who have communicated to me that their child/children have felt supported and reassured by these sessions.

This past week we communicated to our vulnerable and highly anxious students the name of their teacher in order to begin the connection and building of relationships in order to ease students' anxiety. Thank-you to all our parents/carers for your support during this transition time as I know you have been supporting your children through conversation about the change in teacher and classmates that is about to occur. These conversations are critical in soothing children's levels of anxiety about what is to come in 2022.

**NO Whole School Assembly** this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Due to our year 5/6 students away on camp we will NOT hold an assembly today.

# December 14<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday week 11 Session 3 MEET THE TEACHER Time – 2:15-3:15pm

Purpose: Students meet their 2022 class teacher and their class mates. All students will receive a note to take home on Tuesday with the name of their class teacher for 2022.

**Year 6 Graduation** I look forward to celebrating our Year 6 students and their achievements at our Graduation ceremony on *Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December* in our school Gym. Details continue to be shared with our Year 6 families via compass.

**40 YEAR CELEBRATIONS** Our excitement continues to build as we edge closer to celebrating 40 Years of quality education provided by our school – Kismet Park Primary School - Celebrations are set for *Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup>*, *2022*. The celebrations will include Carols, family picnic, and biography movie looking back at Kismet Park Primary School's history. The start time will be 6pm, followed by 6:30pm start for Carols and movie, biography of our history to start at 8pm. Details continue to be shared via our socials. Please save the date.

**COVID News Update** Thank-you to all our families for your continued patience and support as we navigate our way through onsite learning with the challenges of COVID. Please continue to follow our request for entry and exist into the school using the gates available, as stated on Compass. Thank you for your support with social distancing protocols and mask wearing when onsite and entering school buildings.

Below is a direct excerpt from DET regarding expectations around school events and vaccinations as of November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

#### What are the vaccination requirements for parents, carers and other adult visitors not performing work?

All parents and carers attending schools, including for drop-off and pick-up, must adhere to physical distancing, face mask requirements, respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

Parents, carers and other adult visitors not performing work who enter school buildings must check-in using the QR code.

Parents, carers and other adult visitors who enter school buildings (see examples below) must have had a single dose of COVID-19 vaccine to date and two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021 or have a valid medical exception. If they have not, there are some limited exceptions in which they can enter school buildings:

- when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/carer.
- when attending briefly and not involving any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.
- Attending school for drop-off and pick-up and not enter school buildings

Parents, carers and other adult visitors not performing work need to show evidence of vaccination when entering a school building. This includes for the purpose of activities such as school tours and kindergarten transition programs.

Parents, carers and other adult visitors attending a gathering at school, such as a fete, school play or graduation ceremony, whether indoors or outdoors, need to show evidence of vaccination on arrival.

When parents and carers do not meet vaccination requirements, the school should hold meetings and other discussions (such as Student Support Group meetings) virtually.

Thanking you all in advance for your continued support with COVID requirements that are set by our Chief Health Officer and followed through by DET.

**Prep Transition** We have now had two Prep Transition sessions and both were a firm success.. Our final Prep Transition is now rescheduled to coincide with our whole school Step Up/Are You Ready session on *Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm - 3:15pm*. The prep team continue to communicate details via Compass.

Prep 2022 students will start the year on *Monday* 7<sup>th</sup> of February, 2022. This is to allow for the completion of entry assessments teachers are required to engage in with our prep students. The assessments are designed to ascertain levels in English and Mathematics so that teachers can adequately plan for the next level of learning for students. The assessment sessions are 50 minute time slots and parents will need to phone the office to make an appointment. If no bookings are made by parents/carers by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 the office will book in a time for your child and communicate to parents/carers time via email. The times parents/carers can book between are:

| 9-10am | 10-11am | 11:30am – | 12:30- | 2.00-3.00pm | 3.00-4.00pm | Dates:Feb             |
|--------|---------|-----------|--------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|        |         | 12:30pm   | 1:30pm | _           |             | Tues 1                |
|        |         | -         | -      |             |             | Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>   |
|        |         |           |        |             |             | Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
|        |         |           |        |             |             | Frid 4th              |

A friendly reminder that we are planning to hold our Prep information evening early next year 2022. The date is set for *Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of February, 2022 from 7pm* on our school site. More details will be shared with our community in the coming weeks.

Whole School Assembly – Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am we will hold a whole school assembly in our Gym. This assembly will include our farewell to our Year 6 students, the naming of our school captains, house captains and other student leaders. This final assembly will also be our opportunity to thank and farewell teachers who are leaving our school as well as students and families who are moving on from Kismet Park Primary School. All adults are required to please wear a mask inside our Gym and other buildings.

**Last Day 2022, Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>** The last day for the 2022 school year will be on *Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December*. We will hold a whole school assembly at 9am in the school gym. All students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2:30pm.

Curriculum Days 2022 – Student FREE DAYS Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of January and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of January, 2022 will be Curriculum Days and students will **NOT** be required at school. On these days our staff will engage in whole school professional learning and planning in preparation for the 2022 school year. Students in years 1-6 will start the 2022 school year on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of February. Students in prep will start the school year on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of February, 2022.

### **LEARNING & TEACHING STRUCTURE AND ROOM ALLOCATION - 2022**

This year we say farewell to Rose Krajsic who is moving to Saltwater College in Point Cook, Ashleigh O'Keefe who is moving to Gaayip'Yagila, Jaclyn Milward and Cayley Blair who are both expecting babies in early 2022. Andrea Moiler and her family are relocating to sunny QLD, Kate Christoff is returning to Moomba Park her original school, Christian Bojko will return to Casual Relief teaching so we will see him around our school in 2022 no doubt. Jessica Stevens is returning to St Albans Heights, her base school and Jenn Dunne who was with us in the office replacing Andrea Moiler will be leaving us at the end of the year. Elena Avignone is taking extend leave at the beginning of 2022. I wish to express my sincere thanks for their efforts and work at Kismet Park Primary School and I wish them all well in their future endeavours.

At this point we would like to welcome the following teachers who will commence with us in 2022:

- Meagan O'Sullivan
- Brenna Wholers
- Zac Corcoran
- Leah Boyce
- Curtis Mayall
- Chevie Beasley
- Taylah Ress
- Felicity Dobson

We look forward to their contribution and warmly welcome them to the Kismet Park family.

Below I have included our teaching staff for 2022 and the year levels they will teach. Next Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December all students will know the name of their classroom teacher and parents/carers will receive a note stating the name of their child's 2022 class teacher and room number.

Parents/Carers please note that great care and extensive thought has been put into the formation of grades and which students are together. Thank-you all in advance for your patience and understanding as we plan for 2022. Please see the complete list of classes and teachers for the 2022 school year.

A heartfelt thank - you to all in our community for your continued efforts, care and consideration as we move through the final stages of the 2021 school year. I look forward to our final week and sharing in the celebrations with all members of our magical school community.

Warmest Regards, *Kathy Cvitkovic* Acting Principal

'Building the foundations for success and happiness'.

| Grade/Class               | Teacher  | Room                       | Building   |  |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|------------|--|
| Prep A                    | Louisa Beckenham (Learning Spe-<br>cialist across the school – Numera-<br>cy) PLT Leader       | C13                        | С          |  |
| Prep B                    | Daniella Vranesic  | C11                        | С          |  |
| Prep C                    | Brenna Wohler  | C12                        | С          |  |
| Prep Support              | Emily Gayle  |                            | С          |  |
| Year 1 A                  | Brodie Lane – PLT Leaders  | C19                        | С          |  |
| Year 1 B                  | Leah Boyce   | C20                        | C          |  |
| Year 1 C                  | Jen Welsford   | C15                        | C          |  |
| Year 1 D                  | Melissa Boyd   | C14                        | C          |  |
|                           |  |                            |            |  |
| Year 2 A                  | Michele Tabone – PLT Leader  | C16                        | С          |  |
| Year 2 B                  | Chevie Beasley   | C17                        | С          |  |
| Year 2 C                  | Cassie Hampton-Smith   | C18                        | С          |  |
| Year 3 A                  | Meagan O'Sullivan – PLT Leader   | A1                         | A          |  |
| Year 3 B                  | Felicity Dobson  | A2                         | A          |  |
| Year 3 C                  | Kirk Anstee  |                            | A          |  |
| V 4 1                     | D. M. W. DITT  |                            | <b>1</b>   |  |
| Year 4 A                  | Donna Matthews – PLT Leader  | A9                         | A          |  |
| Year 4 B                  | Zac Corcoran   | A10                        | A          |  |
| Year 4 C                  | Jess Talevski  | Collab Space               | A          |  |
| Year 4 Support            | Ash Grey   |                            | A          |  |
| Year 5 A                  | Caitriona Golds worthy – (Learning<br>Specialist across the school - Litera-<br>cy) PLT Leader | В3                         | В          |  |
| Year 5 B                  | Curtis Mayall  | B4                         | В          |  |
| Year 5 C                  | Lisa Jones   | B2                         | В          |  |
| Year 6 A                  | David Bigger – PLT Leader  | B5                         | В          |  |
| Year 6 B                  | Taylah Rees  | В6                         | В          |  |
| Year 6 C                  | Nick Linton  | B1                         | В          |  |
| Performing Arts           | Karen Bodilly  | Performing Arts            | Music Room |  |
| PE                        | Bev Keenan   | Gym                        | Gym        |  |
| Japanese                  | Kelly Gemmola/Michelle Anderson  | A3                         | A          |  |
| Tutor Learning Initiative | Cassi Cunningham 1-3<br>Kerryn Green 4-6   | Between A9/10<br>TLI Space | A<br>B     |  |
| Chaplain                  | Nikki Gallas   | B7                         | В          |  |
| Library/Time Release      | Jen Driver<br>Library Technician<br>Time Release For Teachers                                  | Library                    | В          |  |

### **KISMET PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL VALUES**

Our Learning community is committed to all students achieving personal excellence through the positive relationships that we foster between staff, parents and students.

The following values guide us ever day;

<u>RESPECT</u>: Demonstrating behaviours that promote positive relationships

<u>INTEGRITY</u>: Honest and open communication between community members

<u>CONFIDENCE</u>: Having confidence in ourselves and others in our approach to new and familiar challenges

<u>COOPERATION</u>: Working and learning together to achieve shared goals

<u>LEARNING</u>: Learning how to know, to think, to do and to live together

### **ICAS 2021 Results**

Due to the ICAS exams being postponed until November, ICAS printed results will be delivered to schools in Term 1, 2022

The Year 1s and 2s had an incredible day at their incursion on Tuesday, as they got up close and personal with amazing Australian reptiles!

The students participated in the Reptile Interactive Educational Encounters followed by a relaxing picnic.











### **Important Note: End of Year Medication Collection**

Dear Kismet Families,

If we are holding medication onsite for your child this is now available for collection prior to the end of the year. This can be organised by calling the office to talk to our First Aid Coordinator or by contacting Davina directly on (davina.rowell@education.vic.gov.au).

WARNING: if you envisage your child will / may still need their medication at school until their very last day then please ensure this is left at school with them. Medication collection is by choice only and is NOT mandatory. All medications currently held onsite will remain securely onsite during the holidays ready for use during our Term 1 - 2022. As always all expiration dates are monitored as per policy.

With thanks for your support and ongoing collaboration in keeping our students safe.

Davina

First Aid Coordinator.



### **Prep's Teddy Bear Picnic**





# Come and celebrate with us:

# COMMUNITY PICNIC

Bring your own picnic rug or camp chairs and a picnic dinner!

**Scoops Ice Cream** 

Crusin crepes offering sweet or savoury crepes

Pepps coffee- offering coffee, hot chocolate, cold drinks and snacks.

Cash and Card





Outdoor Inflatable Cinema

"Kismet Park: The Movie...40 Years in the Making!"

8PM Movie



THURSDAY 16th December

KPPS Basket Ball Courts and Oval area



FOSTER CARE - INFORMATION SESSION

THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER | NORTH WEST 6:30pm - 7:30pm (via ZOOM)

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#### PARENT PAYMENT POLICY & CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

The department of Education & Training recently strengthened its Parent Payment Policy and as a result, the way we manage our back-to-school supplies (book packs) has changed effective immediately.

The school will no longer on-sell book packs to parents. To ensure we make the transition to this new process of sourcing student supplies, we have engaged a 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider to supply book packs directly to you. Please see the next page for detailed instructions of how to purchase your child/ren's educational items through Kookaburra Educational Resources.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all you support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Your ongoing financial support will allow us to continue to organise and coordinate the best possible programs for your child/ren.

Contributions can be paid via the compass course confirmations tab or alternatively by calling the school.

| <u>Curriculum Contributions</u> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum  | Amount per child |
|--|------------------|
| Classroom consumables, materials & equipment   |                  |
| Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, wood, wool, beading Mathematics –teaching resources, concrete materials English – book boxes, guided reading books, take home readers Sports – equipment, ribbons Music – instruments | \$ 50.00         |
| Library – books, subscriptions  Japanese – teaching resources  |                  |
| Online Subscriptions   |                  |
| Reading Eggs ( <b>Prep to grade 2 only</b> )   | \$ 15.00         |
| SeeSaw   | \$ 6.00          |
| STEM equipment and devices – Robotics, Lego Education, building materials  | \$ 10.00         |
| Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials   | \$ 10.00         |
| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities  | Amount per child |
| <b>Technology fund</b> - A contribution to support our iPad and technology program  ****does not include iPads for the 1:1 BYOD in grades 5/6. Information regarding this  | \$10.00          |
| Tax deductible contributions   |                  |
| <b>Building fund -</b> A tax-deductible contribution to maintain our buildings to a safe and attractive standard.  | \$25.00          |
| Total Amount per child grade Prep- 2   | \$ 126.00        |
| Total Amount per child grade 3-6   | \$ 111.00        |

| Category                            | Prep – 2 | 3 - 6    |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Curriculum Contributions            | \$101.00 | \$86.00  |
| Other Contributions (Building Fund) |          | \$25.00  |
| Total                               | \$126.00 | \$111.00 |



#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING PACKS ONLINE

- 1. Go to www.kookaburra.com.au/login (you do not need to register)
- Enter User Name: KISME002 (The first 5 characters are letters and the last 3 characters are numbers)Enter Password: Student9
- 3. Select Student Packs.
- 4. Select your student's 2022 Year Level.
- 5. Add the quantity next to products required by your child, in the "Quantity" box.
- 6. Once you have added all items required, click "Add selected items to cart".
- 7. If you have another child to shop for, select their 2022 year level from the drop down and add their items to your cart.
- 8. When you've finished shopping for your child/ren, click on the cart icon in the header to go to the cart and complete your order.
- 9. Review your cart, then click "Continue to Checkout".
- 10. Select a Delivery Method from the drop-down and complete your delivery details.

**Note:** Please ensure someone will be available to receive the goods at time of delivery. All home deliveries require a signature, unless you have provided an Authority to Leave (ATL). Please be advised that once an ATL has been provided, Kookaburra can only guarantee delivery and quality up to the point that the track and trace advises us that the goods were left for you in the place indicated on your ATL. Complete your child/rens names under "Student Information".

- 11. Add your phone number.
- 12. Click "Continue to Payment".
- 13. Select your payment method and click "Process Payment".
- 14. You will be emailed an order confirmation.

Your order has now been placed with Kookaburra. If you have any queries, please contact our Customer Experience Team <a href="mailto:support@kookaburra.com.au">support@kookaburra.com.au</a>

#### PLEASE NOTE:

#### **Home Delivery**

Orders placed by 5pm: Friday 10th December 2021 Will be delivered by: Friday 21st January 2022

### Orders received after 5pm Friday 10th December 2021

- Will still be accepted.
- May not be delivered before the start of Term 1 2022 due to ongoing COVID related delivery delays.
- · Associated fees and charges of \$10 will apply.

All orders are Firm Sale (i.e. non-returnable).



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## YEARS 5 & 6 CAMPASPE DOWNS ADVENTURE CAMP

So much fun at Campaspe Downs Adventure Camp!
We look forward to welcoming all of our students, staff



