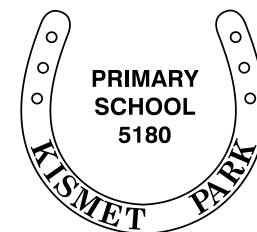




Celebrating 40 years at Kismet Park



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 15: Year 6 Graduation

Dec 16: Carols/Family Picnic/40Year Celebrations

Dec 17: Last day of Term, early finish 2.30pm

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Dear Families,

I would like to begin this newsletter by expressing my gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all our community members. Starting with our brilliant students, who we get up every day for, so that they receive the best possible education. Our students have had to cope with many changes and disruptions and, again after Wednesday night's storm damage, we have needed to return to Remote and Flexible Learning on Thursday.

I applaud our teachers, ES staff, and office staff who seamlessly pivoted back to Remote and Flexible Learning on Thursday. In addition our parents and carers have been wonderful and flexible and I cannot adequately express my gratitude for your support during this unexpected change, I thank you for your support.

On Thursday we had Victorian Schools Buildings Authority division, Make Safe, on our school site working to make our school and classrooms safe for our students, staff and community. The major works involved repairing our electrical and using dryers to dry our carpets. I have been in close communications with representatives from Make Safe throughout the day and I am confident that our school buildings will be ready to open up safely on Monday 6th December for regular onsite classroom programs. I will communicate via Compass an update regarding the drying of our carpets and repair to electrics. At this stage I look forward to having ALL our students back onsite on Monday 6th December.

Curriculum Day – Friday December 3rd – A friendly reminder to all our community that Friday December 3rd is a **STUDENT FREE** day with our staff focussing on professional learning in mathematics. Our focus for the day is Mathematics – Differentiation through Problem Solving, a session on Dyslexia and a session on ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder).

Step Up/Are You Ready Transition for all our students in terms of Step Up/Are You Ready for the next year level has begun. The dates and process for these have been communicated on Compass. Please see the dates/times of sessions and the purpose of each session. Parents/Carers please take note of these transition sessions and support your children with conversations at home about the purpose of the sessions and the impending changes. I will endeavour to communicate with our vulnerable children earlier regarding their teacher for the 2022 school year so that they feel supported and less anxious.

Dec 1st – Tuesday week 9 – 1st Session Time – 10-11

Purpose: To observe interactions of students and make notes regarding any changes to classes that may need to occur.

December 7th – Tuesday week 10 – 2nd Session Time – 10-11

Purpose: To observe interactions of students (which now may have had some alterations to class configurations) and make notes regarding any changes to classes that still may need to occur.

December 14th – Tuesday week 11 Session 3 MEET THE TEACHER Time – 2:15-3:15pm

Purpose: Students meet their 2022 class teacher and their class mates.



40 YEAR CELEBRATIONS We continue to prepare for our 40 Year Celebrations, the date being Thursday *December 16th, 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. More details will be shared in coming days and week via our socials. Please save the date.

Parent Requests for 2022 Thank you to all our parents/carers for your patience as we work through our grade structures and classes for the 2022 school year. I would like to reassure all our families and students that I am taking great care, together with my leadership team and staff to ensure that all students are well supported in 2022.

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 29th, 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. Unfortunately due to the unexpected school closure yesterday we need to reschedule yesterday's Prep Transition session. Our final Prep Transition is now rescheduled to coincide with our whole school Step Up/Are You Ready session on ***Tuesday 14th December at 2:15pm – 3:15pm***. The prep team will communicate further details via Compass.

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

Year 5 /6 Camp organisation is well and truly complete and will take place on ***December 8th, 9th and 10th***. The camp is to Campaspe Downs. I look forward to visiting our students, staff and volunteers on the ***Thursday 9th***.

Year 6 Graduation Plans for Graduation are almost complete with our Year 5/6 Team doing a fabulous job in moving from off site Graduation Celebrations to onsite in our school Gym. Year 6 Graduation will take place on ***15th December*** on our school site in our school Gym. Details are being shared with our Year 6 families via compass on an ongoing basis.

Last Day 2022, Friday December 17th The last day for the 2022 school year will be on Friday 17th 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.

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.

'Building the foundations for success and happiness'.

Warmest Regards,

Kathy Cvitkovic

Acting Principal

SAVE THE DATE

Kismet Park's



Outdoor Inflatable Cinema

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

CELEBRATION

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL

Christmas Carols

Come and celebrate with us:

THURSDAY 16th DECEMBER

6PM Arrival • 6.30 CAROLS • 8PM MOVIE



KPPS Basket Ball Courts and Oval area



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



BE SUN SMART



Put on a Shirt



Put on Sunscreen



Wear a Hat



Wear Sunglasses



Stay in the Shade



SHARE THE SUN SAFE STORY
WITH YOUR CHILD

No Hat No Play rules apply this term. Please make sure you child has a hat at school every day. We have a limited supply for sale if you require one at short notice.



ACE Program for 2022

The Accelerated & Enrichment Curriculum (ACE) program at Sunbury Downs college is a program for high-ability students with a strong work ethic in Years 7-9. Students are extended and challenged by their teachers in all subjects and work with like-minded peers to foster critical and creative thinking skills, problem solving and social development. ACE students take part in the college's instrumental music program as their key enrichment, as well as various academic competitions, excursions and activities. The ideal student for the ACE program is inquisitive, self-motivated and looking to excel in their studies.

We congratulate the following Kismet Park Year 6 Students who were successful in being selected as part of the ACE Program for 2022 :

Savannah Pott

Ben Reynolds

Eli Panetta

Maya Bassett





Parents Community Association News

We are so excited to announce our new PCA President for 2022 is **Tara Chandrasegran**. Tara currently has a Prep Student at KPPS and a three-year-old child eagerly awaiting to join their sibling at school in a couple of years. Tara is a registered nurse, working as Director of Nursing managing Aged Care facilities. Tara is looking forward to working with the community and organising some fun school events to bring the community together.

Kate Topp has been elected PCA Secretary. We are very thankful for her efforts and success in her role as President during 2021.

Katherine Thorn will continue as PCA Treasurer. We are grateful for your dedication, Katherine.

This means we have one open position for **Vice President**.

If you are interested in the position, you can email **kismetpakpca@gmail.com** to find out more information.

PCA is a welcoming and friendly group. We are inviting interested parents to join our group in 2022 especially our 2022 Prep parents! Please send your completed registration form to the school office.

**KISMET PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
2020 /21 REGISTRATION FORM**



I* wish to become a Member of the* School's Parents' and Community Association. By signing this form, I agree to abide by the Association's Constitution at all times, including upholding the values in clause 2 of the Constitution. I will strive to make a positive difference in the school community; act honestly and with integrity; use resources responsibly and appropriately; engage genuinely with the community; comply with relevant legislation and policies; and to treat everyone in a considerate, fair and courteous manner.

I am aware that my registration needs to be renewed at the next Annual General Meeting.

Address*

Phone number..... (or) Mobile number.....

Email*

Child(ren) Name(s) and Year Level(s).....

**Required information*

The Association Secretary is required to maintain a log of registered members of the Association and their addresses in accordance with the Association's Constitution.

The Parents' Association will seek to provide information including meeting agendas and any supporting documentation via email.

Signature.....

Date.....

This form will be filed in the school building, will be the property of the Minister and will be made available to officers authorised by the Secretary of the Department of Education and Training.

All school clubs, (including Parents' Clubs), are governed by the Department of Education and Training, and therefore must protect the information that they collect. This means that all members of **Kismet Park Primary School Parents and Community Association** must comply with Victorian privacy law and the Schools' Privacy Policy. All 'personal information' collected, used or disclosed by this Club, is protected by the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and Health Records Act 2001 (Vic) (collectively, Victorian privacy law).

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;

RESPECT: Demonstrating behaviours that promote positive relationships

INTEGRITY: Honest and open communication between community members

CONFIDENCE: Having confidence in ourselves and others in our approach to new and familiar challenges

COOPERATION: Working and learning together to achieve shared goals

LEARNING: Learning how to know, to think, to do and to live together





Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Only \$19.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Online lessons (after hours) are also available direct to your home – contact us to find out more
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

P: 1300 362 824

E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au

www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au



Summer Group Programs at Village Therapy

These holidays we have tripled the fun, with 3 weeks of groups.

Our Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists and Music Therapist have planned a range of exciting new groups for January 2022. Children will be able to learn new skills and meet new friends in a supported and fun environment.

We offer activities suitable for 4 - 16 year olds. The groups on offer in January include:

- School Readiness
- Learn to ride a bike
- Fun with Cooking
- General holiday program
- Movement and Sport
- Music Therapy
- Minecraft

For more information and to register your interest, scan the QR code below or visit

<https://villagetherapy.com.au/summer-holiday-program/>

Groups run between January 10th - 28th 2022.



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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 3rd 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 your 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.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount per child
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, wood, wool, beading</i> <i>Mathematics –teaching resources, concrete materials</i> <i>English – book boxes, guided reading books, take home readers</i> <i>Sports – equipment, ribbons</i> <i>Music – instruments</i> <i>Library – books, subscriptions</i> <i>Japanese – teaching resources</i>	\$ 50.00
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> <i>Reading Eggs (Prep to grade 2 only)</i> <i>SeeSaw</i>	\$ 15.00 \$ 6.00
<i>STEM</i> <i>STEM equipment and devices – Robotics, Lego Education, building materials</i>	\$ 10.00
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$ 10.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount per child
<i>Technology fund - 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</i>	\$10.00
Tax deductible contributions	
<i>Building fund - A tax-deductible contribution to maintain our buildings to a safe and attractive standard.</i>	\$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	\$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)
2. 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 support@kookaburra.com.au

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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