

FEBRUARY 4, 2022

Kismet News



FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Kathy Cvitkovic

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome to all in our community as we start the 2022 school year. This term we anticipated challenges as we continue to respond to COVID_19 and the impact on our staffing, classes and general school operations. I can report that we are already experiencing staffing challenges due to confirmed cases in our community. I can reassure families that despite these challenges we are activating DET protocols around staffing and utilising Casual Relief Teachers where required.

This morning I was confirmed COVID positive and will be home in isolation for the next seven days. Despite this early set back I am confident that our Leadership Team will support Ciara Stewart, our Acting Assistant Principal, during this time when I am physically absent from our school site. I am disappointed that I will not be physically onsite to welcome all our prep students on their first day of school next Monday 7th of February. I wish all our prep students the very best for Monday and the coming year and extend a very warm welcome to all our preps and their families.

COVID Safe - Thankyou to all our families who have collected the rapid antigen tests from the front office. We are anticipating another delivery to the school, as soon as it arrives we will alert our families for pick up arrangements. Thankyou for your continued support and understanding with the recommended twice-weekly testing of students.

Curriculum Days – 28/1 and 31/1: Last Friday and Monday our staff undertook extensive professional learning in preparation for the 2022 school year. On Friday 31/1/22 our staff took time to explore the big ideas that make up a Professional Learning Community – *A focus on learning, a focus on collaboration and a focus on results*. In addition I went over with staff the process for our year of review.

This year our school is in a year of review. As part of the improvement cycle, each Victorian government school undertakes a review every four years. The school community completes a comprehensive self-evaluation against the FISO continua of practice (Framework for Improving Student Outcomes), which involves students, teachers and community members. An independent analysis is also completed of the school's performance against goals and targets in our strategic plan. The review evaluates the school's strengths, areas for improvement and the impact of its improvement efforts. At the end of the review, a new four-year school strategic plan is created and endorsed by the school community.

Important Dates

7th February
Preps Start

10th February
Prep Information
Evening

16th February
Meet the Teacher
(Online)

21st February
School Council Meeting

8th April
End of Term 1

TERM DATES 2022

Term 1 28th Jan - 8th Apr
Term 2 26th Apr - 24th Jun
Term 3 11th Jul - 16th Sep
Term 4 3rd Oct - 20th Dec



Be Responsible
Be Respectful
Be safe
Be a Learner

On Monday 31/1 our Learning Specialist leaders presented the school's Instructional Model for teaching and learning. In addition our staff gained clarity around our Start Up framework for Literacy and Numeracy. Our Assistant Principal presented to staff our School Wide Positive Behaviours Matrix and our way forward with supporting safe and engaging classrooms and school environment. Our office staff shared processes for sick bay and general office. All teachers had time to set up classrooms and to meet in teams in preparation for the start of the new school year.

School Assemblies: For the month of February school assemblies will be held only for students and staff internally via Webex on a Friday at 2:30pm. This is part of our Covid safe plan. As soon as it is safe to have whole school assemblies on site, we will communicate the new arrangements. In regards to presenting our school and house captains to the school community, we will hold a special assembly to do that as soon as it is safe to do so. I thank our families ahead of time for your support with this arrangement.

Prep Information Evening: Our Prep Information evening will occur on Thursday 10th February at 7pm via Webex. Details have been posted on Compass and we look forward to meeting our prep parents and carers remotely.

School Council Elections: The school council election process for all government schools must be completed on or before 31st of March for the parent, school employee and student categories (for secondary schools re student categories). Please look out for more information in the coming week regarding these nominations.

40th Birthday Celebrations: We are looking at a suitable time where we can come together as a community and celebrate 40 years of Kismet Park Primary School delivering excellence to our community. We will communicate times and dates once it is safe for us to do so. I know it is disappointing not having a firm date yet and I thank you in advance for your understanding.

Art Program: This year our teachers will not use the Art room space to deliver art to students as in previous years. This is in response to the extraordinary last two years regarding stop, start learning and remote and flexible learning, and the impact this may have had on student learning in core subject areas of English and Mathematics. In classrooms students may still engage in art lessons through our Integrated/Inquiry units of work. The Art space is now a designated area for our Before/After school care Extend program along with a portion of the collaborative room space. If parents/carers have purchased art smocks these can be taken to your child's class so that it is available for use by your child/children as the need arises. Our prep students in particular engage in hands on visual art based lessons in classrooms and art smocks will support this practice.

Student Support Group Meetings: Further information regarding Student Support Group Meetings will be posted in the coming week. Parents/carers will be contacted by the school where SSG's need to occur and appointments will be scheduled.

Thank-you to all our families, students and staff for your cooperation regarding the wearing of masks, social distancing and remaining outside of our school buildings when dropping students off to school or picking students up from school. These practices help to keep us all safe.

Finally, the Kismet community would like to say a big congratulations to Mrs Milward on the safe arrival of her baby boy, Sammy.

Warmest Regards,

Kathy Cvitkovic

Acting Principal

'Building the foundations for success and happiness'.

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR REMINDERS



SCHOOL HOURS

8:40am Playground supervision commences
8.45am Soft Start
8:55am Teaching and Learning
11.00am Morning Recess
11:30am Teaching and Learning
1.15pm Students in lunch in classrooms
1.30pm Afternoon play
2.15pm Teaching and Learning
3:15pm Students dismissed
3:30pm Playground supervision concludes
Office Hours: 8:30 - 4:30

HATS

All students **MUST** wear a hat for outdoor play, hats can be purchased from the Primary School Wear store near Aldi in Sunbury. Any student without a hat will be asked to sit down in the shade for the duration of recess and lunch.

SCHOOL ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school, or will be arriving late, you can enter an attendance note via the Compass app/website. Where possible, this should be entered **PRIOR** to the absence/lateness occurring.

What is an attendance note? An attendance note is to explain why your child is absent or late to school.



Entering an Attendance Note

- 1 From the Compass home screen (or from your student's profile), click the **Add Attendance Note** item.
- 2 From the pop-up window
 - ➔ Select the reason
 - ➔ Enter a brief description of the absence
 - ➔ Select the start and finish time
 - ➔ Click the 'Save' button



Student personal information

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice which is found on our website www.kismetparkps.vic.edu.au - click on ABOUT US, then choose - SCHOOL DOCUMENTATION and scroll down to "PRIVACY INFORMATION COLLECTION STATEMENT AND SCHOOLS PRIVACY POLICY".

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

What you need to know

1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they should be collected from early childhood education and care (ECEC)/school as soon as possible.

2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour COVID-19 Hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- Visit [Getting tested](#) for further information on where to get tested.

3. Once a child has had a confirmed negative COVID-19 test and their symptoms have resolved, they can return to ECEC/school. A medical certificate is not required, however may be helpful in following circumstances:

Children with persistent symptoms due to underlying conditions such as hay fever or asthma whose symptoms are clearly typical of their condition can continue to attend ECEC/school. They should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms. They should consider getting a medical certificate from their GP to attend ECEC/school if they have persistent symptoms that may overlap with symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose. Written medical clearance for COVID-19 is not required.

Younger children (pre-school up to Grade 2) may have prolonged post viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough and may return to ECEC/school following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. Where symptoms persist, an ECEC/school may request a medical certificate to confirm the child is otherwise well or has recovered from their acute illness. Written medical clearance for COVID-19 is not required.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DH school exclusion table](#).

4. If a child has tested positive for COVID-19, has been identified as a close contact, or has otherwise been advised to self-quarantine, e.g. they have visited a public exposure site, they must isolate/quarantine until they receive written medical clearance from the Department of Health (DH).





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FOOD SHARING NOTICE

Dear Parents,

The health and wellbeing of our students is a paramount concern to us. Our commitment to the inclusiveness of all children and their safety is of utmost importance.

We would like to take this opportunity to raise student and school community awareness about severe allergies in order to limit potential dangers of exposure to life threatening food allergies and to reduce cross contamination between different foods for students and staff.

Kismet Park Primary therefore has a “No Food Sharing” Practice during recess and lunch eating times. This practice will not infringe on the food that parents provide for their own child.

Furthermore, although allergies are on the rise, Kismet Park Primary School does not have a ‘No Nuts Total Ban but instead, we wish to focus on educating all children about allergies. Please support us by sharing this important information with your children.

Kismet Park strives to:

- Maintain good health and hygiene of students;
- Minimise the risk to students at this school who have allergies and anaphylactic reactions; and
- Allow easy identification of ingredients by encouraging pre-packaged foods as they have clear, documented allergen warnings and identify any potential risk.

Staff, students and parents need to ensure there is:

- No sharing or trading of snacks and lunches at school;
- All food provided for classroom parties or for birthday celebrations must be purchased from a commercial supplier (e.g. Woolworths, Coles etc.) and contain an ingredients label identifying known allergens. All foods given to students during normal school hours for these reasons must therefore come from an identifiable source and be presented in a sealed, original container / package with the manufacturer and all ingredients clearly identified; and
- No home-cooked or prepared food is to be shared in the classroom with other students. Food prepared in homes may only be given by the parent/guardian to their own son, daughter or dependent and not shared with other students.

Our staff attend regular training and updates in recognising and responding appropriately to an allergic reaction.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for helping to support our school community.

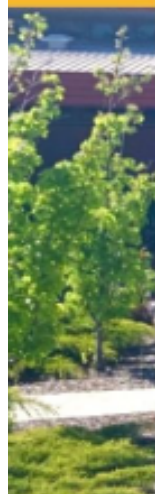
Kind regards,

Davina Rowell

First Aid Coordinator



SUNBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



PROGRAM GUIDE Term 1, 2022



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CREATIVE ARTS

Art

Pastel Drawing - All levels

With Merle Tait

Monday 2pm - 3pm

8 weeks \$80

Portraiture Drawing - Beginners

With Shay Downer

Wednesday 1pm - 2.30pm

10 weeks \$150

Art Studio with Shay - for

Advanced Students

Wednesday 7pm - 8.30pm

10 weeks \$150

Music

Guitar Lessons With Andy

- Adults Small Group Tuition

Wednesday 1pm - 2pm

10 weeks \$75

Wednesday 7pm - 8pm

10 weeks \$75

ENROL ONLINE

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

sunburyhouse.com.au/SNH-Programs

*online processing fee applies

Cash payments can be made at the office

WELLBEING

Yoga - Leanne

Monday 10am - 11am

9 weeks \$90

Thursday 7pm - 8pm

10 weeks \$100

Move it or lose it - Over 60's

Chair Yoga - Leanne

Friday 10am-11am

10 weeks \$60

Tai Chi - Sandra & Erika

Tuesday 9.30am - 10.30am

\$6 per session

LVL I & II Tai Chi - Geoff Jackson

Thursday 9.30am - 10.30am

10 weeks \$60

CHILDREN

Pre-School

Music Play Monday with Andy

Calling all Grandparents/parents!

Bring the kiddos for lots of music sensory fun!

Mondays 9.30am - 10.30am

9 weeks \$67.50

CHILDREN

Pre-School

Messy Play

Tuesday or Thursday

10am - 11.30am

10 weeks \$75

**Primary School age
Art**

Pastel Drawing - All levels

With Merle Tait

Monday 4pm - 5pm 8 weeks \$80

Music

Guitar Lessons With Andy

Small Group Tuition

Wednesday 4pm or 4.35pm or

5.05pm

10 weeks \$75

Digital Tech / STEM

Creative Animation / Stop Motion

Saturday 10am - 11am

9 weeks \$67.50

Lego Club

Wednesday 3.30pm - 5pm

\$Gold coin appreciated

10 week term - Bookings Essential



SUNBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

ENVIRONMENT

Garden Group

Last Saturday of the month
10am onwards call the office to
join. Be part of rebuilding and
maintaining our front garden
Ask about Volunteering!

Boomerang Bags

1st Saturday of the
month 9am - 12pm.
Come along and catch up over a
cuppa while creating a Boomerang
Bag made out of donated and
repurposed fabric. Roles for all
skills sets. BYO machine or SNH
machines available.



@Boomerang Bags Sunbury

Repair Cafe Sunbury Toss it? No way! Repair it.



Last Saturday of the month
10am - 12.30pm.

Join us for a cuppa and a skill share
repairing broken items; preventing
landfill and promoting kindness.

@Repair Cafe Sunbury

Recycling - Doing our bit!



Drop off your compost, bread tags,
plastic bottle tops, corks & blister
packets, old pens, textas &
highlighters. We are a collection
point, call the office for more
details.

#SUSTAINABLESUNBURY

Did you know we are also a part of
The Party Kit Network?! Ask us
about our Party Kits for Hire today!

SOCIAL GROUPS

Drop In and Play (parents and bubs)

Monday 1pm - 4pm \$ gold coin

Drop In - Cuppa

Wednesday 10am - 12pm
\$Gold Coin appreciated
Share or learn a craft over a
cuppa. Bring along a project or
just turn up for the coffee and
conversation!

Drop In - Guitar

Wednesday 10am - 12pm
\$Gold Coin appreciated
Bring your guitar and join our jam
session! Share songs and learn
new ones. All skill sets welcome!

Social Sewing Group

1st Saturday of the month
12.30pm onwards
Bring along your machine and
project and catch up over a cuppa.
\$Gold Coin appreciated
 @Sunbury Sewing Group

Diabetes Support

1st & 3rd Friday of the month
10 - 11am
\$Gold Coin appreciated

Book Club

Last Wednesday of the Month
7-9 pm
Call the office to join the mailing list

OUR FRIENDS

who call SNH home

CWA Sunbury Stars

1st and 3rd Monday
7pm - 9pm
cwasunburystars@gmail.com
 @CWA-Sunbury-Stars



Perna Perna Women's Group

2nd and 4th Thursday
1pm - 3pm 9744 9564



Sunbury Stitches & Quilters

Every Tuesday Evening
7pm All welcome
sunburyquilters@gmail.com



COVID19 IN 2022

Participant and Staff safety is paramount.
SNH will continue to adhere to COVID 19
Guidelines, therefore changes to
programming may occur. Please ensure we
have your most recent contact details so we
can keep you up-to-date with any
modifications required.

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31 January to 4 February



Monday 31 January	12.30pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 1 February	12.00pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 2 February	12.00pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 3 February	8.00am – 7.30pm
Friday 4 February	8.00am – 3.00pm

