



# Kismet News

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## Building the Foundations for Success and Happiness

13th Feb	P-2 Community Info Night & 5/6 Steam Program
14th Feb	3-6 Community Info Night
19th Feb	School Council
22nd Feb	Twilight Swimming
2nd March	House Athletics
<b>5th March</b>	<b>SCHOOL PHOTOS</b>
9th March	Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL TODAY
12th March	Labour Day—NO SCHOOL TODAY
20-21st Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews
29th March	Last Day of Term 1

search shows that children are more successful at school when their parents are well informed about and actively involved in their children’s learning. Our Welcome evenings aim to build strong home-school partnerships between teachers and parents by providing an overview of our teaching and learning program so that families can support their child’s learning at home

Year level sessions will be held at the following times:

Tuesday 13th February:

- 6:30 –7:30pm Prep
- 7:15—8:15pm Year 1/2 Classes

Wednesday 14th February

- 6:30-7:30pm Year 3 & 4 Classes
- 7:15 - 8:15pm Years 5 & 6 Classes

Invitations will be sent home tomorrow.



### Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

On behalf of all the staff we welcome everyone back to Kismet in 2018. We extend a particularly warm welcome to all those new families joining our learning community for the first time. We look forward to getting to know you and working in partnership with you so that your child may reach their full potential.

### DEVELOPING OUR LEARNING CULTURE

All classes are developing routines and promoting school wide expectations that create a positive, supportive and calm environment for learning. This work on ‘Developing Our Learning Culture’ will cover the following:

By practising good ‘Habits of Mind’ and social skills for how to work effectively with others, we are developing life-long skills.

We will investigate:

- Learning preferences in our classroom
- Social skills and habits for life
- Rules for our classroom



We will answer the Essential Questions:

- How do we like to learn?
- How do we behave intelligently when we don't know the answer?
- How can we work well together?
- What are the best rules of our classroom?

Through this work teachers will learn what engages their students and students will understand that there are different learning preferences. Students will understand expectations of behaviours by considering rules in the classroom and be able to contextualise the social skills they will focus on as they work with other students.

**On the next page we have included information about ‘Habits of The Mind’ along with our School Pledge so families can promote these skills and expectations at home.**

### COMMUNITY WELCOME EVENINGS

At Kismet Park we place great importance on the development of effective partnerships between school and home to improve student learning – both academic and social. Re-

### SCHOOL—HOME COMMUNICATION

#### Communication Bags

Parents and students are reminded that all students are expected to use our communication bag to carry important hard copy messages (including newsletters) to and from school. Communication bags can be purchased from the office for \$10.

**Skoolbag:** We use the ‘Skoolbag’ app (which is available to parents free of charge) to communicate with the community. This includes emergency notifications, newsletters, general information, notes and important dates. We encourage all families to connect with us through this app. To install this free app, just search for our school name "Kismet Park Primary School" in either the Apple App Store\*; Google Play Store or link via KPPS website <http://www.kismetparkps.vic.edu.au>

**QKR:** QKR can be used to make payments to the school and to place **Canteen orders** . Qkr! by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple’s app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

### HOURS OF SUPERVISION

Please remember students should arrive at school from 8:40am and leave grounds after school by 3:30pm. Grounds are supervised from 8:40 – 8:55am and from 3:15 – 3:30pm. If you need to access the school earlier in the morning and/or later in the afternoon than these times we do have an excellent Before & After School program which is operated by Extend. For further information about this program please visit their website at [www.extend.com.au](http://www.extend.com.au) or call on 1300366437.

### PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER’S RISK

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property. At Kismet Park we discourage the bringing to school of unnecessary, expensive or precious toys or sporting equipment.

Have a great week! Glenn & Cynthia

## STUDENT WELLBEING

positive thinking



### WHAT ARE HABITS OF MIND ?

Habits of Mind aid students in school and adults in everyday life as they are challenged by situations for which the solutions are not immediately apparent. Drawing on the Habits of Mind means knowing how to behave intelligently when you don't know the answers. It means not only having information, but also knowing how to act on it.. The following habits of the mind support success both at school and in later life. They are reflected in the You Can Do It! Foundations of:

**Confidence**      **Organisation**      **Getting Along**  
**Perseverance**      **Resilience**

**Accepting Myself** (Self-Acceptance)-not thinking badly about yourself when you make a mistake.

**Taking Risks** (Take Risks) -thinking that it's good to try something new, even though you might not be able to do it

**Being Independent** (Independence) -thinking that it's important to try new activities and to speak up even if your classmates think you're silly.

**Believing 'I Can Do It'** (Optimism) -thinking that when your work is hard, you can still do it. It also means not thinking you're not good at anything and never will be when you have difficulty with school work.

**Giving Effort** (Internal Focus of Control for Learning) -thinking that the harder you try, the more successful you will be as well as knowing that success is not caused by external factors (luck, ease of task) but by internal factors (effort).

**Working Tough** (High Frustration Tolerance) - thinking that in order to be successful in the long-term, you sometimes have to do things that are not easy or fun in the present.

**Setting Goals** (Goal Setting) -thinking that setting a goal can help you be more successful at a task.

**Planning My Time** (Time Management) -thinking about how long it will take you to do your schoolwork and planning enough time to get it done.

**Being Tolerant of Others** (Tolerance of Others) -not thinking that when someone is mean to you, acts unfairly or is different that he or she is a totally bad person. It means not liking but accepting that all people are different and make mistakes.

**Thinking First** (Reflective Problem Solving) -thinking that when someone treats you badly, you need to think about different ways you can react, the consequences of each, and the impact of your actions on how the other person will feel.

**Playing By the Rules** (Tolerance of Limits) -thinking that by following important school and home rules, you will live in a better world where everyone's rights are protected.

DON'T  
GIVE UP.  
YOU CAN  
DO THIS.



## STUDENT LEADERS

At our final assembly of 2017 we introduced our student leadership team for this year. We congratulate them on their election and look forward to working with them throughout the year. We thank all students who took the time to nominate for a position. Our student leaders, who can be identified by their badges are listed below:

School Captains: Alice Hedgelong and Cooper Dunne

School Vice Captains: Lucas Pumpa and Mia Wardley

Junior School Councillors: Alyssa Reino and Caitlin Woods

Audrey Elia, Ethan Recinos, Alexia Campbell, Nui Kire, Sadie Bessell and Kristian Collins

Performing Arts Captains: Asha Smith and Hayley Fisher

Band Leader: Eric Carpenter

Choir Captain: Breana Bradley

Sustainability Leader: Caitlyn Edwards

Photographers: Holly Kaminski, Joshua Ayres and Charlie Bessell

House Captains for Hogan: Charlie Parsons and Maddison Vowles

House Captains for Lambert: Mackenzie Michielin and Riley Draicchio

House Captains for Clarke: Grace Brcan and Riley Casey

House Captains for McEwen: Ethan Smith and Vanessa Kire

## SCHOOL RULES

The three rules that underpin our expectations are:

- Respect Our School
- Do Your Best
- Help Others Succeed



These rules are referred to throughout the year, with staff providing detailed explanations about the behaviours and attitudes they promote. Please support us at home by discussing and promoting our rules.

## OUR SCHOOL PLEDGE

In 1996 the Junior School Council composed a school pledge that remains relevant today and fits well with our *Better Buddies* and *You Can Do It!* philosophies. The pledge is a simple affirmation of what it means to be part of our Kismet Park PS Learning Community. Students recite the pledge at school assemblies as a means for building shared pride and recognising the importance of collective responsibility for how students care for one another and the importance of respect for staff, parents and visitors to our school.

It would be appreciated if you could spend the time with your Kismet Park children to discuss the words of the pledge and what it means in actions at school. By reinforcing every child's role in being a considerate, courteous and caring student, we are promoting key characteristics of good citizenship and community spirit.

**We are the children of Kismet Park Primary School.**  
**To make our teachers and parents proud we use courtesy, consideration and care.**  
**We will play happily and safely in the yard and strive to make our school a better place to learn.**

