

# Kismet News

12th March, 2015

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## Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

On Tuesday Diane Powell, Louise Cashen and Donna Matthews led our professional learning program in the implementation of the Daily Café approach to reading. Over the next few weeks we will be focussed on the first 20 minutes of our Café Reading sessions which involves 'Read To Self' while the teacher conferences with individual students. Our aim is to improve reading outcomes for all students. Tips for helping your child learn to read are included later in this newsletter.

## FETE—ONLY ONE WEEK TO GO & VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU!

Our hard working Fete committee are desperately asking for volunteers to assist on Fete day. **Without more help some stalls and activities may not be able to operate.** We are looking for volunteers to assist at stalls during the fete as well as help with the assembling of marques and setting up of stalls throughout the day. Fete set up begins early in the day. We promise lots of fun and satisfaction. If you can lend a hand in any way please contact the office. Your help would be greatly appreciated by your children!!!!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

As a result of our School Council election, the following parents were elected as parent representatives on school council.

- ⇒ Glenn Campbell
- ⇒ Mark Davies
- ⇒ Brad Duffy
- ⇒ Sharna Small

Returning parent members of school council are:

- ⇒ Sean Bassett
- ⇒ Aaron Malcolm
- ⇒ Wendy O'Sullivan

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Thank you to David McLean and Troy Wilson for accepting nominations to stand for election.

Congratulations also to our elected DEECD employee members:

- ⇒ Luisa Coppola
- ⇒ Michael Langton

Returning DEECD employee members of council are:

- ⇒ Vanessa Leetch
- ⇒ Diane Powell

A huge thanks to our retiring members Rod Munro, Donna Matthews, Rosie Smyth and Troy Wilson for the commitment they have shown to our school. Particular thanks to Rod Munro who has taken on the responsibility of School Council President for the past three years.

Next week's newsletter will contain a report on our first School Council Meeting that will take place on Monday night. School Council will hold its Annual Reporting evening in May.

## MEET OUR STUDENT WELFARE WORKER NEXT TUESDAY



On Tuesday we welcomed Ben Smith to Kismet Park as our Welfare Worker. Ben's role is funded through the National School Chaplaincy Program. He will be at Kismet Park on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the next two years. Over the next few weeks will be visiting classrooms where he will get to know our students and staff. We look forward to working with Ben to support our students and families.

## D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

Friday 13th March: Money for 5/6 ACMI excursion due

Friday 13th March: Interscholar Athletics

**Monday 16th March: SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Monday 16th March: PTA meeting 9 am

Monday 16th March: School Council Meeting: 6:30pm

**Tuesday 17th March: Prep—2 Athletics at 9:15am**

Wednesday 18th March: 5/6 ACMI Excursion.

**Wednesday 18th March: Last day for FETE WRIST BAND payment**

Friday 20th March: Kismet Cartoon Fete 3:15-8:00pm

Friday 27th March: Last Day of Term 1

*Parents will be able to meet Ben at our special coffee morning at 9—9:30am next Tuesday, 17th of March. This will be held in the staffroom. Please come along if you can.*

## ARE YOU CONNECTED WITH SKOOLBAG YET?

Join and help the environment! We are aiming to reduce our impact on the environment by sending home communications such as the newsletter electronically each week instead of producing over 50,000 pages each year. Many parents are enjoying the convenience of receiving their weekly newsletters via Skoolbag. We encourage you to join them.

As of yesterday we have 316 registered users (up from 299 last week!) To download the Skoolbag app please follow the instructions on our website at <http://www.kismetparkps.vic.edu.au>.

**\*Note that due to increasing costs our SMS messaging service will not be available after the end of term 1. \***

## STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM

Parents are able to keep up to date with what's happening in classrooms by visiting our Year level Blogs. These can be accessed via the home page of our website at <http://www.kismetparkps.vic.edu.au>. When visiting the link for your child's year level please remember to subscribe so that staying informed is even easier! Subscription is available on each blog by providing your email address.

Have a great week!

Glenn & Diane



# Learning to Read and Good Fit Books

## What We Need to Know

1. **Reading begins at home**, amidst all the print and talk that surrounds a child in the years before going to school. There is much more to this earliest reading than decoding print, for the items of print which the child learns to read are those that have **meaning or interest** for him or her and also **capture their** imagination. We as adults should see a lesson in this for whatever reading we ask a child to do: **Always keep a child's reading matter interesting!**
2. **Parents who tell interesting stories and read interesting books to and with their children** are giving them the best chance to become **keen readers**.
3. Children **learn to read in different ways**, at different times and at different rates – as is true of every other human skill. So teachers try to relate their teaching to **each child's individual interests and abilities**.
4. Let's remember that both at home and in the class, **the best guarantee of reading improvement is reading material that interests or delights** the child and that **most of what they read is easy** to see themselves as independent and successful readers. In classrooms and homes where reading is flourishing, plenty of interesting books will be found along with time for **self-chosen "Good Fit" books**.

**Research shows when children are reading independently, they should be reading books they understand and can read fairly easily. Reading books that are too difficult can lead to frustration, inability to understand the story, and then reading is no longer enjoyable. We want children to enjoy reading, which means it is important they are reading books they are interested in and are "good fit" books. Research also shows that children are motivated to read when they can choose their own books.**

## What Parents Can Do

**DO** read aloud to your child every day. If this is done in the years before going to school and in the early years of schooling, (and even beyond!) it will launch and embrace a love of reading.

**DO** talk about a book before you start reading it to a young child. Ask older children about their current reading.

**DO** buy a bed-lamp (the best reading aid!) and encourage reading each night before going to sleep.

**DO** praise every effort in reading, especially if confidence is low.

**DO** be seen reading for pleasure yourself and making visits to the library for adult as well as children's books.

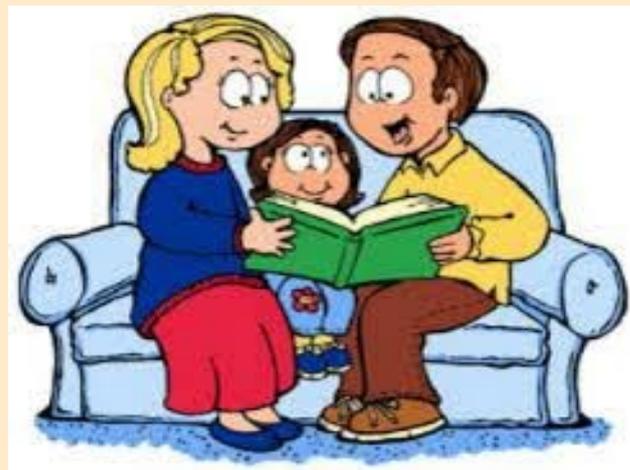
**DON'T** nag your child about reading, nor worry if the reading isn't yet word-perfect or equal to that of some other child. Rather, pursue this basic question: 'Is my child finding interesting reading material and are conditions at home favourable for reading? (Can the TV go off at times?)'

## **PAUSE PROMPT PRAISE Method when listening to a Child Reading a Take Home Book**

**Pause:** If a mistake occurs, pause; wait to give the student a chance to solve the problem. Allow a few moments for thinking time before expecting an answer.

**Prompt:** Give a hint or lead to encourage a response.

**Praise:** At all times it is important that students are praised and encouraged in their efforts. Use a variety of encouraging words and phrases to support students with their attempts.





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**Bully Stoppers: Being Cool Online**

Students achieve their best at school in safe and supportive environments, where they are free from bullying and disruptive behavior. We put a big emphasis on making sure we provide a great environment for our students – one that promotes tolerance and is inclusive, harmonious and free from bullying.

We can work towards this goal through education in the classroom, intervention in the playground and a focus on promoting positive behavior.

However, with the rise of social media, bullying now occurs online, as well as in person.

Cyberbullying is just as harmful as face-to-face bullying, and online actions can have real life consequences.

Cyberbullying is an increasing issue in the wider community – and the best way to tackle it is for schools, students and parents to work in partnership.

Kismet Park PS is supporting the Victorian Government’s Bully Stoppers campaign – which has just launched a new series of



tools and resources for parents and students to support students in preventing cyberbullying and how to practise Netiquette.



Available from 10 February, students in years 3 – 12 are encouraged to participate in an online quiz hosted on the Bully Stoppers website, where they will learn more about how to be good net citizens and go into the draw to win an iPad as well as other prizes for our school.

These resources, called *Bully Stoppers: Being Cool Online*, are available on the Bully Stoppers website, at [www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers) - visit the site to find out more.

**HOUSE COMPETITION NEWS**

Throughout the year we will be providing updates of House Point tallies the week following each Whole School assembly. The House point tallies as at our last assembly on Friday 6th March:

HOUSE	POINTS
CLARKE	1650
HOGAN	1418
LAMBERT	1401
MCEWEN	1226

**Regional Swimming** The Northern Metropolitan Regional Swimming Championships were held yesterday at Northcote. Congratulations to our swimmers who qualified to compete at this elite level. Everyone swam well and were fantastic representatives of our school. Well done to Isaac Wells, Charlotte Satchwell, Ben Attard, Daniel Stubbs, Matthew Jackson, Daniel Salvatore, Declan Woods and Cooper Dunne.

**Bev Keenan**

	Prep	Grade 1/2	Grade 3/4	Grade 5/6
<b>Bright Spark</b>	Joshua Malcolm for always pushing himself further.	Athena Avramopoulos for always working to her full potential.	Grace Brcan for consistently challenging herself in areas of her learning, especially when producing her monstertainment background.	Lauren Nielsen for her hard efforts in reading and writing and showing a great improvement in her ability to comprehend texts.
<b>Big Effort</b>	Mitchell Cooke for showing persistence when completing his work.	Pearson Elton for persistently trying to do his best.	Bridie Collings for striving to improve in organisation and approach to tasks.	Kiralee Collings for displaying great effort and initiative in all areas of her learning.
<b>Friendly Act</b>	Samantha Duffy for her lovely smile and welcoming nature.	Sophie Dunne for always displaying care and consideration towards other students.	Cooper Dunne for being inclusive and extremely kind to new members of our school.	Cooper Shoebridge for including students in games in the yard to ensure they are happy and safe in the yard.

## Extend OSHC at Kismet Park PS

HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book by Friday 20 March to avoid a late fee.

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and we can't wait for you to attend! To check out what's on visit our website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and book via the Parent Portal.



Our weekly recap

What a great week we have had, there were lots of great activities taking place, from cooking fruit roll ups to endless games of tennis and basketball. The stress ball making activity was a great success and had huge participation. It made a lot of mess but we all had fun so the mess was definitely worth it.

- All the staff at extend

### Next weeks activities

Monday 16th March: Pancake night

Tuesday 17th March :Hama beads and boards games

Wednesday 18th March: Netball night

Thursday 19th March: Paper plane competition

Friday 20th March: Movie Night

### SUNFEST Saturday/Sunday 14/15th March 2015

Sunbury's own community festival run by the community volunteers. Highlights include:

Carnival Rides, Stalls, Battle Of The School Choirs, Grand Street Parade, Sunbury Rock Festival 1972-75 Memorabilia Display, SunFest Talent Shows, Performing Arts Groups, Bethany Fisher, SunFest Celebrates St Patrick's Day, No Vacancy In Concert, Fireworks, Walk or Run For Fun, Ecumenical Service and Pets Blessing, Performance Choirs Hesket Primary School Team Skipping Champions, Sunbury Downs Band, and lots more

SunFest supports the community and young performers, on the stage and with over 500 school age students performing across the weekend, your school will no doubt be represented, come and have fun and support SunFest, and your students

SunFest is also after volunteers to run SunFest 2016, children of committee members welcome to join the children committee and run their own event, and be actively involved in SunFest.

For more information see our website [www.sunfest.org.au](http://www.sunfest.org.au)

## PTA NEWS

Next Meeting: Monday 16th March, 9:00am.

Last minute fete organisation.

All welcome



### Canteen Reminder

Please note that if ordering hot food a paper bag is required as we are unable to put hot items in plastic bags. Paper bags cost 20c through the canteen. Please be aware that an item may be removed from your child's order if there is not enough money to cover the cost of the paper bag.

Thanks for those offering to assist in the Kismet Kitchen in the next few weeks, our roster is as follows.

#### Friday 13th March

Kimberley Woods 9-11:30am

Toni Wells 12:00pm-2:00pm

#### Friday 20th March

Maryanne Ristic 9-11:30am

Jodie Nielson 12-2:00pm

Thanks,

SARA & NAOMI



**Recorders have arrived at the office!**

Just a reminder that as part of our music program all students in years 3-6 are required to have a recorder for their music session.

**Cost:\$8.00**

**EASTER HOLIDAYS WORKSHOP - GET YOUR PENCILS READY!**  
TUES. 31st MARCH and THURS. 9th APRIL

**LEARN CARTOONING @ DROMKEEN**

with Brett Cardwell Cardytoons



Tues. 31st March \$12 per Workshop 1-3, Adult workshop 4# \$20

1#Cartoon Basics 1-2:30 pm 2#Cartooning Advanced 2:30-4 pm

3#Draw Caricatures & Comics 4:30-6 pm \*Or pay \$30 for 3 workshops

4#Cartooning for Adults(+15 yrs)7-9 pm (\$20) Covering some basics and advanced cartooning and caricatures of Politicians.

Thurs. 9th April \$12 per Workshop

1#Cartoon Basics 10-11:30 am 2#Cartooning Advanced 12:30-2 pm

3#Draw Caricatures & Comics 2:30-4 pm \*Or pay \$30 for 3 workshops



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