



Kismet News

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Building the Foundations for Success and Happiness

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Monday 25th May	Statewide Curriculum Day: There will be no school today Please note: Extended care is providing onsite care for families on this day, please visit https://www.lookedafter.com/dashboard/schools/KPPS3429
Tuesday 26th May	Prep to Year 2 students will return to on-site schooling- subject to health advice
Monday 8th June	Queen's Birthday—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 9th June	Year 3 to 6 students will return to on-site schooling, - subject to health advice.

Dear Families,

We hope you enjoyed Wellbeing Wednesday. Thank you to all who shared their photos with us via Facebook and Seesaw. It was great to see so many smiles on faces as families enjoyed their time together.

Staff are busy preparing for the Prep to Year 2 return to school on Tuesday. Just as we have greatly appreciated your support over the past six weeks we look forward to working together to ensure a smooth, positive experience for all students as they return to the classroom. If your child is feeling a little anxious about the return you may find the following may assist:

- Visit the school over the weekend to show them which gate they will be using to enter the school.
- Plan where you may park / walk if the entry is different to your usual routine
- Explain that we are doing this to reduce crowding of adults around gates
- Explain this is where you will meet them at the end of the day

Please be assured that there will be plenty of staff in the school grounds each morning and afternoon to greet and support students over the next few weeks. Teaching staff will be in place at each entry to greet and support students. A 'walking school bus' led by teachers will lead students to their learning areas. Taking into account the staggered start regular learning programs will commence at 9:20am and conclude at 2:45pm.

We are all very excited about seeing students return and look forward to supporting them as they settle back into classroom routines and learning.

Key Points to Note about the Return to School

Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the following key information.

- **In the first stage, students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will return to school on Tuesday 26 May.** All year Prep to 2 students are expected to attend school unless medical advice advises otherwise. Please advise the school by phone if your child will not be attending due to medical reasons.
- **Families are asked to send students to school with:**
 - A water bottle (drinking taps will be turned off until further notice)
 - A pair of earphones to use with a school iPads or netbooks



Please remember all unwell students must stay home. When any student either presents as being unwell or reports to a staff member they are feeling unwell throughout the day the parents will be phoned to collect them as soon as possible.

Parents will be unable to enter the school grounds unless by prior arrangement with the office. Please phone the office on 9744 4566 from the front gates if you require assistance. A staff member will come out to greet you as soon as possible.

Students being dropped off / picked up by a family member are asked to follow the times and use gates indicated in the table below. Parents are reminded to practice social distancing between adults during these times and to minimise their time around school gates. Social distancing markers will be placed along fences to assist with this.

Students who walk or ride to school independently are still expected to arrive at school between 8:40 am and 8:55am. Students who walk home will leave school at the usual time of 3:15pm. They can enter and leave school through their usual gate. Regular school crossing hours will apply.

CANTEEN: The canteen will only be accepting online orders until further notice. There will be no counter sales at recess and lunch breaks.

Remote learning will continue for Years 3 to 6 students until Friday 5 June.

Drop off and Pick up Locations and times. To avoid congestions around entry points to the school grounds, we have allocated gates in "Student name order".. Please use your designated gate for drop off and pick up.

McEwen Drive Front Gates

8:45-9:00am & 2:45-3:00pm (A-C)

9:00-9:15am & 3:00-3:15pm (L-M)

Council (Gym) Car Park Gate

8:45-9:00am & 2:45-3:00pm (D-G)

9:00-9:15am & 3:00-3:15pm (N-S)

Kereford Place

Laneway Gate next to Kindergarten and School Playground Gate

8:45-9:00am & 2:45-3:00pm (H-K)

9:00-9:15am & 3:00-3:15pm (T-Y)

Council Oval Back Gates

Accessible via Irvine Close and Council Oval

8:45-9:00am & 2:45-3:00pm (A-K)

9:00-9:15am & 3:00-3:15pm (L-Z)



LEARNING FROM HOME SURVEY

Learning from home is a big change for schools, teachers, students and families. We would love to know how this new way of learning is going for your child so far, so we are inviting you to take the time to complete a Learning from Home Survey. The information you provide will be used to drive school improvements.



- The survey will be conducted online and should take 10 minutes to complete.
- The survey can be completed on any internet enabled device (desktop or laptop computer, tablet, smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.
- The survey will be open until Friday 26 June 2020.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible. Your comments in the final, open-ended questions will be provided back to the school.

*Today survey links have been sent out to one parent / carer from each family where we have an active email address. Please follow the instructions below to complete the survey. **NOTE: Only one parent** from your family is invited to complete the survey.*

Please contact the school if you have not received a survey and would like to update your email details so you can be sent one.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The following items were addressed at our meeting on Monday night:

A new design for the school website which will be updated over the coming months

Maintenance of and painting of weathered fascias and pergolas around Building A. New colours will reflect our school uniform.

The year 3 & 4 Camp to Anglesea

The establishment of a 40th Birthday planning and coordination committee. Please look out for further information.

PTA reported on ideas for our 40th birthday celebrations. Planning for a Father's Day 'stall' that takes into account COVID is underway. PTA are hoping to be able to plan a community gathering during term 4.

We still have three parent vacancies on School Council. Please email the school on kismet.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au if you are interested in joining and would like further information.

We meet on the third Monday of each month during school terms.

PREP 2021 TRANSITION PROCESS AND SCHOOL TOURS

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions schools are unable to hold any tours of the school until further notice. The Sunbury Network of Primary Schools intend to hold tours and information sessions during Term 3, dependant on advice from the Department of Education at that time. These dates will be promoted on school websites, Facebook pages, local childcare centres and kindergartens as soon as they are confirmed.

2021 enrolment packs are now available. Please contact the office on 97444566 or email kismet.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to request a copy.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through the COVID environment.



YEAR 3 & 4 CAMP WILKIN EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Last week we sent out a Compass notification about our Year 3 & 4 camp in Anglesea which is scheduled for Wednesday 25th November to Friday 27th November.

Students will study estuarine and coastal environments and participate in activities including archery, rope courses, flying fox, trampolining and orienteering. Although it is difficult to provide an exact price at this stage (as it will depend on the number attending), the cost of the camp will be approximately \$260-\$300 per student. Once we have collated all of the expressions of interest we will be able to finalise the price. The school will offer payments via instalments as soon as total numbers attending and costs are confirmed. If you are interested in your child attending Camp Wilkin please complete the *EXPRESSION OF INTEREST* form on Compass and return it to school by Friday May 29th via post, email to kismet.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au, or deliver to school. Please give us a call if you wish to deliver to school to arrange someone to collect it from you at the door.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

To support families we will be using weekly newsletters to clarify questions frequently asked by parents. If you have a question or require clarification regarding remote learning please email me at mcconnell.glenn.t@edumail.vic.gov.au

The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) has advised that a 'venue density rule' of no more than one person per four square metres is not appropriate or practical in classrooms or corridors, nor maintaining 1.5 metres between students during classroom activities. Therefore, the previously established ratio of 10 students per class is no longer required in schools.

Understanding The Staged Return To Onsite Schooling The advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer (CHO) is that it is now safe for students, teachers and support staff to return to face-to-face teaching and learning. Very low levels of community transmission of the virus in Victoria, coupled with little evidence of transmission between children in the school environment within Australia and globally, means the risk to staff and students returning to on-site schooling at this time is very low.

The Victorian Chief Health Officer and Victorian Government have approached the return of face-to-face learning and work in Victorian schools with utmost precaution and careful planning.

Staggering return to school to evaluate the effect It is important that the Victorian Chief Health Officer has time to monitor and evaluate the effects that the return to school by other year levels has on the increased movement of people and transmission within the community.

The staged return to on-site schooling is consistent with the recommendations of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, for schools to put in place arrangements that enable physical distancing between adults in school and immediately outside the school, including in teaching and learning environments and staff facilities, as well as at times such as school drop-offs and pick-ups.

On-site supervision for children who need it Vulnerable students in years 3 to 6, and children in those years whose parents or carers cannot work from home, can continue to attend school on-site as needed during this period.

Parents choosing to keep their child at home Once each year level returns to on-site schooling, schools will no longer offer a remote learning program for those students. If parents choose to keep their child at home, they will be responsible for maintaining student learning.

This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons, such as children with a compromised immune system. For those families, schools will establish a plan to meet their circumstances.

The Department's latest advice on coronavirus can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus



Please enjoy some snippets from Kismet Kids home learning.

You are all doing an AMAZING job, you should be very proud!

Keep up the great work.



14 rectangles

3 squares

1 diamond



6 circles

5 semi circles

2 triangles



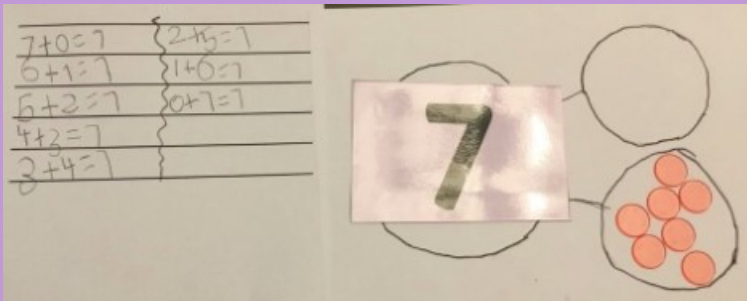
SPHERES



Wellness Wednesday Home Learning.

We loved receiving your work, so beautiful!





As you read – visualising

<https://www.getepic.com/app/read/43893>

List the some of the sights, sounds and smells described in the text. **LIONS**

Sights	Sounds	Smells
Lions see well in the dark. They can easily spot their prey.	Young lions learn to talk to one another. A hum or a puff says "hello", a snarl means "back off", a roar means "stay off my land".	A lions favorite food are Zebras and WilderbeestA lion can eat up to 60 pounds in one meal. Thats about 240 hamburgers.
All lions are big but they dont look the same. Male lions have a mane and female lions are smaller.		

Draw your **visualisation** (the image in your mind)



In my picture there is a big lion with a mane and and a cub. The lion is roaring very load. It is a very hot day and the lion is hunting for a wilderbeest.

Write a caption: (what is happening in the picture)





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Grass Trees Prey	Prey Roar Hum or puff	Prey Each other

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**A male Lion with his mane up a
tree in the shade.**

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In my picture there is a big lion with a big mane and a female lion. They are hunting a Zebra for their pride. It is very hot and dry and the sun is shinning.

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Amazing Artwork by the Grade 1's!





Don't let anyone dull your

sparkle

