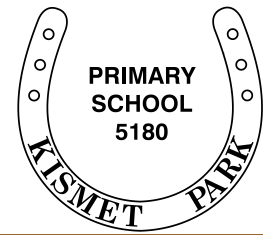




KISMET NEWS



Important Dates

*Monday 26th April
6:30pm School Council*

*Wednesday 28th April
3:30—6:00pm Parent Teacher
Interviews*

*Thursday 29th April
3:30pm—6:00pm Parent Teacher
Interviews*

*Monday 3rd May
Interschool Cross Country*

*Tuesday 4th May
9:30—11:00 2022 Prep Parent
Information Session and Tour*

*Mon 10th May—Wed 12th May
Year 4 Camp*

*Tues 11th—Thurs 20th May
NAPLAN grade 3& 5*

*Friday 11th June
Curriculum Day (students do not
attend school on this day)*

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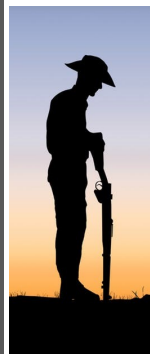
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Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2, it is great to see the teachers and students refreshed and excited to be back at school.

Thank you to parents who participated in our Parent Helper Education sessions this week. We look forward to working with you in our classrooms.



ANZAC DAY

Each year the Sunbury Sub Branch of the RSL invites our Junior School Councillors to participate in the ANZAC Day Commemoration Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony.

On Sunday 25th April, at 9:50am, our Junior School Councillors will parade from the Sunbury Train Station (Coles side) to the Memorial Hall, Barkly Street Sunbury, for a 10:30am Wreath Laying Ceremony. The students are required to be dropped off at 9:40am outside the train and bus area (on Brook Street side) to meet Miss Anderson and Mr McConnell. As our JSC students are representing the school, they will be required to wear school uniform. The Commemoration Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony will be at the Monument, Memorial Hall after the Parade. Students will need to be picked up from outside the Memorial Hall at the conclusion of the ceremony. All members of our school community are invited to attend to watch the parade and Anzac Day ceremony.

Drop off and Pick Ups

To continue nurturing the independence of our students and avoid distracting classes from their soft start and end of day activities we ask all parents / carers to remain outside buildings during drop of and pick up times.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS REMINDER

Our Term 2 parent teacher interviews for all classes and specialist programs (Japanese, Performing Arts and Physical Education) will be held between 3:30 and 6:00pm on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th April.



Classroom teacher interviews will be held in your child's classroom. Specialist teacher interviews (Japanese, Performing Arts and Physical Education) will be held in the Performing Arts room.

Bookings can be made through the COMPASS portal.

COMPASS is a web-based system that is accessible on any modern web browser or by using the Compass School Manager app available for iOS or Android. To access our Parent Portal go directly to the Portal URL address: <https://kismetparkps-vic.compass.education>

When you log on to COMPASS you will find a link to Conferences on your home page. An online tutorial will lead you through the booking process. When selecting times for appointments with multiple teachers, please ensure you leave at least 10 minutes between bookings to allow for travel between conferences.

Note: Please contact the office if you have misplaced your log in details or require any assistance. BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 26th April



NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 students are scheduled between Tuesday 11 May and Thursday 20 May. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests unless an exemption is sought by parents. This year all tests (except

Year 3 writing) will be conducted online. Further information about NAPLAN Online was sent home to families of Year 3 and 5 students earlier this week. For more information about the tests please speak to your child's teacher or visit the VCAA website at <https://nap.edu.au>

CURRICULUM DAY—Friday 11 June

Our next curriculum day will be held Friday 11 June. Students do not attend school on this day. Staff will be involved in professional learning activities with further details being provided when the day's program is confirmed.

EXTEND WILL BE OFFERING CHILD CARE ON THIS PUPIL FREE DAY. PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR BOOKING DETAILS IN FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS

2022 PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS

Our 2022 Prep enrolment process will commence soon with information sessions being held at the times listed below. As we are approaching our current enrolment capacity we ask all current families who have siblings starting at Kismet Park in 2022 to complete the enrolment process by the end of term 2 to inform our decision making. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Tuesday 4 May at 9:30am

Tuesday 25 May at 6:30pm

Wednesday 26 May at 9.30am

When enrolling your child, please bring proof of age (e.g. Birth Certificate or Passport) and a School Immunization Certificate. Information regarding immunization certificates can be found at:

<http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/services/acir/keeping-track.jsp>



DO YOU HAVE EXTRA BED LINEN??


Sickbay is in need of single bed sets, including doona cover, fitted sheet and pillow cases. If you have spares that you no longer need we would really appreciate it.


HOURS OF STUDENT SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

As per DET guidelines which require a minimum of 10 minutes supervision prior to the commencement and finish of the school day Kismet Park's grounds are supervised by staff from 8:40 – 8:55am and from 3:15 – 3:30pm.

Note that parents and carers are responsible for the care and supervision of students: travelling to and from school outside the times of school supervision (8:40am – 3:30pm)

If you need to access the supervision earlier than 8:40am and/or later in the afternoon than 3:30pm 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 or call on 1300366437.

	<p>Extend is the place for your children to thrive, learn and play, so what are you waiting for? Book and enrol at www.extend.com.au</p>
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	<p>Hi there!</p> <p>My name is Emily and I have been a part of the KPPS Extend team since 2019!</p> <p>One of my greatest achievements would be completing the Great Victorian Bike Ride which was over 527km long!</p> <p>Emily West Extend Team Member</p>
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Come along to Before School Care for a healthy breakfast and a great start to the day. Then join us for After School Care and enjoy a range of different activities and be nourished with yummy, healthy food! Make new friends at Extend! Enrol and book now via extend.com.au.

Evie Valentini from grade 5/6 has been growing her hair for quite some time and is going to cut it off and donate to the **Kids With Cancer** charity. Such a beautiful act of kindness. If you would like to donate to the cause, please click on the link below 😊 WELL DONE EVIE!

https://fundraise.kidswithcancer.org.au/fundraisers/caseyvalentini/wigs-4-kids?ref=ch_1liTYsAVIW0NR0tXIBzUaHOf

***It's not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school.* By Michael Grose**

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time. It sounds simple, but it is true.

The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it's often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned. It's hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year's lost schooling over the school-life of a child. In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That's not a reason to be away!

It's now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling's birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don't really value learning or their children's school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school.

So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It takes strong parenting...

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as "It's not fair that I have to go school today because Aunty is coming to visit!" Nice try. But the answer should be "No!"

As parents, we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It's reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.

As A PARENT:-

Commit to sending kids to school every day unless they are unwell.

Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time.

Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence.

Consider catching-up on missed work.

Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom – that is where ill kids should be.

Fact Sheet

Internet Safety Tips for Parents, Teachers & Carers

- ✚ The use of computers, laptops or any internet enabled devices (iPad, phone, iPod, Xbox) SHOULD be in a common area of the house NOT IN THE BEDROOM! Need an alarm – buy a clock radio!
- ✚ Parental monitoring is vital – walk past and see what your child is doing, who they are talking to and what sites they are on....be aware if their mood changes. This is NOT invading their privacy at all...it is parenting in the digital space.
- ✚ Make sure there is no response to rude or harassing emails. (keep a record in case of further investigation)
- ✚ Advise your student/child to immediately exit any site that makes them feel uncomfortable or worried. Basic protective behaviour principles apply.
- ✚ If the harassment continues....the current email account can be deleted and a new one started. The new email address should only be given to a selected few.
- ✚ If receiving harassing messages on social media – have the sender blocked & report to the site.
- ✚ If you have found inappropriate content about your child or one in your care on a website or are informed about this situation please contact the ISP and or Police or advise the parent to do so ASAP.
- ✚ Have a family internet contract and set house rules about what information your child can put onto websites or share with others.
- ✚ Be aware the majority of children WILL NOT tell a parent/teacher if bullied or harassed online for fear that they will lose internet access!!
- ✚ Make sure that your children understand that they will not get in trouble if they tell you about a problem.
- ✚ Parents must learn about the internet with their child – get students to share their knowledge of the internet with their parents in a fun environment



SUNBURY DOWNS COLLEGE

DISCOVERY NIGHT

Monday 3rd May 2021

5:00pm and 6:30pm

Bookings Essential

On our Open Night

Join College tours

Meet our teachers

Experience our culture

Explore our facilities



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TUESDAY 4 MAY 2021
6:30 PM ONWARDS

6:30 pm: Information Session and Principal's Message

7:00 pm: Explore Sunbury College

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SATURDAY 24TH APRIL 2021
ALL ABOARD SKATEBOARDING SESSIONS
SUNBURY
SKATE PARK

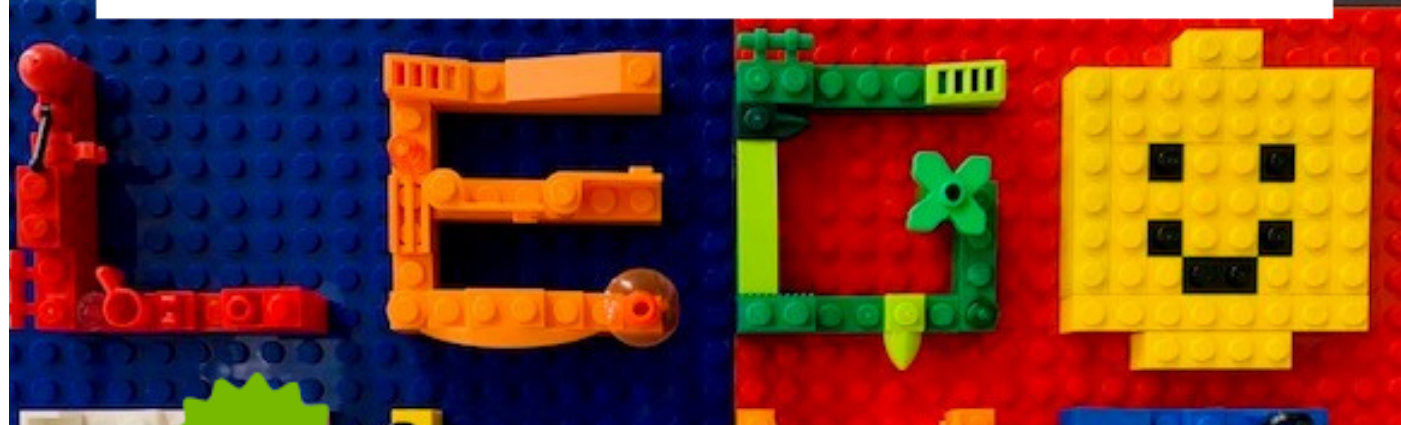
11am - 1pm Skate Workshops & Giveaway
2pm - 4pm Open Jam | Prizes for Best Tricks
on various obstacles, highest ollie, and game of SKATE

15 Cornish St, Sunbury | ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME
FREE, equipment provided | Book at skateclub.ymca.org.au





SUNBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD
HOUSE



New!

SNH LEGO CLUB

Bring your kids, we supply the Lego (and tea & coffee)

This group session is for the builders! And is run by SNH parent volunteers. Each week we will have a build theme to follow or just go with your creativity. Working with mixed Lego, we aim to encourage social connections, inspire creativity and most importantly, have fun!

When: Wednesday


Time : 4pm - 5.30pm (includes set up & pack up)


Who : Primary school children, aged 6-11


Cost : 10 sessions, \$25 per child

Note : Caregiver participation is welcomed or just hang out in our kitchen and have a cuppa while the kiddos create (children must have a caregiver with them at all times) All equipment is provided.
Snacks are welcome, please keep food to allocated snack zone

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