



Kismet News

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Building the Foundations for Success and Happiness

22 October 2020

Sat 17—Fri 23 October	BOOK WEEK
Thursday 22 October	Student Leaderships Applications due
Friday 23rd October	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - no students at school tomorrow. Enjoy a long weekend!
Monday 26 October	7:00pm KPPS 40th Birthday Planning Committee Meeting
Tuesday 3rd November	MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Dear Families,

Well, what a Book Week it has been! It was exciting to see everyone's amazing costumes come through the gates this morning and a fun break from the journey we have been on over the last few months.

CAMP NEWS

Unfortunately earlier this week we needed to cancel our Year 3 and 4 Anglesea camp. Letter regarding refunds were sent home to families yesterday. Please apply for a refund by the end of November.

Information about the 2021 year 5 and 6 Canberra Camp will be sent home soon. We are busily looking at options for year 4 to attend a camp in 2021 to replace the missed camp. We thank everyone for their understanding and patience while we waited and hoped for COVID restrictions to be lifted.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Over the coming weeks our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Next week all parents / carers with 'Compass Log In Details' will be invited to participate in the survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 26th October to Friday 13th November.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The survey results will be communicated to parents later in the year and will be used to inform goals and strategies for the 2021 Annual Implementation Plan which is discussed at school council.

Please speak to Glenn or Andrea if you would like further information about the survey.

PTA AGM

Thank you to all who attended our PTA AGM on Tuesday 13 October. At this meeting our new constitution was adopted, changing the committee's title to the 'Kismet Park Primary School Parents & Community Association'.

We acknowledged the important role of PTA in building community and raising funds that support the school in providing the best possible learning environment and resources for our students and staff. We also acknowledged the work of office bearers Kylie Lowdell, Jacqui Barnard, Rachael Sinfield and Bianca Kerr over the past 17 months. We thanked all PTA members and volunteers who have supported PTA activities.

Since our 2019 AGM PTA has contributed \$12000 towards our laptop / iPad lease which provides in excess of 150 devices to students across years Prep to Year 4. A contribution of \$20000 assisted the school with the installation of reverse cycle air conditioners in 6 classrooms in building B along with the Performing Arts space.

The Disco Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day Stalls were once again highlights for our students. These activities were well supported by PTA members and volunteers.

Congratulations and thank you to our 2020/21 elected office bears. We look forward to an exciting year working with you. as elected

President Kylie Lowdell
Vice President Lisa Lane
Secretary Felicity Dobson
Treasurer Kate Topp

Membership is open to any parent or guardian of a child attending the school or any other interested individual of the immediate school community. To become a member you must sign and complete a Registration Form which is available on Compass / School Documentation/Forms. Please call the office if you would like to know more or for assistance in becoming a PCA member.

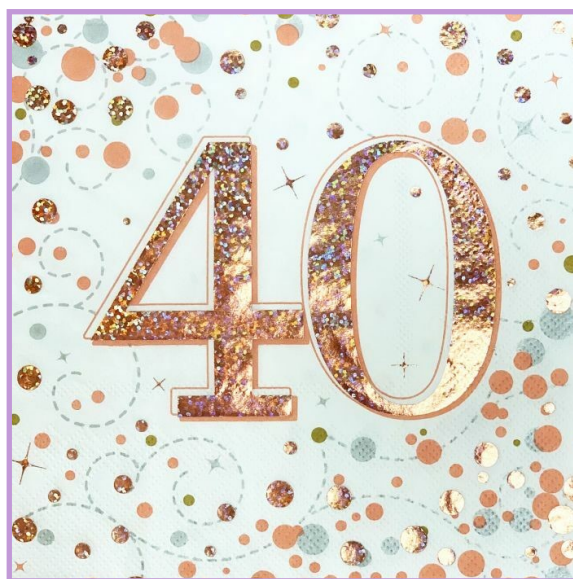
40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS - Planning Meeting 7:00pm on Monday 26 October

Planning for Kismet Park's 40th Birthday celebrations on 2021 will commence with a planning committee meeting on Monday 26 October at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held on Webex. All are invited to this meeting to share their ideas and plan out an exciting calendar of activities for the many families and staff who have passed through our school since 1981. Please call Glenn on 97444566 if you would like further information. Log in details are below: We hope to see you there:

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MTID=mdcd4d558ea2f5863ea0b8e4fabeff94d](https://eduvic.webex.com/eduvic/j.php?MTID=mdcd4d558ea2f5863ea0b8e4fabeff94d)

Meeting number (access code): 165 806 2238

Meeting password: NAbT2Vjev39



2021 CLASS PLACEMENTS INFORMATION

If there is any information that we may not be aware of that may affect your child's class placement next year please put the details in writing and forward to the office marked Attention: Mr Glenn McConnell by Friday 30th of October. This is not a teacher / class selection process, but an opportunity to provide information which may assist with your children's social and academic grouping. While all information will be carefully considered we can not guarantee that all needs will be met. To assist us with our forward planning we ask any families / students who are moving to another area and not returning to Kismet Park in 2021 to notify the school office as soon as possible. This information is critical in terms of class structures and staffing. Thank you for your assistance.

2021 PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM

This morning it has been confirmed that The Chief Health Officer has advised that **kinder transition visits can occur now in metropolitan Melbourne** in line with what is already occurring in regional Victoria, rather than having to wait until Step 3 of the Roadmap is activated.

This will enable:

- On-site visits of small groups (up to 10) of incoming children, their parents and/or early childhood educators to visit one 'Foundation teacher' in a school to support the transition of children into Prep in 2021.
- On-site visits by one Foundation Teacher to meet a Kindergarten Teacher and children in kindergarten settings to support the transition of children into Prep in 2021.

Next week we will communicate arrangements for our 'Getting To Know Your Child' meetings during which a short pre-school assessment will be completed. This assessment along with a quick chat will take about 20 minutes to complete. Arrangements for orientation sessions will also be confirmed in the next few weeks.



BE SUNSMART

Get your wide brimmed hats ready! Sunsmart time is here and there are 5 things to remember...

UV levels in Victoria are on the rise again so it is time to grab your sun protection gear and do the SunSmart Countdown. Whenever UV levels reach 3 and above, sun protection is needed because that is when the sun can start to damage skin and eyes and lead to skin cancer. Use a combination of the following five sun protection measures:

1. Slip on clothing that covers as much skin as possible (no singlet tops).
2. Slop on SPF30+ broad spectrum sunscreen (remember to reapply it before going outside).
3. Slap on a wide brimmed hat that shades the head, face, neck and ears.
4. Seek shade.
5. Slide on some wraparound sunglasses



During the Sunsmart period students not wearing a wide brimmed school hat will be directed to sit in a shaded area. We appreciate your support with encouraging SunSmart behaviours. School hats can be purchased through PSW.

UPDATED SCHOOL POLICIES:

First Aid Management at Kismet Park Primary School

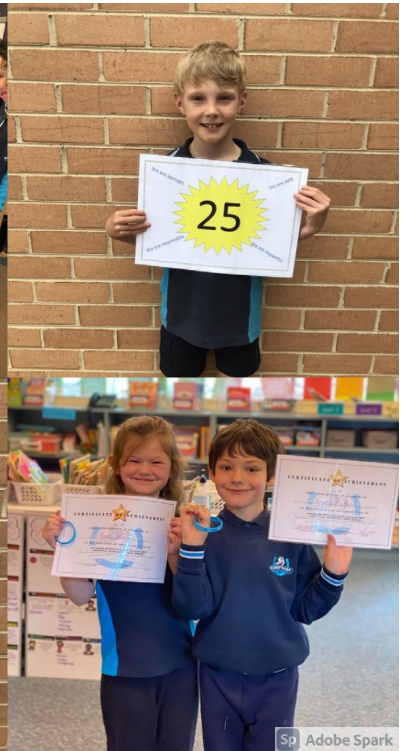
As part of Kismet Park's commitment to meeting our legislative requirements (mandated by the Department of Education and Training in Victoria) we thought it would be a good opportunity to send out a reminder about our First Aid policies. These have all been fully reviewed and updated in accordance with the Department of Education and Training's latest guidance. We would encourage every member of our school community to read and review these. Our COMPASS portal is our fabulous gateway to all our policies. By exploring the "School Documentation link" within COMPASS, you will find all our latest First Aid policies (within the Policies folder) including:

- Administration of medication policy.
- Anaphylaxis policy.
- Asthma policy.
- First Aid policy.



YATTA AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



BOOK WEEK



Look out for more
images on the school's
Facebook page!

