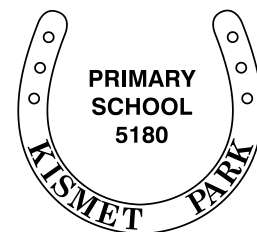




KISMET NEWS



Empowerment and Excellence in Education for All

Important Dates

Friday 25th June

Wonder Recycling Rewards Ends
Last day of Term -2:30pm finish

Monday 12 July

First day of Term 3

Monday 19 July

School Council Annual Reporting
Evening

Thursday 29 July

Whole School Curriculum Day
-Pupil Free Day
(Parent Teacher 3 Way Conferences)

Friday 30 July

PCA Disco

CHILD SAFETY OFFICER

Glenn McConnell

Please speak with Andrea if you
have any concerns at all regarding
a child's wellbeing or safety



Dear Families,

Thank you to all - students, staff and families for your amazing support of Junior School Council's 'MND' fundraiser which raised an amazing \$3050 to help make a difference to people living with MND and their families. It was great to see the excitement generated by the ice bucket challenge and the fun enjoyed by all.

We would like to congratulate our students on the manner in which they have worked throughout first semester. Over the past few weeks it has been a pleasure to read about their achievements in their mid year reports.

Thank you to all of our wonderful parent helpers who have assisted in so many ways throughout the term. (when COVID has allowed them to). Your efforts are greatly appreciated by us all. On behalf of the staff we wish everybody a happy and safe holiday.

We will communicate updated COVID protocols prior to our return to school.

CONGRATULATIONS ANDREA MARKHAM!

It is with mixed emotions that I share that this afternoon Andrea Markham was appointed Acting Principal at Ardeer South Primary School for term 3. Andrea has made a wonderful contribution to our school over the past three years, positively impacting on the learning and wellbeing of students, staff and members of the wider community. We all wish her all the best for the future, knowing that the Ardeer South PS Community are very fortunate to be getting such a wonderful leader.



STUDENT SEMESTER ONE REPORTS AND LEARNING PORTFOLIOS

This afternoon your child will have taken home their semester one Learning Portfolio. This portfolio which contains samples of their work provides a valuable insight into your child's achievements and progress in their learning.

These represent only a small sample of the tasks completed throughout the semester. We encourage you to sit with your child and talk about the information which has been included.

THREE WAY CONFERENCES—PUPIL FREE DAY 29 July

On our upcoming curriculum day on Thursday 29 July we will be holding Three Way Conferences between 10:30am and 6:30pm. Parents / carers will be invited to book a 15 minute timeslot to meet with their child's teacher and child to discuss their current and future learning. Students do not attend school on this day—they only attend the 15 minute Three Way Conference with their parent and teacher.

What is a Three Conference ? A **3-Way Conference** actively involves parents, students and teachers reflecting on student growth as a learner, while acknowledging the most important participants in the learning process – student, teacher and parent/carer. The student facilitates the **conference** and is supported by the teacher when needed.

Please look out for a Compass invitation for three way conferences during the first week of term 3.

WONDER RECYCLING REWARDS PROGRAM EXTENDED



Thanks you to all who have been supporting our participation in the Wonder Recycling Rewards Program - a fun and easy program for Aussie schools to recycle bread bags that might otherwise go to landfill, and earn rewards points to redeem on new sports equipment for their efforts. All the collected plastic bread bags will be used to create wonderful new things like school play equipment! **PLUS** all registered schools are in the draw to **WIN one of five exercise circuits** made from the recycled plastic we collect. The Campaign will now close on Friday 16 July.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Families have been sent each student's username and password for the Premier's Reading challenge along with a parent consent form. Parents are reminded to sign and return consent forms by the end of term.

The Premier's Reading Challenge website can be easily accessed on the web at this address: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc> and by clicking on the 'Student Login' button on the left hand side. Any questions you have about the challenge can also be answered on the website. If you have any further questions that you cannot find the answer to, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.



SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

At our meeting on Monday night School Council discussed the following items:

- Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures
- Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- CCTV Policy

These updated policies will be made available on our school website and Compass.

Out Of School Hours Care: The delivery of the program was discussed.

School Oval Upgrade: The Victorian Schools Building Authority (VSBA) have informed us that they hope to appoint an architect to our project by the end of term with a view to preparations and planning taking place early next term. The upgrade will include the installation of artificial turf, sports field markings and long jump pit. The Buildings and Grounds Committee look forward to working with the VSBA.



Junior School Council will attend our next meeting on Monday 19 July to share with us:

- Learning from GRIP
- Plans for 2021 (fundraising / activities)
- Feedback about school programs
- Ways we can continue to improve as a school.

Our Annual Reporting to the community evening has been confirmed for 6:00 –6:45pm on Monday 16 August. Invitations will be sent out early next term.

FOCUS ON CYBERBULLYING



Every time you go online, you can choose who you share information with and how you engage with others. Don't be a bully and remember the choices you make online can last forever.

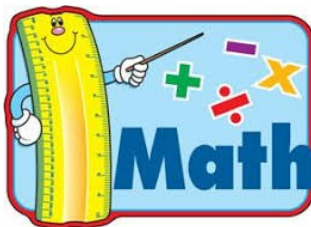
When you are online make a decision to:

- Choose privacy and security settings carefully and check them regularly
- Choose friends wisely online. Not everybody online is who they claim to be, regularly review your connections and remove people
- If you have made a mistake apologise and take down offensive material as soon as possible
- **Ask for permission before uploading pictures of your friends or others.**

IDEAS TO HELP WITH MATHS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

For useful information about safe and appropriate use of social media please visit the eSafety website at:
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Kismet Park is a an eSmart registered school.
Talk together and have fun with numbers and patterns



Help your child to:

- find numbers around your home and neighbourhood – clocks, letterboxes, speed signs
- count forwards and backwards (clocks, fingers and toes, letterboxes, action rhymes, signs)
- make patterns when counting "clap 1, stamp 2, clap 3, stamp 4, clap 5..."
- do sums using objects such as stones or marbles eg $2 + 3$, $4 + 1$, $5 + 4$
- make up number stories – "you have 2 brothers and 2 sisters. There are 4 of them"

Here's a tip - maths is an important part of everyday life and there are lots of ways you can make it fun for your child.

Use easy, everyday activities

Involve your child in:

- preparing and sharing out food – "two for me and two for you". Ask, "How many for each of us?"
- talking about time – "lunchtime", "storytime", "bedtime"
- using words in everyday play like "under", "over", "between", "around", "behind", "up", "down", "heavy", "light", "round", "circle", "yesterday", "tomorrow". You can get library books with these words and ideas in them too
- asking questions like "How many apples do we need for lunches? What do you think the weather is going to be like today/tomorrow? What are we going to do next?"

Here's a tip - use lots of mathematics words as your child is playing to develop their understanding of early mathe-

matics (eg "over", "under", "first, second, third", "round", "through", "before", "after"). Use the language that works best for you and your child.

For wet afternoons/school holidays/weekends

Get together with your child and:

- play with water using different shaped containers and measuring cups in the sink or bath
- bake – talk to your child about the recipe/ingredients using words like "how many?" "how much?" "more". Count how many teaspoons of baking soda are needed, how many cups of flour, how many muffin cases
- play dress-ups and getting dressed, use words like "short", "long", and ask questions like "what goes on first?", "what goes on next?", "does it fit?"
- create a 'sorting box' with all sorts of 'treasure' – bottle tops, shells, stones, poi, toys, acorns, pounamu (greenstone), cardboard shapes, leaves. Ask questions like "how many?", "which is the biggest group?", "which is the smallest?", "how many for each of us?"
- do jigsaw puzzles, play card and board games and build with blocks.

Here's a tip - being positive about mathematics is really important for your child's learning – even if you didn't enjoy it or do well at it yourself at school.

Donations for Sickbay

Do you have any extra navy blue short or pants sizes 6, 8 and 10?
If so, please drop by the school office for our sickbay cupboard :)



