



# Kismet News

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*Building the Foundations for Success and Happiness*

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Friday 26th June	<b>Last Day of Term 2</b> All students will be dismissed at 2:30pm through designated gates according to sur-names.,
Monday 13 July	Students return to school for beginning of Term 3
Wednesday 22nd July	Parent Teacher Interviews via Webex
Thursday 23rd July	Parent Teacher Interviews via Webex
Friday 31st July	Curriculum Day—students do not attend school on this day
Tuesday 18th August	2021 Prep Information Session and School Tour at 7:00pm
Wednesday 19th August	2021 Prep Information Session and School Tour at 9:30am
Tuesday 25th August	2021 Prep Information Session and School Tour at 9:30am

Dear Families,

We made it! After working through the most interesting and challenging of school terms many of us will ever experience it is finally time to take a breath, rest up and prepare ourselves for what we hope will be a more 'normal' semester 2.

Once again we send out an enormous feeling of gratitude for the wonderful staff, families and students we have the privilege of working with. Thank you for your commitment to doing the best you can and putting our school values into practice over the past 11 weeks. Please take a moment to reflect on your achievements along with the resilience and persistence you have shown during this challenging time.

Thank you to all those families who have taken the time to express their gratitude to our staff through letters, emails, messages and gifts. Your kind thoughts and actions are greatly appreciated.

Consider this famous quote by sports psychologist Liane Cardes ‘ **Continuous effort — not strength or intelligence — is the key to unlocking our potential.**’ Think about how this relates to our school values and their importance in being the best you can be.

Enjoy a well deserved break. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on 13 July.

Regards

Glenn and Andrea



## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COVID GUIDELINES

Due to the recent increase in COVID cases in Victoria the Department of Education has delayed updates to current guidelines. We will be sending out updated information via Compass throughout the holidays in preparation for our return on Monday 13 July.

## SEMESTER 2 NEWSLETTERS GOING FORTNIGHTLY

Given the many new ways we communicate with families it seems that weekly newsletters are no longer the most effective way to distribute information. Therefore we will be moving to fortnightly newsletters next semester. Newsletters will commence in week 1 of each term, followed by weeks 3,5,7,9 and 11 as determined by the duration of each term. Important news updates, event calendars, policies and other information will continue to be available via Compass.

## BEST WISHES MRS POSAR

Mrs Posar will be taking up an Assistant Principal position at Roxburgh Park Primary School for Semester 2. We would like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution Mrs Posar has made to our school as a Learning Specialist, Classroom Teacher and colleague over the last 18 months. While she will be missed by us all we are excited for her and wish her well in her new role. To provide continuity for 1PS Mrs Stewart will continue to be their full time teacher for the remainder of the year. I thank Mrs Stewart for her work with the class and look forward to her continuing with us in a full time capacity until the end of the year.

Over the past 18 months the work of Mrs Posar and Mrs Goldsworthy have worked closely together as learning specialists, focussing on building the capacity of teachers to improve learning outcomes of students with a focus on English and Mathematics. While out of the classroom they have provided planning support, mentoring and coaching in highly effective teaching practices aiming to further improve consistency of practice across the school.



To maintain the momentum of school improvement initiatives Mrs Goldsworthy will be increasing her time out of the classroom to three days during semester 2. Mrs Green will now be teaching 4GG on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

## BABY NEWS!!!!



Congratulations to Michelle Mann on the safe arrival of her baby girl Hazel who was born on Monday 15th June. We are pleased to report that bub is doing very well, with her parents quickly learning how precious sleep is. We are sure there are plenty of lullabies being sung and look forward to a time when we can meet Hazel.

## STUDENT REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Semester one student reports have now been sent out via Compass.

Our Term 3 parent teacher interviews for all classes will be held between 3:30 and 6:00pm on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd July. Due to COOVID restrictions interviews will be held via Webex (or phone if you are unable to access Webex). These interviews will enable you to discuss your child's report, aspects of the remote learning experience, transition back to school and stage of learning relevant to your child. Bookings can be made through the COMPASS portal.

## TRIPLE P - POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

Families can now access free expert parenting advice through the online Triple P – Positive Parenting Program.

The program is relevant to families with children between 2 and 16 years and provides strategies to deal with specific challenges, such as building children's resilience and dealing with conflict.

There are courses specifically for parents of toddlers to tweens, and for parents of pre-teens to teens.

It gives parents strategies to:

- raise happy, confident kids
- manage misbehaviour so everyone in the family enjoys life more
- set rules and routines that everyone respects and follows
- encourage positive behaviour
- take care of themselves as a parent



- feel confident they're doing the right thing.

Sign up to the Triple P program via their website.

## TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE ONLINE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Staying connected online has never been more important, now that many of us are physically isolated from family members, friends, colleagues and support networks. The internet is a great way to socialise, learn, work, play and be entertained. But there are also risks. You may find useful activities and information at the eSafety Commission website by following the links below:

Student Cyber Safety information: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with>

Information for parents: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Adults Cyber Safety Information: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/adult-cyber-abuse>

## HOLIDAY WORKS

You may have noticed a variety of paint samples adorning the front entrance to the school over the past couple of days. During the holidays contractors will commence maintenance work on Building A's fascias and timber beams which are quite weathered. This work will then be painted in a blue very similar to the dark blue on our school uniform. We will be considering the inclusion of teal highlights during the works.



Contractors will also be installing new carpets to the corridors of building A and classrooms A9 and A10.

We are continuing our work on a grant application which would support the installation of synthetic turf on the school oval and other 'muddy or dusty' areas to improve our playground environment for students. Junior School Councillors are seeking ideas from students across the school to assist with the development of our playground spaces. If you have any suggestions for the improvement of our playgrounds please email them to me at [Glenn.McConnell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Glenn.McConnell@education.vic.gov.au)

## PREP 2021 TRANSITION PROCESS AND SCHOOL TOUR DATES CONFIRMED

The Sunbury Network of Primary Schools have now confirmed dates for tours and information sessions during Term 3, dependent on further advice from the Department of Education. Kismet Park will be conducting tours and information sessions at the following times:

Tuesday 18 August at 7:00pm Information Session and School Tour

Wednesday 19 August at 9:30am Information Session and School Tour

Tuesday 25 August at 9:30am Information Session and School Tour



Families are asked to contact the school on 9744 4566 to book a place for their chosen session. This information will be used to ensure we are able to meet any COVID restrictions that may be in place at that time.

2021 enrolment packs are now available. Please contact the office on 97444566 or email [kismet.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto: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.

## Curriculum Day Friday 31 July



Planning for our next curriculum day on Friday 31 July. On this day teachers will be involved in professional learning activities that support school improvement initiatives to improve learning outcomes for our students in English and Mathematics. The day's work will focus on the implementation of our Instructional Model that sets out how we structure our teaching, the High Impact Teaching Strategies that reliably increase student learning wherever they are applied and Formative Assessment that informs teachers about what they need to teach next.

Students do not attend school on this day. Extend will be providing onsite childcare for families with bookings opening up soon.

## DROP OFF & PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

As of today there has been no change to the Department of Education guidelines. Arrangements for Term 3 will be confirmed via Compass during the holidays. . For the safety of all we ask all families to follow all road rules, be considerate of others and exercise great care during these times. Thank you for your cooperation.

### DROP OFF & PICK UP TIMES AND ZONES FOR THE LAST DAY OF TERM - Friday 26 June only

The drop off and pick up gates remain the same for allocated surnames - ensure your child is always dropped off and picked up at the same gate

All arrivals at your allocated gate between 8:40 - 9am

Pick up and dismissal time for all students on Friday 26 June is 2:30pm

#### McEwen Drive Front Gates

Drop Off: 8:40-9:00am (A-C) (L-M) Surnames

Pick Up: 2:30pm (A-C) and (L-M) Surnames

#### Council (Gym) Car Park Gate

Drop Off: 8:40-9:00am (D-G) and (N-S) Surnames

Pick Up: 2:30pm (D-G) and (N-S) Surnames

#### Kereford Place

Laneway Gate next to Kindergarten and School Playground Gate

Drop Off: 8:40-9:00am (H-K) (T-Y) Surnames

Pick Up: 2:30pm (H-K) and (T-Y) Surnames

#### Council Oval Back Gates

Accessible via Irvine Close and Council Oval

Drop Off: 8:45-9:00am (A-K) (L-Z) Surnames

Pick Up: 2:30pm (A-Z) Surnames



# OUR DISPLAY WALLS

## LOOKING

## BEAUTIFUL













