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Important Dates

Nov 11: Remembrance Day

2022 Prep Transition #1

Nov 18: 2022 Prep Transition #2

Nov 25: 2022 Prep Transition #3

Dec 10: Order online bookpacks from Kookaburra by this date to avoid a late fee and ensure delivery prior to the commencement of the 2022 school year.



Dear Families,

WELCOME back to onsite learning to all our students, their families and our staff.

It has been a pleasure to watch the students and staff reunite, after such a long absence from regular routine and schooling. Thank-you to our parents and carers for the way in which you have supported and nurtured your children, throughout the Remote and Flexible Learning period. I can see that our students were well supported by their families at home and most returned to onsite learning confidently and happily.

Thank you to Mrs Stewart who led the school in the absence of Mr McConnell. She has done a brilliant job.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to thank you all for the warm welcome you have given me, this past week as I embark on my role as Acting Principal in Glenn's absence. I have been appointed the Acting Principal until the end of the 2021 school year.

My name is Kathy Cvitkovic. I have introduced myself to your children as Ms. Kathy. I have worked at Melton West Primary School for 9 years as the Assistant Principal overseeing curriculum, instruction and assessment. Prior to my appointment at Melton West PS I was the Assistant Principal at Footscray City PS for 2 years, where I had the opportunity to work within a dual stream school and experience different curriculum from that of the Mainstream schooling. I am married with two adult children, a daughter and a son. I am passionate about education, student voice and agency, supporting teachers to be the best practitioners they can be and whole school improvement.

I am honoured to be leading the Kismet Park Primary School community for the remainder of the 2021 year. I know that 2021 has been a challenging year for a lot of people and I commend all students, families and staff for your resilience and fortitude.

I have been in classrooms this week, briefly to introduce myself to students. I am so impressed with your children's maturity, confidence and manners. Thank-you for being such excellent role models for your children. I look forward to meeting more of our families, parents and carers in the coming days and weeks.

'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.' Nelson Mandela

Warmest Regards, **Kathy Cvitkovic** Acting Principal



leads to positive things.



Managing illness in schools and early childhood

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

What you need to know

If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

- If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:
- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) online self-assessment tool.

Visit: Where to get tested.

A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or been identified as a close contact they must isolate/quarantine until they receive clearance from DHHS.

Children with persistent symptoms due to underlying conditions such as hay fever or asthma whose symptoms are clearly typical of their condition can continue to attend ECEC/school. They should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms. They should consider getting a medical certificate from their GP to attend ECEC/school if they have persistent symptoms that may overlap with symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

Younger children (pre-school up to Grade 2) may have prolonged post viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school/ ECEC following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the <u>DHHS school</u> <u>exclusion table</u>.

Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.



This advice has been prepared by the Department of Education and Training, Safer Care Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services

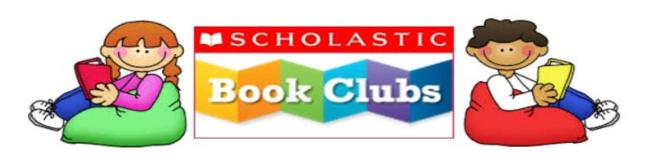




BE SUN SMART



No Hat No Play rules apply this term. Please make sure you child has a hat at school every day. We have a limited supply for sale if you require one at short notice.



Notices for the SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB are being sent home today.

Starting from this term all orders must be place online via the loop

Visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Or download the LOOP app.

Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of our school's order. You do not need to complete the order form in the brochure.

If you would like to place an order online please do so before Friday Novermber 12th

Orders usually take about 1 week to arrive and will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Thanks to all who support Book Club and Happy Reading

Jennifer Driver













Our foyer is a colourful celebration of our big 40th Birthday and a tribute to the marvellous Mr Mac!

We can't wait to open back up and share it with our community.



PARENT PAYMENT POLICY & CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

The department of Education & Training recently strengthened its Parent Payment Policy and as a result, the way we manage our back-to-school supplies (book packs) has changed effective immediately.

The school will no longer on-sell book packs to parents. To ensure we make the transition to this new process of sourcing student supplies, we have engaged a 3rd party provider to supply book packs directly to you. Please see the next page for detailed instructions of how to purchase your child/ren's educational items through Kookaburra Educational Resources.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all you support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Your ongoing financial support will allow us to continue to organise and coordinate the best possible programs for your child/ren.

Contributions can be paid via the compass course confirmations tab or alternatively by calling the school.

<u>Curriculum Contributions</u> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount per child
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment	
Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, wood, wool, beading Mathematics –teaching resources, concrete materials English – book boxes, guided reading books, take home readers Sports – equipment, ribbons Music – instruments Library – books, subscriptions Japanese – teaching resources	\$ 50.00
Online Subscriptions	
Reading Eggs (Prep to grade 2 only)	\$ 15.00
SeeSaw	\$ 6.00
STEM equipment and devices – Robotics, Lego Education, building materials	\$ 10.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$ 10.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount per child
Technology fund - A contribution to support our iPad and technology program ****does not include iPads for the 1:1 BYOD in grades 5/6. Information regarding this	\$10.00
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund - A tax-deductible contribution to maintain our buildings to a safe and attractive standard.	\$25.00
Total Amount per child grade Prep- 2	\$ 126.00
Total Amount per child grade 3-6	\$ 111.00

Category	Prep – 2	3 - 6
Curriculum Contributions	\$101.00	\$86.00
Other Contributions (Building Fund)	\$25.00	\$25.00
Total	\$126.00	\$111.00



INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING PACKS ONLINE

- 1. Go to www.kookaburra.com.au/login (you do not need to register)
- 2. Enter User Name: **KISME002** (The first 5 characters are letters and the last 3 characters are numbers) Enter Password: **Student9**
- 3. Select Student Packs.
- 4. Select your student's 2022 Year Level.
- 5. Add the quantity next to products required by your child, in the "Quantity" box.
- 6. Once you have added all items required, click "Add selected items to cart".
- 7. If you have another child to shop for, select their 2022 year level from the drop down and add their items to your cart.
- 8. When you've finished shopping for your child/ren, click on the cart icon in the header to go to the cart and complete your order.
- 9. Review your cart, then click "Continue to Checkout".
- 10. Select a Delivery Method from the drop-down and complete your delivery details.

Note: Please ensure someone will be available to receive the goods at time of delivery. All home deliveries require a signature, unless you have provided an Authority to Leave (ATL). Please be advised that once an ATL has been provided, Kookaburra can only guarantee delivery and quality up to the point that the track and trace advises us that the goods were left for you in the place indicated on your ATL. Complete your child/rens names under "Student Information".

- 11. Add your phone number.
- 12. Click "Continue to Payment".
- 13. Select your payment method and click "Process Payment".
- 14. You will be emailed an order confirmation.

Your order has now been placed with Kookaburra. If you have any queries, please contact our Customer Experience Team support@kookaburra.com.au

PLEASE NOTE:

Home Delivery

Orders placed by 5pm: Friday 10th December 2021 Will be delivered by: Friday 21st January 2022

Orders received after 5pm Friday 10th December 2021

- Will still be accepted.
- May not be delivered before the start of Term 1 2022 due to ongoing COVID related delivery delays.
- Associated fees and charges of \$10 will apply.

All orders are Firm Sale (i.e. non-returnable).



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