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# Celebrating 40 years at Kismet Park

# KISMET NEW



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### **Important Dates**

Mon 10th May—Wed 12th May Year 4 Camp

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

> Wednesday 12th May PCA meeting 6pm

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

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Dear Families,

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It has been a busy week with lots going on. We proudly held our first whole school assembly for the year. Congratulations to our school captains Ethan and Violet who are already displaying exceptional leadership skills running the assembly with confidence. Our Junior School Councillors represented Kismet Park at the ANZAC Day commemoration service and wreath laying ceremony at the Sunbury RSL on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April. We are looking forward to next week, the beginning of NAPLAN and Year 4 camp – let's keep our fingers crossed for good weather.

We wish all our mothers and grandmothers of the Kismet Park community a Happy Mother's Day. We hope you have a lovely day celebrating with your children and get to enjoy some quality time together. We thank you for all the hard work you do every day preparing your children for school and assisting with their learning at home. A special thanks to our volunteers who helped out with today's stall – you brought huge smiles to students across the school who were extremely excited to go shopping. We are sorry that due to density limits and other COVID protocols we haven't been able to share this celebration with you at school. Please keep in mind that we are planning an open morning on Friday 28 May as part of Education Week. Details of our Cultures of Kismet Celebration day are below.

All the best to our year 4 camp students, teachers and ES staff who are off to Mill Valley Ranch next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. School camp is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop new skills, friendships and interests. We wish them all the best for a fun and adventurous camping experience.

#### 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 <a href="https://nap.edu.au">https://nap.edu.au</a>





#### CULTURES OF KISMET PARK CELEBRATION DAY - FRIDAY 28 MAY

As part of our Education Week Celebrations, on Friday 28 May students are invited to come dressed in attire or a particular article of clothing that reflects their cultural background. Students may also bring an item or artefact that depicts an aspect of their cultural heritage. (where did your great, great, great grandparents originate from?)

Throughout the day students will participate in a variety of activities to gain an appreciation of the richness and diversity of cultures in our community. Any students who have costumes which will inhibit their play or get damaged when playing outside may change back into their

school uniform for the remainder of the day after assembly. Students unable to locate cultural clothing are encouraged to wear orange which is the symbolic colour for Harmony Day to express social communication, mutual respect and freedom of ideas.

Celebrations on this day will include an open morning for parents to visit classrooms and participate in activities. Families who would like to share their stories or present 'performances' from their culture are asked to email us at <a href="mailto:kismet.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au">kismet.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au</a> or speak with Glenn on 97444566 by Friday 7 May to assist the planning team in finalising the days' program.

As mentioned in last week's bulletin I have included my favourite Irish recipe later in today's newsletter. Potato Bread is still a family favourite – especially with bacon and eggs. I hope you get a chance to try it out. If you would like to share a favourite recipe that reflects your cultural background in our newsletter please email us at kismet.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

#### PARENTS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (PCA) MEETING

Parents, carers and friends of Kismet Park are invited to our first Parents and Community Association (PCA) meeting for 2021. During the meeting we will introduce our current PCA members and discuss our calendar of community and fundraising activities for 2021. We look forward to hearing your ideas

At this meeting we will also acknowledge the work of our retiring PCA President Kylie Lowdell and seek nominations to take on that role.

This meeting will be held at 6:00pm -7:00pm on Wednesday 12 May. Participants will be able to attend either:

In person (in the staffroom at school) or

Via webex by using the link JOIN KPPS PCA MEETING

Please indicate your intention to attend by accepting this invitation though Compass events. Contact Glenn on 9744 4566 if you would like any further information.



#### 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. Remaining information sessions are scheduled for: 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

#### **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 OFFERING CHILD CARE ON THIS PUPIL FREE DAY. PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR BOOKING DETAILS IN FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS\*



#### 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 <a href="https://www.extend.com.au">www.extend.com.au</a> or call on 1300366437.

#### **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.



# **Bullying No Way!**

At our recent school council meeting we ratified the updated Bullying Prevention Policy. Kismet Park Primary School is committed to providing a safe and respectful learning environment where bullying will not be tolerated.

The purpose of this policy is to:

explain the definition of bullying so that there is shared understanding amongst all members of the Kismet Park School community

make clear that no form of bullying at Kismet Park Primary School will be tolerated

outline the strategies and programs in place at Kismet Park Primary School to build a positive school culture and prevent bullying behaviour

ask that everyone in our school community be alert to signs and evidence of bullying behaviour, and accept responsibility to report bullying behaviour to school staff

ensure that all reported incidents of bullying are appropriately investigated and addressed

ensure that support is provided to students who may be affected by bullying behaviour (including victims,

bystanders and students engaging in bullying behaviour)

seek parental and peer group support in addressing and preventing bullying behaviour at Kismet Park Primary School.

When responding to bullying behaviour, Kismet Park Primary School aims to:

be proportionate, consistent and responsive

find a constructive and positive solution for everyone

stop the bullying from happening again

restore the relationships between the students involved.

Kismet Park Primary School acknowledges that school staff owe a duty of care to students to take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of reasonably foreseeable harm, which can include harm that may be caused by bullying behaviour. The complete policy can be found on our school website and in the Compass documentation available to parents and the school community.

#### **Interschool Cross Country**

Well done to all students that than ran at Interschool Cross Country on Monday. It was wonderful to see all Kismet students supporting each other as they crossed the finish line.

Congratulations to the following Kismet students who made it to Regional finals, we wish you the best of luck!

Max Dremel

Caiden Woller

Summer Pott

Chase Green

Oliver Heath

Jamie Susnjara

McKinley Wilson

Charlize Dremel



#### POTATO BREAD – Mr Mac's Favourite

#### Ingredients

½ pound of cooked potatoes1 ounce butter½ tea spoon of salts

Around 6 grams of flour

This is small enough for you to try first. Then if you like just up the amounts

How to make it

Peel and cut the potatoes small then boil the until soft

drain the water

Add the butter (while still warm)

Add the salt (while still warm)

Mash or put through a ricer until no lumps

Work in the flour until you have a pliable and then stiff enough dough. you my not use it all

Place some flour on a flat surface and flour your hands or it will get sticky

Roll the dough into a circle about 1cm thick

Cut into traditional squares, rectangles or triangles.

Cook in a pre heated frying/flat pan (preferably non stick or similar). You can cook dry and just sprinkle the pan with flour or you can add a 'little' oil instead. They shouldn't take long

Cook until golden brown on both sides. ( you will see a patchy effect when nearly done)

You can let the rest of the uncooked pieces set in the fridge for the next time and they will stiffen a wee bit more. When set and dried more this will be better for toasting

You could then simply toast if you wish and add butter.

This is traditionally eaten for breakfast in Ireland and is plated with egg (cooked whichever way you wish. I like scrambled or poached) or sausage or bacon or even simply with a few grilled tomatoes. Some just eat it with a little ketchup or brown sauce. I think they're great for a Saturday or Sunday morning breakfasts.







## A NOTE FROM SICK BAY...

Influenza is a highly contagious viral infection, spread by contact with fluids from coughs and sneezes. Young children often come into contact with, and spread viruses, including the influenza virus.

Ahead of the flu season, all early childhood education staff are encouraged to get their flu vaccination and can encourage parents to ensure their children are vaccinated too.

The flu kills more than 3,500 Australians each year. The flu is not like a cold: symptoms can last on average one to two weeks, with some people taking several weeks to recover.

Flu vaccinations save lives and when more people are vaccinated, fewer people become ill or suffer lifethreatening complications from influenza.

Our children require special protection from the flu. Especially babies and toddlers because they are too young to know how to cover their coughs and sneezes. They need help to keep little faces and hands clean and to learn how to keep germs contained.

To be fully protected this winter, children need the appropriate vaccine and doses for their age. We encourage parents to talk to their GP, local council immunisation service or community health clinic about when the influenza vaccine will be available.

#### COLD AND FLU SEASON

Influenza is a highly contagious virus that causes widespread illness every year.

Immunisation is the most important way we can protect against the flu and reduce the number of flu infections and deaths.

Yearly immunisation is strongly recommended for older people and other people who are at risk of serious complications from the flu.



# DONATIONS NEEDED

Dear Kismet Park Primary students and families,

I'm Genna Carpenter in grade 5/6C.

I'm also a cub scout with 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunbury Scouts and am working on my Gold Boomerang. As part of this, I am required to do a community service project.

I am asking for donations for Pet's Haven, which is a pro life animal shelter in Woodend. It would be great if you could donate any of the following items by 28<sup>th</sup> May:

- Old towels
- Old blankets nothing with fill inside them please
- Dry dog food
- Dry cat food
   The shelter's preference for food is Black Hawke as they are currently using this brand but they will accept other brands.

The donation basket will be located at the office or you can give them to me directly.

I appreciate your help with this.

Many thanks

Genna



# WILL YOU HELP THEM?

Dear Kismet park Primary students and families,

I'm Issy Carpenter in grade 5/6C.

I'm also a cub scout with 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunbury Scouts and am working on my Gold Boomerang. As part of this, I am required to do a community service project.

I am asking for donations for Care Works Sunbury, which is a not for profit crisis relief centre. They provide food to those who need it.

It would be great if you could donate any of the following items:

- Tinned food
- Packets of pasta
- Dry goods
- Tea & Coffee

A donation basket will be located at the office or you can give them to me directly.

I appreciate you help with this.

Many thanks

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in Sunbury for Koorie youth (aged 4 & over)

Thursdays 5pm - 6pm commencing 29/4/2021

Registrations are essential, email us at: sunburyaboriginalcorporation@gmail.com for more details!



COBAW COMMUNITY



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











