

Kismet News

Building the foundations for success and happiness

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Regular updates from our happy campers in Canberra indicate that everyone is having a great time whilst learning important skills such as independence, getting along with others and being well organised. The students are gaining fundamental knowledge about our nation's democratic processes and history. We hear that plenty of photographs have been taken to share with families and help our students remember the variety of learning opportunities on their return to school.

We wish them well for the remaining time and hope their return journey to Kismet Park offers both the staff and students time to rest and reflect upon the week's experiences.

It is anticipated that the arrival time here at school will be at 5pm tomorrow. This will be confirmed via our Schoolbag alerts messaging service tomorrow afternoon.

STUDENT LEARNING PORTFOLIOS NOW DUE TO BE RETURNED

As part of our Reporting to Parents process, we sent home your child's Learning Portfolio to accompany your child's Mid Year Report. This portfolio contained samples of your child's work along with a copy of the report to provide you with a more comprehensive insight into your child's achievements in their learning. We trust that you found your child's Learning Portfolio to be most informative.

It is now time to return these Learning Portfolios so that further samples of class work, assessment tasks, and student reflections can be collected during Semester Two. **At the end of the year**

the Assessment Portfolio will be returned to you to keep as a record of your child's progress over the 12 months and a new Assessment Portfolio will be compiled for 2016.

If you wish to copy anything prior to returning the folder please feel free to do so! Just remember to leave the original contents in the portfolio as much of what has been included are not replaceable items.

Learning Portfolios were due back at the time of your mid-year Parent Teacher Interview and we thank those parents who have already returned them.

For those families who still have them in safe-keeping, it would be greatly appreciated if you could **return your child's Learning Portfolio** to your class teacher **by Friday 15th August** so that by the end of the year you have a valuable keepsake of your child's learning in 2015.

MORNING WELCOME TIME & DEVELOPING INDEPENDENCE

To support a smooth start to each day our Welcome Time invites students to move to classrooms at 8:45am and prepare for the school day. Between 8.45 and 8.55am each morning students unpack their schoolbags and Red Bags to ensure readers, notes, monies and permission slips are placed in their appropriate locations.

To promote independence we ask parents to allow their children to enter the classroom on their own so they can practise the important skills of organisational independence. Any support that is

needed can be provided by their teacher and/or fellow students.

For this reason we ask parents needing to talk with classroom teachers to organise a suitable time outside of our Welcome Time (8:45-8:55am) so that teachers can interact with students and complete their preparations to commence teaching and learning programs at 8:55am. Thank you for your support.

Have a great week!

Glenn & Cynthia

PREP 2016 ENROLMENTS

Our 2016 enrolment is well underway. This information allows us to commence planning for the coming year. As the number of student enrolments determines staffing and classroom numbers, it is vital that we establish student numbers for 2016 as early as possible. When enrolling a 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>



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D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

Friday 8th August: Parents Opinion Surveys Due

Tuesday 11th August: ICAS Maths Competition

Wednesday 12th August: Meal Deal Forms due back.

Wednesday 12th August: Grade 6 Graduation Bear order form due back

Friday 14th August: Wakakirri Performance

Friday 28th August: Kismet Kitchen Footy Meal Deal Day



Engagement & Well-being

Parenting Ideas for “Raising Exceptional Kids”

by Michael Grose

Getting kids to school ON TIME!

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

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“Come on Jack! Get a move on. School starts in ten minutes and you’re not even dressed yet!!

If this scenario sounds familiar then you are not alone. Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school or pre school on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents. Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year. How can you get your dawdling kids out the door without yelling yourself hoarse? Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:



✓ Establish a morning routine.

Make sure your children know what is expected of them in the morning, and also what you will do. Resist nagging but be willing to take them to school even if they haven’t fully prepared for the day.

✓ Identify and remove distractions

such as television. If the children are regular watchers before school change the routine and keep the TV off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.

✓ Teach some of the basics of time management.

The average adult underestimates by about 25 per cent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate. Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.

✓ Arrive at school ten minutes early.

Plan to arrive at school early rather than be there on time. This idea works well for perpetual latecomers, whether young or old.

✓ **Model a good routine.** It’s pointless expecting children to be organised in the morning if you are in a muddle yourself. Set a good example by being as methodical as possible and avoid sleeping in unless your children are so organised that they get you breakfast in bed. And pigs might fly as well!

For more ideas, support and advice for all your parenting challenges visit:
www.parentingideas.com.au



Congratulations to the following students who were awarded ribbons for Getting Along

Home Learning Ideas for Parents

Tips for Helping Early Readers at Home

The 3 P's – PAUSE, PROMPT, PRAISE

PAUSE - When assisting your children with reading it is important to give them time to try to work out the word for themselves. Wait 3-5 seconds before providing a prompt as young children need time to process the strategies that they are currently learning to read unfamiliar words. For example they may look back at the picture, hesitate to recall the repetitive pattern of language, reread or try to remember where they previously read that word in the text.

PROMPT – Encourage the child to look at the pictures by asking:

What word might make sense?

What would sound right?

What does it start with?

If the word makes sense, allow the child to continue reading.

If the word doesn't make sense encourage the child to have another try or tell the child the word so that the flow of the story is not unduly interrupted and enjoyment lost.

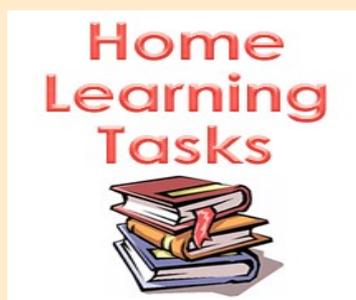
PRAISE – At all times it is important that children are praised and encouraged for their efforts. The support and encouragement provided through your praise will greatly assist your child's reading development. Try comments such as:

I like the way

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Well done for

.....
That's really great how you

.....
You must have been practising



PB	Jennievieve Keyworth-Horvat Joshua Malcolm
PC	Kailee Thomas Ruby Lucca
PW	Nate Burnett Jake Neil
1/2M	Sadie Bessell Lincoln Gorman
1R	Scarlett Stephens James Dicker
1T	Zac Beaumont Rhiannan Whiley
2B	Kaylah Jackson Jarvis Bennett
2H	Logan Johnston Madeleine Northey
2S	Natasha Federico Sasha Cherry
3B	Summer Gahleitner Isaac Boan
3C	Lucas Neil Olivia Hogg
4J	Gracie Upton Mitchell Mason
4S	Skye Burns Liam Cherry
4Z	Henry Bates Lily Dowsett
5/6C	Whole Grade
5W	Whole Grade
5Z	Whole Grade
6A	Whole Grade
6G	Whole Grade



Extend OHS at Kismet Park Weekly recap.

The work on our kids club entries has continued this week and the results are fantastic. We had some great time making and playing with the slime we made during our science session and played some fantastic group games again this week. Students have been very creative when using our lego and have had heaps of fun running activities for each other during our group activity sessions.

Next weeks activities.

Monday 10th August: Frisbee Golf

Tuesday 11th August: Finger Painting

Wednesday 12th August: Soccer Round Robin

Thursday 13th August: Icy Pole Stick Construction

Friday 14th August: Party Games Night

PTA NEWS

Woolworths Earn & Learn



Thank you to everyone who has returned completed sticker sheets to the school. Please continue to collect your stickers when shopping at Woolies.

Your support is much appreciated.

Additional forms may be collected from the office.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 18th August, 6pm in the Staffroom

You can now reach us at: kismet-pta@hotmail.com



CANTEEN NEWS

Friday 7th August: Jenn Dunn

Friday 14th August: Catherine Mueller 9.00am-10.45
Kimberly Woods 12.00- 2.00pm

We are still desperate for help in the canteen. If you can spare a bit of time on a Friday please contact us.

Sara & Naomi

CAMPS, SPORT, EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

If you were eligible for EMA last year you may be eligible for the new CSEF.

Please collect an application form from the office or download one from the CSEF website.

Application Closing Date is End of Term 3,

Friday 18th September, 2015



Saturday 8th August 2015

Sunbury Netball Association is holding a

'Bring a Friend Open Day'

All U/11 players (Net, Set, Go & C5) are

Encouraged to bring a friend to join their training/skills session.

Training Session Times:

5 years – 7 years - 9.00am

8 years – 10 years - 10.00am

11 years & Over – 11.00am

Go (10am) and C5 (11am) Competitions

Will still run at normal times.

For Further information please contact:

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WAKAKIRRI

WAKAKIRRI TICKETS ARE NOW AT THE OFFICE FOR COLLECTION.

Also you can visit our Website for the costumes that the students are required to wear for their performance.



The Kismet Kitchen introduces Glee drinks to our menu.

100 per cent Australian Owned and Made! Less than 300kj per serve, Natural ingredients, No preservatives and No added sugar, Natural colours, Natural flavours, No preservatives, Rich in Vitamin C. Available in Bubblegum Grape, Berry Blast, Blackcurrent Burst and Strawberry.

Glee will replace our LOL drinks as stocks diminish.

DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONCE LOL STOCK IS FINISHED!!

