

Kismet News

Building the foundations for success and happiness

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

We would like to congratulate students who competed in last week's swimming trials. They all clearly demonstrated the You Can Do It! Foundations of persistence and resilience in completing their events. Good luck to those who qualified to compete at the interschool twilight swimming sports which will be held at the Sunbury Aquatic Centre from 4:15pm next Wednesday 17th February.

BUILDING WORKS

Next week contractors will pour concrete for the external learning areas outside our Prep, Year 1 and 2 classrooms as well as the rebound wall near the sandpit. Work is scheduled to be completed on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th February. Plain concrete will be poured first, followed by a 'spray on' pattern a fortnight later. We ask parents and students to enter and exit their classrooms through the gallery doors on both days. Staff will be present to guide entry at the relevant times. There will also be adjustments to play arrangements as required. We apologise for any inconvenience.

PREP INFORMATION EVENING

6:30-7:30 18th February

We understand that for many of you this is your first year of school as a parent. Our Prep Information Evening aims to build strong home-school partnerships between teachers and parents by providing an overview of our teaching and learning program so that you can support your child's learning. Further

details were included in notes sent home yesterday with students and electronically via Skoolbag.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

Today's newsletter includes important information about School Councils. Our 2016 School Council election process commences on Thursday 18th of February with a notice of the election and call for nominations. The following timeline will apply for this election:

Thurs 18th Feb: Notice of election & call for nominations

Thurs 25th Feb: Nominations close

Friday 26th Feb: List of candidates displayed

By Wednesday 2nd March: Ballot papers distributed by this date.

4pm Thursday 10th March: Ballot closes

5pm Thursday 10th March: Vote count

Friday 11th March: Declaration of ballot

Monday 21st March: First School Council Meeting to elect office bearers.

Nomination forms can be collected from the school office. If you would like more information please speak to Glenn or Cynthia.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Information about our first Parent Teacher Interviews was sent out earlier

this week with students and electronically via Skoolbag. To book in times for interviews with your child's teacher go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the school code **HRZ3W**. Then follow the simple instructions. **Bookings opened this morning at 9am and close at 11:00am on Monday 22nd February.**



PUPIL FREE DAY

Our next Pupil Free Day will be held on Friday 11th March. Staff professional training throughout the day will focus on KidsMatter (student health and wellbeing) and implementation of the teaching of Reading with a focus on the Daily CAFÉ approach and strategies.

SCHOOL BANKING—Tuesdays

We are very fortunate to have parent volunteers Carolyn Guyett, Evelyn Nutt and Jen Dunne who give their time to provide school banking for our students. As well as encouraging good Money Smart saving habits the school earns a commission from the Commonwealth Bank. In 2015 School Banking earned the school \$1381 in commission. School Banking takes place every Tuesday. If you would like to open a School Bank account forms can be picked up at the Commonwealth Bank.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 12th February: Buddies

Wednesday 17th February: Twilight Swimming

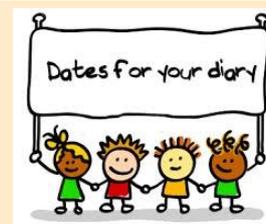
Thursday 18th February: Prep Information Evening

Friday 19th February: Assembly

Tuesday 23rd February: Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 24th February: Parent Teacher Interview

Friday 26th February: Buddies





School Council Information

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DET employee category.

Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category.

Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members. The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school

and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

- The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year.
- All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.
- If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.
- DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled
- Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.
- You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.
- If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

If you would like more information please speak with the Principal, Mr Glenn McConnell

OUR SCHOOL PLEDGE

We are the children of Kismet Park Primary School.

To make our teachers and parents proud we use courtesy, consideration and care.

We will play happily and safely in the yard and strive to make our school a better place to learn.



In 1996 the Junior School Council composed a school pledge that remains relevant today and fits well with our *Better Buddies* and *You Can Do It!* philosophies. The pledge is a simple affirmation of what it means to be part of our Kismet Park PS Learning Community. Our school uses the pledge at every school assembly as a means for building shared pride and recognising the importance of collective responsibility for how students care for one another and the importance of respect for staff, parents and visitors to our school.

It would be great if you could spend the time with your Kismet Park children to discuss the words of the pledge and what it means in actions at school. By reinforcing every child's role in being a considerate, courteous and caring student, we are promoting key characteristics of good citizenship and community spirit.

Student Well-being and Engagement

YOU CAN DO IT!

At Kismet Park PS the You Can Do It! (YCDI!) Program assists in building students' social and emotional capabilities that all young people need to acquire in order to be successful in school, experience wellbeing, and have positive relationships including making contributions to others and the community (good citizenship).

The 5 Keys of YCDI! on display in our foyer are:

1. CONFIDENCE (academic, social)
2. PERSISTENCE
3. ORGANISATION
4. GETTING ALONG
5. RESILIENCE.

Central to the development of these 5 Key Foundations is instilling in young people 12 Habits of the Mind, including:

1. Accepting Myself
2. Taking Risks
3. Being Independent
4. I Can Do It
5. Giving Effort
6. Working Tough
7. Setting Goals
8. Planning My Time
9. Being Tolerant of Others
10. Thinking First
11. Playing by the Rules, and Social Responsibility (Including: Caring, Doing Your Best, Freedom, Honesty, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion).



Sun Smart Reminder

... No Hat No Play –
It's Safer That Way.



5 Steps to Remember:

Sun Smart would like us to remind families that UV index levels are on the rise again from September, please make sure you are ready to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide to keep well protected from the sun. Whenever UV Index levels reach 3 and above they are strong enough to damage eyes and skin and lead to skin cancer. To keep you and your family well protected use a combination of Sun Smart **Outside 5**:

1. **Slip** on some sun-protective clothing – that covers as much skin as possible
2. **Slop** on SPF30+ sunscreen – make sure it is broad spectrum and water resistant. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards.
3. **Slap** on a hat – that protects your face, head, neck and ears.
4. **Seek** shade.
5. **Slide** on some sunglasses – make sure they meet Australian Standards.

To check on UV Index levels each day and the times sun protection is needed, go to the Sun Smart UV Alert in the weather section of your daily newspaper or visit

<http://www.bom.gov.au/announcements/uv>. For more information on staying safe in the sun visit www.sunsmart.com.au

You Can DO It

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

PA	Ollie Hudson
PC	Mckinley Wilson
PJ	Alexis Yacoub
PW	Jack Treweek
1A	Tanisha Griffiths
1T	Thomas Hack
1/2B	Ethan Recinos
2H	Grace Herridge
2Z	Edie Bruce
3M	Mackenzie Thomas
3F	Seth Moore
3B	Jessica Pierce
4S	Jack Kenney
4B	Jacob Considine
5/6C	Harley Vowles
5B	Lochlan Fitzgerald
5N	Bridie Collings
6A	Jesse Ramsay
6S	Jack Harrison





Extend Our weekly recap

we have had a great week here at extend, there have lots of new faces joining us this week and everyone has made sure they are welcome and included in all the fun activities we have had. There was lots of cricket being played with it being one of the favourite games to play along with using our lego. Students have started off with our weekly colouring competition and have involved in our new 'all about me' wall

- All the staff at extend

Next weeks activities:

Monday 15th February: Skipping games

Tuesday 16h February: Colouring competition

Wednesday 17th February: Friendship bracelets

Thursday 18th February: T-ball skills session

Friday 19th February: Pancake night

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN!

Please make sure you have a copy of our **NEW** canteen menu. There are a number of changes to cost and our food selection.

QRK is our preferred method of ordering if you have access.

Please ensure you have the correct money in your lunch bag to avoid any disappointment. We do remove items if we don't have enough money for them. You can pick up a new menu from the office or download one from our website.

Thanks,



STUDENT INFORMATION DETAILS

REMINDER TO PARENTS :

THE STUDENT UPDATE INFORMATION IS DUE BACK AT THE OFFICE. WE MUST HAVE ALL CURRENT CONTACT NUMBERS IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

PLEASE AMEND ANY CHANGES AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THANKS, DEB & ANDREA



WE'RE IN TOWN

Roll up your sleeves and give blood



Sunbury Mobile Donor Centre

Memorial Hall, Barkly Street, Sunbury 3429

Appointments available:

Monday 29 February	12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Tuesday 1 March	12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Wednesday 2 March	2.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Thursday 3 March	12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Friday 4 March	8.00 am – 3.30 pm

To secure your appointment please contact 13 14 95

CAMPS SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

CSEF forms are now available at our office.

Concession cards holders are eligible for this allowance. This will be subject to concession cards being successfully validated with Centrelink. This annual payment is paid directly to the school and will be used towards camps, sports and/or excursions. Applications due back at the office 29th Feb. Primary School students rate: \$125 per year.

The Sunbury Amateur Swimming Club Inc. (SASC) home base is the Sunbury Aquatic & Leisure Centre, located at 20 Ligar Street, Sunbury. The club dates back to the early 1960's when it was founded by the local community and continues to operate as a Non Profit community based club. If you can swim a minimum 2 to 4 laps of Freestyle and Backstroke then why not have a go at a Club training session with the Sunbury Swimming Club. The Sunbury Swimming club offers two "Come and Try" free sessions.

Training session are available during the following times

Tuesday 6:00am-7:30am (2 Lanes)

Wednesday evening 6:30-8:00pm (3 lanes)

Friday evening 7:00-8:30pm (Full pool)

