

REMINDER: THERE IS NO SCHOOL THIS MONDAY 13TH JUNE.

9th June, 2016

Kismet News Building the foundations for success and happiness

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

It was great to see the sun shining this morning so that our Year 5&6 Winter Sports Round Robin could go ahead. We look forward to hearing about their day at assembly tomorrow afternoon.

STUDENT REPORTS

Mid year Student Reports will be sent home on Wednesday 22nd of June. These reports will include a progress report on learning goals from student's previous report in December 2015 along with a revised set of learning goals which will be worked towards during Semester 2. Parent Teacher Interviews and 3 Way Conferences will be held during week 4 of Term 3 (2nd and 3rd of August).

Class 2Z Parent Teacher Interviews and 3 Way Conferences

As advised earlier due to staff leave Parent Teacher Interviews and 3 Way Conferences for Class 2Z (Mrs Zabielski / Miss Ching) will be held on Wednesday 22nd June between 1—8:00pm. Bookings can be made by going to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and entering our school code **m8thz**. *Mid year reports for students in 2Z will be sent home on Friday 17th of June.*

PTA TRIVIA NIGHT

Thank you to all who attended Saturday night's PTA Olympic Trivia night. Simon, our Trivia master led us through six fun filled, challenging and brain teasing rounds of trivia with only a couple of points separating the top teams at the end of the night. Congratulations goes to the 'Toga

team' who took home the winner's trophy. A huge thanks to all who helped plan and organise this fantastic community evening. We raised an amazing \$3,012.00 which will go towards the Shade Sails over our playground.

CAPITAL WORKS FUNDING

We are currently working through Phase 1 of our Asset Management Plan which identifies the school's maintenance and upgrade needs.

MONEY SMART

This week we congratulate the students and teachers who were involved in the Independent Evaluation of ASIC'S MoneySmart Program. The group of students and teachers participated in a series of interviews and activities centred around financial literacy including how the program had been delivered at the school and the spending attitudes and behaviours of those involved. The interviewers were very impressed with student's knowledge and understanding of the Money Smart message. Great work!

LEARNING WALKS

This week, as part of our school improvement cycle teachers have been involved in Learning Walks focussed on the teaching of comprehension. During these walks groups of teachers visit other classrooms to observe students and teachers during a reading lesson. Observations centre on what the teacher is doing and what the students are doing. Some students are then asked a set of questions about their learning of comprehension strategies. The information gathered is then shared with staff and used to plan staff training in the

teaching of reading. The aim is to identify best practice and build consistency across the school.

JAPANESE HOMESTAY VISIT

Monday 25th—Sunday 31st July

Families who have expressed interest received further information earlier this week. We are still looking for a couple more families who are interested in caring for our visitors in their home during their stay. There will be a homestay payment to assist families with the cost of caring for our visitors. The amount is still to be confirmed, but should be \$150-\$180 per student. If you are interested in having 1,2 or 3 visiting students staying with your family please send a note to the office or speak with Glenn or Cynthia.

PREP 2017 ENROLMENTS

Our 2017 enrolment has commenced. 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 2017 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>

Have a great long weekend!

Glenn & Cynthia

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday 10th June: Assembly 2:30pm**
- Monday 13th June: No School. Queen's Birthday Holiday**
- Wednesday 15th June: Region Cross Country**
- Wednesday 15th June: Year 5/6 Family Life Parent Information Night—7pm**
- Friday 24th June: LAST DAY OF TERM 2—2:30PM FINISH**



Engagement & Well-being

EIGHT GREAT WAYS TO GET YOUR KIDS ORGANISED FOR SCHOOL

Morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag – sound familiar? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

1. Establish some routines

Set up simple routines at home to make things more efficient. For example, teach your kids that the first thing they do when they come in the door is empty their bag of food and notes or newsletters. Perhaps when these items are brought to the kitchen, they can then get a snack. Similarly, a good rule of thumb for parents is to never double-handle paperwork. When you get a note for a school excursion, sign it, pay the money, put it in your child's bag straight away and then put the date on the family calendar.

2. Managing time

Talk to your kids regularly about planning how they use time for activities like homework and chores as their down-time. Older kids can begin to understand and practise time management if they have a watch they can wear and an alarm clock in their room. A family organiser is a calendar that has a column for each member of the family to write in what they will be doing each day. Planning, communication and organisation can be a breeze if families use this simple tool. They are usually sold alongside regular calendars. Providing whiteboards, pin boards or chalkboards in your child's room or the kitchen can help them to remember things and to keep notes handy.

3. Beat the Buzzer game

Try playing [Beat the Buzzer](#) to avoid that morning madness. Developed by researchers at RMIT University, Victoria, this game can help your child get ready on time because there is some positive reward involved.

4. Try using a weekly schedule

Buy a weekly planner for your child at the local newsagency or make a simple one on the computer. Help your child list all of their activities for the week. Fill in the planner with the times that are set such as time spent at school, sleeping, travelling to and from school and any regular out-of-school activities. Ask your child to allocate a regular homework time that suits them and suggest how they would like to spend some of their free time. Encourage your child to keep a balance in life with time for homework and special interests, time for friends and family, and time for exercise and rest. This works best when the whole family follows the same advice.

5. Five-minute focus

Get your child into and out of their homework faster by encouraging your child to focus on what homework needs to be done and to make a list of tasks such as their spelling homework, reading, etc. Each task can be ticked or crossed out when completed. Seeing things being achieved is rewarding and motivating.

6. Make a home study area

Kids can waste no end of time looking for stuff they need to finish their homework – a pot of glue can make a huge difference to a household's harmony when a project is due. Try storing the following items on the desk or in a drawer: lots of blank and recycled paper pens, pencils, sharpener, glue, staplers, batteries and a rubber a ruler a dictionary. If your home has one study area or one computer and a few people vying for the space, allocate time to each person as needed. Set timers, such as the oven timer, to signal the end of the period for researching on the computer, playing computer games or even watching TV. It can also help keep the peace because everyone gets the same amount of time.

7. Colour coding can help

Colour coding books can help your child to find things quickly, take the right books to school and bring the right ones home. This is especially good for kids when they start high school and suddenly have a lot of subjects to juggle. Ask your child to select one colour for each subject. Cover their books for each subject in the same coloured paper, eg maths in green and English in blue. All information your child needs for that subject can be kept in the same coloured box at home. Your child can write each subject's name in their timetable using the same coloured pen that you used for covering each subject's books too. Colour coding possibilities are endless.

8. Praise good organisation

Praise your child's attempts to improve their organisation. Praise them for getting out the door on time, taking their lunch box out of their bag, and finishing homework and assignments on time. It may appear to them that they are often criticised, so praising positive behaviour will encourage more of it.



Student Well-being and Engagement

PTA News:

An Enormous THANK YOU to all who came along to our Olympic Trivia Night. What an overwhelming amount of support we received from sponsors, thank you all so much.

As you all know we have just begun a new PTA year which means memberships are up for renewal or new memberships can be activated! All you need to do is provide an email address and pay \$1 to the office. Bring your fresh ideas to our monthly meetings, we welcome any new members...

Thank you,
Parents from PTA

You Can DO It

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded ribbons for Organisation.

PA	Makayla McMasters
PC	Ciara Kong
PJ	Mia Levi
PW	Charlotte Hodges
1A	Siena Dowdy
1T	Aleeya Raimondi
1/2B	Holly Bekker
2H	James Dicker
2Z	Alyssa Carpenter
3M	Sharmaine McCubbin
3F	Sophie Dunne
3B	Mikayla Mitchell
4B	Jason O'Rafferty
4S	Grace Brcan
5/6C	Freya Bishop
5B	Gracie Upton
5N	Holly Clarke
6A	Henry Miljus
6S	William Merrigan

WINTER IS UPON US!



REMINDER TO PARENTS:

We try to avoid children playing in water during recess and lunch wherever possible but on some occasions there are slips & falls outside during the wetter months.

We ask if you could please ensure you have a spare change of clothes in your child's bag for any unexpected accidents.

We do have some old uniforms on hand for emergencies, however it would be handy if you can have something spare so we don't run short and have to call on you for a change of clothes.



Walking Basketball

Basketball Victoria is trialling a new concept: Walking Basketball



This brand new concept will increase levels of physical activity without the high impact or strenuous level of activity the standard version of basketball requires. We guarantee it will be fun and you only need to commit for one hour to see if you like it.

If you would like to be a part of the trial, please contact Albert Osei-Tutu on 9837 8000

or email: al-

bert.oseitutu@basketballvictoria.com.au

Trials will begin in June at Wantirna South, Bendigo and Sunbury.



GARDEN CLUB NEWS



Many, many thanks to the Guyett family for their enthusiastic support of Kismet's vegetable garden. Without their generous work, our garden would not have survived the Christmas holidays nor the heat of Term 1 and the unusual warmth of early Term 2. Syd, Tilly, Ruby, Carolyn and Phil Guyett watered and weeded our summer crop. They also donated and planted beans, sweet potato, beetroot, tomatoes, mulch and soil. Kismet is very thankful for wonderful supportive families such as the Gardening Guyetts.

Another supporter of our veggie garden is Edie Bruce's family. They regularly send Edie along with litres of worm wee which students eagerly use as they water the plants. We're certain that the big crop of sweet, juicy strawberries and the huge zucchinis are a result of this! The Bruce family recently donated a punnet of fragrant wild sweet peas to help us begin our sensory garden. Many thanks to the Bruce family!

With the support of families like the Guyetts and the Bruces, the Kismet Gardening Club and friends have been busy tending and harvesting veggies and fruit. Our Kismet gardeners often eat the produce on the spot and sometimes there's some to take home to share with families. We hope that guests at the Mothers' Day afternoon tea enjoyed the baked sweet potato wedges newly dug up by our students.

Now that winter is approaching, our apple, peach and olive trees will need pruning. We are calling on gardeners who can come and help us to prune these trees. If you can help, please contact Mr Boxhall (4B) or Ms Ching (2Z) and let us know a time to suit you.

Extend OSHC at KPPS

WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!



Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates! Booking deadline: Friday 10 June

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can't wait for you to attend! Join in on Extend's own mini Olympics tournament and aim for gold! Have fun with science experiments, come along in costume and join in on our party afternoons, and participate in a bunch of craft activities and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend's Winter Holiday Program.

Our weekly recap

We have had lots of fun at extend this week. There has been lots of sports being played when the weather was nice enough to be outside. Inside students were very creative, beginning a new butterfly display and showing off their origami skills. We finished the week off with a movie and board games night with everyone being involved and having a great time

All the staff at extend

Next weeks activities

Monday 13th June: public holiday

Tuesday 14th June: rounders, butterfly display

Wednesday 15th June: homework club, balloon games

Thursday 16th June: group games, DIY fishing

Friday 10th June: stain glass pictures, indoor golf



KISMET KITCHEN!

Thanks to our parent helpers:

Friday 10th June:

9:30-11:30am: Danielle Fenn

12:30-2:00pm: Tash Cecchini

Friday 17th June:

9:30-11:30am: Kylie Lowdell

12:30-2:30pm: Linsay Knight

Thanks, Naomi & Kimberley