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KISMET PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICIALLY INTRODUCES ZIGGY OUR WELLBEING DOG

Kismet Park Primary School would like to officially introduce our new furry member of our school community for 2025! Ziggy is an 8-year-old Golden Retriever, who is now a member of our wellbeing team.

Ziggy is owned by our Assistant Principal; Louisa Beckenham who is overseeing our Wellbeing Dog program.

“Ziggy is a gentle and friendly Golden Retriever who is here to support the wellbeing of our students and staff. As a wellbeing dog, Ziggy’s role is to provide comfort, companionship, and a sense of calm during the school day”. Says Mrs Beckenham, Assistant Principal.

Research shows that interactions with dogs can help reduce stress, increase happiness, and improve focus, making Ziggy a valuable part of our school community.

Mrs Beckenham said “Our students are learning to demonstrate the school’s values of Kindness, Resilience, Respect and Be your Best around Ziggy, so that he can learn them too”.

Kismet Park Primary has also installed a letterbox for pupils to mail letters to Ziggy.

Students are invited to write letters to Ziggy.

“Some of the things students have already written to Ziggy include sharing a worry or something that’s been on their mind, something that has made them happy, ideas or suggestions for school improvements, as well as simply saying hello and drawing pictures. With the help of the Wellbeing team, Ziggy will read each letter and may even write back with a friendly reply”, Mrs Beckenham said.

