

FEBRUARY 18, 2022

Kismet News



FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Kathy Cvitkovic

Dear Families,

Congratulations to the school community for such a continued successful start to the year. I have been very impressed with the excellent way in which students have returned to school looking their best in their uniform, organised with all their appropriate materials and engaged in their learning.

COVID SAFETY

Rapid antigen tests - all staff and students have been provided with two packs of the tests. We ask that these tests are undertaken each week for the first 4 weeks of term, on two mornings before school.

If a positive result occurs, then students are required to contact the office and isolate for seven days. Learning can now continue from home as our teachers are providing work packs to students via seesaw or if required, please contact the office and we will provide a hard copy for parents/carers to collect.

Masks continue to be worn by all staff and students in year 3-6 while inside buildings as a preventative Covid safety measure.

I appreciate everyone's collective efforts to keep us safe.

Important Dates

21st February
School Council Meeting

21st February (4PM)
Final date for School
Council Nominations

24th February
Inter-school swimming

24th February (7PM)
PCA Meeting

7th March
School Photo Day



Be Responsible
Be Respectful
Be safe
Be a Learner

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The 2022 School and House Captains were all introduced to our students and teachers at our first school assembly in the Gym with our preps, Year 5/6 students and streamed via WebEx to the rest of our grades, who remained in their classes. I congratulate these individuals and know they will do wonderful things for our school community. We will present our School and House Captains with badges soon at an assembly where our parents/carers will be able to attend.

School Captains:

Laneah Macasaddu 6B

Emily Dicker 6B

Oliver Heath 6A

Genna Carpenter 6A

House Captains:

McEwen – Jack Gibson 6C / Pania Kire 6C

Clarke – Felix Susnjara 6C/Jamie Susnjara 6B

Lambert – Caleb Keech 6A/Sophie Warner 6C

Hogan – McKinley Wilson 6C/Chase Green 6A

The process for the selection of Junior School Councillors has begun and we will complete this process by next Friday 25th February. I have been impressed with the enthusiasm our students are already showing as they put their cases forward for why they would be the best person to represent their peers.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

We will, for the month of February, continue to hold our assemblies in the Gym for our year Preps and 5/6 students with the remainder of the school joining us via WebEx. This is part of our Covid safe plan. I thank our families for your support with this arrangement and as soon as we can, we will change these arrangements and let our families know.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The school council election process is in motion with nominations closing Monday 21st February at 4pm. If you are interested in serving our students and school community by joining our vibrant, enthusiastic, and committed councillors then please complete the nomination form from our front office.

40th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We have scheduled Thursday April 7th as the date we will come together as a community and celebrate 40 years of Kismet Park Primary School delivering excellence to our community. Please see details within this newsletter and also check out our Facebook page for more details.

TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE (TLI)- 2022

The Tutor Learning Initiative has started, and our focus is on mathematics at both extension and catch up. For term 1 we are supporting our Year 3 and Year 5 students to get back on track. The cycles are 4-6 weeks and we have 20 students in Year 3 on the program and 23 students in Year 5 on the program. The year 3 cohort is focussing on number and algebra for extension group and Place Value for catch-up. Our year 5 cohort is focussing on Problem Solving for Extension and Place Value for Catch up.

MEET AND GREET

Thank-you to all our families and teachers who took time on Wednesday to chat and exchange information about their child. This is critical to helping our teachers understand your child's needs and strengths so that teachers can deliver a program that is tailored to your child's needs. I had a look at the number of appointments and although I would have liked to see 100% of our parents/carers taking up the interview time slots, I was pleased with the take up.

ATTENDANCE

Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Research shows that children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

Thank-you to all our families for the ways in which you support our children to come to school ready to learn. I have been so impressed with the care and effort our families put in to ensure children are attending school every day. Keep up the excellent work.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Our Lunchtime Clubs have been a real hit with our students. We have started a number of Lunchtime Clubs where students can join at lunchtimes to engage in safe, respectful play guided by an adult. Our ES staff have been leading this work at lunchtimes and we have the following clubs on offer for students to join:

Passive Play – Mon-Fri

Board Games – Mon-Weds

Library – Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

Lego Club – Mon-Fri

Sports Club – Mon-Fri

Drop In Art Club – Mon – P-3 Fri – 4-6

Drop in Garden Club -Tues P-6

Please take some time to have a chat with your child about these clubs, taking into account your child's interests and remind them that these are available.

VACCINATIONS FOR 5-11 Year Olds

A crucial part of keeping our school safe and open is getting as many students vaccinated as possible. Bookings for children aged 5 to 11 to receive the paediatric Pfizer vaccine are open and we encourage parents and carers to get your child vaccinated, if you haven't already done so. The Pfizer vaccine is safe and recommended for children. The vaccine will help protect your child from getting sick from COVID-19, help to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and help ensure kids can have more time at school and playing with their friends.

Vaccinations for children aged 5-11 years old are delivered at 2 appointments, 8 weeks apart. Children with specific medical vulnerabilities can access their second dose 3 weeks after their first dose. If you'd like more information about this, you can read a recent statement from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI): <https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi-update-following-weekly-covid-19-meeting-19-january-2022>

·To book an appointment: You can book at your local GP or pharmacy: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking>. You can also book at a family-friendly vaccination centre by calling the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398. You can also make vaccination centre bookings for your children online, though you will need to use an email address that has not been used in the system before:

<https://portal.cvms.vic.gov.au/>

·Helping children to get their vaccination: Vaccination centres understand that children may feel anxious about vaccination or have other support needs. A range of options are available to help children get vaccinated. Please discuss your child's needs with the vaccination centre when you book an appointment.

- Appointments are also available at Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisations.

Find out more about vaccination for kids: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-children-and-teenagers>

We warmly welcome the safe arrival of little Cody Blair and Sammy James Milward. Cayley Blair, mum of Cody is doing well and having lots of fun looking after little Cody. Jaclyn Milward mum of Sammy James is also enjoying being a mum to Sammy James. I am sure all in our school community send their warmest wishes and love to these two families and their new bundles of joy.



Cody Blair



Sammy Milward

Warmest Regards,

Kathy Cvitkovic

Acting Principal

'Building the foundations for success and happiness'.

SCHOOL SWIMMING TRIALS

On Thursday the 17th, years 4, 5, 6 went to the swimming trials. We all competed in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. It was an amazing experience and we all did our best to see who will represent Kismet against other schools next Thursday. On behalf of Kismet, we would like to thank the volunteers - Mrs Keenan, Mr Bigger, Mr Linton and Mrs Teuber.

**- Pania Kire (McEwen House Captain)
and Felix Susnjara (Clark House Captain)**



REMINDERS

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

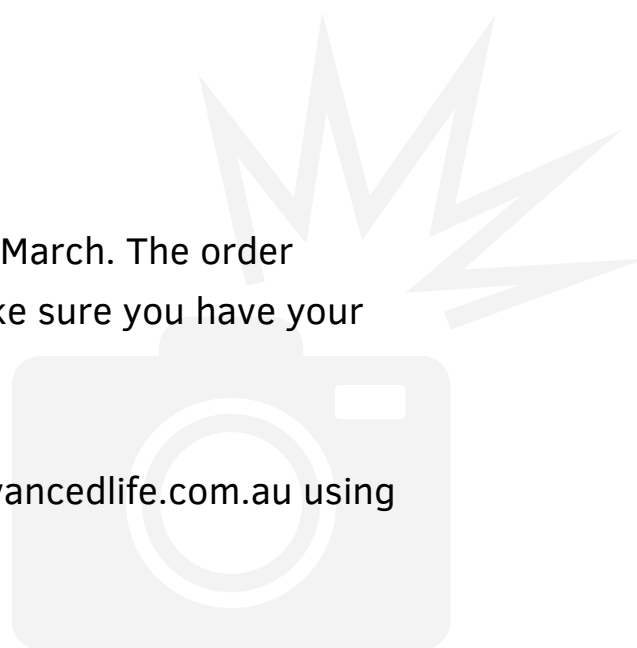


Accidents do happen! At this early stage in the year, can you please can you support your child so that they have a spare pair of underwear and shorts/pants/skirt in their school bags daily for school just in case of an accident.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photo day will take place on the 7th of March. The order envelopes have been sent home so please make sure you have your order placed by **Monday 7 March**.

Alternatively, you can order online at www.advancedlife.com.au using the online code: **T25 9JH AXL**



BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

Kismet Park's new Breakfast Club. If your child is attending and is diagnosed with food related allergies or intolerances, we recommend that you take the time to talk to your child about these. Breakfast Club offers a variety of healthy breakfast options however not all of them may be appropriate for all children. Supporting your child to learn about food that is right for them to eat is an important part of keeping them safe. Young children can start to learn about food allergies at a young age. This knowledge will give them confidence with self-managing their food allergies as they get older.

Please take the time to teach them the names of unsafe foods for them and what they commonly look like. You could also openly model food allergy management behaviours, such as reading food labels.

Thanks for your support in keeping all our community safe
More information about breakfast club will be on compass

KISMET'S 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



COMMUNITY PICNIC *and* MOVIE PREMIERE



**Thursday
7th April
6pm**

**BYO Food
and
Picnic Rug**

Kismet Park
The Movie
40 Years in the Making

Coffee Van



Food Trucks



Come and join us for our highly anticipated community picnic and open-air screening of our 40th Birthday Movie!

KISMET STUDENTS AT PLAY



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Are you eligible to claim the CSEF fund for your children?

See the flyer below for eligibility criteria and speak to the office about an application form. Please complete and return to school prior to the end of February.

- Please note: If your child has received CSEF in the past, your application will automatically roll forward so there is no need to reapply.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>



EXTEND OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

School is back and we can't wait for the year ahead!

Our safe, fun, educational programs and amazing educators will enrich your children's lives, support, and encourage your children's aspirations.

We think big so your children can dream big!

Enrolments are easy and free!
Book 14 days in advance to receive the early bird rate.

What are you waiting for? Secure your place today!



Book online today! extend.com.au

Enquiries 1300 366 437 support@extend.com.au

**Sunbury Masters Football Club
Presents**

Free Junior Football Clinic

Come and learn some skills with the Masters



Who: Boys & Girls ages 8-12

Where: John McMahon Reserve

155 Lancefield Rd, Sunbury

When: Friday 25th Feb 5-6:30pm



MASTERS

**BBQ & Drinks provided
Limited places**

**Text Name & Age to 0448892681
to secure your spot today**



SUNBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD
HOUSE



KIDS ART WITH MERLE

Kids Art is a free expression art session for primary school aged children, instruction is given if required but this is a class to support them in their creativity not teach it. It is relaxing and allows children to develop a sense of achievement. We are more than happy for parents/caregivers to stay and enjoy the activities with their kids. Also we invite you to sit back, relax and have a cuppa!

When : Tuesdays

Time : 4 - 5 pm

Who : Primary School Aged children

Cost: \$30 per child for 4 sessions, places limited, bookings essential.

Note : Parents / caregivers are welcomed to join in and participate with their kids.
(or sit back and have a cuppa!).
All Materials Supplied.
Bring an Art Smock
Fruit/Veg snack also provided

Book now via our website - www.sunburyhouse.com.au/programs-and-courses-term-1-2022/



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