**Message from Principal**

Hi Kew and welcome to our newsletter for this week.

**Yellow & Black visit to Kew**

You may have noticed a big smile on my face at the end of the day on Tuesday as I walked with two very special visitors to our school. Our Year 6 leaders were fortunate to be able to listen to a presentation from these two AFL players…and yes, they were from Richmond! I have listened to many presentations to students made by AFL players but this one for me was a standout and not just because of the ‘yellow and black’ factor!

The players, Troy Chaplin and Todd Elton talked about the values of their team and how these are demonstrated and then directly related this to our own school values. Following the presentation both players commented on the fact that the students at our school were incredibly switched on and able to articulate and discuss our school values in such depth. This made me very proud and is a reflection of our students and their families and also importantly our CARE program which is led by our student engagement & wellbeing professional learning team.

I was also impressed with both the questions our students asked and also the way they were able to respond to questions asked of them. Overall it was a valuable and worthwhile afternoon and I thank Clare Connor for organising it for us.

**Student Voice**

Student Voice is a really important part of our school, especially with our focus on communication, challenge, consistency and connection. One great example of this was a presentation by two of our students Chelsea and Sofia to our staff at our “Teckie Breakie” on Wednesday before school. The girls spoke about the use of Minecraft in the classroom. They highlighted some terrific connections between things that are taught at school and how Minecraft could be used as an effective way to engage students in this learning. I am sure you will hear more about this as teachers. Now look for ways to take this idea on.

**Extra-Curricular Activities**

This year we are reviewing all the different extra-curricular programs on offer at our school. The aim being to ensure what we offer is relevant, high quality and manageable. With this in mind I am sending out an expression of interest about two new programs that we might offer if there is enough demand:

Mandarin – This would be an after school program on either Monday or Tuesday 3.45 – 4.30pm in the library. The approx. cost would be around $5 per week and the classes would be based on beginner conversations and vocabulary.

Junior Rockers Drumming – This would run after school program or during a lunchtime. The cost is estimated at $3-$5 per week and it would be a group performance based rhythmic ensemble style program.

**Reminder**

**Pupil Free Day**

**Thursday 19th June**

**Term Dates 2014**

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I am sending home a separate flyer outlining more detail about these two programs. There is also an attached reply slip for you to send back to school indicating whether you would like your child to participate in either of them. I will keep you posted on the response and let you know if the programs will commence next semester.

Father’s Association Event
Although I was unable to attend this event last week due to the Boroondara Principals Network Conference, the feedback about it has been excellent. We had 90 men attend and engage with our guest speaker, Steve Biddulph. The Father’s Association has had a very successful introduction to our school and I thank Rodney Thomson and Michael Senyard for their leadership. Our school is always looking for ways to engage and link in with our community and this event demonstrates the importance and future potential this group has in this capacity. Stay tuned for our next event.

Community Forum – Wednesday 11th June 7pm
I am looking forward to chairing this meeting along with our School Council President, Julie Coleman, and listening to the voices of our community. This is a great opportunity to come together, debate, discuss and examine the various options we will consider. I have a passionate view about the direction our master-plan should take but this open School Council meeting is focused on putting these personal opinions aside, listening to what our community wants and needs and then making a decision in the best interests of our school today, tomorrow and well into the future.

There has been some discussion about how whatever option we select for this redevelopment will be funded. At the meeting next week I will outline some ideas about this in more detail but in summary this project will not be totally reliant on fundraising or parent contributions. With careful and strategic financial planning and sourcing, DEECD funds will also make up a large portion of the money required for each of the options.

TASK Program
We are completing an end of semester review this week. The plan is to realign our groups and shift a large portion of focus onto our Foundation cohort. Overall the growth has been amazing and highlights the value of knowledgeable staff supported by dedicated parents and home support. Thank you also for the feedback we have received about this program. I have included an example of this:

Dear Mr Penson,
Been wanting to send through an email to thank you for implementing the task program with the Year One's this year.
My son has made wonderful progress and this has impacted on his self-esteem. I saw my son pick up a favourite book from home and read this to his younger sister in the car over the weekend. He was wanting so much to be able to read, but couldn't.
The teachers have done an amazing job with the kids bringing them up several levels. Thank you for identifying a problem and acting accordingly.
I'm sure over the year we will see more wonderful learning.

Student Reporting
Semester 1 reports will be sent home on the last Wednesday of this term.

Foundation (Prep) reports will not have the progression points published for mid-year. Progress at this early stage is still very transient and the lowest point a teacher can place a Prep student is .5 (Mid Foundation). I do not believe that it is fair or appropriate to have this set for all students as this may not truly reflect their level. This may translate to an apparent lack of progress by the end of year and I am also of the opinion that Foundation students do not need an A – E rating at this early stage of their schooling.

In Term 3 (week 3) we will have 3 way learning conferences. This will be an opportunity for parents, students and teachers to meet together, share success and then set challenging goals for the rest of this year.
Looking forwards to 2015
Tours are progressing well and our Prep numbers are growing. We also have new students beginning at our school next term. Our student leaders also ran some school tours during our open morning. Here is some feedback I received from one family following these tours:
I just wanted to drop a quick line to say what a great job the year 6 Ambassadors did this morning showcasing your school. Lucy, Ebony and Genna were bursting with enthusiasm and pride for the school and gave us a wonderful tour so I wanted to write and thank them again. Daniel and the other Ambassadors we met were equally enthusiastic and keen to show off their school - who better to tell us about all you do. It was a real pleasure to meet them all and they certainly made a positive impression!

Please note that it is now critical for parents to notify me if they are leaving the school at the end of this year (other than grade 6).

As you can see Term Two has continued to be very busy for all of us. However our focus has continued to remain on what is most important – teaching & learning and I look forward to sharing more about this with you in future newsletters.

Don’t forget the second in the series of our four iPad evenings on 12th June. This will also be combined with a Think U Know Cyber-safety Event.

Be Worthy!
James Penson - Principal

Message from the Assistant Principal
Schools are very dynamic places, full of opportunities to learn and interact with other students, teachers and parent helpers and, of course, at Kew PS we pride ourselves on being an energetic and engaged community of learners. Often the students’ learning is at the forefront of our minds; however, all staff are also given a variety of choices to engage in professional learning opportunities that result in improved teaching and learning for them as well.

Over a number of weeks this term and next, the teachers will be working with David Hornsby to improve their pedagogy in delivering a high quality literacy program in their classrooms. Maths is an area that will not be neglected by the teaching staff as they will work closely with Maths consultant Michael Ymer, during our next curriculum day which is on Thursday 19th June. These opportunities provide all staff with the chance to reflect upon their teaching practice, and engage in conversations about how to differentiate their programs to cater for all the learning needs of their students. At the beginning of this year, Anna Bennett took a whole day workshop discussing differentiation, what is looks like and how best to deliver a differentiated curriculum to improve the learning outcomes for all students. This was the impetus to really look at our best means to differentiate our curriculum programs.

Our ES staff are not forgotten either, as both in the office and as teacher assistants ES staff members, attend professional learning sessions which are targeted to improve their practice and understandings in the fields in which they are engaged.

Further professional learning opportunities have been accessed by our staff, attending the Boroondara Schools Network meetings that are held on a regular basis in Terms Two, Three and Four. Not only are these opportunities that allow teachers to engage in professional dialogue but I personally feel, by just visiting other schools, it sparks lots of thinking about different classroom set ups, gives further ideas for creative displays and even just looking at how the playground equipment is utilized. All great food for thought!
The open forum to discuss the School Oval Redevelopment Master Plan is less than a week away!

This week on the blog, Kath Phelan, a parent member of the Buildings & Grounds sub-committee, shares some information on grass ovals.

Do you have something you’d like to share on the blog? All contributions are welcome. Please drop me a line at: katrina.w@ozemail.com.au

Katrina Whelen

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**PE News**

**Richmond Football Club - players visit**
On Tuesday the Year 6 students received a talk from Richmond Football players, Troy Chaplin and Todd Elton. This opportunity was given to the school through the AFL school ambassador program. The players delivered an inspiring presentation that focused on values and goal setting, suitable to the students. The students had a chance to ask questions, get photos and autographs. Our Principal also enjoyed this experience.

**Division Cross Country**
The Boroondara Division Cross Country was held today at Ruffey Park. The Kew Primary School students in the Kew District team were Ole Kemp, Bayley Waldhorn, Thomas Rivis, Tayio Siew Adachi, Iris Webb, Sam Grant, Jake Hughes, Will Stevens, Seb Graefe, Finn Whelen, Robbie Beckworth, Helen Alonso, Daichi Siew Adachi and Stella Kemp. Well done to the above competitors for this outstanding achievement in an endurance event.

**School Sport Victoria Eastern Metropolitan Region Trials**
Congratulations to Darcy Twist and Charlie McNally for reaching the School Sport Victoria Eastern Metropolitan Region Trials. Darcy was selected for AFL and Charlie was selected for Soccer trials. Even though the boys didn’t make the Victorian Team, they should be congratulated for displaying outstanding skills in the regional trials. Well done boys!

Clare Connor
PE Teacher

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Even yesterday, the Leadership Team has started to plan for the beginning of 2015 and we are currently, looking at ways to incorporate a gifted and talented student program here at Kew PS. This will involve all staff working with a consultant to strengthen their understanding of what such a program would look and sound like and how we can best manage this. Mentoring opportunities for staff will also be an option to ensure the ongoing viability of such a worthwhile program. Just writing about such professional learning experiences energises me no end.

Robin Grace
Thank you to those families who have recently ordered a House Polo Shirt for their child. Some of the tops have already been delivered, however a large number of shirts (Allunga/Kalban shirts) are still on their way!!

Our supplier expects the remaining shirts to be delivered in week 2 of Term 3.

Apologies to those children who have not yet received their tops.

Second Hand Uniform Shop Update

For those families new to KPS, the Second Hand Uniform Shop is open once a month & sells pre-loved uniform items. Run by parent volunteers, the Shop relies on donations of pre-loved School Uniforms (Including House sports tops), when families leave KPS, or if the children outgrow their uniforms!

Donations can be left at the school office

All items in the shop are washed, in good condition, ready to wear & are priced at 80% below the 2014 RRP!

Items also come with a ‘My Name Label’ order form – for those new name labels!! (No more lost property!!)

So far this year – we have raised over $2,500!! which is a great effort!

Thanks for your support & a special thanks to Cate Thomson & Sia Asvestas for their help on sale days!

Nikki McConnon
**** 5 Star critically acclaimed local talent

KEW'S
GOT TALENT

Dress up as your 1980s style icon and get ready to party to the totally awesome hits of the decade

Saturday
June 14
7pm 'till late
KPS Gymnasium
(no stilettos please)

Drinks at bar prices
$20 pp via trybooking.com/EY1H

Don't miss out
- BOOK NOW!
Entertainment Books are here!
Available at the office for $65 of which $13 goes to the school.
Digital Memberships can be ordered at www.entertainnetbook.com.au/orderboks/184u183
Inter School Chess Tournament
Report

Congratulations to the following boys for competing at the
Bialik College Tournament:

Adriaan & Jack (Grade 6)
Henry, Will, Owen, Isaac & Xavier (Grade 5)
Declan & Hamish (Grade 3)
James & Max (Grade 2)

James from Grade 2 was our highest scorer winning 6 of his 7 games!! Fantastic effort.
Henry, Adriaan, Jack & Xavier also received medals.

Kew Primary came 3rd out of 10 schools (100 players) & qualified a team for the State Semi Finals in Term 4. Well done team!

Thank you to Sonia McCully Saggers, Louise Murdoch (Sparks), Fiona Grayson, Andrea Stevens, Paul Aitken & Isaac’s Grandma for transporting & supervising on the day.

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Congratulations to the following children for competing at the first Grade 3 & Under Inter-School Chess Tournament held at North Balwyn Primary:

Hamish, Declan, Daniel (Grade 3)
James, Max & Lara (Grade 2)
Riley (Grade 1)

It was a great chance for the younger members of Chess Club to shine & we had two new attendees – Lara Aitken, our first ever girl!! Yay! – & Riley from Grade 1. All had a fun & successful day.

James from Grade 2 was again our highest scorer winning 6 of his 7 games!! Watch out seniors! Riley came a close 2nd & Hamish 3rd. Declan, Lara & Max also received medals.

Kew Primary came 3rd out of 8 schools (60 players) & qualified another team for the State Semi Finals in Term 4. Well done team!

Thank you to Sonia McCully Saggers, Louise Murdoch (Sparks), Mary Leung (Chong), Andrea Stevens, Paul Aitken & Lelan Kemke for transporting & supervising on the day.
Dear KPS parents, students and caregivers,

The first annual art show for Kew Primary School, Splash 2014 has attracted some wonderful artists from around Melbourne and even further afield.

Next week, and in coming months, students will meet some of these fabulous artists as they come to the school to teach KPS students about their art and progression.

If you know an artist who might be interested in submitting to Splash, applications close soon and can be made via the online form at splashart.com.au. Artists can submit up to six works and artworks will be available for sale during the weekend.

Can you help?
Splash is now seeking sponsors. Support is needed in approaching local businesses. Contact Jayne on 0412 318 388 or email convenor@splashart.com.au

Have you checked out our social media channels yet?
Join the conversation online #splashkew
facebook.com/splashart2014
twitter.com/SplashKew
instagram.com/splashkew
pinterest.com/splashkew

Visit splashart.com.au for more on this exciting Kew Primary School event.

Do you want to see your name in lights and support Splash?
Display panels will be used to exhibit artworks at Splash and we are seeking sponsorship of the panels to go towards the hiring cost. For only $30, your name or your business name will be displayed as the Sponsor of that panel. Sponsor one or sponsor more! Acknowledgment will also be listed on the website and in the catalogue. Please support this fantastic event and visit trybooking/88429

Save the Date!
Term 4 2014
17th October
Splash Gala Opening
from 7pm
(Tickets available soon)
18th October
Art Exhibition
10am-4pm
19th October
Family Fun Day
10am-4pm
**Free Eggs!**

Would you like to look after our chickens for a week or weekend over the school holidays or one weekend in Term 3? It’s a really easy job: let them out for a run around, collect any eggs which are yours to keep and give them some food and water.

Please signup to help at [www.volunteersignup.org/4XWPW](http://www.volunteersignup.org/4XWPW).

Also, rather than throwing away any vegetable scraps at home, please consider adding them to our garden compost bin.

Finally, thank you to the Tung, Peterson, McDowall, Hollingsworth, Selvarajah, Tanner, Whelen, Rees and Segouin families for looking after our chickens this term!

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**Many, many belated thanks!**

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL 2014**

A late, but sincere message of thanks to all of those wonderful mothers who helped with the wrapping of the mother’s day gifts and the stall.

Thankyou to: Lelen Kemke, Loi Le, Pat Bohan, Alex St. Claire, Siobhan Flynn, Stefanie Wilkinson, Karen Brown, Tamara Mynott, Ros McNally, Iresha Suri, Angela Gill, Georgia White, Dem Peterson, Avril Estibeiro, Anna McDowell, Yeelan Teo, Claire tanner, Salley Tung, Ali Jackson, Josie Bolton, Angeline Song, Fiona Hollingsworth, Sheryl Teese, Melanie Eades. Apologies if we didn’t get your name on the day, but thankyou too!

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*Without your help, events such as these cannot take place, so thankyou, thankyou, thankyou!*

*From Joanna, Maria and the PTA*

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**Herald Sun $10,000 Cash for Schools Competition**

Please cut out and collect Herald Sun mastheads from Sunday 1 June to Saturday 14 June and drop them off to the school office. The school with the most mastheads collected over this period wins $10,000, so ask all your friends and family to collect them for us too.

Go Kew Primary!