Message from Principal

THANK YOU TO OUR KEWMUNITY!

As I said to the students at our assembly last week, how good is it to be a part of the Kew Primary School community. Our House Cross Country event was superbly organised by Clare Connor and her team of staff and parents. There has been a wide variety of excursions including walks around Kew and a trip to the Immigration Museum that have really added to our Inquiry units. Our Year 6 team have completed an amazing leadership Inquiry based on a Billy Cart race and how good was race day!?! We opened our library again for families to enjoy after school hours. Most of all though I see our students really engaged in their learning each day.

I take this opportunity to thank all of our school community for the continued enthusiasm and positivity and above all your commitment and contribution. Well done to all staff on their focus on improving the teaching and learning in each classroom, each program, each day. Thumbs up to all of our parent helpers who ensure that our Kewmunity continues to be worthy!

Leadership photos are on display outside the office.
If you would like to order one please collect an order form from the office.

TV DISPLAY
We have a new, large TV screen positioned outside the office. This is being used to highlight and share some of the events and activities happening around our school. At the moment it has a display from our House Cross Country Day. The display will be changed each week. Our students are certainly enjoying seeing themselves in action! Please feel free to have a look whenever you can.
**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD TO ENROL IN PREP NEXT YEAR?**

This week a letter is being sent home to families that may have a younger child at home ready to start school in 2016. Although this is early in the year, forward planning is very important for our school and I ask that if you do have a child entering Prep in 2016 that you enrol now.

This is important because it enables me to start determining what our Prep numbers from existing school families will be, how many Prep students we can enrol from outside current families and possibly from outside our traditional school catchment zone. It will also assist me in my forward planning of class numbers, sizes and the structure of our school next year.

Enrolling now will also assist me in continuing to implement our improved transition program for our students. To do this I will continue to work with our local kindergartens and child care centres to build strong links and facilitate a high level of communication and cooperation.

Once again we will operate a very extensive Transition program. Part of this will be the “Step into Prep” program that will commence early in Term 4. The “Step into Prep” sessions will operate for an hour a week over approximately 5 weeks in the lead up to our whole school transition ½ days that will start in early December. The sessions are designed for students to build familiarity and confidence. They will give our staff the opportunity to make connections with our future students and organise the most effective class group structure for 2016. The sessions will be based on developmental play and introduce some beginning literacy and numeracy style activities and games.

**LAP- A-THON – FRIDAY 5th JUNE**

The countdown is on for this special whole school event run by our PTA. Our Lapathon will be sponsored by Adidas and students will be able to earn rewards and prizes as part of the fundraising process. All students will be completing laps for a specific time between recess and lunchtime. Keep your eye out for more information shortly!

As a lead up to the event, Mike Larkin the Channel 10 weather man will be presenting the weather live from our school grounds. This will most likely happen at 6pm on Monday June 1st. I will keep you posted and encourage you to come and have a look. There may even be an opportunity to run past the camera!

**EDUCATION WEEK EVENTS**

Education Week is set for the 17th to 23rd May. At KPS we will celebrate this with an invitation to our open classrooms from 9am to 10.40am on Wednesday 20th May. There will also be a school tour at 9.30am and then Morning Tea with the Prin at 10.40am.

We will also be hosting a “Literacy & Numeracy Challenge Circuit” from 6.30pm to 7.30pm that evening. This will be a great chance for students and families to move around our school and complete 5 x 10 minute activities and then a final challenge as well. All those that successfully complete the challenge will be able to enter into our prize draw! A flyer promoting the event will be sent home shortly.

**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY**

I hope all of our mothers and special persons have a very special Mother’s Day on Sunday. Thank you to our PTA for organising our Mother’s Day stall and raffle (and of course many of our PTA are mums themselves!). I know that bringing in a wallet or purse, selecting a gift and spending money is a special highlight for many of our students.

Mums are very good at looking after everyone else’s needs before their own. Mother’s Day is a good reminder for
Message from the Assistant Principal

With Food Allergy Week (May 17th – 23rd) less than a fortnight away, it is another timely reminder that many people in our school community including a number of Kew Kids have allergic reactions to a number of food stuffs. Some reactions can cause skin problems, others have breathing problems but all reactions make the person suffering them feel miserable and uncomfortable. Then we have those students and adults who have reactions to food stuffs, which can be potentially life threatening if they should have an anaphylactic episode. Please be aware that at Kew PS, we are a nut free school and we do not encourage food sharing amongst the student population.

Next time you are riding on one of the Kew trams along routes 48 and 109, please check out the artwork painted on the outside of the tram. Why? I hear you ask and my answer is, that is the artwork created by one of our students, Jessie O’Shannassy (6JD). Jessie won the art competition run by the Kew Tram Depot to celebrate its 100 years of existence. The other Kew PS students who were finalists will have their artwork framed and displayed inside the trams that go along the Kew route. They are Sasha Davila (6SH), Patiola Monu (6SH), Isabella Hutchinson (6AW), and Monique Dubois (6SH). When the Kew Tram Depot contacted me in January and asked if our school would enter the competition, I asked Kerry Lomas if she would be interested in promoting and overseeing the competition entrants. Of course, Kerry agreed and without her encouragement and follow up, none of this would have been possible. I would like to publicly acknowledge her efforts and those of all the entrants. Way to go Kew PS!

As you would already be aware, Naplan testing begins next week on Tuesday 12th May and is completed by Thursday 14th May. It is imperative that all students arrive at school on time during those days. Nothing can upset a student more than being late and the test has already begun, any adult would be flustered under those conditions, let alone a child. As James Penson has written in previous newsletters, NAPLAN is, “one test on one day” and your child will take his/her cues from how you react. If you are calm and model that, then there is every possibility that they will be too. Another great week at Kew PS!

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

Flanging, Frere Jacques and frozen landscapes - it’s all part of Kewriosity 2015 and Lee-Ann Butchart and Mary Whitehouse share all the details on this week's blog.

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
Library News

**Book Fair**

The first book fair for 2015 will be on Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} & Thursday 21\textsuperscript{st} May before and after school and between 6.30 – 7.30pm on the Wednesday evening. There will be a broad selection of books available.

**Family Reading Afternoon**

It was great to see about 25 families come into the library for Family Reading Afternoon on a very bad weather day. Check out the photo wall in the library over the next few weeks.
Cybersafety tip

Often at school, we ask children to Stop, Think and Do the right thing. This message applies to cybersafety too.

S – Say things and treat others how you want to be treated

T – Tell a trusted adult if something online makes you feel uncomfortable

O - Only talk to people you know online.

P – Personal information should be kept personal (name, phone number, school name etc)

T – is it True?

H – is it Helpful?

I – is it Inspiring?

N – is it Necessary?

K – is it Kind?

Check with an adult and DO the right thing

Madame T and the eSmart team

Uniform Shop

Thank you to all those parents who shopped at the Uniform Shop this week! It was nice to see some new faces!

For those wishing to buy uniforms in future, all items in the shop are laundered (where practical), in good condition, and are ready to wear!

All uniform items are priced at $10 or less.

Well done to our first customer of the afternoon too, who braved the cold & made some early purchases. For his trouble, he received a $20 My Name Label voucher to spend.

Did you know.......Kew Primary has ongoing fundraising accounts with clothing label companies Stuck on You and My Name Label?

This means that any parent/friend orders result in monies coming back to the Kew Primary School Community! (And no more lost property!!)

Order forms are available from the School Office, or can be completed online if preferred.

Donations:

The Second Hand Uniform Shop desperately needs more pre loved uniform items. Especially school bags & clothing in sizes 8, 10 & 12. Please leave any donations at the office.

Thank you

Nikki McConnon
Thanks to everyone involved in our Mother's Day Lunch

Last Friday, 58 mums enjoyed a beautiful lunch at Hellenic Republic Kew. Thanks to the staff for their amazing service and the chefs for the amazing food.

Thanks also to the businesses who provided lovely gifts and silent auction items, especially to KPS parents Liz Ellis (Ecostore) and Irene Kemeridis (Perse).
Claire Tanner and Alex St Claire had a great time organising this event on behalf of the PTA!
Last day to return your Mother's Day Raffle tickets

$2 each or 3 for $5
Raffle drawn Friday 8th May at assembly

More than $1000 in prizes to be won!

Please write your child’s name and class number on the ticket stub and return tickets with money by Thursday 7th May

Funds raised will be used to purchase equipment for each grade. Help meet our $2000 target!

Special thanks to our generous sponsors for donating these great prizes, especially our Kew Primary mum’s Bethanie Clarke (Pink images) and Irene Kemeridis (Perse)

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Kew Primary School Parents’ Social

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QPO

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Friday May 22nd
7.30pm – 12.30am

Tickets: $27 for canapés and a drink (present your ticket at the bar to redeem)

www.trybooking.com/HQLW

(Includes $2 Trybooking fee)

Last day to book Wednesday May 20th

For more information, email kewprimarypta@yahoo.com
Program Update

Welcome to Term 2!

It has been super exciting to see team work and cooperation growing at Kew OSHClub this week! We have had so many kids initiating group games and competitions with sport, cooking, craft and drama. Vegetable Fritters was our recipe of the week and those who were cooking grabbed other children to help them take orders and serve the other children. We also planted our own herbs and each had a turn at planting seeds, watering them and thinking of a plan we can use to look after them. We can’t wait to see them grow!

We also had a massive bubble wrap construction competition where the children put themselves into groups and had the challenge to make the craziest and most elaborate construction that must involve bubble wrap. And we had some amazing creations which we presented to each other and voted for our favourites. It was also fantastic to see group games involve so much encouragement among the children in games like continuous cricket, soccer, football and a skipping competition.

Next week is Italian Week!

Reminders

We are always wanting to improve our program and have regular catch-up meetings with the children to discuss what they want to see happen at Kew OSHClub but if you would like to make a suggestion please do speak to a staff member or drop a suggestion in our Suggestion Box! Also, if you have any old toys, craft items or anything you think that we could use and you would like to donate them, please talk to us.

A selection of Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Jacinta
Assistant Coordinator: Lauren
Assistants: Niki, Stacey

BSC Hours: 7:00am – 8:45am
ASC Hours: 3:30pm – 6:30pm

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
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Snowsports Interschool Championships

Kew Primary School is entering into the Victorian Snowsports Interschool Championships for 2015. The aim of the program is to develop student skills, independence, sportsmanship and school spirit.

The Interschools event is open to all grades levels who would like to compete in alpine ski racing, snowboard, skiercross, and freestyle moguls. Students will need to be able to confidently ski on green and blue runs, however, they do not need racing experience.

Parents wishing for their children to compete at the Interschool Championships please contact Nikki Schwarz or Sonali Le Brocque. To express interest or for further enquires please email nikki@sraccountants.com.au or dse195@hotmail.com

2015 Interschools – dates and schedules

The 2015 Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships will be held at Mt Buller from Monday 24th August to Sunday 30th August 2015.

The 2015 National Interschools Snowsports Championships will be held at Mt Buller from Wednesday 9th September to Sunday 13th September 2015.

WEST IVANHOE SPORTING CLUB

Home of the Roosters/Bluejays

West Ivanhoe Sporting Club is a great local football/Netball club.

West Ivanhoe Netball Club are seeking interested players in U9/U11/U13 to play in teams on Saturday and/or Tuesday afterschool Competition for the new season running in Term 3 and 4 at Banyule Netball Stadium, Macleod. Registration Day: Saturday 16th May Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm Venue: Seddon Reserve, 103 Green St, Ivanhoe Cost: $150 + Insurance and uniform. For further information please contact: Sara at netball@westivanhoesportingclub.org.au

Address – Seddon Reserve 103 Green Street Ivanhoe.