The Bulletin

Message from the Principal

Hi Kew and welcome to the bulletin this week.

**SKOOLBAG HAS ARRIVED AT KPS!**
I am very excited to launch a 30 day trial of the Skoolbag App for our school. This form of communication has many advantages and benefits for our school community. One of the most powerful is the ability to send instant alerts and reminders to either the whole school or particular year levels.

The trial is only available for iPhones and iPads. If we decide to purchase the program we get access to the Android version as well. I encourage you all to install the App and have sent home a separate flyer entitled “Clued into Kew” today outlining how to do this. If you do not have an iPhone or iPad, we also install Skoolbag on our school website so that you can become familiar with how it works and participate in the trial.

As the trial progresses you will see us increase the content as our staff also become familiar with this system. We are working very hard to ensure that we send home a wide range of information to our students and parents so that our community is informed and up to date with what is happening across our school. As such, we would appreciate your support in accessing this information via Skoolbag, our website, our blogs and of course, our weekly newsletter and bulletin.

Please make sure that you have received today’s copy of “Clued into Kew” which outlines more detail about Skoolbag and other important reminders about our communication processes.

**SCHOOL TOILETS**
I am pleased to announce that we have opened up the toilets next to the gym. These were built as part of the BER program and have not been accessible to our students on a regular basis because of many issues with how they were completed. Thank you to Robin Grace for her work in following up the many defaults and issues to fix. Thank you also to Chab, our handyman, for his constant work as well.

Toilets are often an issue for schools to work through. As such, we are constantly ensuring they are maintained and cleaned properly. Our cleaners are doing a good job each day and during the holidays completed a very deep clean of our toilets. It is now over to our students to treat these facilities as they would in their own homes. I will be reminding students as I visit all grades over the next few days and asking for them to keep their eye out for students who may not be looking after our facilities as well as they should. I am also asking all parents and carers to have this conversation with your own children. As a parent myself, I know you would be very disappointed if I rang you to say that your child had not been using our facilities properly.

**WORKING BEE**
Many thanks to all those that attended last Sunday. It

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**Diary Dates**

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started as a very chilly morning but warmed up nicely as the day progressed. Lots of work to improve our school was completed including levelling and neatening of the long jump pit, painting the tables and seating under the Peppercorn tree, weeding and general garden maintenance, fixing up wire fencing around the kitchen garden, spreading soft fall and lots more.

Thanks to Tracy Chen, Neil Linaham, Lilly Xu, Jen Howard, Chee Siew, Jim Bradley, Andrew Seamer, Peter Wolfe, Rob Hendley, Tim and Belinda Holmes, Jayne Campbell, Tom Hindhaugh, Martin Von Wyss, Gill and Frankie Smith, Sonalie Le Brocque, Melissa Hayes and Robin Grace.

A big thank you to Stewart Waters and Kath Phelan for their work in organising and coordinating the day.

3 WAY CONFERENCE FEEDBACK

We have received a wide range of feedback following our 3 Way Conferences last week through our student, parent and teacher surveys. I have had a good look at this information and I will present a summary in the newsletter next week. A couple of important things to note from this feedback include:

- an overwhelming support of the format from our students;
- a significant percentage of parents reporting that the conferences enabled their child to share their learning progress;
- 100% of staff who agreed or strongly agreed that the the 3 Way Learning Conferences were helpful and gave students and parents a good understanding of student progress and what their learning needs are.

Please note that our 3 Way Conferences are not a replacement for parent teacher interviews. You don’t have to wait until a certain time of the year to have a parent teacher interview. A meeting with the teacher can be arranged during any week and I encourage you to do so if you ever have any concerns about the progress, behaviour or attitude of your child or if you ever need more information about a specific part of what we are doing at school. These meetings are held everyday at our school and are an important part of our home school partnership.

KEWRIOSITY SHOWCASE – MONDAY 18TH AUGUST FROM 3.30 – 4.15PM

Keep the date free so that you can come up to school and see what each of our Kewriosity groups has been doing each Monday afternoon.

MORNING TEAS

We are hosting two morning teas over the next couple of weeks. The first on Friday 15th August at 9am will be for our Prep Parent Buddies and the second on Wednesday 20th August will be for all of our Classroom Reps. This will be a great opportunity to get some more feedback about both of these processes at our school. They will also be a good opportunity to talk about other things that are happening at our school and gather some feedback about some of the future plans we have for 2015. Please contact the office if you will be attending and I will make sure we have enough of Sally’s yummy treats ready to go!

Be Worthy!

PS – Are you a CARE bubble legend yet?
Cyber Safety at Kew Primary School

Kew Primary School is committed to the eSmart program which "provides a framework that guides the introduction of policies, practices and whole-school change processes to support the creation of a cybersafe or esmart environment."

eSmart Schools was developed by RMIT University in consultation with cybersafety, bullying, education and industry experts from across Australia. In 2010, eSmart was piloted in 159 schools across Australia with funding from the Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

As part of this initiative we will be featuring regular cybersafety information in the newsletter. Look out for our upcoming iPad Parent Workshop on Thurs 4th Sept at 7pm and visit the website www.esmartschools.org.au

Madame T (on behalf of the eSmart team)

Nifty Numbers Night

Kew Primary School will be hosting a Maths night as an opportunity for your family to experience Maths in a real life setting and so that you gain ideas to support your child’s learning.

Come and join us for an evening of puzzling, challenging and fun activities.

Date: Wednesday, 27th August 2014          Time: 6.30 – 7.30pm
Location: Upstairs in the (num)-BER building (Senior School)

Solve this week’s Nifty Number puzzle for your chance to win a prize:
How can you add eight 8s to get the number 1,000 using only addition?

Post your answer in the box outside the office before Friday’s assembly to be in the drawer for a prize!

Don’t forget to write your name and class too. The answer will be given at assembly.

SPASH
KEW PRIMARY SCHOOL ART SHOW
The 2014 Father’s Day stall will be held in the Junior School Hall on the morning of Thursday 4th September. See next week’s newsletter and look for a flyer in your child’s schoolbag next week!

SCHOOL DISCO 2014

Over 200 students last Friday, danced and glowed in the dark at a very successful and fun disco! Special thanks to Loraine and Belinda who co-ordinated this event, and to all the volunteers (parents & kids) who helped them with sign-in/out, selling merchandise, serving cordial, being on the door, setting up and cleaning up afterwards. Thank you to all the families who supported the event. $1900 was raised for the school.

RESILIENCE

What is resilience? Where does it come from?

| WHERE: | Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School  
|        | 52 Deepdene Road, Deepdene |
| WHEN:  | Thursday 11th September  
|        | 9:30am to 11:30am |
| WHO:   | Mums, Dads, Grandparents  & Carers of children under 12 yrs |
| COST:  | FREE (bookings essential) |
| CONTACT: | Helene at Parentzone  
|         | 03 9735 6134 or 0488 591 004 |

• Do you want your kids to have “bounce-back-ability”?
• Can we teach our children to be resilient?
• Come share your ideas, skills and solutions at this workshop

Email: kew.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au