**Message from the Principal**

**Welcome** back to all families, especially the new families that joined our school community this week. I hope that all children, families and staff enjoyed the break and have returned refreshed for what will be a very busy school term. This term staff and school council will be drafting the new school Strategic Plan based on the recommendations arising from last term’s school review. As I indicated there has been much to celebrate about the school’s achievements over the past 4-year period but as with any review there are areas that we need to continue to expand and improve upon. Staff have been drafting a Mission/Vision Statement that reflects the goals and aspirations of all in the school community. Robin did indicate in the last newsletter that once we have a completed draft of the statement then we will publish it for school community input. School leadership and curriculum teams will meet in the next few weeks to compile the Plan document incorporating the recommendations and targets for the next 4-year cycle.

Prep enrolments for the upcoming school year have risen steadily over this year to the point that I can confirm that there will be four Prep classes operating next year. Our intake will be 82 for 2013. Teacher selection panels will be established in the near future to select two senior staff members and to fill expected vacancies in the staffing profile for 2013. These positions will be advertised state-wide with the selection process being governed by the principles of Merit and Equity. As this term progresses we will be working on the school structure for the 2013 school year. This process involves carefully planning around the school’s 2013 Indicative budget and funds available to staff the school without over expenditure. As with any cash budget formulation there are competing interests that require funding. It will be the school council’s role to consider all requests with a clear focus on the priorities outlined in the Review.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 students and staff are finalising plans for the upcoming school camps: the Year 6 camp at Portsea will be held from 13th November to 16th November. The Year 5 camp will be conducted in the period 28th – 30th November. Families will receive advice from the coordinators concerning the camps shortly.

**Half-Day Stop Work next Tuesday 16th October:** Families should have received a notice this afternoon with advice regarding which classes will be affected by the Australian Education Union action next Tuesday morning. Teachers participating in the action will not return to duty until 12.38pm. Sixteen classes will be affected. Please check the notice in your child’s school bag if the advice hasn’t been handed to you.

Barry Archibald
Acting Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

Welcome back to Term Four everyone and I trust that you were all able to have some quality family time over the holidays. Every term in a primary school is busy and this term will be no exception with two school camps happening in November as well as the “It’s Time” Prep program beginning. Lots of incursions and excursions have been planned as well as programmed learning experiences that are designed to challenge as well as extend student learning. It is also a time when we say goodbye to our Grade six students as they prepare for the transition to secondary schools. Plans are well underway for their graduation ceremony and celebration of their time at Kew PS.

Planning for the 2013 school year has already begun in earnest and it is heartening to know that we will be having four Prep classes next year. If any families are not returning to Kew PS in 2013 could you please let the school know of these intentions so the change in enrolment numbers can be factored into this overall planning process. A letter explaining your intentions is required and this can be addressed to Mr Barry Archibald (Principal) and returned to the office. At a later date, parents will be given an opportunity to write to the school about what they believe is the best learning situation for their child in 2013. However, this is not an opportunity to request any particular teacher. Please be aware that much thought and careful planning goes into the selection of teachers to work as members of effective teaching teams.

Further community events are also on the agenda with a working bee planned for early November, a Junior School concert as well as a whole school bush dance planned for Friday December 7th. As I stated earlier it will be a busy term with the energy, enthusiasm and momentum building, ensuring that this year finishes on a very positive note. Let’s all enjoy what this term has to offer and celebrate together the children’s successes.

Robin Grace

Principal Update from School Council

Understanding the concerns of the school community regarding the fact KPS still has no permanent principal in place, and the fact this school year is quickly coming to a close, School Council through-out Term 3 has spent some time liaising with the DEECD surrounding the need for the Department to keep the school community informed as to the progress of the investigation, and the need for the Department to communicate on this issue directly to the school community. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the regional director of the Eastern Metropolitan Region, Dean Mann came to the School Council’s August meeting to talk with School Council. At this meeting, Dean was able to hear first-hand through Council the concerns the school community has surrounding the need for the Department to communicate to the school community and of course the need for a resolution to this ongoing issue. Dean has subsequently advised that whilst the investigation is ongoing, the Department is unable to communicate directly with the school community. As soon as there is a resolution School Council will be notified.

Nikki Schwarz
KPS School Council President
Calling for DONATIONS for the K.P.S. End of Year Raffle
To be Drawn at the ‘Peppercorn BBQ & Bush Dance’
Friday December 7th

If you think you could donate something I’d LOVE to hear from you on georgerad71@gmail.com or 0417232687

- Holiday accommodation
- Vouchers for anything!
- Sporting equipment
- Wine
- Hamper products of any description
- Business offers
- Anything!

All donations need to be confirmed by November 10th to allow time for ticket print run.

Other than the food, bar and a small novelty stall, this raffle will be the only fundraiser for the event, which is intended to be a fantastic family affair for the whole KPS community.

SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

Learn keyboard, guitar, violin, drums, here at Kew Primary School

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, violin, drums, here at the school. Creative Music for Schools conducts a School Music Program of small group classes here at school each week. We aim to give children an excellent grounding in music. Children will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument. Tuition costs from $15.40 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4. Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333 for more information or access our web page at www.creativemusic.com.au
CHOIR...things have changed...it’s now a Prep, 1 and 5, 6 Buddy Choir!

If you are would like to sing in the ‘Buddy Choir’ at the Junior School Production come along next Tuesday at lunch in the Performing Arts room and join our choir.

We started this week and you can start learning our song which we will be performing at the Junior School Production, on the 28th and 29th November...so download it from itunes and grab the words from the internet. It’s easy! Or come see me and I will give them to you!

The song we are learning is “Change” by Carrie Underwood

Also come along with a song you would like the choir to sing and we will be voting for the second song we will sing at the concert too.

It’s going to be sooooooo much fun!

Shelley Ware

School Banking

Welcome to term 4 all bankers! Just a quick note to let you know the USB is now available. Other items that can still be ordered include:

- Pat the Dog, Pru, Addy and Cred money boxes
- Pen pod
- USB stick

The book light and Spen money box are currently out of stock but can still be ordered with delivery later this term. The handball, wallet, lunchbox and watch are now no longer available. You are welcome to save up your tokens for next year's rewards if you would like as the bank always brings out new surprises first term.

Anyone still waiting on orders from last term, my apologies. A few rewards didn't arrive and had to be re-ordered, so hopefully everything will arrive within the next week or two. Keep banking. You are all doing very well!!

Nic Bradley.

State School Spectacular

Will be shown on Channel 7 at 3pm on Sunday 14th October.
KPS PTA FUNDRAISER

GET READY FOR THE SUNNY DAYS AHEAD AND BE SUNSMART!

ALL KPS STUDENTS CAN HELP RAISE FUNDS TO FURTHER IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL BY SELLING SUNSCREEN STARTING NEXT MONDAY, 15 OCTOBER.

The KPS SUN-A-THON will start next week! All the Kew PS kids should aim to sell as much sunscreen as possible for the direct benefit of our school. The kick-off date is 15 October. Listen up for the big announcement at assembly that morning. Your information letter and order form will be provided via the class teachers on this date.

There will be a two week selling period for each student to collect orders. There will be some exciting prizes for the kids!! Prizes go to the top selling class, the highest selling girl and highest selling boy. Will keep you posted!!!
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  - Close to home
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  - Work only in the school term or all year (permanent roles)
  - Tell us your availability and we’ll find you the right position
  - Monday to Friday
  - Before School Care – around 7am–9am
  - After School Care – around 3pm–6pm
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