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## Message from Principal

Hi Kew and welcome to our Week 4 newsletter.

### OVAL UPDATE

Good news, work is on track to have the oval finished before the advised contract completion date! Final base works are being finished, ready for the installation team to roll out the track and field surface. At this stage we are on schedule to have the work completed within the next couple of weeks.

### PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

If you haven’t already, make sure you pop in to see the Junior School Chinese Dragon display outside Rooms 12 and 13 (The junior school classrooms on the ground floor of the main building). The art works are amazing.

### C.A.R.E. PROGRAM

In our revamped C.A.R.E. Program this week we are focusing on Friendship. As part of our home school partnership I have included some questions that you might like to discuss at home with your child.

- How do friendships develop?
- What are the qualities that make a good friend?
- What skills are involved in co-operation, sharing and caring?

You might also like to try this “Friendship Quiz” at home. It may be a good way to assess how good a friend you are! If you answer “yes” to a question give yourself 3 points. If you answer “sometimes”, give yourself 2 points and if you answer “no”, give yourself 1 point.

- I am good at sharing my things with a friend?
- I am good at letting a friend know that I like them and value them?
- I don’t tell the secrets that a friend tells me?
- I take time to think about what a friend likes to do?
- I remember the birthday of a friend?
- I talk to a friend if I have a problem?
- I treat a friend with respect and don’t make fun of them?
- I make sure I save a place for a friend?
- I wait for someone who is a friend if they need me?
- I listen carefully if a friend tells me about a problem?
- I try not to feel jealous if a friend likes other people too?
I can be honest with a friend without being hurtful?
I stick up for a friend if someone says something bad about them?
I am on the side of a friend if they are in trouble?

If you scored between 35 and 42, you are probably being a pretty awesome friend.
If you scored between 27 and 34, you are probably being a reasonably good friend but you could practise a bit more.
If your score was lower than 27, think about making a plan for improving your friendship skills!

**KICK START KEW SHOWBAG & C.A.R.E. CARD**
Our Kick Start Kew showbags have been sent home this week during our parent teacher interviews. I know our students have enjoyed decorating them and adding to the contents. Another new part of our personal development program is our C.A.R.E. Card. A separate letter outlining this new initiative will be sent home shortly.

**YEAR 4 CAMP**
Well done to all our staff and students who attended our Year 4 Camp last week. Their teamwork and support of each other to prepare for and run the camp is another great example of the quality of friendships we have at Kew Primary School.

**HOME LEARNING PROGRAM**
We begin our 2016 Home Learning Program next week. This will be based on our successful trial during Term 4 last year.

As a staff we strongly believe that home learning should foster a life-long love of learning that encourages positive family dynamics. We do not see our role as preparing students for the homework demands of Secondary School. Neither do we believe that sending home endless ‘worksheets’ is productive or worthwhile. What hasn’t changed is our wish to continue to encourage excellence in literacy and numeracy. We expect that students will read and learn their spelling and basic maths facts. This will generally not exceed 30 minutes a day for Preps, Junior and Middle School, or up to 30-45 minutes a day for Senior School students.

Home-Learning will be set each fortnight on the Mondays and will be due back on Fridays two weeks later. This will better enable our students with very busy and active weekdays a range of time over the fortnight to complete the requirements. Our aim is to support students to develop key routine and organisational skills without smothering them with excessive hours of outside school activity.

Parents will be asked to sign the completed work each fortnight. This will help to strengthen our home school partnership and enable constructive conversation at home with your child about school.

There will be a consequence for all students in Middle and Senior School who have not completed the requirements. This will be working with me or another teacher in a classroom at lunchtime on the Friday the Home-Learning is due.

All areas of the school will be presented with home learning tasks in a grid style layout for each fortnight. As mentioned, the main focus for the grid at all levels will always be home reading. As the student progresses through the school more detail and requirements will be added to the grid including a range of project tasks.

The grids will outline the compulsory tasks but may also contain a range of optional tasks that some students might like to complete. These tasks may often involve our Inquiry unit focus or other members of the family.

At times the inclusion of tasks to complete at home such as house chores, school organisation, learning games and physical activity will be included. This will ensure that the program is relevant and balanced and not just focused on core literacy or numeracy skills. Success at school can be enhanced through developing organisation skills, enjoying a school-life balance and strong connections between home and school.

Teacher feedback will be provided including a comment based on students record and standard of completion of
MEET THE TEACHER - PARENT & TEACHER INTERVIEWS

I was really pleased with the organisation of our Meet the Teacher interviews this week. These provide a great start to our home school partnership this year. One of our teachers summed up the meetings perfectly when she said it was a chance to learn in 5 minutes what might have taken weeks to find out about a student.

Our next round of formal meetings will be our 3 Way Conferences at the beginning of Term 3.

I also remind all parents and carers that you do not have to wait for a formal invitation like this to meet with your child’s teacher. Meetings can be arranged at any stage during the year. In some cases our teachers might also contact a parent to discuss an issue. If you would like to meet with the teacher you can contact them via email or via the school office to arrange a suitable time.

INSURANCE & AMBULANCE COVER

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

In some circumstances, medical or other expenses will be paid by the Department where it is assessed that it is likely, in all the circumstances, that the Department is liable for negligent (careless) acts or omissions of its staff.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2016

We welcome our four parent members Julie Coleman, Mic Wagner, Scott Mesley and Claire Tanner who join or re-join School Council this year. They join Mitul Bhargava, Rachel Naylor and Janine Arantes who will be serving their second year as Parent Reps.

We also welcome Lee-Ann Butchart and welcome back Robin Grace who fill our 2 staff rep positions for this cycle.

Jacki Hopkins continues in her second year as a staff rep and Sally Marsh will fill the position vacated by Leah Morgan. Faye Pattie also continues in her co-opted role to SC as our Business Manager.

We will have two other parents join the council this year. Cameron Ryan will fill the one year casual vacancy (we only had 3 parents instead of 4 elected last year) and there will also be a representative of the PTA.

Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 1st March at 7.15pm in the Library. At this meeting we will elect office bearer positions which include President, Vice President, Treasurer and the leader of each of our Sub-Committees. Each councillor also nominates into one of these sub-committees.

I am looking forward to another productive year where we build on the positive work of our previous School Council.

Be Worthy!

James Penson
Principal
Message from Assistant Principal

Yesterday a number of our students competed at the Kew District Swimming Carnival and I, along with Alex Schifter, was lucky enough to attend this event. We had 31 students swimming in numerous events and all students acquitted themselves admirably. What impressed me was how all team members cheered each other on and supported each other, with a few quiet words of encouragement, particularly to those students who were competing for the first time and were rightly nervous. Sportsmanship was evident in bucket loads as were the pats on the back for a great effort whether this swimmer was first or last and as a teacher that is what I fell proudest of. Our Kew Kids are competitive but in the excitement of such events don’t forget to encourage and cheer for a student wherever place they finish in. I would also like to acknowledge Clare Connor who was responsible for putting this district event together which is no small feat when you are coordinating with a number of schools and their Phys Ed teacher, 4 of whom are new to our network. Well done Clare! It was also great to see so many of our parents cheering and encouraging all our swimmers while some helped out as timers or were in the marshalling area. Clare will be announcing the results at our next assembly which is on Friday 26th February. The students who will be going onto the next round are Allan Liang, Sam Thomson, Ben Thomson, Taiyo Siew Adachi, Flynn Hollingsworth, Damon Webb, Max Saggers, Jack Morley, Bayley Waldhorn, Tom Waters, James Borovac and Tony Hoang, Amelie Graefe, Lara Tran, Elise Curry, Ella Mesley.

Every year all DET schools and early learning centres must update their Emergency Management plans and submit them for approval. Given the recent spate of hoax calls to numerous schools it is timely for me to remind all parents that we undertake emergency management practises at least four times in the school year. These can take the form of lockdowns or evacuations. As a school we will be undertaking our first practise in the coming weeks which will be a lockdown. Teachers do explain to their students that it is a practise in a calm, caring manner and that it is a way of keeping all students safe in the advent of an emergency situation. We now have access to an SMS system from DET for emergency purposes only but we also have the Skoolbag alert system too.

Many parents offer to help in the classroom or attend excursions, camps etc. and such help is invaluable to classroom teachers and to our students. Sally Marsh and I run a “Parents in the Classroom” learning program and we have scheduled such a session for Wednesday 2nd March from 3:45 until 4:45 in the Junior School building. We would love to see as many parents there who have not undertaken this program in previous years.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

"Make a sensible choice on the mat" and other good advice for Preps (from those who really know what happens in Prep).

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
HELPERS NEEDED
Keen to help with setup, cooking and cleaning up at the Peppercorn BBQ next Friday.
It’s a great way to get involved and meet new people. Many hands will make light work. Register via the following link:
https://www.volunteersignup.org/TX9KB
Kew Primary School Fathers Association KPSFA

Annual **Barefoot Bowls Beer and Burger** Night – Now at MCC Bowls in Kew

Come along and catch up with the Dads at Kew Primary School, New Fathers, Grandfathers etc, particularly welcome 😊. Great new venue this year with lights and a wagyu burger included.

This is a great change to meet and network with other Fathers and meet the Principal, James Penson.

To Book:  [http://www.trybooking.com/KJNY](http://www.trybooking.com/KJNY)

**WHEN:** Thursday 25\(^{th}\) February 2015

**TIME:** 6.00 to 9.00 pm Barefoot bowls
Includes a Burger
Cold Drinks at Bar prices, First hour drinks are Complementary!

**WHERE:** **MCC Kew.**
397 Barkers Rd Kew VIC 3101 P: 03 9817 3936

**COST:** $40 per person
Includes a Bowls Coach and Bowls fee plus a Wagyu Burger, Salad, Chips and a beer plus a $5 to the school.

**CONTACTS:**
Rodney Thomson: 0401 890 005
Michael Senyard: 0416 076 519

To Register your attendance:  [http://www.trybooking.com/KJNY](http://www.trybooking.com/KJNY)
Second Hand Uniform Shop

The next second hand uniform shop will be held on Tuesday 1st March 2016, outside the library!

We have an extensive range of good quality summer and winter clothing at greatly reduced prices! All items in the shop are priced at approximately 80% below the current RRP.

All stock is laundered, in good condition, and ready to wear!

All proceeds from the school uniform shop go towards the school! Help support us, and grab yourself a bargain!

The uniform shop runs on the first Tuesday of each month. If you can’t make it to a sale day you can contact me or the school office with your request & size. Orders will be filled with the best quality available stock and left at the office for your collection and payment.

Caroline Vernon  carolinevernon@yahoo.com.au  0412 043 996

Canteen Volunteers Urgently Needed!

Thank you to the canteen helpers who generously donate their time to make our canteen run smoothly, as well as produce delicious and nutritious food for our kids.

We are seeking a few more helpers to cover the following shifts:

Only 2 ½ hours once per month on:

- **Monday** 11.00am to 1.30pm (2 shifts)
- **Wednesday** 11.00am to 1.30pm (2 shifts)
- **Friday** 9.00am to 1.30pm (1 shift)
  11.00am to 1.30pm (1 shift)

Please advise the Canteen Roster Lady, Cate Thomson if you are able to lend a hand!

cate_thomson@hotmail.com
0418 510 041

Many thanks !!!

First Aid Laundry

We are looking for volunteers to help with the laundry in sickbay.

If you are interested please contact the office.
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Hi everyone 😊,

What an amazing week we have shared at OSHClub!
Tuesday afternoon parents may have seen the children running around the school covered in different paints, this was all part of our amazing colour run! Fearghas suggested the activity at the beginning of the year and the educators of OSHClub prepared for the amazing activity, children hid around the school with pots of face paint in different colours as other children ran around searching to collect all six colours along their arm. Eva X, Charlotte and Panya grouped up as they ran to the different hide outs, Amelia Wedd hid in the bushes holding the red paint while Harry and Grace chased the children with a wet cloth that gave them the power to wipe all the paints the children had found off! Sullivan, Adam and Fearghas were the winners of the first round well done boys!

On Thursday afternoon we became Italian chefs and made homemade gnocchi, we had to cook the potatoes, mash them, add ingredients and knead it until it became a dough, before cooking in boiling water and serving hot! We saw some amazing teamwork skills and leadership!

Prep Wednesdays;
OSHClub are in discussion about having a full day offered at OSHClub on Wednesdays for term one, due to low numbers we cannot run this day at the moment, however if families are interested please enquire as if we see interest in running the Wednesday we may be able to offer the program, please do not hesitate to come and speak with myself, or the assistants.

A kind reminder to all families that the program doesn’t open until 7:00am and we cannot accept children before this time, please also assure that you have signed in their child before leaving.

Have a great fortnight!
OSHClub team 😊

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Harriet Cousins-Palmer
Assistant: Niki, Lauren
OSHCHead Office: 03 85649000

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 made via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
**Back to School asthma spike**

Every year there is a well-documented rise in asthma flare-ups and hospitalisations when students return to school after the Christmas break. Asthma Australia has information for parents of students with asthma to help them prepare for school. Asthma Australia’s website and social media provide the latest information, including a checklist of what to do to help your child and a survey to complete to determine the impacts for parents/carers.

Asthma Australia recommends that you talk to school staff about your child’s asthma and the school’s medication policy, provide an Asthma Plan from the doctor and supply a spare reliever puffer and spacer for your child’s use at school.

**Asthma Kids**

Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Watch one of the introductory videos then take Chester’s Asthma Trail. There are prizes to win too! [www.asthmakids.org.au](http://www.asthmakids.org.au)
Hook in 2 Hockey at KBH Brumbies

Come and try hockey, an action packed Olympic sport for Boys and Girls. For $80 you get a hockey stick, a hockey ball and shinpads. You also get 10 fun sessions where you learn hockey skills and play games.

You can register via the following link:  http://kbhbrumbies.org.au/juniors/hookin2hockey-hi2h/

**When:**  Sundays at 10.00am and Wednesdays at 5.00pm throughout first term  
**Where:**  Koonung Secondary College Hockey pitch (enter via Cairo Road, Mont Albert North)  
**Contact:**  Joe Hassall 0401 560 262