Message from Principal

Hi Kew and welcome to the newsletter for this week.

**Kew’s Got Talent**

Well we certainly saw some ‘A’ grade talent and I can personally vouch for some ‘C’ grade talent being on display at our Kew’s Got Talent event last Saturday evening. Overall, it was a huge success with approx. $12,000 raised by our PTA. Whilst the event was organised as a fundraiser, it was also much more than that. It was about coming together, having some fun as parents and friends and continuing our vision of ensuring strong connections across our school.

Many thanks to Claire Tanner and the PTA team for their vision and organisation. The gym looked as good as all the costumes. A big thank you also to those who contributed something extra on the evening through hosting, performing, auctioning and all the other roles that made the night so great.

As someone who doesn’t have lots of hair anymore… anytime you get to wear a wig is a great opportunity, especially when it is a mullet!

**Task Program Thank You Morning Tea**

Our TASK program has been extremely successful thanks to the wonderful work of our staff and the parents who have supported it. Whilst many of our Year 1 students will now leave the program (as they are well and truly ready and able to fully participate in all regular classroom activities), they will remain under close observation to ensure that the gains made are continued. Year 1 students who require additional targeted support will remain on the program. Next semester we will also be directing this additional support to Foundation students who have been identified as requiring it. This will help ensure that all of our students make the best possible start to their schooling.

To acknowledge the support of our parents, we are hosting a morning tea for all those that have assisted with the program this semester. This will be held in the staffroom next Wednesday 25th June at 10.40am.

**School Nurse Visit**

This week we are being visited by Cathy from the Primary School Nursing Program. This program offers a free health assessment to all students at Foundation level. The nurse may also conduct a direct health assessment depending on the information provided by the parent/s through the questionnaire. The assessments might include distance vision, hearing, height and weight. Feedback is also provided. If you have a child at our school in another year level, referral forms for Year 1-6 are also available from the office.
Hmmm... seems that I will have a double dose of morning tea next Wednesday! Don’t forget that at 9.15am on Wednesday 25th June I will be holding a “Meet with the Prin – Talking School Finances” morning tea. If this topic is of interest to you then please contact the office and let me know you will be attending.

I also plan to hold a community forum one evening in Term 3. During this meeting I will outline more about the decision process I will use in setting up our school for 2015.

As with any issue, concern or feedback that you may have, please make a time to come and speak with me. In this way you can get all the information you need to stay informed and up to date.

Extra-Curricular Programs Update
I am delighted to announce that both our Beginner Mandarin classes and Junior Rockers Drum groups will be commencing next term. I have met with both organisations to begin the final organisational details. A letter outlining these details including start dates, times and fees will be sent home next week. Payment will be made directly to each organisation in the form of a term cost.

Try Booking – Building & Library Fund
Another reminder at this stage of the financial year that donations to our Building & Library Fund are tax deductible. This year we have also established a Try Booking service making it very easy for parents and friends to make donations to our school online. Please see the following link: http://www.trybooking.com/FAOF

Don’t forget our early 2.30pm finish on the last day of the term next Friday. Our assembly will start at 1.45pm on this day.

Be Worthy!
Save Ferris!
James Penson - Principal

Message from the Assistant Principal

As always it has been an extremely busy term and, second term, is traditionally a report writing term for the teachers. Please note that a great deal of ongoing assessments as well as teacher moderation takes place before these reports are written. The teachers spend an immense amount of time gathering evidence as well as thinking deeply about their students, before the writing process even begins. Reports will be sent home next Wednesday 25th June and they will give you a real understanding of your child’s achievements and set the parameters for their learning goals for Semester Two. Also, this year will see quite a change from the usual parent-teacher interviews to three-way conferences held on Wednesday 30th July for all classes, except for Gayle Bennett’s Grade 2. As Gayle will be on long service leave during this period, her three way conferences will take place the following week on Wednesday 6th August.

What are three way conferences, I can hear you ask yourselves and my answer to your question is this! They are student centred and showcase the successes students have experienced with their learning during the first semester. The students will explain, show and discuss what they have learned as well as areas they believe they need to focus upon in future. Having experienced these conferences in other settings, I believe, you as parents will get to hear and see another aspect of your child’s learning as well as gain an understanding of the pride they inevitably feel about themselves. If you feel you need to have a more traditional parent-teacher interview please make a time with your child’s teacher that it mutually acceptable.

Now, changing tack completely, going from reports to the overflowing lost property cupboard and the end of term organisation. As you would all be aware, Nikki McConnon, a Kew PS parent does a fantastic job of organising our lost property and second-hand uniform shop. She and her helpers try to return all named uniform
Kew Primary School Blog

Things are about to get very arty at KPS! This week, Claire Bowers from the SPLASH Art Show committee tells us about an exciting day in the art room for Grade Fives.

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

Second Hand Uniform Shop Update

Thank you for all donations this year to the second hand uniform shop. The next second hand uniform shop will be held on Tuesday 5th August outside the library.

House polo shirt orders will be coming week 2 of Term 3.

House polo shirts will be sold after school on Friday 25th July just in time for the House Athletics Carnival.

Tutor Required

Occasionally the school receives requests for details of tutors and as such the school would like to keep a list of tutors to refer to when required. If you can recommend any Maths tutors in the local area, please contact the school office.

Senior Choir Year 3 – 6

If you are interested in being a part of the Senior Choir, it starts next term.

Senior Choir will be held every Tuesday at the start of lunch in room 603.

Looking forward to lots of singing and fun!

Shelley Ware
Kew’s Got Talent

80’s Style

Come & See the incredible photos taken by Bethanie Clarke (Prep) from Pink Images: Http://pinkimages.nextproof.com/kewgt (images free, and prints can be ordered. Orders close 27th June, end of Term 2).
Kew’s Got Talent

Thank you’s

To Slash & Piggy Pop - we love you. Thanks for being our talented MC’s! And to our super Auctioneer, Paul O’S.

To all our talented musicians, actors, vocalists, dancers. You were all amazing! Gold Logies will be awarded soon.

A big thank you to the 140 parents and staff who rocked up with fabulous 80’s gear on to enjoy a fun night of entertainment and fundraising for our school.

$12,000 was raised. A special thank you to all our generous donator’s and sponsors:

The Lacey, Peters, Coleman, Rutherford, Jackson, Gilbert, Webb/Coleman, and Ling families. To Jellis Craig, Endota Spa, Crust Pizza, & In Motion Physiotherapy.

And to all the silent workers/families behind the scenes thank you: Naylor, Denby, Trist, Hollingsworth, St Clair/Hughes, Hall, Waters, Markl, Rutherford, Coleman, Williams, Dwyer, Estbeiro, Grabsch, Bolton, Holmes, Brown, Tanner/Mifsud.

Go Kew!
Dear KPS parents, students and caregivers,

Splash 2014, Kew Primary first annual art show, School, has attracted already 121 artists exhibiting 407 artworks.

One such artist, Sara Catena, visited the school last week to lead an exciting workshop with a group of Grade 5 students.

Sara shared examples of her distinctively vibrant, colourful work and explained her creative process. Students explored ideas with Sara around the theme of ‘How I have changed’, workshopping their ideas as a group using oil pastels on paper, forming part of a project. The Kew Primary School blog has more on this fantastic event at kewprimaryschool.com and there’s even a story in the Progress Leader!

All KPS students can participate in Student Art Competition and are invited to submit registrations to their class teacher by Friday 25th July.

**Tote bags by Splash 2014’s must-have accessory!**
Limited number available so don’t miss out! Available at trybooking.com/FDDM
Or at the second hand uniform shop (1st Tues of the month)

**Support Splash**
We are seeking sponsorship for the artwork display panels to pay for the hiring cost. For only $30, your name or your business name will be displayed as the Sponsor on the panel, website and catalogue. Visit trybooking.com/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

**Have you checked us out our social media?**
Join the conversation online #splashkew

facebook.com/splashart2014
twitter.com/splashkew
instagram.com/splashkew
pinterest.com/splashkew
Kew Primary School’s Student Art Competition

Feeling Creative?
Like to get Arty?
Want to win some great prizes?

Kew Primary School and the SPLASH Art Committee are so excited to announce it is having a Student Art Competition!

This is an opportunity for every student to show their artistic talent and also have a chance to win some brilliant prizes.

All students from Prep to Grade 6 have the opportunity to enter this fantastic competition.

So start painting, drawing, cutting & pasting, knitting, anything you like.

There will be prizes for each year level and best of all, it’s the students that vote.

Every KPS student will place a vote for each year level.

All submitted pieces will be exhibited at the Splash Art Exhibition

All you have to do is:

• Register your details and hand the bottom section of this form in to your class teacher by Friday the 25th July.
  (Only one entry per student permitted)

• Have your artwork ready and submitted by Monday the 6th October...plenty of time to do your best work.

I would like to register for the SPLASH Student Art Competition

Date:__________________Class:________________

Name:________________________________________
CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 3, 2014
(Kew Primary School)

NAME OF CHILD: __________________________ GRADE: __________

CONTACT PARENT/GUARDIAN: __________________________ Ph. #: __________

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: __________________________

Credit Card Details:

NAME ON CARD: __________________________ CARD TYPE: __________

CARD NUMBER: __________________________ EXPIRY DATE: __________

CCV # __________

Please enclose $105.00 and return to school office with completed form.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO – ‘CHESS IDEAS’.

Play Chess at home against the computer.
Click on “play chess”. It’s fun!

Kew Primary School
Chess Club, 2014

Term 3 commences on Friday 18th July

Dates: 18/7 – 19/9: (10 weeks)

Time: Friday’s 1.00pm – 1.50 p.m. – Library.

Cost: $105.00 (10 lessons) for the term.

PLEASE NOTE: If chess lessons coincide with swimming or school camp, please deduct the cost of these lessons from the total amount. Otherwise students will not receive a refund for classes missed.

Students commencing after the first week do not pay for the earlier lessons.

Cheques should be made payable to “Chess Ideas” or we take payment via Visa and Mastercard. The completed form should be handed into the school office.

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT: www.chess.ideas.com.au

If your child has a medical condition we should know about please ring our office with details.
Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, ukulele, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, drums, singing, cello, bass guitar, here at Kew Primary School. Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they 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 3.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333

Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au

NAIDOC Week Workshop

School holiday workshop of Indigenous storytelling, music and art for children aged 6 to 8 years.

Children will learn about Indigenous culture in this participatory workshop led by Gamilaroi and Wailkwan artist, Rachel Shields. Parents are welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Friday 11 July, 10 to 11.30am

Community Arts Space
Hawthorn Arts Centre
360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

This is a free event, however, bookings are essential: please contact Annie Walker, Community Planning and Development on 9278 4753 or Annie.Walker@boroondara.vic.gov.au

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