The Bulletin

School Council Voluntary Levies
At the February meeting of council levies for 2013 were determined. Council’s letter to families will be distributed to families tomorrow. By way of further information, government funding provides for school infrastructure needs: grounds; utilities (–gas and electricity; water rates); Of this amount 32% is allocated to the cleaning contract for the school; 1% is provided for a grounds allowance and 11% is directed towards Maintenance and Minor Works. A provision for gas and electricity amounts to 14.5% of the infrastructure allocation in the school’s budget. There is no funding for ICT/digital technology. With no funding for the school technology requirements council has set a levy of $50 per student to generate funds to effect repairs to the infrastructure and cabling school-wide. Demands placed on school council’s annual budget in terms of grounds and buildings maintenance are very high, hence the reason for a request to assist the school in generating additional funds to maintain our buildings in a fit and proper state. Our oval and other outside areas have suffered greatly during this long hot summer, (not helped by a non-functioning watering system). Such maintenance and upkeep is costly. Parent support to maintain the role of our First Aid officer in 2012 has been a great support to all students and staff. It is anticipated that the school community will support this position again in 2013. Government budget allocations meet all staffing requirements and curriculum resource needs for the school.

Funds paid to the school by way of voluntary support are directed to the areas designated by the school council in the letter to be sent home to families. An option to pay fees using BPAY is available this year. Your support for School Council initiatives will be appreciated.

2013 School Council Election
At the close of the Call for Nominations yesterday, nominations had been received from:

PARENTS: Jeremy Whelen, Julie Coleman; Alison Clayton; Amanda Aitken and Nikki Schwarz.

When the call for nominations was made last week there were four known vacancies. During this past week a current school councillor has moved overseas with professional commitments. This has resulted in a 12 month casual vacancy on the council. An election can be called however Julie Coleman has indicated that she is pleased to accept the nomination to fill the casual vacancy. In this way all those who have nominated to join the school council can take up a position on the new council with full voting rights.

STAFF: Sally Marsh; Chelsea Carmichael.

In each membership category the nominations received equal the number of vacancies. Candidates are therefore elected to the 2013-2015 school council. On behalf of council I extend our appreciation to the following retiring school councillors for their contribution and commitment to the work of council during their time with the council. Your fine contribution has been very much appreciated:

Nereda Thomas; Chris Robinson; Roger Kemp; and staff members Penny Doery and Lee Ann Butchart.

Barry Archibald
Acting Principal

Diary Dates

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Kew PS Canteen
Volunteers Needed!

The Canteen is a fun & happy place. It's a great way to meet other parents, to do your bit for the school community & to see your children smile!

The role of the Canteen volunteer is to help prepare nutritious & yummy food for our kids. The job includes serving the children, making sandwiches, grating, chopping, dishwashing & other easy tasks, allowing Sally to do the cooking.

The following shifts are available 2013:

- Once a month on a:
  - Monday
  - Wednesday
  - Friday

- Shift times:
  - 9am - 2pm
  - 9am - 11.30am
  - 11.30am - 2pm

If you can help, please talk to Sally (the Canteen Manager) or the school office.

KPS Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

All parents are always warmly invited to join the KPS PTA.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm in the staff room.

No need to RSVP, simply turn up!

OSHClub

Please remember to book online for a place to help with staffing ratios.

For cancellations please inform OSHClub directly on 0400 394 489.

Second Hand Uniform

Tuesday 5th March

3.15-3.45pm

Outside library.

Kew Primary School Blog

It’s not very often you get to spend behind-the-scenes time with the kids at school and see what they really get up to during the day. This week I hung out with the Grade 6s for their Leadership Day and got a great insight into one of the long-standing traditions of Kew Primary School. Find out more...