Welcome back everyone to Term Two at Kew PS and I trust that you were all able to have some quality time with family and friends during the holiday break. I would like to take this opportunity to also welcome Andrew Searle to our school in the role of the Acting Assistant Principal and to publicly thank his Principal, Sandra Saitlik, from Mont Albert PS for agreeing to release him at such short notice. Andrew is one of two Assistant Principals at Mont Albert and will be sorely missed by his school. However, he is to be commended for his flexibility and resilience in agreeing to take on this role. We are already working beautifully as a leadership team along with Sally Marsh and Andrew Wood, our Leading teachers. Another staff member who has returned to us is Kerry Lomas who has completed a very interesting year working in the Philippines. Kerry is teaching in Year Four, taking over the class that was vacated by Chrystal Sumpton who is on family leave. Chrystal is now the proud Mum of a baby girl, Chanelle, born on Sunday April 7th and apparently all family members are doing well including Chrystal’s partner, Stewart.

As you may have noticed the old sandpit is no longer. It was removed in the holidays and the asphalt has given the students more space to play in. An area has been set aside that will be planted with a shade tree and some native grasses and then our wonderful carved benches, that are currently residing near the main office, will be placed around this area. Also, Masters of Hawthorn have offered the school fruit trees for the kitchen garden as well as a range of drought tolerant plants to under plant the landscaped area near the Junior School. Working bee dates will be announced in subsequent newsletters so that you can add these important dates to your diaries. As I have always stated- more parents and students at these working bees shares the load and increases the students’ sense of pride in their school.

Class reps play an important role in the school as these parents form a direct liaison between the class teacher and the parent body. It has recently come to my notice that a number of classes are without a class rep – 223, 405, 406 and 501. If you would be willing to become a class rep please let either Andrew Searle or myself know and in anticipation of your offers to help, I thank you.

For our Grade Six families who have been waiting for the years 6/7 transition forms to be sent home- this will happen on Friday. The delay has been caused by a number of factors beyond our control. This slight delay will not affect your child’s chances of getting into the school of your choice.

Robin Grace
Acting Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

Thank you to all staff, students and parents for the warm welcome that I have received since commencing at Kew P.S. on Monday. I am excited by the prospect of working in your school community and look forward to meeting as many people as possible and working with you within the wide and varied roles that encompass the assistant principal position.

I currently have a substantive Assistant Principal position at Mont Albert Primary School and have been in this role for the past three years. My roles and responsibilities have included: Curriculum Development, Professional Learning, Student & Staff Welfare, Pre-service Teacher Programs, Buildings & Grounds, Education Committee and Fair Committee.

If you have time, please call into my office and say hello.

Andrew Searle

Kew Primary School Blog

The last week of Term 1 saw the blog’s best ever numbers with 350 views which is fantastic! Lots of people checked out the two farewell blogs to Barry and George, and had a look at some earlier posts too. Thanks to everyone who’s spread the word or signed up. I’ve already had a number of people offer to write blogs this term which is great, and if you have an idea for something you’d like to write, please email me at Jacqueline_tomlins@bigpond.com.

For the first post of Term 2, I spoke to our new Acting Assistant Principal, Andrew Searle. Check out why he was ‘hand-picked’…link.

House T Shirts—Cross Country

There are still a few coloured house t-shirts available for sale ($22) in various sizes. Should you wish to purchase a t-shirt (if available in the appropriate size and colour) before Cross Country on 2nd May (grades 3-6), please contact the office.

Lost Property

40 jumpers are currently in lost property along with some lunch boxes, pencil cases and other miscellaneous items. Please check the lost property areas in case any of these times belong to your child(ren).

Year 4 Dinner

Friday night the 26th of April at 7.30pm
Venue: the Retreat Hotel,
226 Nicholson St Abbotsford

Please email Joanna and Maria if you would like to attend with your name and number of people attending.
Joanna: szeszycka@hotmail.com
Maria: neroupppos@hotmail.com
MUST confirm booking by Friday this week. It’s going to be fun!
Welcome back for Term 2. There is an amazing exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria International this term. Claude Monet’s iconic gardens at Giverny were the inspiration for many of the Father of Impressionism’s later paintings of waterlilies and other flowers. Melbourne is the only Australian city to house these masterpieces. Please take your children. For some it will be a once in a lifetime chance to view these extraordinary artworks. It is open from May 10th until September 8th. Adult tickets are $26 and children’s (5 – 15 years) tickets are $10. Concession tickets are $22.50 and family tickets (2 adults and 3 children) are $65. Don’t miss out! For more details go to www.ngv.vic.gov.au

DONATIONS: Thanks to Mason Lewis for his bag of wool and to Maya Rivas (Thomas and Annabelle’s mum) for her dress ups and bubble wrap. A big thankyou to Claire Tanner for supplying the 22 canvases for our Trivia Night class canvases. We look forward to getting these underway next week. Thanks to anyone else who has left donations outside the artroom.

Bit McLean and Madame (Visual Arts Teachers)

NEW SPORTS GEAR ARRIVES FROM OUR COLES VOUCHERS!

When I got back at the beginning of Term 2, a tall pile of boxes was waiting for me in the school corridor…the Coles Sports equipment had arrived!!! Our school collected thousands of vouchers last year and I was able to order lots of things we needed here at KPS as well as some fun extra items as well!

Thank you to everyone who brought along their vouchers from Coles, hopefully later this year we can collect another bunch for some more free equipment!

We received the following equipment:

- Discus
- Shot put
- Kanga cricket bats
- Rounders bats
- AFL goal umpire flags
- Vortex
- Whistles
- Flag belts and flags
- Large foam 12 sided dice
- Swimming caps
- Blindfolds
- Three legged race straps
- Storage bags
- ‘Elephant skin’ balls, large and small

THANKYOU!!!!!!

Cheers, Erin
PTA News

Save the Date!
Saturday 15th June 2013 from 7pm
...for the fantastic KPS 2013 Trivia Night.

This is KPS's major fundraiser for the year and any donations for the silent auction will be gratefully appreciated (such as goods/vouchers/services). Donate now and support your KPS.

Volunteers to write and/or read questions for the Trivia night would be appreciated.

For more details on donating any items for the auction please contact your Class Rep or Claire at johnclaire1@bigpond.com

Ticket details to be advised shortly.

Kew Primary School Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser – Sunday 5th May

Kew Primary School has is having a sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings Hawthorn (230-246 Burwood Road, Hawthorn). This is a great opportunity for the school to raise around $2,000 and the only thing you need to do is to volunteer to cook and sell sausages in the kiosk outside Bunnings for a short period of time on Sunday 5th May.

No experience is necessary! Aprons, gloves and BBQ tools will be provided.

We need 4 or 5 parents per time slot and the available times are as follows:

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If you are available or you wish to volunteer someone else in your family please let me know via email at emma_peter3@bigpond.com and include the name and contact phone number of the person volunteering. Thanks very much in advance for donating an hour of your time to our great school!

Kew Primary School Dress Code – draft policy for comment

School Council has recently developed a draft Dress Code for Kew Primary School. The purpose of the dress code is:

To further develop students’ pride and respect in their own appearance; help students to identify with the school and its values; promote equality and enable participation in all school activities; promote a positive image of the school within the community and assist with identification of students, particularly on excursions. The Code has been created with consideration of potential safety and health concerns including the commitment to the SunSmart program.

The creation of a Dress Code for Kew Primary School will not change the current school uniform. The intention is to formalise the uniform the school already has.

If you wish to comment on the draft Dress Code, please provide it in writing (hard copy or email) to the office by Friday 17th May. School Council will consider any responses received prior to formalising the policy.
Snowsports Interschool Championships

Kew Primary School is entering into the Victorian Snowsports Interschool Championships for 2013. The aim of the program is to develop student skills, independence, sportsmanship and school spirit.

The Interschools event is open to all grades levels who would like to compete in alpine ski racing, snowboard, skiercross, and freestyle moguls. Students will need to be able to confidently ski on green and blue runs, however, students do not need racing experience – the main thing is that your child has a desire to compete in a friendly atmosphere.

The 2013 Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships will be held at Mt Buller from Monday 19 to Sunday 25 August 2013.

Changes to the event in 2013 include:
• Event week will now run from Monday to Sunday in the second last week of August
• Division 5 and 4 to compete from Monday to Wednesday of the event week
• Divisions 2 and 3 events starting on Thursday
• Division 1 starting on Friday to minimize disruption of educational commitments

The Interschools are structured around five age categories, based on school years:

• Division 1: Years 11 and 12
• Division 2: Years 9 and 10
• Division 3: Years 7 and 8
• Division 4: Grade 5 and 6
• Division 5: Grade 4 and under.

A copy of the provisional timetable is available by clicking on the following link:

Parents wishing for their children to compete at the Interschool Championships please contact Nikki Schwarz. To express interest or for further enquires please email nikki@sraccountants.com.au Thank you.

Cheers Nikki

Blackburn High School – Open Night
Wednesday May 1, 2013 – 6pm – 8pm

There have been a lot of changes at Blackburn High School. Come along and see the new facilities and hear about our new learning model.

Leaders of the four Houses will be presenting a comprehensive overview of the House and Mentor Class organisational model at 6pm in the House areas.

The Principal, Dr Sandra Woodman, will be speaking in the School gymnasium at 7pm.

All Faculties will be on display and Faculty Heads, staff and students will be available to speak with you about the educational opportunities available at Blackburn.
Oshclub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
Hi everyone 😊,

Welcome back to school and the new term!

We hope that you had a wonderful break and made the most of the gorgeous weather we had during these past 2 weeks.

Kew OSHClub holiday program was jammed packed full of fun. We went to Wonderland Fun Park and the Royal Melbourne Zoo. Both were super awesome fun, for the children and the staff 😊. Other fun things we did; April Fool’s Day, Kaleidoscope Day, Funky Monkey, Red Rocket Day, Eggstravaganza Day and an Egyptian Adventure Day. All went fabulously well! (We did run out of bananas though 😊 but the children made something of their own choosing to make up for it 😊)

With the start to the new term the preps will no longer be picked up from their classes. They are to make their way over to the OSHClub building on their own. Parents need to be vigilant in reminding their children to go straight to OSHClub when the 3.30pm bell rings.

With the weather turning cooler and possibly wetter this term, we will be organising more fun indoor activities, utilising the gym more often than not. We may also offer movie and popcorn afternoons on really miserable days. So if your children have a movie they would love to share with everyone, bring it along. Remembering, all movies are required to be of a G rating.

*Please book your children online, if booking casually (over the phone) a casual surcharge of $2 will be added to your fees. This is very important so that we can provide care for your child.
*Please remember a late fee will be charged for late pickups; $1 per minute per child.
*Please remember to cancel your child either through your account or call 0400 394 489 and leave a message.

Have a great fortnight!
OSHClub team 😊

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHc program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Kathi
Assistant: Niki, Fiona, Cristal, Paul, Tim
OSHClub Head 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 managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Kew Primary School
Chess Club, 2013

Term 2 commences on Friday 19th April

Dates: 19/4 – 28/6: (11 weeks)

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

Cost: $110.00 (11 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.

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

CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 2, 2013
(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 $110.00 and return to school office with completed form.

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