Message from the Principal

WRITERS OF THE WEEK
Our Writers of the Week this week are everyone that attended our Write Night last night! It was wonderful to see so many students with their families working together on such an amazing array of engaging writing activities. All of these activities were just a snapshot of our writing program each day. Nights like this are a very effective way for parents and carers to gain insight into how we teach and what we do each day at KPS. They are also a very important part of our home school partnership commitment.

The highlight of Write Night for me was the huge amount of wonderful examples of student writing on display in each classroom. As you know, developing and improving our student’s writing skills is a major focus for our school. We are really pleased with our commitment and progress so far and the evidence of this was on show last night.

Thank you to our dedicated team of staff who have embraced our whole school writing improvement focus. I certainly appreciate the time and energy they give to our school well outside the 38 hour week they are paid for!

Special thank you to Jacki Hopkins, Clare Connor and Erin Rose for leading our Write Night initiative. This is one of their additional roles within our school as part of our staff Events & Communications Team.

Photos from Write Night will be displayed on the TV outside the office.

DISCO TOMORROW
It’s not too late to book a ticket to our school disco tomorrow! Simply follow this link: www.trybooking.com/LVRQ

LAP-A-THON UPDATE
Great news – we have surpassed the $5,000 target we were aiming for. At this stage we have raised around $7,000. This is after the commission for prizes has been taken out. I will publish the final figure via Skoolbag when all the money and online donations have been processed. Prizes will be delivered early in Term 3.

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR – DONATION SYSTEM
The end of financial year is nearly here. At this time we often receive requests from individuals and companies to make tax deductible donations.
to our school. This can be via a Trybooking link we have set up as follows: 

http://www.trybooking.com/FAOF

We currently have listed a range of different projects that we are working towards delivering to our school this year and next year. These are all funded under the Building Fund or Library Fund which are tax deductible:

- Cooling Solutions Phase 3—Air-conditioning in rooms 12 & 13 and the Art room
- Oval Redevelopment (Stage 2) - Positive Play Space
- Netbooks and laptops for Prep and Junior School
- Interactive Screens for classrooms.

PLANNING WEEK UPDATE

It was a very productive planning week last week. These weeks enable our Professional Learning Teams (PLT’s) to spend valuable time organising the curriculum for Literacy & Numeracy and Inquiry units for next term. Our teachers always come away very excited and energised about the plans they have made!

KEWRIOSITY ASSEMBLY

To celebrate our Kewriosity Program this term we are holding a special assembly tomorrow. This will start earlier than normal at 2.45pm. All of the different groups will share a photo and a short summary of some of the things they have been doing over the past 5 weeks. It will be great to see the variety of the different groups across the whole school and find out more about why this initiative is captivating the energy and excitement of our students.

EXCURSION COSTS – TERM 3

Term 3 Cost letters will be sent home with all students next week. In this way we try to ensure that parents are only making one payment each term for all of these events. We also send this information home prior to the end of term to provide parents with time to organise the payments early the following term. The events listed are organised on a user pays basis and as such students will not be able to attend if payment has not been received by the due date. If you are unable to make the payments by this time please contact the office to make a time to meet with me and we can discuss options such as a payment plan.

SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICIES

School Council formally approved the following policies at the last meeting:

- School Uniform Policy
- Camps and Excursions Policy
- Preventing Bullying Policy
- eSmart Policy

School Council has also listed the following policies on the school website for community consultation:

- OH & S Policy
- Staff Leave Policy

They are located under the “Parent Information” menu and then the “Policy” tab.

If you have any comments or feedback please contact me and I will table this at the next School Council meeting.

Be Worthy!
James Penson
Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

What a wonderful night it was last night!

It was our first “WRITE NIGHT” and it was very gratifying for all the Kew PS staff to see so many students, accompanied by their parents, venturing out on such a cold evening, to attend this inaugural event. Writing has been a real focus for all teachers this year and they were further inspired when writing guru, Sheena Cameron, spent one whole day working with them. She encouraged teachers to look at innovative ways to inspire students to write, and as always, our teachers proved they were up to the challenge. Last night showcased many of her ideas that the teachers had incorporated into their writing programs. Many examples of students’ work, was on display in the various classrooms that were open. Writing can often become a second cousin to reading but here at Kew PS, reading and writing are taught with equal importance. James has been showcasing student writing each week, in our newsletter, so please check out our students’ endeavours as I am sure you will be blown away by their creative efforts. A number of teachers were responsible for the organization of “Write Night” and their efforts need to be publicly acknowledged, so thank you goes to Clare Connor, Jacki Hopkins and Erin Rose.

With just over a week to go before the end of term, please make time to check out the Lost Property cupboard for any items of uniform that your child may be missing. The cupboard is filled to overflowing and items that are named will be returned to their owners but other unnamed articles, will be laundered and later sold through the second hand uniform sales.

Finally, the last day of school is Friday 24th June and all students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 2:30pm following the whole school assembly.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

Last week, the Year 5 and 6 students saw Melbourne through new eyes - Year 5 teacher, Alex Schifter, tells how.

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

Free Eggs!

Would you like to look after our chickens for a week over the school holidays or one weekend in Term 3? It’s a really easy job: let them out for a run around, collect any eggs which are yours to keep, give them some food and water and also give the plants a quick water.

Please signup to help at https://www.volunteersignup.org/E4L7Y

Also, rather than throwing away any vegetable scraps at home, please consider adding them to our garden compost bin.

Thank you to the Clarke, Suri, Lu, Bennett, Robinson, Howard, Curnow, Whelen, Sanal, De Bruin and Selvarajah families who have looked after our chickens this term.
GET YOUR GROOVES ON FOR THE KPS DISCO!!

WHEN: FRIDAY 17TH OF JUNE
WHERE: KEW PRIMARY SCHOOL GYM
WHO: YEARS PREP-2: 5PM-6.15PM
     YEARS 3-6: 6.45-8PM
MERCHANDISE SOLD FROM $1 TO $4
$8 PER CHILD

BOOK YOUR TICKETS BEFORE FRIDAY 17 JUNE AT HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/LVRQ

NOTE: ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BE SIGNED IN AND OUT BY AN ADULT AND MUST BE A STUDENT OF KPS
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP AT DISCO PLEASE CONTACT BELINDA HOLMES @
BELINDA.HOLMES@HOTMAIL.COM
Congratulations to the following students for competing at the Mont Albert Primary Chess Tournament on Wednesday 15th June 2016
Lara, Max and Allan (Grade 4)
Connor, Riley and Callum (Grade 3)
Angus (Grade 1)

The Kew Primary team placed 5th out of 11 schools; not too shabby at all! We had 7 players attend and represent our school very proudly. Our top players for the day were Riley, Allan and Lara. Congratulations to all 7 players for a great tournament, which saw our team qualify for a place in the State Semi-Final.

Thank you to all the parents who took it in turns chauffeuring and supervising on the day.

If your child wants to learn Chess have them come along to the Chess Club held in the Library on Fridays to check it out. The more the merrier! Many thanks to Miss Grace for supervision. If your child would like to compete in a Chess Tournament, please contact Sonia: sonia@saggers.com.au or Amanda: amanda@metrotennis.com.au
Kew Primary School Fathers Association

A social evening for Kew Primary School Fathers to bring a mate, meet some great blokes, relax and enjoy some footy, a beer and the special combination of chicken, ham and cheese (or select from the menu).

What : $22 Pot and Parma Night Social Evening

Where : Harp Hotel 636 High St, Kew VIC 3102

When : Thursday 23rd June 7:30pm

Who : North and Adelaide will be on the big screen (will be a test for North after playing Hawks the week before).

Cost : $22 includes Pot and Parma (meals off the menu also available)

Drinks at bar prices, pay on the night.

To Register your attendance click this link, input name : http://doodle.com/poll/bmnkzbzinechzscn

Details email KPSFA at – kpsfass@gmail.com

Sick Bay Laundry

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

All that is required is to collect the laundry once a week, wash and dry it and return it to the school.

We will not expect you to launder items that are heavily soiled.

If interested please contact the office.
**Program Update**

Welcome back to OSHClub everyone. We hope you had a lovely long weekend! It’s been a busy week at OSHClub with lots of great experiences shared. The theme this week has been sustainable so the children and educators have been engaging in conversations about what it really means to be sustainable... We’ve also had some brilliant suggestions on how we could improve our programs sustainability!

Amelia W has been completing lots of funny surveys this week, walking around the room with clipboards determining preferred animals, foods and even sports. These surveys have definitely sparked some funny conversations!

This week we welcome three new faces to the OSHClub program, Heshan, Ihana and Ruvival. We hope that they will love coming to the program exploring the possibilities in art and games.

Another friendly reminder to book into our Holiday program!!! We are super excited for this program especially with the amazing excursions and incursions that are being offered, we have heard lots of discussions about the excitement for the reptile encounters and the ‘grounded’ comedy show! We do encourage you to join in and explore the amazing opportunities our holiday program offers!!

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**Next Week’s Activities**

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**Parent Information**

OSHClub program phone: 0400 394 489  
Coordinator: Harriet Cousins-Palmer
 Assistants: Niki, Lauren
 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.
Chess Ideas

Kew Primary School
Chess Club, 2016

Term 3 commences on Friday 15th July

Dates: 15/7 – 16/9: (10 weeks)

Time: Friday’s 12.40 – 1.30 p.m. – Library.

Cost: $120.00 (10 lessons) for the term.

Ph: 9532-8370
Fax: 9532-8360

P.O. Box 3158
Ripponlea 3185

admin@chessideas.com.au

Established in 1994

Teaching in over 100 schools in Melbourne and Ballarat.

Coaches to the top junior students in Victoria.

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.chessideas.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 3, 2016
(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: ___________
CVC# ___________

Please enclose $120.00 and return to school office with completed form.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO – ‘CHESS IDEAS’.
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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-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 3, 2016.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2533

Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS PROGRAM!

@ Studio V, Collingwood

3 DAY MAKE-A-MOVIE WORKSHOP FOR KIDS (7-12)
Devise, create, crew, shoot then keep your own fully edited short film!
Tues 5 – Thurs 7 July : 10am to 3pm each day
Max. of 10 participants only – $260

5 HOUR INTRO TO SCREEN ACTING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS (7-12)
You’ll learn specific techniques just for the screen and learn how to work with a crew too!
Monday 4 July – 10am to 3pm
Max of 12 only – $80

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