Message from the Principal

CAMP OUT NIGHT – SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER from 3pm

The countdown is on again for our Kew Primary School Fathers Association “Camp Out Night”. This will be a great opportunity to do something different at our school and if last year was anything to go by it will be a great event! There will be a sausage sizzle on the Saturday night and then bacon and eggs on the Sunday morning. The cost is $20 per family and you will need to book your spot via Trybooking. Please see the details in a flyer in this newsletter.

http://www.trybooking.com/IQAP

We are also running a working bee on Sunday 22nd November from 8am – 11am.

YEAR 5 - AMAZING RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINES

I was lucky enough to be able to spend some time this morning with our Year 5’s as they put their “Rube Goldberg Machines” to the test. A Rube Goldberg machine is a contraption, invention, device or apparatus that is deliberately over-engineered to perform a simple task in a complicated fashion, usually including a chain reaction. The expression is named after American cartoonist and inventor Rube Goldberg (1883–1970).

They were amazing to watch and even more amazing to see the students so engaged and excited. You know something is going well at your school when students are arriving well before 8.45am and tapping on the classroom doors to come in and get started which was the case today!

I hope that we can show some of the recordings of the different machines at assembly tomorrow.

GREAT NEWS ABOUT OSHCLUB

Our OSHClub is moving from strength to strength. Today as part of an audit they received 100% compliance with all requirements. They have also revamped some of their equipment and spaces. I like the new mini pool table and some of the new toys! Enrolment in the program is growing steadily and I hear many positives from both students and parents about the program. Great work Harriet and the KPS OSHClub team.

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

At KPS we really enjoy and appreciate the support and assistance of so many parent helpers. As a small sign of our appreciation we invite anyone who has helped us in anyway this year to a special thankyou morning tea. This event will be held on Tuesday 1st December at 10.30am in the Junior School Hall.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We have School Council approval for three of our four curriculum days (pupil free) for 2016. The first two are at the very beginning of the school year on the 27th and 28th January. Our staff will be using these two days to prepare and plan for term one, hand over information about students to
the next teacher, complete some training requirements and begin our school review process. We are also planning to do a big spring clean and ensure that our classrooms are ready for a successful 2016. It will be a big two days before school starts back for all students on Friday 29th January. (Please note that our new Preps will finish at 1pm on this first day of school).

The third curriculum day will be on Wednesday 23rd March. (This is the second last day of Term 1). We have been very fortunate to book in Sheena Cameron to work with our staff. Sheena is based in New Zealand and is world renowned for her work in literacy and particularly, writing. Our staff will be spending the day developing and improving our teaching of writing which is a part of our Annual Implementation Plan for 2016.

The final curriculum day will be organised in Term 2 at a date to be confirmed. On this day we are planning for our staff to work with a consulting group around developing deeper inquiry learning processes in the classrooms.

I understand that many parents may find the timing of these days a little inconvenient. However, they are very important days for our staff and our school. Teachers have the biggest impact on student outcomes (after out of school control influences are accounted for). As a school our highest priority is to ensure that our professional learning program maximises opportunities for staff to improve their knowledge and skills. I thank our school community for your continued support of KPS staff in this way.

Please also book Wednesday 18th May into your diaries for next year. On this evening we will run another parent session with Michael Ymer. Michael works with our staff each term around improving our maths program. He also presented an information night for parents last year which was very well received.

**SCHOOL PAYMENTS LETTER ON THE WAY**

Today an envelope was sent home with each student outlining our school payments for next year. These are broken down into two amounts consisting of Essential Payments and Voluntary Payments. Whilst DET requires us to use these terms, in a practical sense the payment of both of these is vitally important to our school. The funding we receive from the government is just enough to cover the very basics and only allows us to maintain the resources and facilities across our school. Parent Essential and Voluntary Payments are required for us to move beyond this basic level and actually implement improvements inside and outside of the classrooms. As such your financial contributions to our school are critical. I am pleased to say that we had over 75% of our parents pay the full suggested amount of the voluntary fees in 2015.

We have endeavoured to make the process of payment as seamless as possible and provided you with a range of different options to do so. We have also arranged a payment plan option.

Please note that payment does not need to be made this year but can be made up until Friday 11th December.

**GRADE STRUCTURES - INFORMATION 2016**

Having completed our collection of parent requests and working out where each of our grades will be located, we are now well into our grade build process for next year. I can confirm that at this stage we will operate with 21 grades via the following structure:

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Kew Primary School Blog

This week's blog is about reading, comprehension and book reviews (with spring lambs, trains, and footy thrown in).

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

If anyone is interested in running the Second Hand Uniform Shop in 2016, please contact the school Office, or Nikki McConnon directly at nikolamcconnon@bigpond.com

Thank you

Our current class sizes for 2016 are as follows:

Prep: 17 or 18 students
Junior School: 21-23 students
Middle School: 25 students
Senior School: 26 or 27 students
(Please note that this may change into and throughout next year).

We will also operate with 3 specialist subjects – French, Visual Arts and Physical Education. Our support programs including English as an Additional Language and T.A.S.K. will also continue.

This structure might present some challenges to members of our school community. As with any issue that you may have please make a time to come and have a conversation with me. I expect that each year we will continue to run a mix of straight and composite classes and would anticipate an increase in how many composite classes are operated.

Last year I distributed a “Clued Into Kew” newsletter outlining information around straight and composite classes. After implementing two composite classes this year I have received significant positive feedback from parents throughout this year. As such I will not distribute this information again but you are welcome to contact me and I can provide you with the version from last year.

I reinforce the message that we consider all of our classes to be composite classes. In each of our grades we have over four different levels of academic learning and many levels of social and emotional needs. Our staff work very effectively in teams to target our teaching to the skills and knowledge that is required by each student. The way we build any of our classes is not different from each other. All classes are built to ensure a balance of academic, social and behavioural needs. We do not specifically select or not select students to be placed in any of our classes because they have been labelled as composite.

Be Worthy!
James Penson - Principal
French Day at Kew PS - mercredi 25 novembre 2015

- French Puppet performance of Cendrillon for all students (make sure you’ve paid the Term 4 curricular fees)
- Dress up as a character from Cendrillon (Cinderella) or wear casual clothes in the French colours (bleu, blanc et rouge)
- Buy a French lunch from La Cantine – baguette et croissant

Amusez-vous bien! Madame T & Madame P

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The Camp on the oval is on

This could be the last year we can camp on the oval before it has it's makeover so gear up for a big event....last year was a fantastic success... bookings are open.

The cost is per family, just let us know how many people we need to cater for when you book. We've picked a warm time of year so hopefully not too much equipment is required.

What : KPSFASS Camp on the Oval for Dads and Kids
Where: The Kew Primary School Oval
When: Saturday November the 21st from 3pm
Who: Dads, kids and any other significant male family members are welcome.
Cost : $20 per family includes Sausage Sizzle on Sat night and Egg and Bacon Sandwiches on Sunday Morning
Equipment : Bring/borrow a tent for your family, sleeping bags, inflatable mats, chairs - yes, RV's and Campers are welcome, no power provided
Booking: http://www.trybooking.com/IQAP

As always, Uncles, Grandfathers, male carers and teachers are all welcome. Don't miss this last chance on the oval... Looking forward to seeing you all.
Peppercorn BBQ

Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} Dec, 5pm to 7pm
At School!

A great opportunity for parents/carers & kids
to celebrate the end of the year!

Sausages (plain beef & polish), soft drinks & icypoles for sale.

Keen to help with setting up, cooking and cleaning up? Sign up below:

https://www.volunteerssignup.org/Q9BJA
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

What a great week we’ve shared at OSHClub. This week we all really focused on adding to our folios, through photos, art work and even small questionnaires that assisted us in self-evaluating our own way of play, and offering options on how we could improve aspects of games. Having these questionnaires that were decorated with drawings and photos began to spark conversations with other children and educators, we offered our idea’s to each other which really helped when playing the same games at different times in different ways. Amelia Gaffney jumped straight into these sheets and discussed her ideas through a cooking activity!

During the kitchen this week the children took control of cooking, educator Harriet assisted when asked but most of the children new how to measure ingredients and showed amazing cooperation skills, Amelia Wedd and Fearghas assisted Tilley and Summer sharing interactions and giving them the chance to add their ideas!

During the mornings we have seen some tough competition on the Pool table, Kieran and Cooper have seen amazing improvements in their play, really focusing on their hand eye coordination, they are both now competition against the older children such as Callum. Well done boys!

Thank you for another amazing week at OSHClub, the educators love sharing this time with the children.

Also just a friendly reminder to please book your child into the program before it begins so that we can provide enough food for all children!

Reminders

If all families could please bring in a photo and the location of the photo to place on our world map that would be much appreciated.

If your child is booked to attend After School Care but other arrangements are made for their collection (such as a family member), or they leave school early due to illness etc., please call or text the program on 0400 394 489 to let us know. This avoids us having to look around the school grounds for children who aren’t actually attending ASC, and having to call parents and emergency contacts to determine the child’s actual whereabouts. We just want to know they are safe J

A selection of Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information
OSHClub program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Harriet Assistant Coordinator: Lauren Assistants: Niki, Issi
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
BSC Hours: 7:00am – 8:45am ASC Hours: 3:30pm – 6:30pm

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.
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