Message from Principal

SPASH THANK YOU

Wow - what a weekend! It started with a sensational balmy evening at our SPLASH Opening Gala and continued right through to our very sunny Family Fun Day. For me there were lots of highlights including: the wonderful work our students did over the weekend serving food, assisting with activities and performing and also being turned into a moving artwork during our Paint The Principal activity. Did you know that my own mum and dad even threw some paint at me?!

The biggest thrill for me though was just walking around on the Sunday watching all of our students enjoying themselves with their families in a very relaxed and fun filled atmosphere. For me this really summed up the community spirit and partnership we have at Kew. I have mentioned it before – but we really do have something very special within our Kewmunity!

SPLASH was a great example of our school community working together in a very coordinated and very active way. We had over 170 members of our school community who contributed and volunteered. This was a massive achievement in itself and I thank each and every one of them.

I would again like to acknowledge Jayne Campbell who was our SPLASH event convenor and acknowledge and thank the whole SPLASH organising team. Thank you to Clare Tanner and our PTA team who were also a driving force in ensuring this event was so successful. A big thank you to our staff, particularly to Debbie, Faye, Aisha, Ruth and Kim in the office and Kerry and Clare in our specialist team. At our assembly tomorrow there will be an official school thank you and celebration of this massive achievement!

CLYDES MARKET DAY

Last Friday our Year 3’s and 4’s ran a range of market style stalls as part of their “Clyde’s Market Day program. I must admit I felt a bit like Barack Obama being able to print my own Clyde’s from the Reserve Bank and keep the Year 3 and 4 economies on track! I think I now have a life supply of homemade bookmarks and I also enjoyed a few yummy treats as well. Congratulations and well done to the whole Middle School team!

WALK TO SCHOOL

Don’t forget that we are taking part in VicHealth’s Walk to School from 6-31 October. An information sheet for parents and guardians has been sent home and we are also tracking the numbers of students who walk to school during this time. Walking to school is a great way to help kids achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day. You can visit the Walk to School website for more information:

www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au

Second Hand Uniform

The next second hand uniform shop will take place on Tuesday 9th December, before school starts. This is also the first of the whole school transition days so will provide the opportunity for parents to buy for new children starting at Kew PS in 2015.

Please keep those donations coming.

Term Dates 2014
Term 4—6 Oct—19 Dec

Term Dates 2015
Term 1—28 Jan — 27 Mar
(Students return Friday 30 Jan)
COMMUNITY FORUM FEEDBACK SUMMARY

Last night I ran a Community Forum explaining how finances operate in a DEECD school and how this impacts on the decisions that are made about school and grade structures. It was a productive evening where lots of questions were asked and opinions put forward. At this stage I presented our staff profile, our workforce planning requirements and an enrolment of 491 students, to demonstrate that we can afford 23 full time (or equivalent) teachers. Most logically this would be 20 grades and 3 specialists. There is still lots of work to do in planning for next year and nothing has been confirmed yet. Our student enrolment at Kew does fluctuate. Each week I continue to receive enrolments and inquiries. I also have contact from families giving the school notice that they will be leaving our school in 2015.

It is vitally important that at this late stage of the year I have the information I need to make the best decisions for our school. If you are leaving our school please let me know so that I can factor that into our classroom structure for next year. School funding is based on student numbers. Each school receives between $6,000 and $7,000 per student in their global budgets. In our school this total amounts to around $3.6 million in funding. Schools allocate staffing using this budget right down to a buffer of only around $20,000 or $30,000 so as you can see a few students in and out can make a big difference in planning and setting up the grades we run next year.

This sort of community feedback and conversation is very important and very useful to me. It assists me to understand in greater detail what our school community views as important and helps to shape the way our school continues on our improvement journey. Many thanks to all those that attended.

If you have any questions or concerns about issues relating to finances or structures for next year and beyond please come and see me. I always try to be in the yard before and after school or you can contact me to make a specific time that suits. You can also email me any questions or concerns you may have. I know that in schools there are often lots of rumours that spread from time to time. Having a conversation with me is the best way to find out what may or may not actually be happening!

BENDIGO BANK
The Bendigo Bank is a terrific supporter of our school. As such we want to support them as well. We have launched the Bendigo Piggy Bank Passbook Account program for our school. Showbags and information were handed out to all students as part of the launch. If you are thinking about opening up an account for your child please contact the office so that we can assist you and outline all the documentation you need.

AMBASSADORS LUNCH
Yesterday I worked with our Year 6 Ambassador Leaders to host a lunch with 18 students from Years 3-5. This was a great opportunity to talk with students about some of the highlights this year and some areas that we need to do more work in. I always ask students during these types of forums what they would do if they were the principal. The range of ideas and suggestions is always both very informative and entertaining. Thank you to Sam, Lulu, Damon, Imogen, Isobel, Jack, Iris, Evan, Michelle, Callum, Priscilla, Christian, Nesta, Abel, Tania, Sienna and Sebby for being a great group to meet with. I hope you enjoyed the lunch! Thank you also to our Year 6 hosts!

REMINDERS
It is part of our school dress code policy that our KPS school hat must be worn while outside at this time. It is a requirement that children with shoulder length hair or longer have it tied back with appropriate hair accessories. You support and assistance with both of these would be appreciated.

CURRICULUM DAY
Don’t forget that next Monday the 27th October is a curriculum day (pupil free). On this day our staff will be working with Michael Ymer, a maths consultant. Michael worked with us earlier in the year and this is a follow up session focused on developing our curriculum planning in preparation for 2015 and beyond.

Just a reminder that we are planning to run a modified program on Monday 3rd November. This provides a great opportunity for families to share an extra long weekend together if you will be away from school.

Be Worthy!
James Penson - Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

What a wonderful weekend was had by all, at our SPLASH Art Show! The weather was kind and the school looked its sparkling best. The cocktail evening really did set the tone for the whole weekend. The artworks looked amazing, the food was so tasty and our students performed so professionally as waiters. Parents and attending artists mingled and then were treated to some beautiful singing and musical interludes. Many red dots started to appear next to artworks on Saturday and by Sunday it was time for all the Kew kids to have fun which they did by the truck loads.

None of this would have been possible had it not been for Jayne Campbell who was the motivating force behind the SPLASH Committee, Claire Tanner and her PTA helpers and Stewart Waters who had the school looking superb. Thank you for all your strong commitment to such an event and thank you to all those parents and staff who supported the whole SPLASH weekend by helping out where and when you were needed. Not only did the artwork shine, so did our whole school community, well done Kew PS and all who are connected to our great school.

With the beautiful weather that we are experiencing at the moment, comes a health warning for a certain section of our student body. They are the students who suffer from asthma and with an increase of pollens in the air, as well as changing weather conditions, many will have asthma incidents. Can you please make sure that if your child suffers from asthma, that they have their medication at school at all times? The school does have its own supplies of Ventolin and spacers and all care will be taken to ensure that students, who suffer from asthma, will be looked after in the appropriate manner.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

Lunch time or 'not enough' time? This week’s blog post comes from grade one dad, Chris Paine, who shares his thoughts on an all-too-familiar school lunch experience.

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
Visit our Book Fair in the Library on:
Wednesday 5th Nov. – after school
Thursday 6th Nov. – before & after school
Families are invited to also purchase a book for the library

Paris to Provence Popup Kiosk @ Westfield Doncaster

The annual Paris to Provence festival will take place at Como House and Garden on 21-23rd Nov. Over the next two weeks, there will be a promotion kiosk at Westfield Doncaster from Mon 20th Oct until Sunday 2nd Nov – opposite the Wheel and Barrow. The kiosk is offering discounted tickets to the French Festival, free Président cheese, crepes, photo booth and a Marcel Marceau mime artist. For more information, visit www.paristoprovence.com.au

Amusez-vous bien, Madame T.
Year 6 need donations of wool (any colour) and knitting needles (any size) for a project they are going to work on for KPS. If you can donate either of these, it would be greatly appreciated. Please send them to Jacki Hopkins, Shelley Ware or Andrew Wood in 602 or 603.

Careers Week
Can you help?

The week of Monday 1st to Friday 5th, December, Year 6 are having Careers Week. Year 6s would like to learn about different job choices, so that we can have some insight into life ahead of us and which subjects to focus on in high school, to help us build our future. We are inviting parents, grandparents, friends, neighbours and anyone that can help out. If you, or anyone you know is able to come and speak about your career, look out for the orange invite coming home. Please return the slip to 602, 603, the office, or contact Jacki Hopkins (602) for more information.
STATE SEMI-FINAL
Chess Tournament
Report

Our largest team to qualify to date, 15 players, attended the prestigious State Semi-Final Chess Tournament held at the German Club, Prahran.

Congratulations to the following boys for competing:
- Adriaan, Jack (Grade 6)
- Henry, Will, Isaac, Xavier, Ben (Grade 5)
- Hamish, Declan, Daniel, Tommy (Grade 3)
- James, Max (Grade 2)
- Callum, Riley (Grade 1)

Kew Primary came in the top 6 schools (of around 20 schools) which qualified a team to compete at the State Finals to be held on 7 November. Congratulations!

The top scorers at the Semi Final event were Xavier, Adriaan, Jack, Henry, Isaac & Callum.

Thank you to
- Leanne Mercer, Lelen Kemke, Louise Murdoch,
- Mary Leung, Maria Vrbosvcki & Andrea Stevens
for transport & supervision of our large team.
Your support of our KPS chess club is much appreciated!
THANKS SPLASH TEAM!

Behind our amazing SPLASH Art Show was 35+ committed team members who brought wonderful skills, enthusiasm, and hard work to help make it all happen. You are TOPS!

**Project Director:** Jayne Campbell

**Staff Liaison:** Robin Grace

**Artist Liaison:** Georgia White

**Marketing/Design:** Stefan Graef, Leanne Mercer, Jayne Campbell, Bethanie Clarke

**Art Catalogue:** Sam Robertson, Ali Jackson, Annabel O’Connor

**Catering:** Catherine Santo (Coordinator), Fiona Hollingsworth, Siobhan Wolff, Caroline Vernon, Gill Smith, Dem Petersen, Sally Brown, & team

**Gala Night:** PTA & team

**Family Fun Day:** Janine Arantes, Sonali Le Brocque, Salley Tung, Stewart Campbell

**Finance:** Liz Ellis, Amanda Aitken, Mitul Bhargava

**Sponsorship:** Alex St Clair, Claire Tanner & team

**Website:** Filiz Yucel, Jayne Campbell

**Facebook:** Siobhan Wolff, Jayne Campbell

**Gallery:** Bethanie Clarke, Joanna Szeszycka, Georgia White, Jayne Campbell & team

**Gift Shop:** Natasha Edwards, Eva Tomawicz

**Student Art:** Justine Caldwell, Monica Seamer, Kerry Lomas

**Lighting:** Nick Rutherford

**Music:** Lucy Dwyer & team

**Office Support:** Debbie, Ruth, Aisha

* A Celebration Party will be held by the school for our Splash team and other volunteers this Friday from 4-5pm. We would love to see you there. We would also like to get a lovely photo of you all!

THANKS STAFF!

We could not have held SPLASH without the tremendous support of James & Robin, all our hard working office staff (Debbie, Ruth, & Aisha), and all our teachers who supported and helped us. Special thanks to Kerry Lomas (Art Teacher) who gave her absolute all!

THANKS PARENT VOLUNTEERS!

150+ volunteers from our school community gave their all over a huge weekend of events, to deliver a fun and creative art show. Our school is very proud of you, and thanks you for putting in so much and all working together to build up our community and raise funds for our kids and improving our school!!

THANKS STUDENTS!

Thank you to the many students who helped make our Art Show a success and showed how terrific our students are at giving back to their school! Thanks for your help with waiting, music, entertainment, setting up and cleaning up. You rock!!
SPLASH Student Art Show Winners!

An extraordinary 150 entries were received! Thank you to all our budding artists and your passion for art! Votes have now been made by all students at the school, and prizes will be awarded at friday week’s assembly (Oct 31st). Thank you to Jayne & Kerry Lomas (Art Teacher) for organising this event!

SPLASH KewArchibald Winners!

Our emerging contemporary young artists were, among many other great entries!

1. Rose Katic (3 y.o.)
2. Nicolas Arantes (4 y.o.)
3. Oscar Luke (4 y.o.)

* Prizes were award on the day (thank you to Janine & Sonali)

SPLASH Raffle Ticket Winners!

1. Vanessa & Charlotte Lam
2. Mark & Melanie Eades (Jacqueline, year 1)
3. Roxanne Davis
4. Jean Bennett (Fergus’s Grandma, 312)
5. Daniel Le Brocque (yr 5)
6. Seb B (Pat Bohan) 218
7. Di Pantazis (Teacher 307)
8. Anna McDowall (prep)
9. Cynthia & Felix Chai (year 1)
10. Kate Cannard (Emma 015)

Prizes can be picked up at the school office

Thank you to Alex St Clair, Claire T, Jayne C, and Andrea Stevens & others who collected all the sponsorships from businesses, & collated & wrapped them for SPLASH.

SPLASH Gala night Lucky Door Prize Winners!

1. Suzie Kent (artist)
2. Carla Temple (French Teacher)
3. Morena Kontouris (year 1 & prep)
4. Jungeun Kim (artist)
5. Sonali Le Brocque (year 5 & prep)
Sponsorship and donations to SPLASH 2014!

Many local families and businesses generously supported Kew Primary School’s Inaugural Art Show. Thanks for helping make it a success!

Aussie Farmers Direct  www.aussiefarmers.com.au
Bendigo Bank  www.bendigobank.com.au
Bob Stewart  www.bobstewart.com.au
Bounce  www.bounceinc.com.au
Buyers Advocate  www.buyersadvocate.com.au
Cannings Butchers  www.canningsfreerangebutchers.com.au
Centonove  www.centonove.com.au
Clip 'N Climb  www.clipnclimbmelbourne.com.au
Cocoa Patisserie
Cones
Cotham Gallery 101 and Framery
Crust Gourmet Pizza Bar  www.crust.com.au
Dan Murphys  www.danmurphys.com.au
Dandelion Flora & Foliage  www.dandelionfloralandfoliage.com.au
De Melis Hairdressing
Digital Print HQ  www.digitalprinthq.com.au
Estivo  www.estivo.com.au
Expresso Car Wash  www.expressocarwash.net.au
Fruits On High
Gallery Yeh-In
Hellenic Republic  www.hellenicrepublic.com.au
Jellis Craig  www.jelliscraig.com.au
Kew Nursery and Café  www.kewnurseryandcafe.com.au
Kew Recreation Centre  www.kew.boroondaraleisure.com.au
La Porchetta  www.laporchetta.com.au
Ling Family
Love Those Lashes  www.lovethoselashes.com.au
Masquarade Costume Hire  www.masquerade.com.au
Masters  www.masters.com.au
Milan@Kew  www.milanatkew.com.au
Now & Then Café
Numberworks ’n’ Words Tutoring  www.numberworks.com.au
Office Works  www.officeworks.com.au
Onepointfivefive  www.onepointfivefive.com.au
Ora Café
Panopoly  www.panopolygallery.com.au
Percy’s Aeroplane
Cyber Bullying

- If someone’s giving you a hard time through web-based games, texting, emails or Instant Messaging etc – do\textbf{n’t respond and don’t reply}. Lots of people give up if they don’t get a response.

- \textbf{Save} any nasty messages, show them to a trusted adult and ask them to help you.

- Most chat sites, Instant Messaging software and phones have a feature that lets you \textbf{block} communication from people you don’t want to hear from.

- Be an \textbf{upstander}. If you know someone else is being bullied, tell a trusted adult and ask for help.

- For more advice, visit \url{www.SafeKids.com}, \url{www.helpguide.org}, \url{www.cybersmart.gov.au} and \url{www.thinkuknow.org.au}

Madame T and the eSmart team.

To all Dollarmite bankers.

I have had a few queries about the school banking now that The Bendigo Bank is being introduced at Kew Primary. The Commonwealth Dollarmites banking program is still fully functioning for all students already taking part in it at the moment. You will be able to continue your school banking up until Grade 6. No new accounts will be started with The Commonwealth, however. Anyone wanting to start a school banking account will now do so with The Bendigo Bank.

I hope this clears up any queries, Keep on sending in your deposits!

Nic Bradley
2014
CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

The canteen needs your support to continue to provide nutritious food to children. Please note that the canteen provides a full lunch service on Mon/ Weds/ Fri and requires volunteers from 9.30am to help prepare the food, serve the children and clean up.

If you are able to help please fill in the form below and return to the school office. You will be contacted by Dem or alternatively you may contact her on 0408 725 804 if you have any queries.

Name: ................................................

Mobile number: ........................................

Child’s name: ........................................

Child’s class: .................................

Preferred day of the week that I can help: ..........................

Email:................................................
1st Kew Scout Group

1st Kew Scouts have been part of the local community for over 100 years. We have a program full of fun, friendship, new skills and adventure.

In Scouting young people get to try new things and become independent... planning their own activities, adventuring outdoors, cooking their own meals, working in small teams, learning to care for themselves and those they lead.

Program highlights include, sailing, canoeing, camping, hiking & bushwalking. Joey's enjoy Zoo day in November and a giant sleepover each May.

The Cubs went camping with 3000 others in the September holidays at Cuboree. Scouts will attend Jamboree in Sydney in January 2016... and lots more!

Come join in the fun and be one of the World's 40,000,000 Scouts!

Joey Scouts Boys and girls aged 6 - 7
Tuesday nights 6:30 - 7:30pm

Cub Scouts Boys and girls aged 8 - 10
Thursday nights 7:00 - 8:30pm, occasional weekend activities

Scouts Boys and girls aged 10 - 14
Tuesday nights 7:15 - 9:00pm, plus camps and hikes

Venturers Teenagers aged 14 - 17
Join one of our local groups for outings and outdoor adventure

Rovers Young adults aged 17 - 25
Join one of our adult Groups whenever, wherever the action is

Interested?

Parent Information Session and Come and Try
6.30-7.00pm Thursday 23 October 2014
Cnr Williams Rd and Kellett Grove Kew
Children can stay and join in after the session
Contact: Kathy 0438 117 184

www.vicscouts.com.au