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Message from the Principal

Hi Everyone,

We are now well and truly into the full swing of a school term. Thank you to all parents and carers who have been so proactive in ensuring payments and permissions have been completed so promptly via Compass. The great thing about this system is that it eliminates paper permission forms being sent home and it is very easy for parents to log in at any time and make payments and complete the consent process.

One thing that I have been very aware of is the large number of our parents who have misplaced their Compass password. These were sent out late last year so that parents and carers could access the end of semester reports. Whilst it only takes a few minutes for passwords and log-ins to be reset and provided to parents, when this is multiplied by lots of requests it has meant a significant work load on our office team.

My maths tells me that if our whole school needed to reset their password, that it would take one person over 30 hours of work to achieve this (and that is without stopping for any of the other phone calls, parent inquiries etc.). Did you know that many schools charge an administration fee for a re-issue of passwords and log in for Compass? I can understand why this has been set in place.

I ask that you look after your Compass log-in and password and get used to logging in regularly. In time, the parent portal will have more functionality including access to student achievement data and learning tasks. I also remind you that the Semester 2 reports from last year are still accessible via the home page of Compass. We can log-in and access statistics around the parents who have accessed these reports. Surprisingly, we have a large number of parents who have not yet accessed these reports. It would be a great idea to download and save them as once your child is not enrolled in a school that uses Compass; the reports are no longer accessible.

A special thank you to our amazing office team for their work during this very busy time. Thank you Aisha, JD, Melissa, Kim and Nicole (and Ruth from the Library). Some mornings it has almost been like a Boxing Day sale or call centre with parents lined up at the office and the phones ringing non stop. Our office team have been amazing with their support of our school community as we become more Compass capable.

Term Dates 2017

Term 1: 30 Jan - 31 Mar
Term 2: 18 Apr –30 Jun
Term 3: 17 Jul - 22 Sept
Term 4: 9 Oct –22 Dec
STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING UPDATE

Each year all of our staff undertake a very extensive professional learning program. We all undertake this learning to improve our skills and knowledge. I am pleased to say that our staff team embrace this concept of continuous improvement with enthusiasm and commitment. This year we started by spending a day with consultant Tracey Ezard around developing our teaching teams as collaborative and professional learning communities. Tracey is a very skilled presenter and she was able to further inspire and up skill our staff in raising the bar around the challenging conversations we have in regards to improving student outcomes and designing engaging and high level learning.

Here is a link to Tracey’s website: [http://www.traceyezard.com](http://www.traceyezard.com)
If you would like to borrow a copy of her book “The Buzz” please contact me at the school.

Here is a snapshot of just some of the learning from our first day back with Tracey.

Later this term our staff team will work with Louise Dempsey to further support our work in raising achievement in students writing.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2017

Congratulations and thank you to Janine Arantes, Yeing Ling, Cameron Ryan and Dawn Nicholson who have been elected onto our School Council for the next two years as parent members. Thank you also to Kath Phelan who has offered to fill one of the two casual vacancies we have. They will join our current members Julie Coleman, Clair Tanner, Robin Grace and Lee-Anne Butchart along with two more staff members for our first School Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 28th February at 7.15pm in the staffroom.

At this meeting we will elect our School Council office bearers including our School Council President and also discuss the co-opting of one more parent member to Council as we still have a vacancy. At this meeting we will also organise the membership of our sub-committees. The actual core work of our School Council is achieved via our sub-committees and we encourage parents to become involved with these each year. I will outline the role of each sub-committee and the meeting schedule after this first School Council meeting.
HOUSE SWIMMING EVENT

Wow, what a great day we had last Friday for our House Swimming Carnival! Well done to Clare Pentreath and her team of staff and parent helpers. It was a very successful day which highlighted what we can achieve with good planning, organisation, teamwork and parent support.

A highlight amongst many was seeing the leadership and initiative of our Year 6’s and in particular our Physical Action team leaders. An example of this was the way they supported students to try an event and even swim down the lane with them to make sure they got to the finish line successfully.

Thank you to everyone who assisted on the day.

FATHERS ASSOCIATION – BAREFOOT BOWLS

Our first Fathers Association event for 2017 is fast approaching
WHERE: MCC Bowling Club 397 Barkers Rd Kew VIC 3101
WHEN: Wednesday 1st March 6.30pm-9.00pm
COST: $40.00 per person which includes a bowls coach, bowls, Wagyu beef burger, salad, chips, first drink and $5 donation to the school. Register here:  http://www.trybooking.com/OTHW

MEET THE TEACHER - PARENT & TEACHER INTERVIEWS

At time of print we have over 360 bookings for our Parent Teacher Interviews on the 1st and 2nd March. A reminder that the booking process will close on Tuesday 28th February at 12pm. This then provides time for teachers to print out their booking sheets and organise themselves for the meetings.

To book it is as easy as logging onto Compass and selecting the link to Parent Teacher Interviews on the home page.

MANDARIN LANGUAGE LESSONS

One of the great things about our school is the variety of both extra-curricular programs and also what we call our “optional extras” program. Our optional extras program includes Mandarin lessons. These are available after school on Mondays and Tuesdays in the library. Please see more information about our Mandarin program in this newsletter.

Be Worthy!

James Penson
Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

Summer in Australia means being around water, whether it is in pools, rivers, lakes or at the beach, which is always loads of fun. Of course, a real priority is being safe around water and to ensure our students are prepared, Preppies to Year 4 children will undertake an intensive swimming program. We are very fortunate to have Kew Recreational Centre within walking distance, making it far more convenient and cost effective.

Next Tuesday 21st February such a program begins for the Year 2 students and a vital aspect of such a program is the safe entry and exit to and from the water. Another component for students is swimming fully clothed and discovering how different it is. Throughout this term and into the early part of Term Two our students will experience a water safety program as well as learn to swim, perfect the different strokes and generally learn to appreciate how to be safe in and around all types of water. Our Prep students will get their turn to participate in the swimming program during Term Four.

Having completed our House Swimming Sports last Friday, a group of our students will be going on to represent Kew PS at the district sports carnival on Monday 20th February that is being held at the Boroondara Sports Complex. I was chosen, again, this year by Clare Pentreath, to accompany our students to this sporting event. A highlight for me last year was seeing our students compete and cheering them on- yes, rather enthusiastically I must admit. One abiding memory I have of that event was how supportive our students were towards each other and I am sure the team this year will be no different and, yes, I will be cheering just as loudly.

Robin Grace

Message from the Office

BPAY - Please do not make payments by BPAY anymore as we are no longer using this facility.

COMPASS - Those families that requested split billing, please do not make payments through Compass. Consent for events (excursions) can be provided by choosing the option to print form offline.

CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund is now open for 2017. Please check the flyer in this newsletter for eligibility and collect a form from the office. Complete the form and return to the office by 23rd June 2017.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

More information

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
PEPPERCORN BBQ

Friday 24th February
5pm to 7pm
At School Under the Peppercorn Tree

Volunteers to set up, cook, serve or pack up can register at this link
https://www.volunteersignup.org/3B88L

Food and Drinks available will be:

- Sausage in Bread (with onions/sauce) $2.50
- SPECIAL - Proudly Served by Jolly of ‘Fitz Curry Café’
  Butter Chicken OR Lentil Dahl (with rice) $5.00
- Can of Soft Drink $2.00
- Icy Poles $1.00

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS/CARERS &
KIDS OF KEW PS TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR!
Kew Primary School Fathers Association KPSFA

Annual **Barefoot Bowls Beer and Burger Night** – At MCC Bowls in Kew

Come along and catch up with the Dads at Kew Primary School, **New Fathers**, Grandfathers etc, particularly welcome J. Great new venue this year with lights and a wagyu burger included.

This is a great chance to get involved with the school and your kids lives, meet with other Fathers and the Principal, James Penson.

**WHEN:** Wed 1\textsuperscript{st} March 2017

**To Book:** [https://www.trybooking.com/OTHW](https://www.trybooking.com/OTHW)

**TIME:** 6.30 to 9.00 pm Barefoot bowls

Includes a Burger

Cold Drinks at Bar prices, First hour drinks are Complementary!

**WHERE:** MCC Kew.

397 Barkers Rd Kew VIC 3101 P: 03 9817 3936

**COST:** $40 per person

Includes a Bowls Coach and Bowls fee plus a Wagyu Burger, Salad, Chips and a beer plus a $5 donation to the school.

**CONTACTS:**

Rodney Thomson : 0401 890 005

Andrew Stubbings : 0400 143 046

Kew Primary School Fathers Association

Contacts :

Rodney Thomson - 0401 890 005

The Kew Primary School Fathers Association's purpose is to connect the men in our children’s lives and to demonstrate to our children the importance of good men in our community.
Kew Primary School
Chess Club, 2017

Term 1 commences on Friday 10th February

**Dates:** 10/2 – 31/3: (8 weeks)

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

**Cost:** $104.00 (8 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.

Go to www.chessideas.com.au for our home page, to see upcoming tournaments and events.

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**CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 1, 2017**

(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:** __________

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** ___________________________________

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Please enclose $104.00 and return to school office with completed form.

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

The Mandarin after-school Program for year 2016 has completed on Monday 12 December and Tuesday 13 December.

Please nominate which class you wish your child to attend as next term classes (term 1 2017) will be beginning on Monday 6 February and Tuesday 7 February 2017.

Please email us which date you choose via melchineseschool@gmail.com by 31 January 2017 for term 1 2017.

Many Thanks,

Melissa Liu
Melbourne Chinese Secondary and Primary School
The Parenting Masterclass

How to raise independent kids

“Never before has a generation of children been so dependent on their parents.”
- Michael Grose

Lose the bubble-wrap and step away from the helicopter!

Join bestselling author and parenting expert, Michael Grose for an interactive evening designed to challenge thinking and empower parents to raise independent, resilient and confident children. Michael will share hands-on and practical strategies to help:

- Encourage independence
- Build strong, caring and cooperative family relationships
- Reduce anxiety
- Foster emotional intelligence
You’ll leave feeling empowered to move forward in raising your independent children.

National tour dates | 7-9pm | Tickets $35*

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* 20% of the proceeds will be donated to The Smith Family, helping young Australians in need to transform their lives through education.

About Michael Grose

Michael has been sharing his insights and strategies with parents and teachers for more than 25 years. Michael has been the teacher and he’s been the parent. He’s written 30 award winning books including Thriving and is currently touring Australia with his newest release Spoonfed Generation.

To book your ticket visit:
spoonfedgenerationparents.eventbrite.com.au