Message from Principal

Hi Kew and welcome to the newsletter for this week.

3 WAY CONFERENCES

Wow, what a terrific experience we had with our 3 Way Conferences yesterday. Initial feedback has been very positive and I believe that the conferences will become an integral part of our assessment and reporting process at KPS. This is the first time that most of our students have participated in this style of meeting and I am really looking forward to watching their progress over the next few years. I also believe that the conferences will significantly compliment how we continue to evolve our student portfolios both in hard copy and digital platform. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who supported the day through booking in for a conference and encouraging your child through the process.

Congratulations and well done to our students as well. It was very pleasing to witness so many beaming smiles on the faces of students throughout the day! It was clear to see such a strong sense of pride across our school as our students enjoyed the chance to showcase their learning!

Thank you to our classroom teachers who spent significant time assisting the students with their preparation. It was a long and intense day for our staff but one they all enjoyed and found professionally rewarding. Thank you to our office and ES classroom team for their assistance in setting up the conferences, answering the many phone calls about the day and helping parents to find their child and the location of the conference. Thank you to our specialist teachers who assisted in the organisation and worked with a range of different classes and CRT’s throughout the day. Even though our specialists do not have 3 Way Conferences of their own, they are a vital and valued part of our KPS team and as with any teacher you are welcome to meet with them at any time to discuss any issues you may have.

I would also like to acknowledge Robin Grace for her work organising the day. Robin has the role of daily organiser at our school and this involves booking and liaising with all of our CRT’s, checking timetables and ensuring each day runs smoothly. A day like yesterday involved a significant amount of work by Robin behind the scenes.

Our staff will be exploring some options as to the best way to run these conferences again next year and would appreciate some feedback from our parents via this very short Survey Monkey link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FNYPRJQ

Our staff and students will also be surveyed and we will let you know the results of all the surveys.
HOUSE ATHLETICS DAY
We had a sensational day at the Box Hill Athletics Club track on Monday. Melbourne turned on some great weather which was a big relief and our students’ athletics skills also shone brightly. For me the day was a very pleasing mix of competition and participation. This balance is not always achieved in primary school sporting situations and I congratulate Clare Connor for her running of the event in this way. Thank you also to the team of staff and parents who assisted to run an event or help with the scoring systems. The day was a big success because of the large number of helpers to assist. Congratulations to all students for their participation, trying their best, having a go and to those that will go on to represent our school at the District Athletics later this term. Congratulations to Jannali who were the House Champions on the day.

PLANNING FOR 2015
Another reminder that planning for next year has already started. If you have a child starting school next year it is now vital that you complete an enrolment form. Likewise, if you are leaving our school next year please inform the office. This is important for me as over the next few weeks I have to provide DEECD with an indicative enrolment for our school, then at the end of this term I receive the preliminary budget for our school next year based on these enrolment predictions. (The actual budget is then confirmed after census day in February next year). I also start to plan our school structure in more detail during the Term 3 holidays and will communicate elements of this planning via a community forum very early in Term 4.

2015 TRANSITION PROGRAM
Part of our planning for next year also involves implementing an improved and extended transition program. For our new preps this will mean “It’s Time” sessions with our specialists at the end of this term and then a series of “Step into Prep” sessions for one hour each week during Term 4. This will then lead into 2 half day transition sessions for the whole school in December. On these days our whole school will pretend it is 2015. Students will work with their 2015 teacher in their 2015 classroom. My aim for this program is to bring it forward as much as possible so that our students and community feel comfortable and confident with our set up for next year.

An important part of this process will be our grade selection process. This policy is currently being refined by our Education & Policy Sub-Committee. I do need to highlight to all parents that as part of this policy I will not be taking requests for specific teachers. All parent requests for 2015 will only be accepted in writing and will need to be made on educational grounds. These requests will be considered accordingly and I will contact parents personally to notify them of the outcomes of my decision. The timeline for these requests and notification of which classes students will be allocated to will be published before the end of the term.

WELCOME TO ALLY PAPOULIS
I am very pleased to welcome Ally Papoulis to our staff team for the remainder of this year. Ally is well known to our school having spent time here over the past two years. Ally will be replacing Phoebe Stanmore as she leaves to prepare for the next exciting chapter in her life with the pending arrival of her first child. I also take this opportunity to wish Phoebe and her husband the very best wishes from our Kewmunity and thank her for the outstanding contribution she has made to our school. I know that she will remain in touch with her class during the remainder of the year.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO – TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST
Don’t forget to have your very best uniform ready for our whole school photo next Tuesday 5th August. I am really looking forward to having this photo displayed in the corridor and over each year watching out students locate themselves in each of the pictures. Our Year 6’s will also have their special photo taken on this day. Order forms and envelopes will be available at the office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RUN MELBOURNE RUNNERS
Congratulations to Daichi, Patrick, Finn, Taiyo, Isabella, Phoebe and Lucas for completing an event as part of the Run Melbourne event last Sunday. We also had some of our parents complete an event as well.

My final congratulations this week goes to Michael Shelley for winning the Commonwealth Games marathon. His time was 2 hours and 11 minutes which when you do the maths is an amazing feat. Going by my marathon time of
last year, I would only be at about the 25km mark when Michael has finished the 42.195km! Many of our staff have entered an event for the Melbourne Marathon Festival on 12th October as part of our staff fitness project. You can join our Kew Sports team by signing up for an event at the following website: 

Our team name is: KPS on the move Our team password is: 1075

This is an event that I hope to build up over the next few years so that more and more of our Kewmunity join together and participate to improve fitness, have fun and work as a team towards a fundraising goal.

Be Worthy!
James Penson - Principal

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Message from the Assistant Principal

As an educator I felt very proud of how the students at Kew PS, rose to the challenge of the three-way conferences that have been held recently. I have had very positive feedback from staff and a number of parents as well. Having students showcase and reflect on their learning makes it far more relevant to them and to you as parents.

The circus has come to Kew PS and what fun our Kew Kids, are having. They are learning so much about controlling spinning plates, juggling as well as balancing and having the best time while they do it. Smiles, laughter and fun are the ingredients that make this program so successful. I visit the Performing Arts room regularly and I am totally amazed at the learning and skill development of the students. Just this week, I watched a Prep student spin two plates simultaneously and others do incredible balancing feats while spinning hula hoops. If this is the standard of skills so early in the program I can only imagine what a performance you will see at our Whole School Circus Event on Tuesday 16th September. At this stage, the teachers’ event will need lots of work but I will keep you posted on how that is going, on a regular basis.

We have a working bee happening this Sunday 3rd August from 9:00 until 1:00, so if you have some spare time on Sunday morning your help would be greatly appreciated. The school always looks so well cared for and neat after these working bees. James and I will be attending as are some other staff members to help out as well; many hands make light work is definitely an adage that rings true at these events.

Robin Grace

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Kew Primary School Blog

Don't want to make you scratch but this week's blog post is about nits.

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
House Athletics

Thank you to the parents that helped out at the House Athletics carnival on Monday. The day was very successful and without your help the day would not have run as smoothly as it did. It was a wonderful celebration of the athletic achievements of our Year 3 – 6 students.

The overall House points:

- Jannali 876 points
- Allunga 812 points
- Kalban 699 points
- Turaku 670 points

Congratulations to the 2014 Athlete of the year winners. Students received nominations from staff at each event.

The criteria was:

- Displaying excellence in athletic events
- Displaying a positive attitude in athletics
- Encouragement of others to participate
- Enthusiasm
- Displaying leadership qualities

2014 winners were:

- Age 9 girls Lara Tran
- Age 9 Boys Tristian Borghouts
- Age 10 girls Ella Brown
- Age 10 Boys Sam Thomson
- Age 11 girls Sofia Photopoulos
- Age 11 boys Sam Grant
- Age 11/12 girls Lara McConnon
- Age 11/12 boys Harry Borovac

Students will be told this week if they were selected to represent Kew Primary School at the Kew District Athletics carnival at Bill Sewart Athletics track on Friday 29th August.

A big thank you to the PTA for supplying the tea and coffee.

Regards

Clare Connor

PE and Sport Coordinator
LE FRANÇAIS

Chère communauté de l’école primaire de Kew,

I was fortunate to have been invited to present a paper on CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) pedagogy at the 2014 annual AFTV/FATFA Conference 'Vive le français au 21ème siècle: Transition, Innovation, Collaboration', held at the University of Melbourne last week.

My presentation, entitled 'Introducing CLIL into the primary school context: a case study of Kew Primary School', allowed me to discuss the CLIL unit of work that I wrote and trialled for the DEECD (see [www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/curriculum/Pages/clilkew.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/curriculum/Pages/clilkew.aspx) including the teaching approach I adopted, strategies for effective implementation, useful support materials and, importantly, my experiences of further embedding CLIL into our school curriculum.

It was an invaluable opportunity to be able to share my knowledge and experience of CLIL with my language colleagues, and to demonstrate how the CLIL approach to the teaching of a second language can be successfully implemented at the primary school level.

Madame Payne.

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Le Tour de France

Grandes felicitations to everyone who entered our Tour de France quiz. You will each receive a CARE bubble. Two winners were picked at random, congratulations to Moritz in 109 and Tully in 405 who will each receive a prize. Well done also to Penny Doery who won the staff prize.

Vive le Tour!
Madame T

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Second Hand Uniform Shop
will be next Tuesday afternoon,
5th of August.

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Victorian Interschools Snowsports Competition

Information and entry forms for the Victorian Interschools Snowsports championship competition are now available at the school office. The competition will be held at Mt. Buller from Monday 25th-Wednesday 27th August. All interested skiers and snowboarders are encouraged to come and pick up a form. Entries close on Monday 4th August. For further information please contact Sonali Le Brocque, email: dse195@hotmail.com
Library News

The Premiers' Reading Challenge ends on September 12. There is still plenty of time to read your books. Make sure you enter the books you have read on the website www.education.vic.gov.au/PRC

Many students have completed the challenge - well done - keep reading.

Coming soon

Book Week Dress Up & Parade on Friday 22nd August.

Indigenous Literacy Day Book Swap on Wednesday 3 September.

Overdue books - unfortunately too many of our library books are lost each year.

If you receive an overdue notice for a library book please look for the book at home and in your classroom. If you think it has been returned to the library, please search the library or ask me to search for you. If you receive another overdue library book notice, the lost book will need to be replaced with the same book or a similar book. If you prefer you can pay for the lost book at the office. The cost for lost library books has increased to $30 per book. Most books cost at least $15 and the replacement cost includes administration and covering.

Ruth
A community weekend of events celebrating Art!
From Friday Gala Opening to Sunday Family Day
Coffee Shop, Kids activities, Food & Wine, Performances,
& Contemporary Art by Known & Emerging Artists!
Support our School event and purchase:
a Tote Bag,
http://www.trybooking.com/FDDM or
Sponsor an Art Panel @
http://www.trybooking.com/favd
Ask your local businesses for Support!
Raising funds for a Kiln, Cooling Senior Classrooms, & Oval.
Make a difference. Come & Enjoy!

Can you Flip a Sausage?

The PTA BUNNINGS BBQ at Hawthorn, Burwood Road, is on Sunday, 24th August, 9am - 4pm, and we need your help & support!

Please go on-line to volunteer your time @
https://www.volunteerssignup.org/KRMFT

or come and buy a Sausage!
Inter-school Chess Tournament
Hosted by Kew Primary

Wednesday 27th August
9am – 2pm

Following on from the success of last year’s first ever tournament hosted by KPS, this is a great opportunity for keen chess players to have a go! You don’t have to be a champion or win any games to enjoy this day.

Trying a tournament at our own school is a great way for the children to see how it all works in a friendly environment. You don’t need to be a Chess Club member to participate. All abilities & ages welcome. Encourage your friends to join too!

What you need to do:

- Complete the application & payment form on the following page ASAP to secure your place. The fee is $20. Alternatively pay on-line at www.chessideas.com.au
- Make sure your child knows the basic rules of chess!
- Bring lots of healthy brain-food snacks – there will be a short break between each of the 7 rounds.
- Wear correct school uniform – we look more formidable as a team!
- Parents are welcome to stay & watch to help your child feel more at ease.
- If you have any other questions, or to let me know that your child has registered, you’re welcome to contact me at andstevens@internode.net.au

Go Kew Primary!!

Regards, Andrea.
Will & Hamish’s mum
CHESS IDEAS and CHESS VICTORIA  

Invites you to participate in an  

Australian Chess Federation Accredited  
Primary Interschool Tournament  

Wednesday 27th August 2014  
Kew Primary School  
9.15 – 2.00  
Peel Street, Kew. Melways: 45 D5

Entries  
$20.00/Student. Entries should be returned by Mail to Chess Ideas, PO Box 3158, Ripponlea, 3185, or Faxed to 95328360,  
PAYMENTS CAN ALSO BE DONE ONLINE AT: www.chessideas.com.au, as soon as possible as numbers are limited. Enquiries can be made on 9532-8370, or by emailing admin@chessideas.com.au.  
PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY.

Transport  
Parents are responsible for transport to and from the venue.

Lunch  
Playing chess is a hungry and thirsty affair. Please bring plenty to eat and drink.

Supervision  
Chess Ideas provides plenty of supervision, however it is always appreciated if schools send along a parent or teacher to help attend to their students needs.

Prizes  
Medals will be awarded to the top four players from the first three schools, and to the top two individuals in the other schools.  
Trophies will be awarded to the top three players in the competition.

Parents should arrive by 12.45 if they wish to see the prize giving.

Format  
A seven round Swiss. Each player has 15 minutes per game to complete their moves.

Medical  
If your child has any medical condition we should know about, please contact us by phone BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT and provide us with full details.

Cheques or money orders should be made payable to Chess Ideas (Australia), P.O. Box 3158, Ripponlea, 3185.
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

WELCOME TO OSHCLUB 2014!

As mentioned previously, this term at OSHClub we will be focusing upon photography and video making. We aim to capture what happens at OSHClub and use this to show other children and families what a great time we have. The first 2 weeks of term focused on what we do at OSHClub and the different aspects and features of OSHClub.

This fortnight the children will be taking part in activities to celebrate Aboriginal and Islander Children’s Day and the Commonwealth Games (suggested by Elodie).

Once again we are lucky enough to have Active After School Communities (AASC) at Kew OSHClub for Term 3. On a Tuesday we have AFL and on a Thursday we have Basketball. These sessions are FREE and are run by coaches from the local community.

IMPORTANT: A quick reminder, please be sure that you are booking children in advance online. With the program growing, we need to know how many kids will be attending. Also please call or text any last minute cancellations/bookings as it is a safety precaution that we know where all children are that are enrolled for that session. Please call the program number on 0400 394 489, alternatively feel free to pop into the program between the hours of 7:00 – 9:00am and 3:00 – 6:30pm and talk to one of our staff (Between 3:30 and 4pm is our busiest time and we might not be able to assist immediately).

PLEASE CHECK YOUR ENROLMENT DETAILS ARE CORRECT AND AMEND ANY CONTACT NUMBERS.

Lastly we are also always collecting boxes and other recycled materials for the program so please feel free to bring them by. I am hoping to do more activities and programing with recycled products and teaching the children the importance of reusing items to help the environment.

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Parent Information

OSHIC program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Andy; Assistants: Sam, Niki, Danette, Alyssa, Dove
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.
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