The Bulletin

Message from the Principal

Hello Kew,

Our school is a busy, active and vibrant community. Members of our school community contribute to it in many different ways and I would like to formally acknowledge three of these recent contributions.

Thank you Nikki Schwarz for your contribution as our School Council President. This role is very important to a school as it forms a key link in the home school partnership between the Principal, staff team and the wider school community. Nikki’s time as President would also have been incredibly demanding as the school moved through a difficult time.

Thank you to Joanna Szeszycka and Maria Nerouppos. These two wonderful parents organise a team of amazing mum’s each year to run our Mother’s Day stall. In fact I think they have done this for the past six years! It was great to watch the excitement on our students faces as they visited the stall last week to make their purchases. It was even better to see them using their real life mathematics skills as they worked out what they could buy and what change they would receive!

Thank you to our PTA. At our school council meeting this week, approval was granted to use $8,000 of PTA raised funds to purchase new reading books including take home readers (of which approx. $3,000 was money raised during the Mother’s Day stall and raffle). This spending will be targeted towards the Foundation and Senior School areas.

Race Around Kew
The countdown is on for our Amazing Race Around Kew next Wednesday evening 21st May at 7pm. This will be a terrific way for our school to celebrate Education Week along with the open classrooms in the morning between 9am and 10.40am and a school tour at 6pm. During the open classroom sessions we will not be preparing anything special or different as our aim is to showcase our school just the way it is every day. In fact every day is special at our school!

Another flyer has been sent home today with some more information about our Amazing Race.

Planning for 2015
Education week is designed to highlight the quality of education in our Victorian State School system. It also serves as an important opportunity for current and future parents to enrol their child for 2015. Planning for 2015 has commenced and if you have a child enrolling in Foundation for next year now is the time to complete the application process. All children that are enrolled for Foundation at Kew Primary in 2015 will have the opportunity to participate in our new “Step Into Prep” sessions later in Terms 3 and 4. This is part of our strategy to improve our transition processes. This will also be complimented by several transition mornings for students at all levels of our school in early December.

It is also important that if you have a child leaving the school at the end of this year (other than our Year 6’s) that you let us know. Forward planning is extremely important for our school as I work through the process of setting up a sustainable staffing structure for our future.

Father’s Association Event
Don’t forget our “Road To Manhood” event which has been organised by our Father’s Association. This is an amazing opportunity to listen to and have a conversation with Steve Biddulph author of “Raising
Kew Primary School Blog

Where in the world is Katie? This week, Year One teacher, Katie Braemar, shares some stories and pictures from her amazing South American adventure.

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

Carnival Book Fair

In the Library
Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd May
Before and after School
Come along, buy a book and help the school.

SICK BAY
Could we please have a volunteer to pick up the linen from Sick Bay and wash it at least once a term.
Please contact the School Office.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL GIFTS
At the School office are 2 beautiful Mother’s Day gifts that were left in the school grounds last week. If they belong to you please come and collect them.

HOUSE POLO SHIRTS
If you would like to order a House polo shirt please submit your order form to the school office this week so the order can be placed.

PTA Fundraising
PTA raised $2,430 for the Mothers Day Stall and $1,134 for the Raffle.
$8,000 will now go towards new class reading sets for Year 3s and Year 5s.