**Kew Primary School Newsletter**

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**Message from the Principal**

**Signing Off**

My placement as acting principal at Kew PS will end next Thursday. There has been much to do to keep me very busy but I have no hesitation in saying that I have enjoyed my time here working with a great staff, parent community and happy students. I have very much appreciated the support of school council and especially Robin Grace. I indicated at meetings late last year when asked to extend my time to the end of this current term that I needed to return to my research and responsibilities I hold as a director and current chairman of a music examination board. One chapter of my thesis was thankfully completed before I took up the acting position here and I now want to complete the rest of my research. So, I will continue to be busy.

I have been at Kew since early November 2011 - it seems like yesterday! Early on in my deployment the responsibility to deal with many administrative issues was demanding. In this work I have been ably supported by Robin. I have been appreciative of her professional capabilities, competencies, good humour, attention to detail and very high communication skills. She has been a great support.

The teaching and support staff are dedicated professionals. Teachers work in professional teams to plan for the finest outcomes for all students. Staff members are attentive to their professional responsibilities and are supported by competent aides who assist students with learning difficulties. Administrative staff in the ‘front of house’ - Aisha, Ruth, Debbie and our business manager Faye all place a high priority on providing exemplary service to families, members of staff, Robin and myself. It has been a privilege to have worked alongside a wonderful group of people working diligently for the greater good of all children at Kew.

I extend sincere best wishes to everyone at Kew as you all work towards making Kew Primary School ‘an even brighter beacon on the hill’.

**An Alert for All Parents from Brett Phillips, Youth Resource Office, Boroondara Police**

"I just received a call from Geoff Webb from Moorabbin SOCIT who investigate Sexual Offences and Child Abuse. I believe this is something that all schools should be aware of immediately.

He rang to inform me of an incident this week involving at least 4, year 4 girls from a Boroondara School who were sending naked images of themselves to a person they believed to be a 12 year old boy. This was done after they had logged onto KIK Messenger http://kik.com/. Once logged on they were contacted prior to having sent a message themselves by a person who then befriended them by saying how nice they were and how cute they were etc. He then requested an image of them but did so in way that they believed it was their choice. From here the requests were for naked images. The girls were sent an image of a male masturbating in return.

This was only stopped when a mother became suspicious of her daughters behaviour and observed her naked holding an internet connected device via..."
Wi-Fi.
This is obviously a concern for everybody and I believe an excellent time to remind all students and parents of the dangers of social media and how to act safely and responsibly when online. It is also worth considering how many devices in the home have internet connectivity with Wi-Fi, especially those with a camera connected.
Whilst police are not the experts in this field, I would be happy to support schools to address this issue in conjunction with other presenters.”

Brett Phillips
Youth Resource Officer | Boroondara Police Service Area Boroondara Police Complex | 34 Harp Road | Kew East | 3102 P | 03 88511179 M | 0448 382 368 DX | 211989 E | brett.phillips@police.vic.gov.au

(this correspondence was recently sent to Shaun O’Brien and Joy Kusserow: School Focused Youth Service Co-ordinators
Barry Archibald
Acting Principal

Message from School Council

Yesterday Mr Peter Greenwell, the Regional Director of the North Eastern Region, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development informed the School Council that Dr Kim Dray has been exonerated of allegations that were investigated, following which Dr Dray has chosen to return to the school at the start of Term 2.

The school council has not had time to consider this news, however School Council has convened an extraordinary School Council meeting next Wednesday 27th March 2013. Mr Greenwell has been invited to attend. School Council is considering the Department’s decision and will keep the school community informed.

Nikki Schwarz
School Council President

Kew Primary School Blog

Do you have any idea what our School Council does? Who’s on it? What they discuss? What decision they make? No. Me neither.

So this week I asked School Council member Emma Rush to fill us in on the workings of a very important – if somewhat mysterious – aspect of our school.

The blog also features names of all our current members so that next time you have an issue you’d like to raise you’ll know who to accost in the playground! Check it out at: www.kewps.vic.edu.au

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Thank you to all those wonderful families who have been donating their children's pre-loved uniform items! Please keep them coming!!

Winter is just around the corner - and we have lots of trackie pants ($4) in larger sizes (suit Grades 5/6 children), and plenty of long sleeved tops - ($5) & rugby tops ($6) in most sizes.

We also have a few KPS school bags in good condition ($5) which don't last very long!!

The next sale afternoon will be the 2nd Tuesday of Term 2 (16th April).
Message from the Assistant Principal

As the end of term is fast approaching there are a number of acknowledgements that I need to make and top of my list is Barry Archibald. When Barry gave the undertaking to become the acting Principal at Kew PS it was a school that was very unsettled and in crisis. With his years of experience as being a Principal at Ringwood North PS he was able to begin the healing process with the students, teachers, School Council and the parent community alike. I, for one, am very grateful for being given the opportunity to work with Barry as he is an inclusive leader who listened and valued my input. I believe we worked extremely well together as a team that has now been expanded to include our Leading Teachers- Sally Marsh and Andrew Wood. He encouraged the staff to express opinions and he, in turn, listened to their ideas. He responded to all queries by students, teachers and parents with kindness and concern working through any issues to a worthwhile outcome. His legacy is the teachers, students and parent community have regained their belief in the school and are united in their desire to make it even better than it is currently. Barry will be leaving Kew PS at the end of this term to resume his doctorate studies and we all wish him well in these endeavours and his life beyond Kew PS.

Another staff member who is also leaving is Marjory Rocheste, a teacher’s aide who works closely with a number of our funded students. Marjory is extremely dedicated to her students and has always worked towards gaining the best outcomes for them educationally, socially and emotionally. We wish Marjory all the best in her new career.

Finally, Kew PS is saying goodbye to the Muller family as they are moving to Tasmania with Andy taking up a Principal position there. Both Andy and George Radcliffe Smith have contributed enormously to the school over the years. Andy has been a school council member and also worked tirelessly at working bees and school functions while George contributed to the PTA fundraising efforts by being the president of that hard working body. She was a driving force behind many of the successful social events and gave freely of her time so the school would be a better place for all- students, teachers and parents. As many of you would be aware it was difficult to say no to George when she ran with an idea always having the best interests of the school at heart. Our best wishes are extended to them in this new phase of their lives.

Robin Grace

2 New Programs at Kew

English as an Additional Language (EAL) Program and Literacy Support Yrs 3-6.

This year Kew Primary School is providing some extra assistance to students who have English as an additional language. Students are defined as EAL students if they come from a language background other than English and need support to learn English as an additional language.

At Kew we have 81 students enrolled who have been identified as EAL students. Students speak a variety of other languages such as Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Persian etc. We are lucky to have such a rich and diverse community here at Kew. At the moment I am working with those students with the most needs, that is students newly arrived to Australia or those with little English. I will be working with EAL students twice a week on Monday and Tuesday.

Ali Duffy. EAL teacher.

Kew is also providing literacy support to those students who have been identified by teachers as needing some additional help. Shelley Ware will also be working Monday and Tuesday with these students.
Last Friday, March 8th, four KPS students travelled to the Nunawading Aquatic Centre to represent KPS at the Eastern Metropolitan Region Swimming Carnival. The team included:

- Angus A (50m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 4x50m freestyle relay)
- Dion B (4x50m freestyle relay)
- Cooper L (4x50m freestyle relay)
- Rupert E (4x50m freestyle relay)

We are so proud of our boys making it to this high level of competition!!!

A huge thankyou to all the parents who took their children to compete.

- Angus came 8th overall in his freestyle, qualifying for the final after the heats, and 9th in his butterfly.
- The 12yr old boys relay came 6th after qualifying heats and 6th overall in the final.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Library news

The Premiers’ Reading Challenge has started. Please return your permission form so you can get started. All the details are on the Library page of the school website.

Snowsports Interschool Championships

Kew Primary School is entering into the Victorian Snowsports Interschool Championships for 2013. The aim of the program is to develop student skills, independence, sportsmanship and school spirit.

The Interschools event is open to all grades levels who would like to compete in alpine ski racing, snowboard, skiercross, and freestyle moguls. Students will need to be able to confidently ski on green and blue runs, however, students do not need racing experience – the main thing is that your child has a desire to compete in a friendly atmosphere.

The 2013 Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships will be held at Mt Buller from Monday 19 to Sunday 25 August 2013.

Changes to the event in 2013 include:

• Event week will now run from Monday to Sunday in the second last week of August
• Division 5 and 4 to compete from Monday to Wednesday of the event week
• Divisions 2 and 3 events starting on Thursday
• Division 1 starting on Friday to minimize disruption of educational commitments

The Interschools are structured around five age categories, based on school years:

• Division 1: Years 11 and 12
• Division 2: Years 9 and 10
• Division 3: Years 7 and 8
• Division 4: Grade 5 and 6
• Division 5: Grade 4 and under.

A copy of the provisional timetable is available by clicking on the following link:


Parents wishing for their children to compete at the Interschool Championships please contact Nikki Schwarz. To express interest or for further enquires please email nikki@sraccountants.com.au

Thanks

Cheers Nikki
**OSHClub News**  
Before School / After School Care Program

**Program Update**

Hi everyone 😊,

Welcome to week 8!

The Holiday Program starts in a couple of weeks, have you been booked in? We are going to Melbourne Zoo, Wonderland Fun Park and having 2 incursions these school holidays; Little Athletics and Hoop Dogg. We also have an Easter Egg Hunt, Scavenger Hunt, April Fools and an Egyptian adventure planned… we can’t wait!!

Sadly the term is coming to an end soon and so are the Prep Sessions. It has been fun with the Preps; face painting, learning letters, OSHClub Movies with popcorn and pizza, dead fish, finger painting, bracelet making, storytelling, dressups and make believe and so much more. Next term the preps will be bringing themselves over to OSHClub, a big step towards their independence.

We are currently running a prep program of full day care on Wednesdays for the remainder of term 1. I, Kathi, am here running the program, if you have any questions, why not pop in and have a chat with me, or alternatively you can contact me on 0432 212 817 during normal business hours or kathi@oshclub.com.au

*Please book your children online, if booking casually (over the phone) a casual surcharge of $2 will be added to your fees. This is very important so that we can provide care for your child.*

*Please remember a late fee will be charged for late pickups; $1 per minute.*

*Please remember to cancel your child either through your account or call 0400 394 489 and leave a message.*

Have a great fortnight!  
OSHClub team 😊

**Next Week’s Activities**

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**Parent Information**

OSHCl program phone: 0400 394 489  
Coordinator: Kathi  
Assistants: Niki, Fiona, Cristal, Paul, Tim  
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.
Inter-School Chess Tournament
Report

There was a definite vibe in the air that 2013’s chess tournament team was ready to take on a new challenge. We’d lost two very skilled players from Grade 6 at the end of last year so we were a bit daunted. We’d also qualified for the State Finals with that team. Could we do it again without them? The new Grade 4’s & 5’s were ready to take up the slack. The team included Adriaan & Jack (Gr 5), Aidan, Henry, Kai, Will, Isaac, Owen & David (all Gr 4) & Hamish (Gr 2).

Canterbury Primary were hosting, show-casing their great new hall with natural light & fire-station lift-up panels like our gym & the biggest ceiling fan anyone had ever seen. There were about 90 children & 15 schools, Kew Primary typically having the largest team except for the hosts.

The boys were on fire: Kew Primary in first place at half time (after 4 rounds). Many of the boys had their best-ever results, Adriaan & Henry both winning 5 out of the 7 games. Amazing effort.

It was David’s first tournament (after years of hounding by his friends) & after settling some pre-tournament jitters, he went on to have a very successful day – great job David. It was young Hamish’s third tournament & he got his best result so far – very cool & calm against much older players. Jack wore his opponents down by stealth! Every round, Jack’s game was the last of 45 games to conclude: taking his time with every move, driving his opponents to distraction so they made crazy errors when it was finally their turn. Good tactic!

We entered a new era of technology, keeping track of our scores, round totals, top players etc on an iPad (rather than on a dodgy scrap of paper with a half working biro). Many were envious!

It was a fantastic KPS team effort with everyone looking out for each other & keeping up spirits. Also congratulations for being so well-mannered & showing good sportsmanship values.

Best of all, we finished in the Top 5 schools to qualify Kew Primary for the State Semi Finals in Term 4! Yay!

Thank you to all the parents for helping out on the day, chauffeuring and supervising. Your help is invaluable in keeping this great endeavor running for the Chess Club children at Kew Primary.

Regards, Andrea,
Will & Hamish’s mum & KPS Chess Promoter
Kew Primary School
Chess Club, 2013

Term 2 commences on Friday 19th April

Dates: 19/4 – 28/6: (11 weeks)

Time: Friday’s 1.00pm – 1.50 p.m. – Library.

Cost: $110.00 (11 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.

Play Chess at home against the computer.
Click on “play chess”. It’s fun!

CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 2, 2013
(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: ______________

CCV # __________

Please enclose $110.00 and return to school office with completed form.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO – ‘CHESS IDEAS’.
Welcome to the 10th Kew Community Festival, with the most extensive program in recent years, including 70 events provided by the general community plus a further 4 provided by Boronia Council and the tenant groups of Kew Court House. What a great celebration of community spirit in Kew!

The theme of the Festival is Dancin’ in Kew, and many dance groups have joined us for the first time and will be showcased at the Kwenchday at Victoria Park on 13 March under The Curve. Our spectacular new stage cover.

The Yara Trams Community Parade will also be held on 13 March on High Street near Mary Jackson. We are expecting a great turnout from local groups. Unfortunately the State Schools are not able to be with us this year.

Our Opening Concert on 10 March at Mary Page Park promises to be an excellent evening, with the Ballarat all Australian band, guest artists Linda and Vikki Bull, followed by a spectacular fireworks display.

Thanks to all the organisations and groups on our Committee and within the participating groups. It takes a great deal of effort to achieve over many months. Well done all!

Annette Smith
President

Thank you to the following Kew Community Festival Board Members: Annette Smith, President/Event Director; Board Members: Les Brown, Carmen Field, Martin Post, Deborah McGown-Brown, Sue St John, Roberta Weir, Katherine Westerman, Lexie Wooldridge, Richard Thompson, Jennifer Brumby, Noel Kelly, Selina Treacy, James Panjard, Councillor Phillip Hael, Janet Burke and Judith Vose.

Many thanks to our numerous volunteers who have assisted throughout the year and during the Festival.

Festival Highlights

Saturday 16th March

We Will Rock Kew
1.30pm-4.40pm
Hays Paddock, Langstaff St, East Kew
Come and listen to live local bands perform in a fully supervised drug and alcohol free open air environment.

Saturday 15th March

Choral Singing in Kew with 5 Great Choruses
(entry suggested $5.00 donation)
2.30pm–4.30pm
Sacred Heart Church cnr. Colombo and Glenferrie Rd, Kew
Come and enjoy a wonderful evening listening to five great local choirs. Bookings not essential.

Thursday 14th March

Yarra Trams Community Street Parade (Free)
10.30am
Watch the parade commencing at Mary Page Park and proceeding along High St, and entering the main gate of Victoria Park then proceeding to the main stage in the park. The opening procession is a fun filled day and evening starting from the main stage, showcasing events and entertainment that follow.

Saturday 23rd March

Festival Time @ Kew Court House
188 High Street, Kew
Kew Court House comes alive with performances, talks and exhibitions presented by Council in conjunction with resident arts groups during this year’s Kew Community Festival.

Tickets Route 48 Stop 34, Route 109 Stop 34

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Learn music
here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, drums, cello, bass guitar, here at Kew Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $15.40 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333

Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au