Message from Principals

WELL DONE & THANK YOU

Congratulations to everyone for a wonderful Book Week Dress up Parade last week. Even though I was at a meeting last Friday and missed the parade and assembly I have seen lots of photos of the amazing range of colourful and creative characters. Events like Book Week, visiting authors, Premiers’ Reading Challenge all help us to focus on how important Literacy, Literature and Libraries are to our school community at Kew.

Thank you to everyone that attended our Nifty Numbers Family Maths Night last night. The evening was a great mix of hands on activity and it was great to see our students sharing mathematics experiences with their families. The night added to our repertoire of community events aimed at building our home school partnership. Other nights this year have included our Race Around Kew, iPad information evenings, Think u Know Cyber-safety evening and many more.

Thank you to our staff team for organising and running the evening. Raffle prizes for those that attended will be drawn at our assembly tomorrow.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved with the hosting yesterday of a chess tournament. Please see more information about this successful event in our newsletter.

OUR NEXT HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP EVENT

On Thursday the 4\textsuperscript{th} September we will be hosting our Term 3 iPad Workshop. This workshop will focus on our use of Evernote for Digital Portfolios. The evening is planned as a rich experience where you will engage in a collaborative space mission and apply problem solving and teamwork skills. In this way you will get a deeper understanding of how we use Evernote to capture student learning. The workshop starts at 7pm in the BER classrooms. Please make sure that you have the Evernote App downloaded ready to go before the workshop.

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for running another successful fundraising event for our school and thank you to all those that assisted with the Bunnings BBQ.

LITTLE DEVILS CIRCUS EXTRAVAGANZA – TUESDAY 16\textsuperscript{th} SEPTEMBER

After weeks of practice, the big event is getting closer! Today each student has received information about the event including how to purchase tickets and a permission slip for the rehearsal. We will be running two concerts in the evening: 6pm and 8pm. This has been done to ensure each show has a...
balance and mix of all the different tricks and skills covered by our students. Due to the size of the venue we are limited to two tickets per family to each concert. If you would like an extra ticket please contact the office and we will put you on the stand by list for any unsold tickets.

The costs of these tickets help us to cover the cost of hiring the venue, lighting and sound technicians and the bus shuttle for our practices. Tickets must be purchased before the 9th September so that we can allocate any unsold tickets.

GOOD NEWS!!

In previous communications throughout this year I have informed our community about the financial position of the school. This has included reasons why we were not able to continue with our Performing Arts Program and the fact that we have run a deficit school structure model this year and in previous years. I can now report some great news for our school. We have been successful in obtaining support for our school through the Workforce Bridging process. This means that the deficit amount for 2014 will not need to be repaid next year. It also means that from this point forward we can start with a clean slate and develop a school model that will ensure that over future years we can build a strong financial platform to support programs and improve our facilities.

The next important part of building a strong financial position is setting our school structure and programs in place for 2015 and also confirming our locally raised funds for next year. This will include the structure of our compulsory and voluntary fees and also our excursion costs process.

As I have mentioned, our school is funded on the same model as all other DEECD schools. The only financial variance between schools is through locally raised funds which includes compulsory and voluntary payments, fundraising and also, equity funding that is provided to schools in areas of disadvantage.

As the Principal of Kew Primary I need to ensure that the money provided to our school by DEECD (approx. 3.3 million) is managed effectively to maximise the learning environment and opportunities for all students and to ensure that we set the level of locally raised funds at the correct and appropriate level to meet the requirements of our school. Communication around these matters is very important to me. As such, I will be hosting a community forum early in Term 4 where I will unpack more detail about our school funding for 2015. The meeting will also provide a chance for parents to provide feedback to me about possible school and grade structures based on the funding available.

TRANSITION

As we finish off Term 3, much of our attention starts to focus on the organisation of 2015. This year we will be running an extended Transition Program for all of our students. Next week our 2015 preps will start to attend our “It’s Time” sessions with our specialists and then in Term 4 we will run 5 x one hour Step into Prep sessions. Then, from 9am – 12.30pm on December the 9th and 16th we will step into the future by turning our whole school into 2015. On these two half days all of our students will be with their 2015 teacher in their 2015 classroom. More information about our Transition program for 2015 will be sent home with all students shortly.

Good luck to all our District Athletes tomorrow.

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

Walking across the school yard at recess and lunch times, I have noticed a change in the students’ games and play habits. Instead of the usual chasey, basketball, football or soccer games we now have a growing number of students playing with hula hoops, sock pois, spinning plates and, of course devil sticks. The circus skills program by Little Devils has certain inspired all our students to hone their skills in readiness for their grand performances on Tuesday 16th September. As the date comes closer the final stages of performance preparations are happening. I have been privy some of these sessions and you are definitely in for a treat, watching our students perform.

As the term is rushing to a close, I would like to ask for more help from you on behalf of the Building and Grounds subcommittee. No, it is not to come to a working bee but to help with a, “plant in” for want of a better phrase. We have about 280 tube stock native plants arriving at the school from VINC nurseries and they need to be planted before the holidays to help them become established. The opportune time to do this is in the last week of term, more specifically on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th September, after school at about 3:45pm. If you can help with this greening of Kew PS effort can you please let me know and I will add your name to the list.

Finally, lost property seems to be a booming business at Kew PS with many articles of clothing filling the Lost Property cupboard. We would love to return these clothing items to their rightful owners but without a name that is impossible. Can you please add names to your child’s clothing as soon as you purchase them and they will certainly be returned should they find their way into that cupboard.

Finally we have had another great week at school with lots of positive energy flowing and students learning and challenging themselves to do better.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

Capes! Wigs! Fancy cardboard boxes! Face paint! Last Friday’s school assembly looked a little different than usual. Why? Find out on the blog.

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
CyberSafety - p@sswords

Create strong passwords using a combination of at least eight letters, numbers and symbols e.g &pdkr134%
Never use names, dates of birth, pet names etc as passwords,
Change your passwords regularly,
Use different passwords to access different online accounts,
Don’t allow the computer to save your password,
Don’t store passwords in a file on your computer.

Madame T (and the eSmart team)

PLAY FOR LIFE

Last week three students from Year 6, Daniel, Maya, Stella, Mr. Penson and myself met with Rhiannon Porter a consultant for ‘Play for Life’. The meeting was arranged to discuss the logistics of introducing this program at Kew Primary. I was so proud of the way these three students conducted themselves and the quality of their digital presentation.

In 2013, whilst teaching in Year 5, I became aware of the need for a program to cater for students in our school who were not interested in sporting activities, to have alternative options during recess and lunch. The ‘Play for Life’ program provides an array of recycled loose parts known as ‘Pod Scrap’. The Pod is placed in the school yard to provide open-ended, self-directed play during the playtime breaks.

I initially presented the idea to a few students in my class. Daniel, Maya and Stella loved the concept, so much so that they enthusiastically took on the challenge of researching and promoting this project. They have been so passionate that they have continued developing ideas about how this program will run at Kew Primary.

Maya, Daniel and Stella would like our “positive play” area to have a rustic and homely feel to it. They want children to feel open to express themselves through the program. They think it would be great to have a chalkboard for kids to draw and recycled materials where kids can build constructions while having fun.

So far, PTA, (Uniform Shop) have donated $1000 and we need another $2000 before the first part of the project can be implemented.

We are in the planning stages of organising a fundraiser in the near future.

Melissa Hayes
Great Book Swap for Indigenous Literacy Day

Wednesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} September

\textbf{What you do:} Bring in a book you love but can bear to part with. Leave in box outside library by Wednesday morning 3\textsuperscript{rd} Sept.

\textbf{Then:} Bring a gold coin on Friday for the right to choose a book at Recess.

\textbf{Where does the money go:} To the Indigenous Literacy Foundation who buys books and literacy resources for kids in remote communities.
Great weather added to a successful day by our large team of 22…

Congratulations to the following children for competing at the Inter-School Chess Tournament hosted by our very own Kew Primary

Adriaan & Jack (Grade 6)
Henry, Will, Isaac, Xavier, Ben, David (Grade 5)
Flynn (Grade 4)
Hamish, Declan, Daniel, Ben S, Tommy (Grade 3)
James, Max, Lara, Hana, Lucas, Allan (Grade 2)
Callum & Riley Kemke (Grade 1)

There were so many of us that we needed two teams so Team A was the usual tournament-goers & Team B were the fantastic bunch that were giving it a go for the first time (or thereabouts).

Team A came 4th overall (& qualified another team for the State Semi Finals!)
& Team B came a strong 5th.

Henry, Xavier & James received medals for Team A!
Ben O, Flynn & Riley received medals for Team B!

Thank you to Leanne Mercer, Lelen Kemke, Andrea Stevens, Amanda Aiken, Mary Leung & all their children for the very early morning set-up & their continued support of the event during the day, along with a number of parents who supervised during the day & helped with all the packing up! Your support of our KPS chess club is much appreciated!
Walkers needed!

Can you help us deliver flyers to houses in your street or a street near you? Spring is coming, so enjoy the sunshine and help promote the Splash Art Show at the same time!

If you can help, please contact Tania Lim (Keira Year 1) tanialim@iinet.net.au with your preferred street. Flyers will be distributed on the first day of Term 4 (Monday 6 October) for letterbox drops that week.

A MAGNIFICENT EFFORT - BUNNING’S BBQ
RAISED $1850!

What a great fun bbq we had last Sunday. We thank Gourmet Meats for donating our 800 sausages, and Kew Baker’s Delight 24 loaves of bread! Special thanks to the Organiser of our Bunnings BBQ Caroline Vernon, and to all her helpers: Leo Arantes, Salley Tung, Rob Vernon, Claire Tanner, Brad Cain, Daniel Cummings, Shaun Xiao, Bruce Webb, Katrina Hall, Hamish Curry, Neil Linahan, Firozeh Mollahagahi, Shiva Akbarzadeh, Jen Howard, Tim Holmes, Stephen Trist, John Mifsud, Tom Hallam, Jacyl Shaw, Gill & Frankie Smith, Lisa Geier, Mark Stevenson, Tamara Mynott, and Nick Maria. Thanks also to all those who came to buy a sausage and soft drink from us. Please support our sponsors when you shop next!
Father’s Day & Special Person’s Breakfast

You are invited to join your child for a special breakfast, to enjoy being together, and to celebrate with other Dads and Special Persons.

Thursday 4th September from 7.30am
To be served outside canteen

Bookings available now via www.trybooking.com/FQJX closes midday Mon 1st Sept.

Select from a gourmet menu - you must pre-order your food, no payments on the day.

Put the date in your diary / i-phone /electronic planner now – don’t miss out!

Come along and enjoy a delicious breakfast with your child.

A REMINDER!

FATHERS’ DAY AND SPECIAL PERSON’S STALL 2014

• The 2014 Father’s Day and Special Person’s stall will be held in the Junior School hall on the morning of Thursday 4th September. There will be a choice of 4 gifts and they will all be priced at $5. Each child can purchase one or two gifts each (and we’ll have a sibling list so there is no doubling up!) and, at lunchtime and after school, there will be an opportunity to purchase another from those left over (perhaps a second gift for Dad, one for Grand dad or other special people).

• Volunteers are still needed to assist at the stall – please contact ANGELA GILL (gillangela@hotmail.com) if you can help between 8.45 and 1.30pm, even for an hour or two. All help gratefully received!

Please support the Kew Primary Father’s Day and Special Person’s Day stall!
WELCOME TO OSHCLUB 2014!

We have changed the structure to our week after consultation with the children. They suggested that we have more challenges, including science activities and cooking a couple of times a week. Please see below for our new weekly planner. The science activities, cooking, and challenges will change week by week and we are open to suggestions from children and parents.

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.

Next Fortnight Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Andy; Assistants: Sam, Niki, Danette, Alyzza, Dove
OSHCClub 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.
Free Eggs!

Would you like to look after our chickens for a week or weekend over the school holidays or one weekend in Term 4? It’s a really easy job: let them out for a run around, collect any eggs which are yours to keep and give them some food and water.

Please signup to help at www.volunteersignup.org/4XWPW.

Also, rather than throwing away any vegetable scraps at home, please consider adding them to our garden compost bin.

Thank you to the following families who have looked after our chickens this term: Welsh, Peterson, Clarke, Corkill, Ogden, Lim, Tung, Whelen, Hall and Selvarajah.

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