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### Term Dates 2013

**Term 4:** 7 Oct to 20 Dec  

**Term 1 Dates 2014**

- **Mon 28 Jan**—**Wed 29 Jan** —Teachers only  
- **Thurs 30 Jan** —Pupil free day  
- **Fri 31 Jan** —1st day back for Pupils (Preps till 1pm)  

### Message from Principal

How amazing does Kew PS look at the moment! This is due to the efforts of a wonderful group of parents and students who helped at the working bee last Sunday. The seating around the Junior School and shelter shed was sanded and given a coat of paint, pathways were swept, tanbark was spread, the kitchen garden was weeded, trees were planted and planter boxes were made to protect them and, of course, our beautiful CARE benches were oiled and the cement boxes were created to sit upon. These benches will be bolted to these boxes this weekend and then they can be used by all. They are a real feature when you walk across the school yard. Once they are in place, timed spotlights will flood them with light, not only to highlight them, but also, to make this area safe to walk across at night.

Stewart Waters, as usual, did an amazing job of coordinating this working bee and his wife Jayne supplied everyone with her now famous scones and organised a sausage sizzle BBQ. What a great duo they are!

I would like to thank the following families for all their help on the day:-
- the Bradley family including Abbie and Kris;  
- Emma Rush along with Cam and Fraser;  
- the Thomson family including Sam, Ben and Will;  
- the Mullins family along with Sophie and Lulu;  
- Jennifer Howard including Lola and Greta Nibali;  
- the Wong family along with Han and Kai;  
- Heidi and Jack Italia;  
- John and Tom Tamowicz;  
- the Kemke family;  
- Tineke Fancourt and Hamish Curry along with Elise;  
- the Alonso family along with Helen, Raffy and Sophia;  
- Robert Hendley and Audrey;  
- Lorraine and Josh Trist;  
- Shaun Peterson with Isaiah and Seth;  
- Chris Holly together with Jake and Lucas;  
- Alex and Morena Kontouris with Luca;  
- Kate and Shaun Urie along with Jack and Josh;  
- the Denby family along with Meika and Jassi;  
- Claire Tanner together with Tara and Elise. Two staff members need to be thanked as well for their efforts on the day and they are Katie Braemar and Melissa Hayes. If I have inadvertently forgotten anyone I do apologise as I have taken the names directly from the sign in sheets. Also, Craig Kilby needs to be thanked for plumbing two of our rainwater tanks so all the rain from the last two days has been collected which is fantastic for watering our garden in the hotter months.

As many parents would be aware, the Junior School building has had a number of problems recently, notwithstanding the water seepage near the Pakington Street entrance. The problem has been found and it is an old hot water system in the cleaner’s cupboard that has been leaking. This is going to be removed shortly so that is one problem we no longer have to deal with. I have contacted the Regional Office about having the roof on that building inspected, at their cost, so we can ascertain if there is an ongoing issue with the tiles. Once I have a response I will be informing the school community what it is. Finally, the Buildings and Grounds sub-committee is...
looking into ways of eliminating the possums from the roof space having found where they are gaining access from.

One of the many pleasures of being in my position is witnessing the many opportunities, given to the students to excel, by our teachers here at Kew PS. Tonight. One such opportunity is going to happen with a performance by our talented students at the Q Rock Showcase, being held at the Renaissance Theatre at Kew High School. I would like to thank Tahnee Planner for all her hard work in creating and organising this event, as well as her parents, Gayle and Ken who have worked tirelessly on props and costumes. Many staff members and parents have contributed to the success of this production, all in the name of letting our students shine. Good luck to everyone!

Robin Grace
Acting principal

Message from Acting Assistant Principal

Hello Everyone,

Last Thursday (17.10) I was invited to attend ‘Market Day’ involving the year 3 and 4s. It really was an amazing experience. The students researched, created, marketed and sold items to each other then tallied and reconciled profits and loss. Everyone had a great time and rich learning, implementing skills and building upon them in a real life context, took place all morning in a fun and exciting way.

On a slightly less fabulous note, please be aware of not leaving your property overnight at school. A bike that was chained to the bike rack recently had the chain cut and was lifted up over the fence and never seen again by it’s owner.

Finally… last week we had four utes out all at once in the playground. These all belonged to plumbers who’d been called to unblock a pipe. I asked the guys what was blocking it. They said “Well mainly lunches, the odd apple and one small plastic lunch box”. Not quite what one usually expects to be blocking up a sewerage pipe… So please have a chat to your children about what to do with things they are not going to eat. It may improve their diets and reduce our plumbing fees.

A recent addition to the Kew Primary School Website (http://www.kewps.vic.edu.au/) is the inclusion of year level newsletters. Please feel free grab a coffee, sit down and keep up to date on what is happening in your child’s year level.

Cheers!

Steven Donohue
Acting Assistant Principal

Kew Primary School Blog

This week’s blog celebrates Kew Primary School’s most important asset, our staff, in recognition of World Teachers’ Day. Check it out...

Thanks,

Jacqui Tomlins

Leadership Photos

Are still on display outside the office. If you would like to order any the order forms can be collected from the office. Deadline is Friday 1st November.

LOST

A black and silver key for a bike lock. If found please hand in to the office.
Library News

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

This year, The Age will publish the honour roll online. From Sunday 27 October, you will be able to view a personalised video and download a personalised front page of The Age that’s yours to keep.

Careers Week at KPS

This term, Year 6 are hosting a Careers Week from 25th to 29th of November. Career week is a time where we will learn about possible career choices for when we are older. It would be very helpful for the Year 6s to gain knowledge for their future endeavours.

So we would like to invite you to come into our classrooms and talk to a group about your career, what you love about it and why we might too.

If you would be interested in talking to the Year 6s please contact Jacki Hopkins, Shelley Ware or Andrew Wood, our year 6 teachers.

Looking forward to hearing about your careers,

Year 6 Ambassadors

HOUSE SHIRTS

House shirts will be available for sale outside the library on Friday 1 November from 3.30pm onwards. All house colours and sizes (from 6 – 14) are available in limited quantities.

Due to an increase in price from the manufacturer these shirts will be $24 each. After this date any remaining shirts will be sold through the second hand uniform shop.

PTA

Scholastic Book club

All orders are due in by Friday 1st November.
WORLD FOOD & DANCE

End of year Peppercorn BBQ celebration

Friday 13th December, 5pm - 8pm

* Dance celebration - come and join the groove in the gym
(during the day all classes will be learning the dances through an incursion)

* Food from other parts of the world to purchase

* Drinks at Bar prices

* Sausages, soft drinks or water for the kids

* Fairy Floss, kids disco lights etc for sale

Could you provide some sweet treats, from your cultural background, for others to buy, taste and enjoy on the night? A small tray of your offerings would be perfect - we don’t want you to have to cook up huge batches! For regulation and safety reasons, we would need you to list the ingredients (on a sheet we could perhaps display beside the food) and not to use nuts of any sort.

Please contact Angela Gill (Gr 2 mum) gillangela@hotmail.com

* RESPONSIBLE SERVING OF ALCOHOL licence - if any parent has one of these could they please contact Rachel Naylor (Prep) rachelnaylor@netspace.net.au
Program Update

Hi everyone 😊,

WOW... 2 weeks have already flown past. We have been so busy at Kew OSHClub. Continuing our themes from holiday program, because the children wanted magic and music, we planned magic tricks, Disney activities, and crazy hats and loads more. Sadly our garden from last term did not survive without sunshine. But the children will have plenty of opportunities to plant some more seeds.

Kew Primary OSHClub went through the National Quality Framework assessment over the school holidays and we are waiting patiently for the final results. [WATCH THIS SPACE](#) for updates on our ratings 😊.

We would like to thank all our families, children and the school community for all their help and support in making Kew OSHClub the program that it is. The educators all enjoy working at the program and it shows. OSHClub is very proud of the team here at Kew.

* Please book your children online, if booking casually (over the phone) a casual surcharge of $3 will be added to your fees. Booking online is very important so that we can provide care for your child.
* Please remember a late fee will be charged for late pickups; $2 per minute per child.
* Please remember to cancel your child either through your account or call 0400 394 489 and leave a message.

A big thank you to parents who book their children into OSHClub online. This helps us greatly when it comes to staffing the program and having enough educators on hand to run the awesome activities. By booking online educators can also cater for the afternoon snack appropriately.

OSHClub team 😊

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Kathi
Assistants: Niki, Fiona, Paul, Tim, Yee Ling, Alyssa, Monali
OSHC 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](http://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.
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Thanks and Kind Regards

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