Welcome to the final newsletter for Semester 1!

Overall I have been really pleased with our first half of the year. We had an amazingly settled start following our improved transition program and then used this momentum over the first two terms to continue our whole school improvement journey. At our staff meeting this week we spent some time looking at our 2015 Annual Implementation Plan. We have set some ambitious goals but overall we are making significant progress and we look forward to continuing this for the remainder of the year.

There have been many highlights for me this semester:

- working with Michael Ymer who has modelled rich and engaging maths lessons in our classrooms
- our staff working in Professional Learning Teams to track student achievement data and developing targeted work programs and curriculum around the needs of our students
- the work of both our School Management Team and School Improvement Team which have specific roles within each of our teaching teams and across the school
- the many camps, excursions and events organised as part of our extensive extra-curricular programs across our school
- a very successful swimming program (Year 1 through to Year 6) with Preps on the way later this year!
- several home school partnership evenings e.g. Steve Biddulph and the Fathers’ Association, Michael Ymer Maths Consultant, Kids Safe Cyber safety and of course our, Literacy & Numeracy Challenge Circuit!
- First Aid training in all of our classes
- ANZAC Day assembly and memorial
- Year 6 Billycart Leadership Program
- Cultural Diversity Day
- House sports – swimming and cross country (with Athletics on the way!)
- success at the Kew District Cross Country carnival
- terrific support from our PTA with the Peppercorn BBQ, Disco, Mother’s Day stall, lunch and of course, the Adidas Lap-a-thon
- Library book fairs and the many other events in our library program including teacher PD’s, Premiers’ Reading Challenge and family reading evenings.

And so much more!

The biggest highlight though is the continuous support of our school from our parents, carers and families, the work of our dedicated staff and particularly the engagement of our students. For me, walking around our school each day is the biggest highlight because I see so many good
things happening and I am always greeted so warmly and enthusiastically.

Well done KPS!

SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3:
I have included a Term 3 calendar with this newsletter. This provides families with a list of dates for the different activities we have organised next term. We actually run a very comprehensive school calendar on Google which our staff uses to keep everything on track each day. Our newsletter version is more simplified and does not contain details of all the different meetings and other school administrivia!

The two most important dates to remember are:

- **Thursday 30th July - Variation to School Hours Day.** On this day students only attend school from 9am until 12pm. We will then be running individual 3 Way Conferences for students and their parents/carers from 12.30pm until 7.30pm.

- **Friday 14th August – Curriculum Day** – Students do not attend school. On this day our staff will be completing a range of First Aid and Anaphylaxis Training. Some staff will also be visiting a range of other schools to view teaching practice and other initiatives.

EXCURSION COSTS
Letters outlining the costs for events and excursions next term have been sent home today. Payment is required by Friday 17th July as we will have started our Footsteps Dance program by then and our first excursion (Middle School to the Zoo) is in the second week of the term.

VISITOR BADGES & PROCESS
A reminder to all parents who visit our school to help in the classrooms, canteen or in other areas, that it is a requirement to sign in and collect a visitor badge/lanyard from the office. This process is an important part of keeping our students safe at school and also ensures that we know exactly who is on site at any time.

MANDARIN LANGUAGE LESSONS
One of the great things about our school is the variety of both extra-curricular programs and what we call our “optional extras” program. Our optional extras program includes Mandarin lessons. These are available after school on Mondays and Tuesdays in the library. Please see more information about our Mandarin program in this newsletter.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS!
I hope everyone is able to enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation. After an 11 week term we all need to recharge before the second half of the year, especially our third term. Just like the footy, our third term is also considered our premiership quarter!

Be Worthy!
James Penson
Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

School camps are an excellent opportunity for students to extend their learning in another setting and with that idea in mind, parents in our current Year Five were asked for their opinions regarding a Canberra camp for these students in 2016. Parent responses were overwhelmingly in favour of such a camp and, so moving forward, a number of camp organisers were contacted to provide itinerary details and available dates for this to happen. The Leadership team met with the preferred provider and a temporary booking was made for week eight in Term Three 2016, the dates being August 29th until September 2nd 2016. This camp will be over 5 days and offers an excellent array of activities and visits to all our national capital’s sights such as the new Parliament House, the War Memorial, Questcon - the Science Museum, the National Gallery and the Australian Sports Institute to name just a few. Of course, School Council must approve this camp before we can confirm this booking as is always the case with any school camp that is undertaken by Kew PS.

With school holidays almost upon us, it is a great opportunity to have further works completed at the school in the absence of students and for that matter, teachers. New heaters will replace the ageing and very ineffective heaters in rooms 5 and 6. Other gas heaters throughout the school will be checked for safety which is a regular maintenance item. More decals will be added to the gym windows for safety precautions and the line marking will take place in the staff car park with a no standing area to be marked in front of the canteen, as access for emergency vehicles needs to be a priority.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work throughout this term as well as the contributions made by parents who assist the teachers and our great school in a myriad of ways. To our students, who constantly surprise us all with their desire and ability to rise to any learning challenges their teachers give them, enjoy a great holiday, stay safe and come back ready to do it all again in Term Three.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

Comparing old and new, counting money and first aid - just some of the things that have been keeping students in the junior school busy. This week on the blog, Grade One teacher, Katie Braemar, gives us an update.

All contributions to the school blog are welcome - if you’ve got something you’d like to share, please drop me a line at: katrina.w@ozemail.com.au

Katrina Whelen
**Le français**

Un événement pour votre calendrier!

* BASTILLE DAY FRENCH FESTIVAL 2015 *

Storm Bastille Day in style at the historic State Library of Victoria on **Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July 2015**. Join Melbourne’s francophone and francophile community for a celebration of all things French including cultural displays, performances, entertainment, as well as a selection of French food and wine.

See [www.bastilledaymelbourne.com](http://www.bastilledaymelbourne.com) for program details.

Allons enfants de la Patrie!

Madame P.

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**TOUR DE FRANCE 2015**

On 1 July 1903, sixty pioneers set out on their bicycles from Montgeron. After six mammoth stages (Nantes - Paris, 471 km!), only 21 “routiers”, led by Maurice Garin, arrived at the end of this first epic. Having provoked a mixture of astonishment and admiration, le Tour soon won over the sporting public and the roadside crowds swelled. The French people took to their hearts this unusual event which placed their towns, their countryside and, since 1910, even their mountains, in the spotlight.

Running from Saturday July 4th to Sunday July 26th 2015, the 102th Tour de France will be made up of 21 stages and will cover a total distance of 3,360 kilometres and include…………..

9 flat stages
3 hill stages
7 mountain stages with 5 altitude finishes
1 individual time-trial stage
1 team time-trial stage
2 rest days

**Phew!**

Visit [www.letour.fr](http://www.letour.fr) for more details.

Students in the Junior school will be following le tour next term. Bonnes vacances!

Madame T
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Library News

Library Helpers

Thank you to the following parents who have helped in the library during the term, mostly putting away books and creating wonderful displays – Leena Pradhan, Kath Phelan, Midori Adachi, Nasrin Taamoly, Nicole Bradley, Bethanie Clarke, Jayne Campbell and Lucy Dwyer. Your help is very much appreciated.

Book Buzz

Check out this blog on books from Oscar and Angus in 34J. There are some great recommendations.

https://34jbookbuzz.wordpress.com/

Term 3 in the Library

- Book Week with visiting illustrators
- Dress up and parade
- Indigenous Literacy Foundation Book Swap
- Family Reading Afternoon
- Book Fair with Lamont Books

Please search for overdue books and return them as soon as possible.
90s TRIVIA NIGHT

MUSIC SOUNDS BETTER WITH KEW

90S TRIVIA ON MUSIC, SPORTS, TV, MOVIES & GENERAL KNOWLEDGE
LIVE BAND PERFORMING THE BEST OF THE 90S
DJS SPINNING YOUR FAVOURITE DANCE TRACKS
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Ling family  $300 Zilzie wine donation


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Kew Skin Therapy $99 voucher

Metro Tennis  $90 voucher

Billy Lids  $90 in vouchers

Masquerade Costume Hire  $80 in vouchers

De Melis Hairdressing  $75 voucher

Centenove  $70 voucher

Endota Spa  $65 voucher

Thai Terrace  $50 voucher

Now + Then Café  $50 voucher

La Q Pizza  $50 voucher

Cannings Butchers  $50 voucher

Top Paddock Café  $50 voucher

Action Indoor Sports  $50 voucher

Geppettos  $50 voucher

Clip ’N Climb  Vouchers

Cones  Vouchers

Kew Recreation  Voucher

Milan at Kew  Voucher

La Porchetta  Vouchers

Mind Games  Vouchers

Hahndorf  Chocolates

Ooshka  Clothing

Coldstream Brewery  Discount product

Kew Primary School

**After School Chinese Lessons**

Welcome to 2015 Term 3. Afternoon Chinese Classes with Melissa Liu.

Please come and join us every Monday and Tuesday in the library at 3.30pm from 20th July 2015 to 8th Sept 2015 for 8 weeks. Cost $96.00.

Activities including singing, games, speaking and reading that will help your general conversation skills in Mandarin Chinese.

**Teacher:** Melissa Liu   **Contact:** 0422 600 395
**Email:** melbchineseschool@gmail.com
**OR Direct Deposit to:**
Melbourne Chinese Secondary and Primary School Inc
BSB 0133542794 95468 ANZ Templestowe Lower

我们一起来学中文！
（Let's learn Chinese together!）
Program Update

This week was FIFA World Cup Week due to the women’s competition and we had a lot of excitement around this because of the great love to soccer in New OSHClub.

To start the week off we had a big game of soccer with two teams competing to win the glory.

Throughout the week we made hacky sacks, soccer plaques and practiced our skills with a soccer skills circuit.

Hacky sacks were a repeated activity this week due to the sheer number of children who wanted to make one and then practice their tricks with them. Our cooking recipe this week was hedgehog slice which had students and parents requesting copies and extra slices.

It has also been great to see the older children taking care of the younger ones when they get upset or when they don’t know how to play a game. Well done guys, your kindness has been super encouraging!

Reminders

Next week is HOLIDAY PROGRAM and there are still places. We recommend booking your places as soon as possible to ensure that your place is secured. But please make any casual bookings for the Holiday Program online by the evening before to ensure that the program is not full and our Staff to Child Ratio is maintained.

If you have not made an online booking you may find that the program is full when you arrive in the morning and your child will not be able to attend.

A selection of Next Week’s Activities – OR SEUSS WEEK!

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0400 394 439
Coordinator: Jacinta Assistant Coordinator: Lauren Assistants: Niki, Issi
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85049000
ASC Hours: 3:30pm – 6:30pm

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.
The snow season is officially open!!!

Get your entry in NOW for the Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships at Mt. Buller August 24-26,2015 and represent Kew Primary

Entry forms are available at the school office or contact Nikki Schwarz (nikki@sraccountants.com.au) or Sonali Le Brocque (dse195@hotmail.com) for more information.

Payments are to be made via Trybooking: 
http://www.trybooking.com/ICJJ

BE PITCH PERFECT TOO! Mum, do something for yourself this winter! It is an Indoor activity!

We are offering you the opportunity to find out what it is like to find YOUR voice amongst friends, who are a most successful women’s a cappella chorus and we rehearse every Wednesday night at Kew East Primary School Music Centre!

You do not need to have any singing experience just a curiosity and desire to experience singing four part harmony. We will teach you to perform two songs and this will be done over 5 weeks commencing Wed. July 15 – Aug.12 starting at 7.15pm.

To register and more details: Ph 0431 140 450 visit www.melbournechorus.org.au or just come along! There is a small charge for sheet music and tuition.