Message from the Principal

A values program embodies the culture of a school, providing a workable framework for the students, teachers, and parents in which to relate to each other in a meaningful and mutually respectful manner. Here at Kew PS our values program is known as the CARE Program where each of the letters stands for a value that we as a school community embrace.

Co-operation- sharing and learning together.

Acceptance- treat others the way you would like to be treated.

Respect- respect each other, our resources and our environment.

Excellence- be proud and always try to do your best.

The students from Prep to Year 6 have been placed into their CARE groups, in a vertical manner, 27 groups in all. Each group will have several Grade 6 students as CARE leaders and they will be assisted in their role by a teacher assigned to the group. This Friday, the students will have an initial meeting with their CARE leaders and teacher, and be shown where their group will meet to complete the CARE activities. Next Monday, the CARE groups will officially begin the program designed for them by the Student Engagement and Wellbeing Team very ably led by Clare Conner. Both Andrew Searle and I are part of the program which provides us with more opportunities to enjoy interacting with the students.

Last Friday students from Grades 5 and 6 competed at the Gala Day sports event and Kew PS hosted the bat tennis tournament. Since the old sandpit has been removed we had more area available which was brilliant because of the many schools competing. All our students acquitted themselves admirably, extolling the virtues of sportsmanship and fairness when competing against other schools. Erin Willett, PE teacher, made sure the whole day flowed very smoothly having organised the event meticulously.

The house cross country games was another event methodically organised by Erin and thankfully this year the weather proved to be kinder than in previous years. What a colourful event it was, with a sea of children, running in their house colours. Congratulations to Allunga for winning the House Cross Country.

Following an agreement between the teachers’ union and the state government, the workplace bans have been lifted which has meant that a number of activities and programs could resume. One such program is the Grade 4 camp which will take place from Wednesday 12th June until Friday 14th June. Jaci McCoombe must be congratulated for her persistence in trying to negotiate dates for this event to take place.

The Prep Information Night for our 2013 Prep families which normally takes place in February will now take place in a couple of weeks and parents will be notified by email as well as a flier explaining the purpose of the evening.
Message from the Assistant Principal

NAPLAN Testing

This year the NAPLAN tests for all Year 3 and 5 students will be held from the 14th – 16th May. The program will be as follows: Tuesday, 14th May – Language Conventions and Writing, Wednesday, 15th May – Reading and Thursday, 16th May – Numeracy.

The testing is designed to allow the students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in these areas. Please keep in mind that these tests represent a snapshot of your child’s abilities and represent only part of the overall picture of their academic progress.

The data gathered by the NAPLAN results provide additional information to the teachers to inform planning for Teaching and Learning.

AusVELS

During 2013 the implementation of several domains of the National Curriculum (currently known as AusVELS in Victoria) is taking place. The domains include, English, Mathematics, History & Science.

The mid-year reports will reflect this with reporting against the new AusVELS domains.

Further information will follow as the year progresses, including information on the changes to the reports and the implementation of the AusVELS curriculum.

Andrew Searle
Acting Assistant Principal

Kew Primary School Blog

Recently, I was looking for some bedtime reading for my youngest and I come across a very old favourite of mine, My Naughty Little Sister by Dorothy Edwards. I love these stories still – daggy and old-fashioned, but gentle and fun. All my kids have enjoyed them and that got me wondering about what other books we read as children, our kids would enjoy. And who better to answer that question than our very own book reviewer and blogger Katrina Whelan from http://booksaremyfavouriteandbest.wordpress.com Check out what Katrina came up with:

Jacqui Tomlins
Second Hand Uniform

Next sale afternoon, Tuesday 7th May 3:15pm

Thank you to all those wonderful parents who have made clothing donations—please keep them coming!

Art News

There is an amazing exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria International this term. Claude Monet’s iconic gardens at Giverny were the inspiration for many of the Father of Impressionism’s later paintings. Through a magnificent and sweeping series of paintings, visitors will experience every facet of Monet’s picturesque garden; the iconic Japanese footbridge and water lily ponds, but also the irises, agapanthus, wisteria, weeping willow and allies of roses with which Monet surrounded himself and which he painted repeatedly.

Melbourne is the only Australian city to house these masterpieces. Please take your children. For some it will be a once in a lifetime chance to view these extraordinary artworks. It is open from May 10th until September 8th. Adult tickets are $26 and children’s (5 – 15 years) tickets are $10. Concession tickets are $22.50 and family tickets (2 adults and 3 children) are $65. Don’t miss out! For more details go to

www.ngv.vic.gov.au

"My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece.”

Bit McLean and Madame (Visual Arts Teachers)

DONATIONS: Thanks to Angus and Hamish for all of the folders and to anyone else who has left donations outside the artroom.
Art News

Zart Art have once again showed their support of our school by donating some art products for us to help in the creation of our Trivia Night artworks.

Requests: The Preps to 3s are about to start their Smarty Arty 'Sustainability' projects and produce year level scarecrows. If anyone could help out with the following items we would be very grateful. We need:
- A pair of old school shoes or runners,
- A school hat,
- An old school dress,
- An old Kew Primary School long sleeved top and / or jumper,
- Opaque navy blue stockings,
- Opaque black stockings,
- Flesh coloured stockings (opaque preferred),
- Kids gumboots,
- A tiara and
- A mermaid tail.
If you have any of these items and you don't need them any more could you please drop them into the Art Room? Thanks.

Bit McLean and Madame (Visual Arts Teachers)

Tickets now on sale for the...

Saturday 13th June 2013, 7pm 'til late! at the School Gym

Home Grown Trivia Questions • Silent Auction • Music and Dancing • Drinks at Bar Prices
BYO nibbles OR sushi and pizza options available when booking tickets
Tickets $20 per person • Book through www.trybooking.com.au/CT7J

Support KPS and donate now for the Silent Auction - Goods/Vouchers/Services/Cash gratefully accepted.
For more details please contact your Class Rep
School Council

Dear Parents

Each year, school council review the needs of the school for the forthcoming year. Accordingly, the following sub-committees have been set up for 2013:

- Building & Grounds
- Education & Policy
- Grants, Communication & Marketing

The success of these sub-committees rely on parent participation and School Council welcomes your expression of interest to join any of these sub-committees. Please contact me via email on nikki@sraccountants.com.au should you be interested.

Kew Primary School Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser – Sunday 5th May

Kew Primary School has is having a sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings Hawthorn (230-246 Burwood Road, Hawthorn). This is a great opportunity for the school to raise around $2,000 and the only thing you need to do is to volunteer to cook and sell sausages in the kiosk outside Bunnings for a short period of time on Sunday 5th May.

No experience is necessary! Aprons, gloves and BBQ tools will be provided.

We need 4 or 5 parents per time slot and the available times are as follows:

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If you are available or you wish to volunteer someone else in your family please let me know via email at emma_peter3@bigpond.com and include the name and contact phone number of the person volunteering. Thanks very much in advance for donating an hour of your time to our great school!

Kew Primary School Dress Code – draft policy for comment

School Council has recently developed a draft Dress Code for Kew Primary School. The purpose of the dress code is:

*To further develop students’ pride and respect in their own appearance; help students to identify with the school and its values; promote equality and enable participation in all school activities; promote a positive image of the school within the community and assist with identification of students, particularly on excursions. The Code has been created with consideration of potential safety and health concerns including the commitment to the SunSmart program.*

The creation of a Dress Code for Kew Primary School will not change the current school uniform. The intention is to formalise the uniform the school already has.

If you wish to comment on the draft Dress Code, please provide it in writing (hard copy or email) to the office by Friday 17th May. School Council will consider any responses received prior to formalising the policy.
Please support the Kew Primary School

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Thursday the 9th of May

The annual PTA Mother's Day stall is taking place next Thursday. We have a wonderful selection of gifts, all of them wrapped and great value! Prices range from $1 to $10.

The children absolutely love being able to choose special gifts for their mothers in this familiar and safe environment. Classes will visit the stall briefly during the day between 9am and 1pm.

The stall is not just a fundraising endeavour, but is aimed at providing a convenient and cheap opportunity for the children to choose their parent a gift – and they absolutely LOVE doing this! It provides them with a lot of pleasure and happily, provides us parents with a convenient solution.

Happy Mother's Day to all!

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Just a reminder to get your Mother's Day Hamper Raffle tickets back to school by Wednesday the 8th of May to be in the draw!
Thank you! Thank you to all the students (& their parents!) for supporting our great canteen & Sally, our Canteen Manager, over the last year.

Canteen lunches have had an extra benefit beyond saving busy parents’ time. Money raised over & above our outlay has gone towards renovating the canteen. So now it works so much more efficiently with an industrial dishwasher, drying racks, microwave re-location, stainless steel bench tops etc. It couldn’t have happened so quickly without all your financial support.

Sally has overseen all the renovations & is so happy with how the new canteen works. Thank you for your hard work, Sally!

Volunteers Needed!
Thanks also to the canteen helpers who generously donate their time to make our Canteen run smoothly.

We have over 30 of these helpful parents who assist Sally & yet we need more please! We have decreased the shift time from all-day to 2½ hours, which is much more appealing, but means more volunteers are needed to cover the same time.

Please contact Sally on 0431 213 289 if you can help out.

Only 2½ hours once a month on:

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The Benefits of CHESS
☆ Planning ☆ Confidence ☆ Patience ☆ Discipline

NEWS FLASH...
We now have 2 coaches in Chess Club, thanks to growing numbers, so we are able to provide 2 levels of coaching: Beginners & Intermediate/Advanced.

AND
Kew Primary will be hosting an inter-school tournament for the first time on Monday 9th September this year! So put it in your diaries & give it a go, whether your child is a Chess Club member or not.

With a flick of the wrist, your deadly enemy is demolished and you’re in an indisputable position of power. But wait! Your opponent counter-strikes and the chase is on again....The latest computer game? Nope. The hot game of the moment is....chess.

While the game is not new, its popularity certainly is. What was once seen as a “nerd” game is now played by children everywhere. So why is chess on the rise?

Chess is an extracurricular activity that is also seen as an "intellectual" aid in helping children do better in school, especially in problem-solving and maths. Today the world is so technology-oriented that people need brainpower, not brawn, to compete. Not only can chess improve logic, concentration and focus, but it also helps children realise the consequences of their actions.

According to research, test scores improved by 17% for students regularly engaged in chess classes, compared with only 5% for children participating in other forms of enriched activities. In approximately 30 nations across the globe, chess is incorporated into the country’s scholastic curriculum. Just as athletics are a part of the required agenda at schools in the United States, chess has been that way in the European Nations.

Chess also has social benefits. Children learn to be graceful losers – and winners – in front of their peers. Plus, the game is fairly democratic – chess cuts across physical, age, racial, economic and gender barriers. All that’s needed, besides an opponent, is a board and 32 pieces.

CHESS IS FUN! It isn’t just another board game. No chess game ever repeats itself, which means you create more and more new ideas each game. It never gets boring. You always have so much to look forward to. In every game you are the general of an army and you alone decide the destiny of your soldiers. You can sacrifice them, trade them, pin them, fork them, lose them, defend them, or order them to break through barriers and surround the enemy king. You’ve got the power!.....

Kew Primary is keen to encourage membership of it’s Chess Club, held each Friday lunchtime in the LRC. New techniques are taught & discussed each week by the chess coaches, followed by friendly supervised games.

A general knowledge of chess is beneficial but not essential. All year levels & skill levels are represented so come & have a go! Your first session is free.

Keen players may also represent the school at three tournaments each year, one each in 1st, 2nd & 3rd terms. Third term this year will be hosted by Kew Primary! The team will be chaperoned by a parent or two & the current chess coach (when available).
Hello everyone,

It's week 3 already, time is flying fast!

We spent some time over the school holidays with the children cleaning out all the old and broken board games, the children put in suggestions of what they wanted at the program and we have replaced them all with new games; Monopoly Millionaire, Hungry Hippo, Connect Four, Guess Who and many more.

Our preps have been doing an awesome job of coming straight to OSHClub. Parents should be very proud of their little cherubs because we all are at OSHClub!

On the menu: We offer our children food and flavours from all over the world. This past fortnight we have been eating foods eaten in Italy (pizza, but made with Mexican tortilla bread and Turkish mountain bread), India (Curry), Malaysia (Laksa) and just a heads up to parents, your children have been eating a lot of eggplant, zucchini, mushrooms, capsicums, carrots and pumpkin, broccoli and cauliflower too.

If any family has a favourite soup recipe they wish to share with us at OSHClub, please bring it along and we may make it for afternoon tea.

**RECYCLING MATERIALS:** Can all families please bring along any old magazines, newspapers, cereal boxes, jars, lids, shoe boxes and anything else that is recyclable for us to use at OSHClub Kew PS.

*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 per child.
*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

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**Next Week's Activities**

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**Parent Information**

OSH program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Kathi
Assistants: Niki, Fiona, Paul, Tim, Cristal
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](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.
The Canterbury Art Exhibition will hold its 41st exhibition this weekend 3rd – 5th of May at the Canterbury Primary School in Molesworth Street, Canterbury.

This year the Exhibition will showcase over 650 individual artworks from over 150 talented Australian artists. A highlight of the exhibition will be the work of our feature artists, Roy Wilkins and Anna Blatman.

Opening Night is Friday 3rd May from 8pm – 11pm. Further information can be obtained from http://www.canterburyart.com/

Saturday 4th May from 10am – 5pm.
Sunday 5th May from 10am – 4pm (Family Day).
Weekend Entry fee is $5 for adults and children are free. The cafe and gift shop will be open all weekend and children’s activities will be offered at the Family Day on Sunday.

Entertainment Books are at the office waiting to be purchased. $13 from each book sold will be donated to the school.