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## Message from the Principal

**THANK YOU WORKING BEE-ERS!**

We had over 30 families attend our working bee last Sunday. This was a terrific turnout and we were able to complete many tasks to improve our school grounds. Many metres of mulch was moved, garden beds weeded, paths and playground areas swept and the area outside the canteen was pressure sprayed. We also planted out some areas around the gym.

Many thanks to all those that attended and I hope that the students enjoy their $5 lunch order voucher.

We need everyone’s help to make sure these plants survive. Please do not walk through these garden areas, especially the area under the four trees outside the gym!

**LOOKING FORWARD TO FOOTSTEPS DANCE FIESTA**

It will be big night tonight and I know the students are really excited about the performances.

I ask that all students arrive 30 minutes before the show. Please enter the foyer and students can move to the backstage area via the doorway left of the entry doors into the hall. Parents and guests can then take their seats in the venue.

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**Term Dates 2015**

Term 3 - 13 Jul - 18 Sept
Term 4 - 5 Oct - 18 Dec

**Term Dates 2016**

Term 1 - 27 Jan - 24 Mar
(Students start 29 Jan)
At the conclusion of the concert, parents can remain in their seats. We will bring the students out to the stage area to be collected. This will be done in alphabetical order (surname) to assist with an orderly departure.

**FATHER’S DAY STALL & BREAKFAST**

Wow! Today over 350 breakfasts were served! What an amazing effort from Dem and Sally in the canteen with lots of help and organisation from our amazing PTA. Our dads and other special people really get looked after! I hope you enjoy the gifts the students selected from our stall on Tuesday. I know they had fun working out what to buy and it was real life maths at work to see if they could afford it all!

**ICAS – SCIENCE COMPETITION**

Each year our students are provided with the opportunity to participate in an extra-curricular testing competition. The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments administered by the University of New South Wales. There are several different curriculum areas including spelling, maths and science. We have received the results of the Science test and I am pleased to say that our school achieved very well. We had a large number of students receive a Distinction (in the Top 10%) or High Distinction (in the Top 1%).

Congratulations and well done to the following students:

High Distinction: Taran Aponso and Allan Liang
Distinction: Anja Paine, Connor Clarke, Lucas Chin, Samhith Kodali, Leanne Leong, Oliver Sparks, Lily Sun, Ishana Suriapperuma, Hana Wong, Jonathan Nguyen, Daniel Chong, Jack Hallam, Gautam Menon, Oskar Von Wyss and Ethan Chuen.

**LIFE ED VAN**

Harold and his Life Ed van will be visiting our school during the last two weeks of this term. The Life Ed program focuses on issues around food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity, cyber safety, safety with medicine and legal drugs; tobacco, alcohol and caffeine.

By taking a comprehensive approach to drug and health education each module helps children to develop relationship skills, positive communication (both face to face and online), problem solving and decision making skills.

During the visit to the van students are given the opportunity to develop strategies and practice the skills required to avoid the harms associated with an unhealthy lifestyle.

**REMEMBER AND FEEDBACK**

I have now closed the 3 Way Conference Parent Feedback survey. Many thanks to all those that provided their thoughts. In a previous newsletter, I provided a brief overview of the feedback. I take this opportunity to again remind everyone that you are able to make appointments at any stage throughout the year to meet with your child’s teacher. Whilst our staff usually has meetings on Monday and Tuesday after school from 3.45pm through to 5pm and Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 8am, with suitable notice we are able to arrange times to accommodate all parents including those that work. If the matter is urgent you are also welcome to contact me and I will either assist personally or help to arrange a time for the teacher so that any concern can be addressed in as timely a manner as possible.

I know that each week our teachers spend time meeting with parents either before or after school to discuss issues regarding friendships, emotional, academic and a wide range of other areas. Both Robin and I frequently join these meetings to support our parents and staff members.

**Good luck District Athletes for tomorrow!**

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

Upon arriving at Kew PS on Monday morning, it was very easy to see that the working bee was very well attended, as the grounds did indeed look “spruced up”. Thank you to all the families who gave of their time to complete the designated tasks. The families to be acknowledged are: Seamer, Bradley, Li, Chen Liang, Von Wyss, Karcher, Ellis, Peterson, Juen, Senyard, Hendley, Kleynjans, Siew Adachi, Warden, Waters, Wagner, Grabsch, Stevenson, Hollingsworth, Gu and Zeng family.

Many of our Dads left Kew PS well and truly ready to start their day, after enjoying a tasty and nourishing breakfast this morning. It is such an enjoyable event for them, to spend time with their children at school, chatting to other Dads and taking that bit of extra time to socialise before heading off to work. None of this would be possible without the hardworking PTA Mums along with Dem and Sally in the canteen, to create the lovely breakfasts in the first place. A big thank you must be extended to them because it takes time to collate the orders, make the food and then have it served speedily, so that everyone gets to enjoy the warm breakfast they have ordered. Congratulations to all who helped with this highly successful event. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our dads, special carers and grandads a happy Father’s Day on Sunday.

Next week, it is planning week and as I have mentioned in a previous newsletter, the specialists’ timetable will change and each year level will have their specialist programs on the one day. Please take the time to explain to your child about these timetable changes especially if they get anxious about such events in school.

In the final week of this term Student Support Group or SSG meetings will be held for our funded students. These meetings are held termly with parents, teachers, classroom teacher aides, James and myself, where the success of each child’s individual learning plan (ILP) is discussed and then a new plan is created for the following term. These SSG meetings will happen on Tuesday 15th September in the main, and each family has been notified of their appointment time.

What a busy week it has been and I know that Clare Connor has been anxiously looking at the weather for Friday’s District Athletics carnival. I know our students who have succeeded in getting to the “districts”, will perform to the best of their ability but, above all, show a real sportsmanship attitude that we have come to expect from our Kew Kids. Good luck one and all.

Finally, as we are nearing the end of what has been a very productive term, educationally, for all students I would remind parents to check the lost property cupboard for any missing items of clothing. Those unclaimed items will then be laundered by Niki McConnon, our hardworking coordinator, and then they are placed in the second-hand uniform shop for sale. It seems rather costly to have to re-purchase items of uniform that you have already spent good money on!

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

Wondering what to do this coming school holidays? Well it’s time to start planning and this week on the blog, Alex St. Claire shares loads of activity ideas.

Do you have something you’d like to see on the blog? All contributions are welcome. Please drop me a line at: katrina.w@ozemail.com.au

Katrina Whelen
**SPRING IS IN THE AIR...**

And there are some spring onions ready for picking in our garden!

There are only a couple of bunches but if you would like to pick some, help yourself. They are located in the back garden bed by the compost bins.

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**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, give them some food and water and also give the plants a quick water.

Please signup to help at [https://www.volunteersignup.org/X3XFD](https://www.volunteersignup.org/X3XFD)

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

Thank you to the Whelen, Lu, Dang, Selvarajah, Peterson, Clarke, Sharman, Warden, Rutherford and Grabsch families who have looked after our chickens this term.
Father’s Day Stall - Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped with and supported the Father’s Day & Special Person’s Day stall on Tuesday. We raised over $1400, which will support our school’s activities. Thank you to the parents and carers who provided the children with money to spend. It was great to see the excitement and enthusiasm of the children as they chose their gifts.

Thank you to all the volunteers: Claire, Fiona Hollingsworth, and Melanie Eades who helped through the whole process. Claire & Elise, Zoe, Grace, Emma & Harry Kilby, and Neil, Keira & Anna for setting up on Monday. Thanks to the Mums who gave up their time to help on the stall – Claire, Fiona Hollingsworth, Naomi, Rie, Danella Draper, Lucy Dwyer, Zoe Kilby and Bethanie Clarke (who also took photos).

Thanks also to Debbie, Aisha and Ruth in the school office for their help with notices, newsletters, Skoolbag messages, money, and taking delivery of the gifts.

Tania Lim (on behalf of the PTA)
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
This week at OSHClub we explored gross and fine motor skills. Using our fine motor skills to thread, to draw and create can sometimes be tricky however with persistence we managed to create some beautiful pieces of artwork. Outdoors we all were involved in large group games, using our collaboration skills and working as a team, it was great to see everyone’s strengths coming together. For cooking activities we made yummy pizza scrolls and chocolate muffins, originally we were going to make pasties but the children decided they were more interested in creating scrolls. First they placed the ingredients in the middle of the table before reading through the recipe, the children created the food all by themselves!
On Monday we made Vine videos, we had so much fun pretending to act out roles as we filmed on our ipad’s. We had to listen to each other’s ideas to create the best video, taking turns and practicing different angles with the camera, it was a lot of fun. Next week we are beginning a new theme “Learning to be leaders” to see our the OSHClub children can excel.

Reminders
We are still on the hunt for some different photos of families traveling, could we please bring these in next week, thank you!
If your child is booked to attend After School Care but other arrangements are made for their collection (such as a family member), or they leave school early due to illness etc. please call or text the program on 0400 394 489 to let us know. This avoids us having to look around the school grounds for children who aren’t actually attending ASC, and having to call parents and emergency contacts to determine the child’s actual whereabouts. We just want to know they are safe 😊

A selection of Next Week’s Activities – Mini Master Chefs!

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Parent Information
OSH program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Harriet
Assistant Coordinator: Lauren
Assistants: Niki, Iosi
OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9003
BSC Hours: 7:00am – 8:45am 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 the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Dear Parent,

Practitioners from Learning for Life are going to be running the Secret Agent Society Social Skills Training Program at Kew PS in Term 4. This program is designed to improve the emotion regulation and social skills of children with High-Functioning Autism or Asperger Syndrome. However, children do not require a formal diagnosis to participate. Before commencing the program, you will be asked to undergo an assessment to determine whether the program will meet your family's needs. This assessment typically involves completing an intake interview with a practitioner and filling out a questionnaire booklet. The practitioner will also meet with your child and talk with their teacher. In some cases, a school-based observation of your child may also be conducted.

If the program is considered to be appropriate for your family, you will be invoiced by Learning for Life and they will purchase a Secret Agent Society Family Kit from the Social Skills Training Institute website (www.sst-institute.net) on your behalf. This Family Kit contains all of the resources that your family will need to participate in the program, including a child Cadet Handbook, Gadget Pack, Computer Game, Parent Workbook and Teacher Tip Sheet Pack.

The Secret Agent Society Program consists of a two-hour introductory parent group meeting followed by nine weekly two-hour sessions and two follow-up sessions. For the first 90 minutes of each session, children will play therapeutic games and activities under the guidance of two group facilitators. For the final 30 minutes of each session, one group facilitator will help children apply their social skills during an informal play period, while the other facilitator reviews program content with parents and explains how they can support their child's social skill usage in everyday life. Children will be asked to play the Secret Agent Society Computer Game between sessions and to complete ‘home missions’ with parental guidance. Weekly teacher tip sheets will be provided. These tip sheets advise teachers how they can promote children’s social and emotional development at school.

The sessions will start the first week of term four and be one afternoon a week. The specific afternoon will be finalized dependent on what suits the families enrolled. The children’s component will be from 1:50 to 3:30pm and the parents will then meet from 3:30 to 4:00pm. The second facilitator will supervise the children during the parent meeting. If you have any questions and/or would like to register your interest in the Term 4 Secret Agent Society Program, please contact Sarah Wood on 9836 5516 or sarah@learningforlife.com.au.

Kind regards,

Sarah Wood
Psychologist
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