### Diary Dates

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### Message from the Principal

**CAMP OUT NIGHT – SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER from 3pm**

A final call for our big “Camp Out” night this Saturday. Already we have more families attending than last year so we are setting a new record! There will be a sausage sizzle on the Saturday night and then bacon and eggs on the Sunday morning. The cost is $20 per family and you will need to book your spot via Trybooking. Please see the details in a flyer in this newsletter. Hopefully the weather looks after us and our year 5 campers (including myself) can get a good night’s sleep on Friday night after getting back from camp.


We are also running a working bee on Sunday 22nd November from 8am – 11am. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more details about this.

**GRADE STRUCTURES - INFORMATION 2016**

We have made some changes to the original plans listed for our school structure next year. Whilst commencing our grade builds and student placements into classes, it became very obvious that the best option for our school was to organise 6 x composite classes in the Middle School. The changes are required because it was becoming increasingly difficult to achieve the required balance of academic, social and emotional needs of our students with only 2 composite classes across this level.

As I have previously mentioned we always build our classes in the same way, regardless of their title, and having greater flexibility across these grades has ensured a much better outcome than would have been previously achievable. This is particularly important around the specific numbers of students at each level e.g. Year 3 and Year 4.

In terms of school management and operations, the classes will run in a very similar way to this year. Students will often move from one teacher or classroom to another as we implement various targeted teaching groups. For some activities the students will still be combined into their whole cohort e.g. Year 4. We will be very flexible with this and group students purposefully.

I am really pleased with this outcome. It means that we have far more balanced classes which will enable us to run a very effective Middle School program next year. I am also excited about the teaching team we have put together in Middle school. There is a very effective mix of experience, knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm.

The leadership and management structure of the team will be similar to 2015. An experienced teacher will coordinate the curriculum, teaching program and student data tracking across the team. As part of our School Improvement Team (SIT) process they meet with other SIT leaders and the
leadership team of Robin, Andrew, Sally and myself each fortnight. In addition there will be a dedicated School Management Team leader within the Middle School Team. They will have the role of ensuring communication and organisation within the team is effectively managed.

I see this structure as a positive step for our school. It supports the way we implement and target our teaching and strengthens the team approach we have. I am very confident that students in this area of our school will be provided with an engaging, challenging and rewarding year of schooling in 2016.

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Please note that plans are always subject to change based on enrolment numbers and other factors as they arise.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

On Friday 18\(^{th}\) December at 9.15am we will present a fun and relaxed Christmas Concert. All grades levels will have the opportunity to present a song and enjoy the last day of school for 2015! This event will be held in the gym.

**THANK YOU PTA**

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all members of our PTA this year. It has been another big year for our school and the support of our PTA has been enormous. There has been a wide variety of events run and all of these have added to our community financially but more significantly to our vibrant, diverse and inclusive school culture. I believe that the PTA has been instrumental in continuing to develop a positive and productive climate across our school. Thank you to Clare Tanner for her leadership, energy and commitment to our school and thank you to all those that supported the work of the PTA this year. I will take the opportunity to acknowledge and thank our PTA for their work this year at our assembly on the 11th December.

**PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA**

As a thank you to all parents, grandparents and carers who do a wonderful job helping at the school we are holding a thank you morning tea on Tuesday 1st December at 10.30am in the Junior School Hall. The invitation is open to all parents or grandparents or family members who have helped in any way this year. There is no doubt that without such amazing community support we would not be able to achieve what we do. If you are unable to attend we thank you for your contribution to Kew Primary School during 2015.

**MAINTENANCE PERSON**

Do you know of a handy person who might like to work at Kew Primary School on a casual part time basis? We are looking for an experienced person who can help us look after our school by completing a range of small maintenance jobs, cleaning and upkeep. This might be perfect for a semi-retired person who lives close to our school. Please contact me at the school if you are interested or know of someone who would be.

penson.james.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Be Worthy!

James Penson - Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Year Six camp at Portsea and as with any school camp, I did return tired! However, I can happily report that all students were enthusiastically involved in their respective activities and motivated to challenge themselves beyond their normal comfort zones. One aspect of this camp that stood out for me was how all Kew PS Kids encouraged each other and were vocal in their support for their peers when they attempted new and difficult tasks.

We all need encouragement but when it comes from your peers it does actually mean a whole lot more to the giver and receiver of it and, naturally you try that bit harder to achieve your aims. Well done Year Six students and what a lovely way to finish a final year at Kew PS!

A huge thank you must also go to Shelley Ware, who organised this camp and to the parents and teachers who also attended. The parents attending were Dem Peterson, Paul Hulls as well as teachers Sonia Hocking, Jeff Farnsworth and Andrew Wood. Giving up time with your family and, of course, the comfort of your own bed is a big ask of anyone, but we all returned with smiles on our faces and lots of quality experiences to relive. Thank you for your combined efforts in making this camp the success it was.

In the last few newsletters, James Penson has outlined what we have planned for the coming year in terms of classes and areas of improvement for student learning that we are going to tackle in 2016. Grade building is underway, taking many hours of teachers’ time and a massive amount of thought and worry goes into this process. You, as parents, do not see any of this, but instead you see the final result of this process. Teachers take into account parent requests, friendship groups as well as the optimum learning conditions for all students. Parents do have a real part to play in the whole process and your part is to model resilience to your children. Going into a new grade with a new teacher can be quite daunting for a number of our students even though we as a school community have an in depth transition process in place for all Kew Kids. However, the telling factor is when parents are positive about the new class, teacher and, also put a positive spin on these changes, then your children will look expectantly to 2016 at Kew PS. Together we can make a great start to a new school year and I know we can count on you all to model that resilience and positivity to your children.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

It’s birthday time on the blog! Pop over for cake.

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
If anyone is interested in running the Second Hand Uniform Shop in 2016, please contact the school Office, or Nikki McConnon directly at nikolamcconnon@bigpond.com
Thank you

Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic Book orders are due on 25th October.
Orders can be held at the office if parents are ordering Christmas surprises.

Whole School Christmas Concert

Friday 18th Dec 9.15am in the Gym.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy our annual Christmas concert. Every year level will be performing a song to celebrate our Happy holidays. Please save the date we would love to see you all there. It’s a wonderful way to spend the last day together! See you there!

3-6 Christmas Choir singers needed.

If you love singing and would love to be involved, please join us. We will meet at lunchtime on Tuesday in the BER (Year 6 rooms) to practise some classic Christmas songs to be sung on the 8th December at 1.30pm at Highgrove Aged Care Facility in Kew. The residents loved it so much last year they have invited us back. The Choir will also perform at the Christmas Concert.

Second Hand Uniform

French Day at Kew PS - mercredi 25 novembre 2015

- French Puppet performance of Cendrillon for all students (make sure you’ve paid the term 4 curricular fees)
- Dress up as a character from Cendrillon (Cinderella) or wear casual clothes in the French colours (bleu, blanc et rouge)
- Last day tomorrow for croissant orders at La Cantine
Library News

Michael Wagner Visit

Well known author, Michael Wagner visited the school on Monday launching his new book *Pig Dude* with Prep, Years 1, 2 & 3. He is very funny and it was a great session to inspire writing and reading.

Last orders for *Pig Dude* ($10 cash to the office) must be in on Monday.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair was very successful with lots of satisfied customers and many books for the library. Thank you for your support.

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**Join us on the PTA!**

Are you interested in joining the PTA?
Come and visit our display table at the Peppercorn BBQ and receive a free refreshment!

**Find the PTA a New Name & win a prize**

The Parents & Teachers Association (PTA) need a new name.
We have such a great KEWmunity at KPS and the team on the PTA are looking for your input.
Will you come up with it?

Email Melanie Eades (Lachlan-Prep & Jacqueline Yr2) at melanie.eades@yahoo.com with your suggestions and be in to win a prize at the Peppercorn BBQ on Friday 4th Dec at 7pm!
Peppercorn BBQ

Friday 4th December
5pm to 7pm
At School, Under the Peppercorn Tree

A great opportunity for parents/carers & kids to celebrate the end of the year!

Sausages (Plain Beef & Polish), Salads, soft drinks & icypoles for sale.

Keen to help with setting up, cooking or cleaning up?
Sign up at https://www.volunteersignup.org/Q9BJA

Reminder:
Parent Helpers Morning Tea on Tuesday 1st December at 10.30am in the Junior School Hall.
SUMMER HOLIDAY SCARY STORY COMPETITION

To celebrate the
NEW Goosebumps MOVIE COMING IN JAN 2016!

IT’S TIME TO AWAKEN THE WRITER LURKING WITHIN YOUR STUDENTS!
They could WIN their very own Goosebumps boxed set and $100 in Book Clubs vouchers for 2016!

HOW TO ENTER
Students are asked to write their own scary story this summer holiday—limit 800 words.
The winning entry will be the most creative and well-written story.
Students can send their story via email or post.

The competition closes on 1 February 2016.
Three winners will be selected—one from each of the age groups listed below:

GROUP 1: YEARS 1 & 2
GROUP 2: YEARS 3 & 4
GROUP 3: YEARS 5, 6 & 7

Visit scholastic.com.au/competitions for all the frightening facts, plus you can download a checklist of the Goosebumps series so students can see how many titles they have read.

SCHOLASTIC
open a world of possible
The Camp on the oval is on

This could be the last year we can camp on the oval before it has it's makeover so gear up for a big event....last year was a fantastic success... bookings are open.

The cost is per family, just let us know how many people we need to cater for when you book. We've picked a warm time of year so hopefully not too much equipment is required.

What : KPSFASS Camp on the Oval for Dads and Kids
Where : The Kew Primary School Oval
When : Saturday November the 21st from 3pm
Who : Dads, kids and any other significant male family members are welcome.
Cost : $20 per family includes Sausage Sizzle on Sat night and Egg and Bacon Sandwiches on Sunday Morning
Equipment : Bring/borrow a tent for your family, sleeping bags, inflatable mats, chairs - yes, RV's and Campers are welcome, no power provided
Booking : [http://www.trybooking.com/IQAP](http://www.trybooking.com/IQAP)

As always, Uncles, Grandfathers, male carers and teachers are all welcome. Don't miss this last chance on the oval... Looking forward to seeing you all.
Healthy Skills For Life - term 4!

The wonderful year 4 and 5 students at Kew PS have now completed their 5 week health and well-being program.

Over the term we used yoga-based movement to be mindful of our bodies and our breath. The children learned different breathing techniques, and would then notice how that made them feel. The students did well to learn some of the challenging physical poses, helping them with body awareness, strength and confidence. Each lesson we would also focus on a different core value, with respect for each other and our selves being the main theme throughout.

The classes enjoyed group and partner work, learning to work well with others and learning to be great leaders - whilst remembering to be aware of the differences in one another.

We would usually end our sessions laying back in a relaxation, finding a point of focus within ourselves to help clear the mind, and giving us some much needed stillness - a real challenge for most!

Apart from the obvious physical benefits of gaining strength, balance and flexibility, our programs can help children to understand themselves (and therefore others) better to help them in their school lives socially and emotionally - gaining those important life skills to help them with their everyday challenges.

Hopefully the students enjoyed it as much as I did! It was a pleasure getting to know them all, and to watch them grow each week. What stood out to me was how polite all of them were. I particularly enjoyed our group discussions!

Thank you for having me at your wonderful school, and for making your students health and well-being a priority.

Warm regards,

Lian

Life Skills Group
**Program Update**

This week we’ve had so much fun engaging in a range of activities indoors and outdoors. During the mornings we’ve slowly arrived tired and vague but we soon participate in quiet art activities and pool. Kieran and Taylor have been versing each other in pool both working on their hand eye coordination, it’s been amazing to see how fast the boy’s skills are developing.

On Tuesday afternoon we had a delivery on brand new toys! We all love helping unpack the toys and assisting the educators. Patrick, Eva X, Alison and Amelia W were all amazing helpers putting together toys and setting them up in the different play spaces! After we had added the new toys to the play spaces we engaged in a ‘recycled items’ competition using all the new boxes! Ashton and Joseph made a large car using a recycled box; they even made a windshield out of cellophane! Another team involving Fearghas, Elodie, Emilia and Harry created a large set of traffic lights with a city landscape above, both these teams won the competition so had the opportunity to make delicious milkshakes!

Samhith was ready to go in the gym this week after spending many afternoons on the oval so was very pleased to here we were playing Basketball and dodgeball, we all love engaging in team activities that give the children the opportunity to show leadership, assist younger children and improve their skills in throwing and catching! Thanks for another fun week OSHClub, we’ve had heaps of fun 😊

Also just a friendly reminder to please book your child into the program before it begins so that we can provide enough food for all children!

**Reminders**

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**

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**Parent Information**

OSH program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Harriet Assistant Coordinator: Lauren Assistants: Niki, Issi
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
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 any day bookings please contact the Coordinators direct at the program.
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