Curriculum Day
Friday 14th August

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)
KPS also specifically targets leadership skills development in our Senior School through our Action Teams and Buddy Programs.

We know that these programs are working because of the feedback we get from the secondary schools our students move to. Another great example of this feedback is when our students demonstrate leadership by taking initiative via their own choice and without teacher direction. Today Phoebe Senyard, Lola Nobali, Elana Odicho and Tully Sterndale have organised an out of uniform day to raise funds and awareness for MND research. The girls did a wonderful job promoting the event, organising a guess the lolly jar competition and some prizes for the dress ups. Well done girls – you set a great example of student’s leadership at KPS and are living our “Be Worthy” motto!

WANT TO PLAY IN A SCHOOL BAND?
Creative Music who run the instrumental music lessons at our school are currently organising a Kew Primary Band Project. This involves a 30 minute rehearsal at school each week. Our aim is to develop a small school ensemble to participate in school band performances in front of audiences and to develop the confidence and performance ability of our students in the instrumental music program.

If you have a child who can play a woodwind or brass instrument or who can read music and is learning a musical instrument that can be played in a band please see the flyer in this newsletter. Interested students need to be self-motivated and reliable in attendance.

*Please note that whilst the flyer mentions a small fee for non-Creative Music students I have arranged for the Band Project to be free of charge to both Creative Music students and other students.

THANK YOU TO CLARE & TEAM FOR HOUSE ATHLETICS
What a great event at our House Athletics Carnival last Friday. Well done to all of the students who participated so actively and energetically. There was a wonderful atmosphere amongst the students and many examples of terrific sportsmanship and our CARE values. A highlight for me was watching the support given to one of our students as he completed the last lap of the 1,500m race. Another highlight was the contribution of our staff and the huge number of parent helpers who ensured all events were completed efficiently and effectively. Thank you to our PTA for organising the coffee, tea and biscuits during the day.

Of course, the biggest thank you and congratulations goes to Clare Connor our wonderful PE coordinator. The quality, structure and organisation of this event highlights how lucky we are to have her as part of our team. This would be one of the best run House Athletics programs across all schools in our local area and beyond!

Good luck to all those students who will be selected into our Athletics team to represent our school at the District Athletics on the 28th August.

You will shortly be able to check out some of the action from the big day on the TV display outside the office.

EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF
Next week is National Support Staff Week and I take this opportunity to acknowledge the huge contribution that ES staff make to our Kew Primary School team.

Aisha Ali – who is the first point of contact at our school in the office. Aisha provides exceptional organisation and supports our school community with the extensive administrative processes we have.

Ruth Woolven – wears two hats at our school. Ruth provides outstanding administrative assistance and also does an amazing job keeping our library in top shape. In fact our Library program is growing from strength to strength and we are proud of the impact this has had across our literacy programs.

Debbie Capaul – Our Bursar who organises our school payments and ensures all of our bills are paid on time. Debbie also does wonderful work setting up TryBookings for all of our school events and supporting the work of our PTA.

Faye Pattie – Our very knowledgeable Business Manager who ensures that our school finances are organised and all of the correct processes (of which there are many!) are followed. Faye has also been of tremendous support as
we have worked through the process of building a stronger financial position for our school. Both Debbie and Faye also play a significant role managing the many HR (Human Resources) functions for our busy school and staff.

Kim Del Tito – Our First Aid Nurse who cares for our ill and injured children which at the moment is tracking at over 100 a week! Kim does an amazing job in a very busy and demanding environment.

Sally Macallan – One of our Integration Aides who has made a huge difference to the educational opportunities for our students.

Mary Woodgate - A member of our Teacher Aide team who contributes so much to the individual students but also to the whole class she is working with.

Melissa de Melis – A member of our Teacher Aide team who brings a great deal of experience and knowledge and shares this with our team.

Susanne Wright – A Teacher Aide who works tirelessly to ensure students are given every opportunity to learn and participate with their peers.

Natalie Grummitt – A very dedicated Teacher Aide who continues to make a massive impact on the quality of learning experience for individual students.

Mary Diacaris – another committed Teacher Aide who dedicates all of her energy and effort into ensuring the students she is working with are provided with the very best opportunities. Mary has great ideas and is passionate about her role.

Sarah Abel – we are lucky to have Sarah as part of our Teacher Aide team. Sarah adds valuable ideas to our school and supports students so effectively.

Angus Burns – the newest member of the Teacher Aide team who joined us earlier this year. Angus has already proven to be a great asset to our school in the way he has established such a positive relationship with the students he supports.

Aisha, Ruth, Debbie, Faye, Kim, Mary, Melissa, Susanne, Natalie, Mary, Sarah and Angus should also be acknowledged for completing extensive professional learning outside of their work hours. This demonstrates their passion for their roles and their commitment to our school.

Sandra Groves – DET School Psychologist. Sandra has a very important role at our school. She works with staff, students and parents to provide expert advice, recommendations and support.

Samantha Williams – DET Speech Pathologist. Sam’s contribution to students at our school reaches far beyond the amount of time she is allocated to us. We are fortunate to have such a hard working speech therapist who also guides Susanne and Natalie to implement our Speech Therapy Assistant (STA) program.

Dem Peterson – Our Canteen Manager who has quickly taken over main duties with such ease and ensures our canteen is second to none!

Sally Brown – who now assist Dem to make such an amazing array of snacks and lunches for everyone.

Kevin Vu - Our ICT technician who works hard to make sure our system is working and running as effectively as possible.

Chab Nadudvari – An often unseen but very much appreciated handyman. It is usually as simple as putting a job on Chab’s list and it gets done in the blink of an eye!

Thank you to all of Ed Support team for your work to support our whole school community.

HOMEWORK
Our staff has commenced work around reviewing our Homework Policy and processes. This includes investigating a grid style format that has some core tasks each week and also a range of other tasks.

If you would have an opinion you would like to share with me or a suggestion about homework at KPS please email me:
penson.james.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Be Worthy!
James Penson
Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

In the recently held 3-way conferences, sometime would have been spent on the success of the students’ learning goals and then moving forwards, other learning goals would have been established for Semester Two. A less formal approach also happens for teachers, who decide what their learning goals will be for the year in view of the school’s Annual Implementation Plan. These goals are quite tailored for this purpose and the staff collects evidence to show what they achieved against those goals. The professional learning needed to achieve these goals is quite specific but throughout the year other opportunities arise to participate in Professional Learning sessions, or PL’s as they have become known as, such as those held throughout the Boroondara Network of schools. Traditionally, in week 5 of Terms Two and Three, it is a meeting free week for these schools, so all staff can participate in a range of these sessions across the network. Perhaps some of you have noticed this week, that the car park had emptied quite quickly after the school bell went, in order for the staff to attend these sessions. Not only are they valuable but just visiting other schools provides teachers with a wealth of ideas. For instance, looking at how other teachers set up classrooms, how the students’ learning is showcased and the type of displays of work, not just artwork, is done. It can be a feast for the eyes and food for the mind.

Further professional learning for the staff will take place this Friday, a pupil free day. A number of staff will be undertaking CPR training in the morning whilst other staff members will be visiting schools to specifically see how those schools run their writing programs, develop their inquiry approach in the various year levels and personalise learning. The schools being visited are Deepdene PS, Greenhills PS and Princes Hill PS. Ideas from these school visits will be reported back to all the staff during our regular staff meetings. Finally, in the afternoon all staff members will complete a very in depth anaphylaxis training module with St. John’s Ambulance who are the first aid providers for DET. Not only does such training improve staff first aid knowledge but it does keep our students safe.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Clare Connor for her faultless organization of the House Athletics, and to thank the staff and all the parent helpers, who vastly contributed to the smooth running of the day. A highlight for me was when a group of students ran with another student, who was finding the final lap of the 1500 metres a bit trying, encouraging him and cheering him on to the finish. It was a real demonstration of our CARE values at work and I am not ashamed to say, it brought tears to my eyes.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

Go Team! This week on the blog Clare Connor gives us the rundown on the House Athletics.

If you have something you'd like to share on the school blog, please drop me a line at:

katrina.w@ozemail.com.au

Katrina Whelen
Library News

Lamont Book Fair
Last chance after school Thursday 13th August

Book Week Dress Up

On Friday 21 August we will be having Book Week Dress Up and a parade at Assembly. This is a fun event to celebrate our favourite story book characters.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge – one month to go – make sure you log your books
Cybersmart – Kids Helpline

Kids Helpline is a free 24 hour counselling service for Australian kids and young people aged 5-25 years. You can get help over the phone, email or web. The counsellors talk with more than 6,000 kids each week, and help with all sorts of problems, big and small. Web counselling lets you connect one-on-one, real time, with a Kids Helpline counsellor, over the web. Because a lot of kids use web counselling, there is often a wait time before a counsellor is available. If you need to talk to someone now, call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

What can you talk about?
You can talk to them about anything. Maybe something has happened at home or school and you’re not quite sure what to do about it. You might be feeling sad, scared or lonely, or just want to talk to someone who understands. Or you might have a question that you want an answer to. No question or problem is too big or too small for Kids Helpline.

Kids often call about:
• Family
• Friends
• Feeling sad
• Feeling scared
• School
• Anything!

You’ll talk directly with a counsellor when you call Kids Helpline. The following things will happen each time you contact us:
• You will hear a recorded message which tells you about how Kids Helpline works.
• After listening to, or reading this message, you will be connected to a Kids Helpline counsellor
• The counsellor you speak to will tell you his or her name, so if you call Kids Helpline again, you can ask to speak to the same person

Your counsellor will ask you what you would like to talk about and ask you some questions to help understand what’s going on for you. You don’t have to say your name and your counsellor won’t tell anyone what you discuss

For more information, have a look at https://www.kidshelpline.com.au

Madame T and the eSmart Team

Uniform Shop Mega Sale

Thursday 20th August

3pm

Outside the Library

Nothing over $10

Thank you to those families who recently made donations —the racks are full!
Father’s Day & Special Person’s Breakfast

You are invited to join your child for a special breakfast, to enjoy being together, and to celebrate with other Dads and Special Persons

Thursday 3rd September from 7.30am

To be served outside canteen

Bookings available now via www.trybooking.com/IQWM closes midnight Sun 30th Aug.

Select from a gourmet menu - you must pre-order your food, no payments on the day.

Come along and enjoy a delicious breakfast with your child

Adults - Bacon & Egg roll & coffee $8
Kids - Bacon & egg roll & hot choc $6
Croissant, butter, jam & hot choc $5
Fruit skewers $3

Adults - Fresh coffee - coffee cart
Kids - Hot chocolate - canteen

To be served outside canteen

Book by midnight Sun 30th Aug
No late bookings this year
www.trybooking.com/IQWM
Booking confirmation required when collecting breakfast
Program Update

At OSHClub we have loved our new afternoon group game where everyone works together as we participate with encouragement and team building skills. This week we got involved in capture the flag, relay races, dodgeball and so many more.
Indoors we have been engaging in book week activities that give us the chance to have a break from the busy day and relax and rejuvenate, group story making was a hit and so were our action hero sketching competitions!
We tried our word at a time story on Wednesday which was a bit difficult, we had to patiently wait for our turn and then add a new word on that made sense! Next week we're getting active with an active body theme!

Reminders
If any families have some photos with their animals we would love to see them!
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 394 485 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 – Active bodies!

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0400 394 485
Coordinator: Harriet  Assistant Coordinator: Lauren  Assistants: Niki, Issi
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
BSC Hours: 7:00am – 8:45am; ASC Hours: 7:30pm – 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 other 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.sstinstitute.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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**KEW PRIMARY BAND PROJECT**

The Band Project is a weekly, 30 minute band rehearsal to be held here at school. Expressions of interest are now being accepted from students who can read music, including quavers/eight notes. Interested students need to be self-motivated and reliable in attendance.

Students will:
- Develop ensemble skills in a fun performance environment
- Develop confidence and enhance performance ability
- Participate in school band performances in front of audiences

**Students needed:**
Students who play woodwind or brass instruments are currently required.

The Band Project is free of charge to Creative Music students while a small subscription fee is charged to non Creative Music participants.

Creative Music For Schools is one of Melbourne’s largest and longest running instrumental tuition schools. We are excited to offer a band program at Kew Primary School in 2015. Please fill in the form below to enable Creative Music to provide you with additional information about this band program.

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Scot Gardner

*An event for students aged 10+*

Parents, carers and teachers are also welcome.

Award-winning author Scot Gardner has written numerous novels, ranging from absurd fantasy for children to gritty realism and tragic-comedy for young adults.

Join Scot to find out why he loves writing and what inspires him to write for young people.

**Tuesday 25 August**
**7pm**
**Kew Library**

Cnr Coatham Road & Civic Drive, Kew

Snacks provided

Free event, bookings essential.

Contact the library on 9279 4500 to book a place.

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**CHANDLER MACLEOD**

**School Crossing Supervisors**

Have you wondered how you can contribute to your local community but only have limited time available?

Opportunities are now available for School Crossing Supervisors in your local area and it’s a great opportunity to earn that extra cash you have been looking for.

These roles are for school terms only and require your commitment for 1 hour of a morning and afternoon (2 hours per day): 5 days per week.

Besides knowing you are assisting in the safety of local school children in crossing the road, you will also be rewarded with a good hourly rate ($23.10 per hour) with a full uniform provided.

You will be required to have a valid working with children check along with current police check which we will assist you in obtaining prior to commencing.

If you would like to know more about these opportunities, please contact our Sourcing Team on 1300 40 40 49 for further details.