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Message from Principal

A Growth Mindset

On Monday, Robin Grace and myself attended a professional learning session for teachers and school leaders around the importance of students developing a “growth mindset”. This work is based on the research of Dr Carol Dweck.

What does the research say?

In a fixed mindset, people believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simple fixed traits. They spend their time documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them. They also believe that talent alone creates success – without effort. They are wrong.

In a growth mindset, people believe that their best abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work. Brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Virtually all great people have these qualities.

Teaching a growth mindset creates motivation and productivity in the worlds of business, education and sports. A growth mindset enables people to pursue their goals more effectively and has been proven to boost students’ motivation and academic outcomes.

Where to from here?

I believe that this concept has strong relevance to the vision and direction we have for our school. Over the next few months I will be continuing to look more into the research presented by Dr Dweck and others and then begin conversations with our leadership team and staff about how we may embed a growth mindset into our school culture. This just may be the most important work that we do for our students and our families.

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CONCERNS & QUESTIONS
I would like to thank those parents who have recently contacted me at the school in regards to their concerns about a range of different issues and things that they have witnessed. By contacting the school we have been able to address these very quickly and appropriately and we believe that a more positive outcome will be the result of these interventions.

KEW FESTIVAL
Congratulations to Adam Hrelja (1/2M) and Lana Roberts (5CW) for first and second place respectively in the Kew Festival Art Competition. They will be presented with their prize at the Festival this Saturday afternoon.

A Skoolbag alert outlining more detail about our participation in the festival this Saturday has been sent today. Unfortunately I am unable to attend this year due to a family commitment but I hope we still have lots of our students and their families attending to represent our school.

ANZAC DAY GRANT & CEREMONY

During these school holidays, work will be completed to refurbish and move the WW1 marble memorial currently located outside Room 12, to a more prominent position along the wall outside the office. This forms a key part of our ANZAC Day ceremony as part of the 100 Years Centenary of ANZAC Grant that the school was awarded. The monument will be located next to the cabinet holding the Honour Book. This includes the names of over 270 people who attended Kew Primary School and served in the Great War.

During our ceremony each of the names will be read out as a mark of respect. The ceremony will occur on Friday 24th April. There will be an open invitation to all members of our school and local community. I also hope that members from the SACS better known as the “Flying Shovels” will be able to attend. This will mark the start of our relationship with this group as part of the Adopt an Ex-Service Organisation Program. I encourage anyone who knows a living relative of those from Kew Primary that served, to attend. If you would like to check the names listed in the book please contact me at the school.

SCHOOL TOURS 2016
I have started to host a school tour each week as we being our enrolment program for 2016. If you know of anyone with a child ready to start school next year please direct them to our school website or have them make contact with our school office so that they can join me on a tour and see what our school has to offer.

STUDENTS LATE TO SCHOOL SIGN IN PROCESS
This is a reminder that if your child arrives after the 9am bell, they must be accompanied by an adult to the office to sign in for a late pass. It is not acceptable for our students to arrive at school after this time and then make their own way into the classroom without a late pass.
VISITOR SIGN IN PROCESS

Our school has a policy around visitors in school. The purpose of this policy is to provide a safe and secure environment for our students, staff and resources by establishing guidelines and procedures in relation to visitors to the school that effectively monitor and manage visitors, whilst not compromising the open and inviting nature of our school.

This policy has been developed to ensure that the school community is aware of the procedures regarding visitors to Kew Primary School. The school, as part of the wider community, seeks to provide an open and friendly learning environment where appropriate visitors are valued and their presence is actively encouraged. At the same time we recognise our duty of care to ensure a safe environment for our students and staff and the responsibility we have to protect our resources against theft, vandalism and misuse.

Visitors are defined as all people on school grounds other than staff members, students and parents/guardians involved in the task of delivering or collecting children at the start or end of the school day and also parents/guardians assisting and participating in regular classroom activities or school services (e.g. canteen, reading help).

All visitors during school hours are required to register their arrival at, and departure from the school in a Visitors’ Book, including printing their name, signing, recording the date, times and purpose of the visit. They will be given a visitor’s badge which they must wear for the duration of the visit. A visitor not wearing a current badge may be questioned as to the reason for their presence by staff, students or parents. They may be escorted to the office to obtain such.

Please assist our school with both of these processes as they are put in place for the safety of our students.

IPADS CHARGED ARE READY

Students in Years 3-6, please don’t forget to charge up your iPad in the evenings ready for the next school day. I am receiving reports from teachers that some students are arriving with very little charge and then are unable to use their iPad as needed during the day. Having the required equipment and resources ready is an important part of being an organised learner.

Next term I intend to publish a Getting Ready for School or After School checklist for our families to use as a visual prompt and reminder. Keep your eyes out for this one!

TERM COST LETTERS

Term cost letters will be sent home next week. This will provide all of our parents more time to organise payments early next term. Payment must be made by the required date or students will not be able to participate. I have outlined that these activities are not funded by the Department and must be arranged via a user pays system. I am able to assist families with payment plans and direct them to other support options. Please contact me at the school if you would like to discuss these options. Confidentiality is always maintained.

Be Worthy!
James Penson
Principal

Kew Primary School Blog

What do a lamb, a toenail and a potato have in common? Find out on this week’s blog.

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
Message from Assistant Principal

An Assistant Principal’s job is very much a mixed bag and the role can change on a daily basis, depending on circumstances occurring at Kew PS. I have, on a number of occasions, had to do crossing duty when the regular crossing supervisor was unavailable. Most parents and the driving public do the right thing but today, when doing crossing duty in Pakington Street, I noticed a number of parents doing u-turns, in front of the crossing. Not only is this practise illegal but it puts the students using the crossing and the driving public, in danger. I know we all lead busy lives but safety for all of us has to be paramount.

As you would all be aware our first **working bee will be held on Sunday 19th April from 9:00 until 12:00**. All students attending with their parents or parent will receive a $5.00 voucher to spend at the canteen. Sally’s food is delicious and healthy and what a great way to get to taste it. Hopefully, you can spare an hour or two on that day to help out on that day and your efforts will certainly put a smile on your child’s face. The working bee jobs list consists mainly of spreading mulch, a general tidy up of the school grounds and weeding along the Peel Street side of Kew PS.

Now to Lost Property! With the school term ending in just over a week the lost property is brimming to overflowing with uniform pieces. All those pieces of clothing that have names will be returned to their rightful owners but unnamed articles will be washed and then sold through the second hand uniform shop. Can you please check lost property, if your children have lost any uniform pieces?

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Robin Grace

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Library News

Less than a week before celebrated author, Sofie Laguna comes to Kew Primary School to inspire us all to read, write and share stories. There are still tickets available. Don’t miss out on these fantastic event!

Tuesday 24th March at 5-6pm, only $5.00 per family

Book at [http://www.trybooking.com/HCCE](http://www.trybooking.com/HCCE) or pay at the office.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Please return your Challenge consent form next week. Students will receive their username & password next week and the link for book lists before the end of term. However, everyone can start reading now. Just keep a list of the books you have read.
SUNDAY 19\(^{\text{TH}}\) APRIL
9am – 12pm

At our ‘All Hands On Deck April Working Bee we will be completing a range of jobs to help keep our school looking neat and tidy. Our major focus will be weeding and mulching along the Peel Street side of the school and ensuring that our pathways and play spaces are safe.

All students that attend will receive a $5 lunch order voucher for the school canteen.

Please fill in the slip and return to school by Wednesday 15\(^{\text{th}}\) April.

\(\checkmark\)\hspace{1cm} ALL HANDS ON DECK APRIL WORKING BEE - REPLY SLIP

Child’s Name: \hspace{1cm} Grade:

Parent's Name:

\(\square\) I am able to attend the All Hands On Deck April Working Bee on the 19th April 2015.
(If possible please bring a wheelbarrow, broom, rake or shovel)

\(\square\) I am unable to attend the All Hands On Deck April Working Bee on the 19th April 2015 but would like to include a $5 or $10 or $\_\_ donation towards the cost of soft fall mulch.
Easter treasure hunt at KPS
Date: Wednesday, 25th of March
Time: 4pm
$2 Gold coin donation
Siblings are welcome, everyone is welcome

Regarding to School allergy policy, so the treasure hunt won’t include chocolate and any eggs and nuts. It will have lollies, little toy/stationary and origami objects.
Program Update

Science Week Fun!

Last week we had a wonderful time hypothesizing and experimenting our way through Science Week. We began the week with a colour changing milk experiment, where we watched food dye ‘dancing’ around in a tub of milk. Many children developed explanations for what they could see happening in the tub and shared these ideas with their peers.

On Friday the children were challenged to make boats using only recycled cereal boxes and foil. We tested the boats in a tub of water, and had a competition to see whose boat could hold the most dominos before it sunk! It was great to see children ‘thinking outside the square’ when designing their boats and the discussions around what is needed to prevent boats from sinking were very interesting.

Other science activities included making slime, baking bread and discussing why the recipe needed yeast, and designing our own minions. We also made our own bubble blowing solution on Monday, and made different shaped blowing wands using pipe cleaners to see what sort of bubbles we could make!

Once again we enjoyed getting active outside, with soccer, cricket and skipping being the favourite activities this week! We also had a paper plane flying competition during Before School Care – some children developed their own designs while others followed intricate instructions to create planes of all shapes and sizes.

Holiday Program Reminder

We are now taking bookings for our Holiday Program, which will be running from Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April (excluding Good Friday and Easter Monday). Our program is available on the OSHClub website, as well as at the sign in/out desk. Book early to avoid disappointment!

A selection of Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0400 304 489
Coordinator: Jacinta Assistant Coordinator: Lauren Assistants: Niki, Stacey, Alyssa
OSHC 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 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.
Free Eggs!

Would you like to look after our chickens for a week or weekend over the school holidays or one weekend in Term 2? 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 www.volunteersignup.org/8YiPL

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

Thank you to the Selvarajah, Sharman, Rutherford, Lim, Wales & Lu families who have looked after our chickens this term.

2015 Victorian Interschools Snowsports

Calling all Kew Primary snow enthusiasts!

We are looking for expressions of interest from anyone who would like to compete in the Victorian Interschools Snowsports championships. Last year KPS had a team of 6 very keen skiers.

Entry is open for children from Prep-grade 6 in various ski and snowboard events. The alpine championships will be held at Mt. Buller from August 24-26 and the cross country races held a couple of weeks before.

If you would like to know more, please email Sonali Le Brocque (dse195@hotmail.com) or Nikki Schwartz (nikki@sraccountants.com.au).

3 and 4-Year-Old Positions Available for 2015 and 2016

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Tues & 8.45 – 11.30
Thurs

4-Year-Old Program
8.45am – 3pm
Mon, Wed, Fri

Come to our Open Day 10am-12pm Saturday 16th May or call our Enrolments Officer Emily on 0421 285 344 to book a tour

2016 Enrolments are open through www.boroondara.vic.gov.au
Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, ukulele, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, drums, singing, cello, bass guitar, here at Kew Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333

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LUNCHTIME IN THE LIBRARY
Book now for “Lunchtime in the Library- term 2” workshops..

When: Thursday lunchtimes, 1 pm
Where: Kew Primary Library
Cost: $24 for a 4 week program

You must book in to participate so please visit

P.S. Don’t forget to book in for our Easter Holiday workshops too!!!