**Diary Dates**

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| Fri 12 | Disco  
Juniors 5—6.15pm  
Seniors 6.30—7.45pm | |
| Fri 26 | End of Term 2  
2.30pm dismissal | |
| Jul 13 | Term 3 begins | |
| Tue 21 | Education & Policy Committee Meeting 5pm  
Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting 6.30pm  
PTA meeting 7.30pm | |
| Sat 25 | 90's Trivia night | |
| Thur 30 | Variation to School Hours Day – 3 Way Conferences | |

**Message from the Principal**

**THANK YOU ACTING PRINCIPALS**

Thank you to Sally Marsh and Andrew Wood for stepping up as Acting Principals last week when Robin and I were at the Boroondara Network Conference. It is always a great learning experience in any organisation for staff to act in different positions when the opportunity arises. It is also very good to know that in our absence the school is in such capable hands.

**MESSAGE FROM THE BOROONDARA CONFERENCE**

The Boroondara Network Conference was excellent. The theme was “Agile Learning While Learning to be Agile” and the key speaker was Simon Breakspear. Simon is recognised internationally as a leading thinker on the future of learning and educational innovation. He is also the founder of LearnLabs, a global learning strategy and design agency.

Three key messages both Robin and I came away with are:

1. At KPS we have much to be proud of. We have made some significant achievements and introduced a number of key changes, improvements and initiatives across the school. We are on track with delivering the future vision of our school.
2. We need to stay focused on our 3 core goals of improving our teaching and learning in maths, writing and inquiry.
3. We need to ensure that we keep it simple and strip back any other things that prevent us from concentrating on our key goals.

**WELCOME ANGUS BURNS**

We welcome a new staff member to our KPS team. I would like to introduce Angus Burns who has been employed in an Education Support role in Prep DM.

**LIVE WEATHER REPORT**

We had over 70 students and their families arrive back at school for the Channel 10 live weather report with Mike Larkin last Monday. There was a very brief cross over at 5.30pm and then a slightly longer version at 5.55pm. Our students (and our gym!) looked great and it was lots of fun.
Some of our students even had the chance to answer a question from Mike on live TV.

**ADIDAS FUN RUN**

All is set for our big lap-a-thon tomorrow and it looks like the weather will be kind to us (fingers crossed)! We will be starting at 11.30am and there will be a very short briefing for parent helpers at 11.20am. Our Prep and Junior School students will be completing laps around the oval and our Middle and Senior School will complete a course around the school. Each specific year level will have a designated start and check point to minimise congestion. After we finish at 12.10pm, students will stay at their check points to receive an icy pole as part of the sponsorship of this event by Adidas.

I hope everyone is still busy collecting sponsors and working towards those prizes! All sponsorship forms must be returned by Friday 12th June. This year we have also implemented the online sponsorship process, however the booklet sponsorship forms must still be returned by the due date.

**VARIATION TO SCHOOL HOURS DAY – 3 WAY CONFERENCES**

Our School Council has approved a “Variation To School Hours Day” for Thursday 30th July. This is the Thursday of the 3rd week back in Term 3. On this day students will only attend school from 9am through till 12pm. All students will be dismissed at 12pm.

We will use the afternoon and evening to run our 3 Way Learning – Home School Partnership Conferences. These will be of 15 minutes durations and times will be available for students and parents/carers between 12.30pm and 7.30pm. We will use the PTO booking system and a letter will be sent home early next term with more details. Three Way Conferences are considered best practice across DET and broader educational settings. Also early next term I will be sending home an edition of Clued into Kew outlining some of the research behind them and the structure we will use to implement them across our school this year.

Out of School Hours Care will be available from 12pm on this day (and as per usual before school as well).

**3 x REMINDERS**

**Unwell students**

Yes, it’s cold and flu season again! At this time of year we often have some students who arrive for school in the morning when they really need to be resting at home. I ask for your assistance with this. If your child is not well enough to attend school please do not send them. It is better for students who are unwell to miss school and get better rather than come to school.

**Student Safety – before and after school drop off and pick up**

I have had reports that during the before school drop off and after school pick up times, many parents are doing things that puts student safety at risk. During these peak times our roads are very busy and the car-parking is at a premium. Please take some extra time to ensure that all road and parking rules are followed. This includes crossing the road in the designated areas, not doing u-turns near the crossing, backing out carefully and not double parking. It is up to all of us to model good pedestrian and driving behaviour to our students. You never know who might be watching and what they are learning from you!
Closing date for Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund applications is 26th June
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund has been provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per primary school student is $125.


NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY
All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9853 8325 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.


FUNDRAISING PURCHASE UPDATE
Last year some of the money PTA raised through their various activities was directed towards the purchase of 25 laptops for usage in the Senior School. I am pleased to report that these devices are being heavily and effectively utilised each day across these classes. These laptops are also enabling our staff to implement On Demand testing. These tests provide a current snapshot of students’ understanding and knowledge in the areas of literacy and numeracy in relation to the AusVELS curriculum. In many ways they are similar to a NAPLAN test, however On Demand testing provides immediate data feedback after the test is completed.

Thank you to our PTA and all those who support our school. Without this contribution we would not have some of the facilities and resources we need. Next week I will be sending home an edition of Clued Into Kew – with an update on our school finances and our Cooling Solutions and Oval Redevelopment projects.

Be Worthy and enjoy the long weekend!
James Penson
Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

Participating in Boroondara Principals Network conference last week, afforded those attending an opportunity to hear an excellent speaker, Simon Breakspear, discuss change in schools and how the leaders in those schools manage that change. We were all asked to imagine how we would want our classrooms to look in 2018 and what the learning for our students will look like. The question was asked, how can we as leaders, set up schools to use this digital age to inspire teachers to be enablers for students to become the investigators of their own learning. We, as educators, need to develop in our students a real curiosity to look further than the obvious, to be entrepreneurs in a world where the job landscape is ever changing and to develop in them, a resilience to learn from the inevitable setbacks.

Surprisingly, his message was simple when he questioned us all further. Some of the questions asked of us were as follows. What needs to change in our schools? What can stay the same? What needs to be tweaked? What can be radically redesigned? Before posing these questions he asked us did we think bikes would be around in the future. Yes, we said as they are useful, have a purpose but may be modified. He then asked us whether we thought spoons would be around in the future as well. Again, our response was in the affirmative because they are useful and do serve a purpose. Finally he asked about ipads and their longevity. As a collegiate group we thought not, some other device would quickly replace the ipad.

It was in that context that he got us to think about what can stay the same at school and immediately we responded with the need for our students to be literate and numerate which underpins all their educational experiences. Also, our students will need to be able to access some form of digital device to research, and record their learning but that device will be ever changing.

What needs to be radically different is the way students learn. They will need to be investigators and curious about their learning and teachers will support these curiosities as well as oversee what websites they access, how they use that information to make it child friendly, and in what way will their learning be presented to peers, teachers and parents. Here at Kew PS, our Inquiry units provide real scope for this type of learning to take place.

He also spoke about the Google experience where the staff are chosen not because of their technical knowledge alone but on their ability to work as part of a team, that is, to work collaboratively and be able to receive feedback regarding their interpersonal interactions, in this context.

This is an integral part of education today and those personal and interpersonal skills are just as important as a child’s ability to retain knowledge, be able to find solutions to problems and present this knowledge, to a wide ranging audience. This is all part of an educator’s challenge today and into the future.

Finally, such a conference gives all leaders in the Boroondara network, opportunities to listen to the experiences of our colleagues in other schools, to question each other, network and learn from each other. It was an excellent conference and made us all think about our schools, teachers and students and what to do to further everyone’s educational experiences in a relevant and meaningful way.

Robin Grace
Kew Primary School Blog

Kermit the Frog once said "It ain't easy being green..." True or not? This week on the blog we look at energy saving strategies that are being implemented at KPS.

All contributions to the school blog are welcome - if you've got something you'd like to share, please drop me a line at: katrina.w@ozemail.com.au

Katrina Whelen

Cybersafety - Screen Name Creator

Always try to keep personal information (name, address, age, school etc) safe. Create a fun screen name that doesn't reveal who you are by mixing up random words e.g.

choose colour + Choose a food + choose an animal

e.g. Pinkpizzapig / redcookiedog / greenlollyfrog

Have fun staying safe online

Madame T and the eSmart team
90s Trivia Night
Saturday 25th July from 7pm till late

Raising $20,000 to complete the
Senior School cooling solutions project in time for summer

We’d love our whole school Kewmunity to be involved, because

Music Sounds Better with Kew!

How can I get involved?
If you’re on Facebook, why not join our 90s trivia night group. Here you’ll find the latest information about the night and you can share ideas. For privacy, it's a closed group for Kew families only. To join, follow this link and request an invite.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/368735386670836/

Here’s some of the fun and inspiration we’re sharing:

You can also have a say in the music, let the DJs know via: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/kewtrivia

How can I help?
Can you help ask local businesses for donations? Our silent auction raises a lot of money and many local businesses are happy to support our school. Maybe your business can donate an item or you have a holiday home for a short stay for the loud auction? Please let us know at kewprimarypta@yahoo.com.au

Each class rep is putting together a silent auction prize. You could share your ideas with them and donate something fabulous!

You could sign up to help with Saturday set up and Sunday pack up or on the bar. Sign up at https://www.volunteersignup.org/97QTA

What do I bring?
Great prizes will be awarded for the best table decorations and costumes but all you really need bring is an attitude for fun! Drinks will be sold at the bar and we’ll have hot food to preorder or you can bring your own food to share with your table. We'll have EFTPOS facilities for the auctions but please bring cash for the bar and gold coins for games.

Who do I sit with?
You can allocate the grade or class you would like to sit with or nominate a table head when you book your ticket next week.
Program Update

This week was SUPER HERO WEEK! It was super exciting to have all of the children excited and getting involved in the superhero activities which included making masks and playing a superhero game with them, making superhero cities and playing a big group game of superheroes and villains.

Due to the children being so involved in and requesting challenges, this week we had a OSHClub Cafe Craft challenge and we had amazing things like pizza ovens being made. This week's cooking was chocolate cookies which the children loved and many now have the recipe at home and hopefully are making it!

It has also been encouraging to see the love of physical activity, an especial favourite at OSHClub is cricket where all ages are involved and we have noticed the older kids helping out and teaching the younger ones. Great work guys!

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 – Winter Wonderland Week!

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Jacinta 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 on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
The Boroondara Beats are a year 3-6 Brass and Percussion ensemble for young players. The ensemble provides beginning musicians with an opportunity to play in a group setting, with mentorship provided by more experienced members from Boroondara Brass. Performances are held once a term. The program is tailored to complement school lessons and ensembles. It aims to provide extra pathways for young brass and percussion players to enhance their performance. The Boroondara Beats rehearse weekly in Hawthorn during school terms. Cost is $75 per term. New members are very welcome. Please email admin@boroondarabrass.org with any enquiries.

COME JOIN OUR 2015 KEW PRIMARY SNOWSPORTS TEAM !!!

Contact Nikki Schwarz or Sonali Le Brocque for more information

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