The Bulletin

Message from the Principal

My message today is rather a mixed bag because I have to inform our school community that Andrew Searle, our acting Assistant Principal, has indicated that he will be returning to Mont Albert Primary School next term. I know this will disappoint many of you as Andrew has quickly endeared himself with all of the students, parents and teachers alike. It was not a decision that he has taken lightly and as he informed the staff yesterday, it was a decision that he agonised over. However, he needs to be thanked for all he has contributed to Kew PS in the two terms he has been with us. Also, Sharon Saitlik, the Principal of Mont Albert PS needs to be thanked for allowing him to be released for that time because his leaving did put that school under significant pressure. The position of acting Assistant Principal has already been advertised and after the selection process has been completed I will be in a position to name the successful candidate. This position will take affect from the beginning of Term Four.

Following a number of very windy days, tiles from the Junior School building were blown down and did pose a real danger to students and parents walking in the vicinity. The barricades were in place to protect everyone walking and playing nearby because, as you can imagine, we did not have any idea of how many other tiles were loose and could become airborne given the wind conditions at the time. Those barricades were removed yesterday as replacement tiles were finally sourced and all the tiles are all now secure. Thank you all for your patience with this situation.

Also, this is a reminder to parents that the students are dressing up in colourful costumes or coming dressed as their favourite book character tomorrow as part of the school’s Book Week celebrations. Teachers will be choosing a number of students from each grade to parade their costumes at assembly tomorrow. I hear that there will be a number of “Where’s Wally characters” in the school tomorrow- rather grown up “Where’s Wally” look likes. Check out who they are!

Robin Grace
Acting Principal

Kew Primary School Blog

This week the KPS Blog is all about the complex issue of bullying and how the school is trying to tackle this problem...

Jacqui Tomlins

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
cheques are now available to collect from the office for those who had applied.

School Uniform

Apologies, there was a mistake in last week's uniform update.
The cost of the new school jacket is $59.95.

Diary Dates

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Grants Update

Bendigo Bank Grant
Kew Primary is applying for a Bendigo Bank Grant for $10,000 towards the running track. Applications close on 30 August, 2013 and we will know whether we are successful later this year!

Telstra Grant
A special thank you to Geoff Beckworth (Robbie Grade 4) for applying for a Telstra Grant on behalf of Kew Primary for $1,500 to supply and install lighting to protect hand carved seating from vandalism, particularly at night. The animal carvings were completed by Rob Bast as part of our school’s CARE program - our school values program - and they are known as our CARE Chairs. The students will use the carved seating area as a meeting place and play area at morning recess and lunchtime.

CUA Community Care Grant – Voting closes on Friday 23 August at 5.00pm so cast your votes now!
Kew Primary has applied for a CUA Community Care grant for $5,000 towards an artificial running track around the rim of the school’s oval and has received 901 votes towards our project.
Please go online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and follow the steps below to vote.

Step 1: Select CUA Branch - Doncaster,
Step 2 : Select Kew Primary project;
Step 3: Enter your email address and postcode and read and accept the terms and conditions. It is that easy!
You can cast your second vote in store at CUA’s Doncaster branch, Shop G045 Westfield Shopping Centre, 619 Doncaster Road, DONCASTER. The CUA Branch is open Monday – Friday.
Any person with a registered email address can vote so encourage Kew Primary students in the upper grades, friends, family and community to vote for our project!
Julie Coleman
Funding, Communication & Marketing Sub Committee

Can you Flip a Sausage?

The PTA Election Day BBQ is on Saturday, 7th September from 9am - 2pm.
This will be a significant fundraiser for our school and while the PTA is organising supplies - we really need your help on the BBQ stand.
We need volunteers to help cook bacon, eggs and sausages and would appreciate it if you could help for an hour, anytime between 9am to 2pm.
Please contact Gill Smith on 0402 024 174 or email gillclaresmith@gmail.com if you are able to help.
Hope to see you there, if you are unable to help on the day please come along to vote hungry and buy breakfast or lunch!
With many thanks for your anticipated support, Gill, Chett and Loraine.

Lost Property
There are a number of un-named items in the Lost Property cupboard.
Please check regularly for your childrens’ clothing. If you need name labels please go to the KPS website for the link to My Name Label.