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# Message from Principal

As I am writing this final newsletter for Term Two, naturally I have been reflecting on the events of the term and how the school currently “feels”. It seems to me that we have evolved as a school community and have a real sense of purpose. Teachers, students and parents are now very willing to build Kew PS into a better school, that’s is, to make it more inclusive, to add more value to the student’s educational learning and to get involved in all activities associated with funding raising, working bees or social events. Of course, if anyone needed proof of this then the feel good Trivia Night certainly would have done that for them. One group that is crucial to Kew PS is our School Council which seems to have a renewed sense of purpose and with the various subcommittees working hard to achieve their goals this becomes a driving force within our community as well. Nikki Schwarz, our School Council President, as well as the other parent members who do this on a voluntary basis, have had to grapple with a number of complex issues and should be congratulated for maintaining their focus on what is best for our school. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have supported me in my role as Acting Principal and, hopefully, will continue to support me as I will be remaining in this role for Term Three.

Andrew Searle is also going to remain at Kew PS as Acting Assistant Principal for Term Three and I would like to thank Sharon Saitlik, Principal of Mont Albert PS, once more for again allowing this to happen. Andrew, with his calm demeanour and sense of humour, has added a new dimension to the Leadership Team.

Sally Marsh and Andrew Wood, our Lead Teachers, have done a fantastic job of encouraging all staff to reflect upon and improve their teaching and learning pedagogy. They have also have been instrumental in developing a whole school approach to professional learning especially providing guidance around the AusVels reporting system and the rollout of the National Curriculum.

Nicole Bradley, who has been filling the role of First Aid Officer, has decided to resign from that position and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank her for the kindness and care she has shown to the students in their time of need. Nicole, of course, will continue as a mum in our school community. We have appointed a new First Aid Officer, Kim Del Tito, who will begin the first day back in Term Three.

As always I would like to thank the dedicated staff- teachers, teacher aides , our wonderful office staff and Sally in the canteen for continuing to work hard and find innovative ways to improve learning as well as provide opportunities for the social and emotional growth of our students at Kew PS.
I wish everyone a happy and relaxing break and will enjoy hearing all those school holiday stories when we return to school on Monday 15th July.

Robin Grace- Acting Principal

**Message from Assistant Principal**

**Term 3 Reflection**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, students and parents for making me feel so welcome at Kew Primary School since commencing here at the beginning of Term 2.

It has been wonderful to become part of a school community where the staff and parents are so dedicated to ensuring that the students receive the best possible education. This is evident in the high quality teaching and learning and the variety of programs that the dedicated staff offer to all students at Kew Primary School. As well, the high level of parental involvement, whether being a classroom helper, attending a working bee, assisting with fundraising, being a school councillor, or taking an active interest in your child’s education, has a direct impact on making Kew Primary School a vibrant learning community.

As has already been mentioned, I will be returning to Kew Primary School in Term 3 and I look forward again to working closely with the entire school community to ensure that we continue to have happy, healthy and well educated students.

Andrew Searle
Acting Assistant Principal

**Kew Primary School Blog**

A question: The father of which Kew Primary teacher was once the fastest man in Australia? Find out that – and more – by reading this week’s blog.

Also, earlier in the year I posted two blogs about voluntary fees which prompted a lot of discussion. At the time I said I would report back at the end of each term and give you an up-date. When I wrote those blogs we had collected 36% of our voluntary fees; to date we have collected 46%. So thank-you to everyone who has contributed to that increase.

If we can have a big push next term and maybe collect another 10-15%, and maybe another 10% in term 4, that would have huge benefits for our kids. Thanks again.

Enjoy the break,

Jacqui Tomlins

**STOP PRESS. STOP PRESS. STOP PRESS.**

This week the KPS Blog has had its biggest week yet with over 200 visitors and close to 500 views (how many pages have been looked at in total) and in just two days! Thanks to Shelley and her dad! Check it out.
L’Art

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of Kew PS families supporting the Trivia Night. The canvases sold like hot cakes, raising over $4000 for the school. *Merci beaucoup a tous !!!*

Next time you’re in school, come and have a look at some beautiful Grade 1 art work on display outside the art room. We have created our very own “*Le Pont Japonnais*, d’après Monet”. The exhibition is still on at the NGV until 8th September, a great idea for the school holidays.


*Madame Temple & Bit McLean*

Thanks so much to Emma Cooney and her daughters, Ella (220) and Indi (110) Ruthven, for their kind donation of a dressmaker’s dummy and a mannequin for our garden’s scarecrows. Thanks also to Cath Della Bosca and her sons, Angus(406) and Hamish (016) Stewart for the boxes of cardboard folders that they have donated to the Art Room. Angela Gill and Toby (219) have kindly dropped off lots of construction boxes as well.

HAVE A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY EVERYONE! ...Bit McLean and Madame (Visual Arts Teachers)

**Group Photos**

are on display outside the office. If you would like to order one of the photos, an order form can be collected from the office.
Dear parents and caregivers. My name is Tom Hamnett and I work for Musicorp, teaching a range of instruments at Kew Primary on Mondays. I am starting up an intermediate level concert band for my students, consisting of woodwinds, guitars and keyboards. Rehearsals will be at the start of lunch on Mondays and will run for 30 minutes. If your child has been playing an instrument for at least a term and would like to be involved in the band, please let the office know your child's name, the instrument they play and how long they have played for. Once I have an idea of numbers I will start rehearsals. Feel free to contact me at t.a.hamnett@gmail.com if you have any queries.

Tom Hamnett
Message From School Council

Term 2 now comes to a close, and, thankfully, far less tumultuously than the same time last term!

Throughout this term School Council and its sub-committees have been focussing on:

- Increasing the level of Voluntary contributions
- Developing a School Communications Plan
- Sourcing Grants available to the school
- Quoting, prioritising and allocating funds for capital projects for the school (eg cooling solutions, art room kiln, running track)
- Overseeing and developing new school policies (such as Dress Code, Camps/Excursions)
- Looking into the various communication methods available to communicate to the school community (ie newsletter, blog, surveys, information sessions etc.)
- Liaising with the DEECD regarding the principal position at KPS
- Organising and scheduling working bees for the clean-up of the school grounds
- Monitoring the running of OSH club and it’s holiday programs
- Overseeing and organising school grounds and building maintenance
- Liaising with the PTA to ensure the school is working towards common fundraising goals
- Overseeing the completion of asphalting the “old” sandpit and planning the new native garden in its place
- Monitoring school expenditure on property services, technical support, equipment, maintenance, casual staffing and camps/excursions

I am pleased to inform the School Community that Robin Grace and Andrew Searle will continue on in Term 3 in their respective roles of Acting Principal and Acting Assistant Principal. I thank them both for their hard work and commitment to the school during this term.

I would also like to personally thank all those parents/staff on School Council as well as all those parents/teachers who volunteer their time to assist on the sub-committees. Without such a motivated and passionate group of people, we wouldn’t be able to achieve all the things we do.

Finally thank you to every student and family that gets involved and participates in school focused events, such as: the working bees, volunteering in the classroom and canteen, the PTA fund raising events and so on. Not only does this contribute significantly to the school financially, but it develops a great sense of community.

Wishing everyone a great Term 2 holiday break.

Nikki Schwarz
Kew Primary School Council President
Update on Grant Activity

By Julie Coleman, Funding, Communications & Marketing Sub Committee

Leader Local Grants

Kew Primary School has applied for a $1,000 grant from Leader Local Grants and has been shortlisted as finalists. Our idea is titled 'Recycling Water at Kew Primary.' We are seeking to have the school's three rainwater tanks plumbed into the school's irrigation system to water the recently established kitchen garden.

We Need You! The next stage is for communities to vote. If our project receives the most votes in the Progress Leader paper area, Kew Primary will receive $1,000 towards the water recycling project. The total cost is $3,080 and fundraising will cover the shortfall.

Voting opens on Monday 24th June until Friday 5th July 2013 so to vote, go online and register and vote for our idea under 'Progress' Leader - Current Projects on www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au Ask your neighbours, family and friends to vote as well. Winners will be announced on 15 July 2013.

Telstra Grants

Is there someone in our school community who works for Telstra? Permanent Telstra Group employees can apply for a Telstra Kids Fund Grant of $1,200 to support a project. The details are www.telstrafoundation.com/dir148/tfweb.nsf/telstraskidsfund/telstraskidsfund2?OpenDocument&menu=3 so if any parents are eligible, please contact Julie Coleman on Julie.coleman@mcpl.edu.au.

Adidas School Fun Run

Kew Primary has registered for the Adidas School Fun Run so we will be holding a lap-a-thon in Term 4 to raise money for the school. By holding this event, we also qualify for a $5,000 grant if our school receives the most votes in the local area. More details will follow in Term 3.

Vote Now for Kew Primary's Water Recycling Project

Vote now for Kew Primary's Water Recycling Project in the Leader Local Grant at www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au. We have the chance to receive $1,000 to have the school's three rainwater tanks plumbed into the school's irrigation system to water the recently established kitchen garden if our project receives the most votes in the Progress Leader paper area.

Voting closes on Friday 5th July 2013 so we are asking adults over 18 to register online and vote for our project. You'll be asked to register your details and will then receive a link via email which will enable you login and vote for the Kew Primary project! You are given 10 votes and you can give them all to Kew Primary. Our project is under Current Projects for 'Progress Leader’ Ask your neighbours, family and friends to vote as well.

Winners will be announced on 15 July 2013 and we will provide an update in the newsletter.
After a year off, the KPS School disco is back. Get your best disco outfits on, do your hair and bring your dance moves.

There will be two sessions, one for junior movers and one for big kids.

Tickets must be booked before Wednesday 24th July at www.trybooking.com/DCCP

When: Friday, 26th July 2013

Where: Baptist Church Hall, Highbury Grove, Kew

Cost: $8 per child

Time: Prep – Year 2, 5.00 – 6.15pm

Year 3 – 6, 6.30 – 7.30pm

Water & cordial will be provided.

Bring your pocket money as there will be glow in the dark jewellery for sale starting at 50c.

Note: All children will need to be signed in and out by an adult and must be a student of KPS
Hi there! My name is Monique Waterhouse and I am so excited to have been given the opportunity to start up a school choir at Kew Primary starting next term.

I am passionate about music and the wonderful ways in which children can engage, learn and share through singing.

I have produced a number of children's productions and school concerts, and currently co-lead a choir at another primary school.

I hope to make choir a hugely enjoyable experience for all who choose to be involved, with a variety of singing styles and simple choreography.

**Expressions of Interest for Term 3 please!**

Kew Primary's Choir will be held each Wednesday lunchtime, starting 23rd July in the Junior School Hall.

The choir will be run by Monique, an independent choir leader, employed especially for this task. To enrol in Choir will cost $5 per week, paid in the first week of each term to finalise places.

Girls & boys from **Grades 2 to 6** are welcome to attend. The choir will be capped at 30 students so please enrol quickly to avoid disappointment!

The choir will sing their current repertoire at assembly each term & once established, will also visit a local venue each term, such as a retirement home, hospital, shopping centre etc.

A good attitude is more important than a good voice so come & have a go! Please help support this great new initiative which will improve musical, academic & social outcomes for our children.

Please contact me at andstevens@internode.net.au if you would like your child to join or have any queries. A genuine estimate of enrolments is essential prior to starting next term.

Thanks! Andrea Stevens
Seven of our usual tournament-goers are in Grade 4 so Camp coinciding with the inter-school tournament played havoc with our team! We managed to gain a few new & young faces though to make a team of seven boys – Adriaan & Jack (Grade 5) & Hamish (Grade 2) are regulars. Daniel & Declan (Grade 2) & Max & James (Grade 1) all played their first tournament!

Mont Albert PS hosted the day. There were around 16 schools & 150 children, so it was a very large tournament, & many strong players attended. Marcus, our chess coach, warned us it would be a tough crowd. He was right!

The Kew boys all tried hard but were off to a slow start. They warmed up towards the end & everyone was happy with their individual results, especially the first-timers. Adriaan & Jack were our 2 highest scorers & each gained a medal. Max had a good result too but just missed out on a medal.

It was a great KPS team effort with the older boys looking out for the younger ones. Everyone was well-mannered & showed good sportsmanship.

Thank you to Louise (James’ mum) for transporting so many in her huge car & Heather (Hamish’s grandma) for driving & helping out on the day. Thanks also to Etty for supervising with her usual enthusiasm.

We’re looking forward to one more tournament early next term with our whole team, and then our very own tournament at Kew Primary on 9th September!

Regards, Andrea,
Will & Hamish’s mum
Kew Primary School
Chess Club, 2013

Term 3 commences on Friday 19th July

Dates: 19/7 – 13/9: (9 weeks)

Time: Friday’s 1.00pm – 1.50 p.m. – Library.

Cost: $90.00 (9 lessons) for the term.

PLEASE NOTE: If chess lessons coincide with swimming or school camp, please deduct the cost of these lessons from the total amount. Otherwise students will not receive a refund for classes missed. Students commencing after the first week do not pay for the earlier lessons.

Cheques should be made payable to “Chess Ideas” or we take payment via Visa and Mastercard. The completed form should be handed into the school office. PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT: www.chess.ideas.com.au

If your child has a medical condition we should know about please ring our office with details.

Play Chess at home against the computer.
Click on “play chess”. It’s fun!

CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 3, 2013
(Kew Primary School)

NAME OF CHILD: _______________________________ GRADE: ___________

CONTACT PARENT/GUARDIAN: ___________________________ Ph. #: ___________

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: ________________________________

Credit Card Details:

NAME ON CARD: ___________________________ CARD TYPE: ___________

CARD NUMBER: ___________________________ EXPIRY DATE: ___________

CCV # ________

Please enclose $90.00 and return to school office with completed form.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO – ‘CHESS IDEAS’.
Program Update

Hi everyone 😊,

Welcome to week 11 and the last week of term 2.
This past fortnight we made a lot of items using wool as the medium. Finger knitting, hair wigs, wool pictures, friendships bracelets, plaing and loads more. We used the gym as much as possible due the perfect winter weather. We tried to keep warm by playing games such as doom ball, fruit salad, ghost tiggy, wizards and elves, balloon battles and many more. We also ran our last AASC session last week. Next term we will be running two new sports for AASC 😊 Have a safe and adventurous term break and see you next term fully energised for more fun!

Recycling Materials: Can all families please bring along any old magazines, newspapers, cereal boxes, jars, lids, shoe boxes, plastic bottles, cardboard rolls, fabric, clothing for dress-ups and anything else that is recyclable for us to use at OSHClub Kew PS.

*Please book your children online, if booking casually (over the phone) a casual surcharge of $3 will be added to your fees. This is very important so that we can provide care for your child.

*Please remember a late fee will be charged for late pickups; $2 per minute per child.

*Please remember to cancel your child either through your account or call 0400 394 489 and leave a message.

Have a great fortnight!
OSHClub team 😊

This Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0400 394 489 - Answered between: 7-9am & 3-6.30pm
Coordinator: Kathi
Asst: Niki, Fiona, Paul
OSHClub 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.
Need a boost to your mid-year school budget?

The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus is coming in July. If you are eligible you could receive up to $205 for each primary student and up to $410 for each secondary student.

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.

If you think you are eligible and you haven’t already updated your child’s education details with Centrelink, then visit Online Services by 29 June 2013 to ensure you receive the correct amount and are paid on time.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund in January 2013 so eligible families cannot claim education expenses in their 2012-13 income tax return.

To ensure you receive the Schoolkids Bonus payment in July, check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus
Call all past teachers, students and parents! Please come and join us in celebrating our 100th Birthday on Saturday Nov 10th 2013.

Some activities on the day will include a tour of the school, a dinner, a celebration cake, roll calls, a time capsule and opening of the Centenary Garden.

We need your help!
We are seeking all photos and memorabilia to include in a commemorative book which will be available for purchase and displayed on the day.
In addition, if you know of anyone who can help with our search, please inform them of our upcoming event.

Please contact the school to register your details for an invitation:
Phone: 03 5369-5148 or email us at: balliang.east.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Learn music here at school
Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, drums, 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 $15.40 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 3.
Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333
www.creativemusic.com.au