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**Term Dates 2015**

Term 1: 28 Jan to - 27 Mar  
Term 2: 13 Apr - 26 Jun  
Term 3: 13 Jul - 18 Sept  
Term 4: 5 Oct - 18 Dec

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**Message from Principal**

Hi Kew,

I know I mentioned this last week, but well done and thank you to all of our staff, students and families for the way in which you have started our 2015 school year. The first week has been very calm, orderly and settled. However, it has also been an extremely busy time for our school organising many of the important things that we aim to implement, extend and achieve this year. In this newsletter I will outline just a small number of these.

**INTRODUCING OUR NEW TERM COSTS LETTER PROCESS**

Term Costs letters have been sent home today with all students. This is a brand new process for our school and the aim is to reduce the amount of times permission forms and payments are collected during a term. The cover letter, including a list of all the anticipated activities across the school is the same for all students. However, please note that each individual year level will have a different amount to be paid and a different set of permission slips. This information is included from the 3rd page of the letter.

Getting this process started has been a big task for our staff but hopefully as we progress through the year we will become more familiar with it and it will be embedded in what we do.

As mentioned in the cover letter, we have tried to make the list of activities as comprehensive as possible but please be aware that we may need to send home additional permission forms and payment requests each term. It is also important to know that the school does not receive funds from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to pay for these activities. As such, unless payment is received, we cannot allow students to attend or participate in these events. Please return your payment as quickly as possible and no later than 13th February. Payment must be received by this day to ensure smooth organisation of all events.

If at any time you are experiencing financial difficulties and are unable to make Term Costs payment, please contact me at the school and I can discuss this matter with you.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL 2015**

I am now in the process of establishing our School Council for 2015. Interested members of the Kew Primary School community are asked to consider nominating for vacancies on school council for the next two year period. Nomination forms are available from the office or by contacting me. These must be lodged to me by 4.00 pm on Thursday 12 February 2015. In nominating for School Council Elections, this may be via self-nomination or getting someone in your category of nomination to nominate you.

In the event that an election is required, it will be conducted from Thursday 19 February, with the ballot closing at 4.00 pm on Thursday 26 February 2014.
We have 4 positions vacant for parent members after the current School Council term has ended for Nikki Schwarz, Amanda Aitken, Jeremy Whelan (who have ended their two year term) and Emma Hindhaugh who filled a one year vacancy position. Rachel Naylor also served on our Council last year as a co-opted member and PTA representative. Sally Marsh also completes her two years on School Council as a staff member along with Melissa Hayes who filled in a one year vacancy position.

Continuing members who still have one year to serve on council are: Julie Coleman, Stewart Waters, Phil Kemke, Antony Williams, Robin Grace and Andrew Wood.

I would again like to thank the 2014 School Council members and members of the subcommittees for their commitment to KPS. Your time and effort has been very much appreciated. If you are interested in becoming a School Councillor but are not sure of the commitment or what is required, please speak to a current member of School Council listed above or to me personally.

**PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (PTA)**

A great way to be involved in our school is through our very active Parent & Teacher Association (PTA). This group meets approximately 8 times each year to organise community building and fundraising events.

The first meeting of the 2015 PTA will be held next week on Tuesday 10th February at 7.30pm in the staffroom. At this meeting we will be organising roles within the group and starting to prepare the list of suggested activities for our school over the year. This list is then approved by School Council.

**FATHERS ASSOCIATION**

Another way to be involved in our school is through our Fathers Association. Last year saw the beginning of this network. It was a terrific initiative aimed at linking dads in with our school community and to each other. In fact it turned out to be much more than that, with many other members of our community joining in including uncles, grandparents and special friends. Activities are organised each term. One of these is an evening with author Steve Biddulph entitled “The Secret of Happy Children” on Thursday March 19th. The cost for this will be $30. Keep your eyes open for a flyer and link to Try booking next week.

**SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION – JEWISH EDUCATION**

Last year the school was approached by ACCESS Ministries to run Special Religious Instruction classes. As per the DEECD requirements, the appropriate parent consent form was sent home. Only a very small number of these forms were returned and there was little to no interest in the program. Consequently, I made the decision that SRI in association with ACCESS Ministries would not operate this year. The United Jewish Education Board has also approached the school this year and we must complete the same parent consent process. I will outline the outcome of this in a future newsletter.

**MEET THE TEACHER EVENING & KIDSAFE CYBERSAFETY PARENT EVENING – TUESDAY 24TH FEB**

This year we are combining our meet the teacher evening with a very special parent information evening presented by Kidsafe.

Our meet the teacher evening will be very informal. All classrooms will be open from 6.00pm giving you an opportunity to pop in, say hello to your child’s teacher, ask any questions you may have and pick up some more information about the school year. The Kidsafe presentation will start at 7pm.

**YEAR 4 CAMP**

Best wishes to our Year 4’s as they head off to camp on Monday. This camp is very early in the school year but what a way to begin 2015! I am looking forward to hearing all about their experiences. Thank you to Jaci Davis who set up the bookings and organisation for this camp last year and thanks to the current Year 4 team who have taken it over and are ready to go!

**STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

Our school staff will again embark on a very comprehensive professional learning program this year. Already we have completed sessions around understanding and identifying gifted and talented students with Kate Lafferty. We have also worked with Marg Armstrong, an expert in running "Circle" based personal development programs for students. Kate will be working with us again throughout the year as we develop a more comprehensive and structured gifted and talented program.
Next week sees the return of Michael Ymer – Maths Consultant. Michael worked with us over two curriculum days last year. This year he will be modelling lessons and working with teachers in their classrooms. This will be a very exciting and rich opportunity for our team.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Our school photos will be held on Friday 13th February. Don’t forget to wear your neatest school uniform and brush your hair!

**SCHOOL HOURS 8.45AM – 3.45PM**

Finally, I need to remind parents and carers that our school hours are from 8.45am through until 3.45pm each day. At times we have students who arrive well before this time and also some who stay in the school grounds after that time. There is no adult or teacher supervision of students outside of these times and I request that you make the appropriate arrangements to ensure the safety and well-being of your child.

We are fortunate to have OSHC Club available to provide before and after school care for those families that need it.

Reminder—there will be no assembly tomorrow (Friday).

Be Worthy!

James Penson  
Principal  
Kew Primary School

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Message from Assistant Principal

Welcome back to another school year at Kew PS and with all the planning that has taken place by the Leadership Team and class teachers I am positive this year will be both challenging and immensely rewarding for our students, teachers and parents, alike.

I trust everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing break from the usual routine and have returned to school refreshed and ready to learn. For me, I enjoyed my holidays spending quality time with my family and friends and then went to Bryon Bay for over a week. Unlike what you were experiencing in Melbourne, the weather was beautiful for my entire stay and I returned to Melbourne, truly relaxed.

At the start of any school year it is a requirement by the department, that all medical plans for any children suffering from asthma, be updated. If you have a child suffering from asthma can you please make sure that your updated plan is brought to the office so that we have a record of this management plan and so does your child’s class teacher. You can find these asthma care plans on the Asthma Australia website which is www.asthmaaustralia.org.au

Also, at our school, we have another group of students who can have life threatening allergic reactions to food stuffs that may cause them to have an anaphylactic reaction. As you would be aware, Kew PS works within DET Anaphylaxis Guidelines.

We want to ensure the safety of all our students so I would like to remind all parents that at Kew PS we are a nut free school. If you are going to send a birthday treat to school, to share with the whole class, can you please check with the class teacher, beforehand, as to what would be a suitable treat for all the students to enjoy. Often, it is a good idea to send icy poles, or a platter of fruit. I do thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Robin Grace
Dear parents,

I am looking forward to another year assisting students to explore and create in the Art room. In an effort to recycle and minimise waste, I have included a list of items you may have at home and are able to donate. Perhaps you have something else you wish to donate but it is not on the list. Please feel free to check with me- I love helping find new uses for unwanted goods!

Lastly, with close to 500 students coming through the Art room each week we tend to go through a lot of tissues (especially in winter!) We would greatly appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues.

Many thanks for your support and I look forward to seeing you all throughout the year.

Kerry
Visual Arts Teacher

- Magazines (including special interest such as cars, photography, craft)
- Buttons
- Ribbons
- Elastic
- Plastic yarn
- Patty pans
- Old cards (including birthday and special occasions)
- Tissue paper
- Crepe paper
- Cellophane
- Wrapping paper in good condition
- Cotton balls
- Cotton buds
- Travel brochures/booklets with photographs
- Large card (such as for poster/project work)
- Corks
- Old art/photography books
- Scrapbook materials
- Any craft materials
- Glass jars with lids (labels removed and cleaned in the dishwasher)

If anyone has a sewing machine that they no longer need/use, it would be an amazing addition to our resources!

Library

I am creating a roster of helpers to shelve books every afternoon in the library.

This would be for 20-30 mins before the end of school and training will be provided.

If you would like to be included on this roster please email the office kew.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or see me.

Ruth
**PTA Peppercorn BBQ**

**Friday 13th February, 5pm to 7pm**

A great opportunity for parents/carers & kids to gather to celebrate the new year at KPS!

Sausages, soft drinks, & icy poles available for purchase.

BYO nibbles/drinks.

Parent volunteers required.

If interested please contact either Loraine Trist, Fiona Hollingsworth, Anna McDowall or Claire Tanner.

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**PTA - Who are we?**

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) has 2 goals:

1. Our first goal is to encourage a strong sense of community through the events that we run, where everyone feels that they belong, and relationships can grow that help support the school at every level.

2. Secondly, we help fundraise to make improvements to our school.

Being on the PTA is lots of fun, a great way to meet other parent’s, and is very rewarding when money fundraised goes to important school projects.

Our first meeting for the year is on Tuesday 10th February at 7.30pm in the School staffroom (enter via Peel St gate).

All parent’s are welcome to attend.
KPS WALKS

Have your kids shown an interest in walking to school? Would YOU like them to walk to school? And might you have one or two mornings a week when you would be available to be accompany a group of children? Then please let us know! Parents should complete the survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DN9V8VF) to register their children and their own availability as volunteers. Note: you do not need to volunteer for your children to take part.

The program will focus on forming walking groups and routes for Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 but children in higher year levels are welcome. We can also help set up walking or riding routes for older children.

For just one example of a route to school, see the map at http://walkingmaps.com.au/walk/1634?preview=true

Thank you very much to the families who have already registered.

Please email kps.walks@gmail.com if you have any questions.
CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 1, 2015
(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 $88.00 and return to school office with completed form.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO – ‘CHESS IDEAS’.
HELLO AND WELCOME BACK KEW PS!

During the summer break we ran our January Holiday Program, and what a great time we had! From dress up days to excursions to the Movies, we had a whole lot of fun.

Most days we spent time cooking in the kitchen. We made cupcakes, fruit salad skewers and more. Our favourite recipe to cook was Wagon Wheels – we got to melt marshmallows and chocolate, spread jam and squish biscuits together! We also got messy and made bright green ‘goopy goo,’ but of course we didn’t eat it!

We brought our scooters and bikes in for Wheelie Good Fun day, and practiced weaving in and around cones in an obstacle course. We also learnt a range of other skills over the holidays such as hula dancing, and we loved getting low in limbo!

The craft table was popular over the holidays, particularly on our Masquerade Party day. We made beautiful masks, decorating them with glitter and feathers. This inspired some of us to perform in a talent show which was a huge success!

Please remember that if your child is attending the program you must book online, or for same day bookings please text or call the program so that we can add them to the roll. It is important that we have an accurate list of attendees prior to the start of each Before School Care and After School Care session to ensure our staff to child ratio is correct in order to maintain a fun and safe environment for all children.

If you have any questions or queries please call the program on 0400 394 489, alternatively feel free to drop into the program between the hours of 7:00 – 9:00am and 3:00 – 6:30pm and talk to one of our staff (Remembering that between 3:30 and 4pm is our busiest time and we might not be able to assist immediately). If you would like to book your child/ren into before or after care please log on to www.oshclub.com.au and follow the prompts to enrolling (Children MUST be enrolled to use the service).

Here are some of Next Week’s Activities:

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Jacinta Assistant Coordinator: Lauren Assistants: Niki
OSHClub Head Offices 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.
Science Rocks
(6 - 10 yr olds)

A specially designed hands on science program using household objects.

Children will discover the wonder of airpower, froth and bubble, eggsperiments, and more in this fun atmosphere of discovery.

Wednesdays
4.00 - 5.00pm, starts Feb 11
[seven weeks] $125

Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre
2-12 Derby Street, Kew Vic 3101
Phone: 9853 3126
Email: admin@kwnlc.org.au
Web: www.kwnlc.org.au

Come and Try Scouting
in Term 1 2015

1st Kew Scout Hall
Cnr Willsmere Road
and Kellett Grove Kew
Call Kathy on 0438 117 184
for more information

Joey's (6-8 years)
Tuesdays 6.00 to 7.00pm
Cubs (7.5-11 years)
Thursdays 7.00 to 8.30pm
Scouts (10.5 to 15 years)
Tuesdays 7.15 to 9.00pm

Come and meet the team to sing or dance

Singing and dancing develop new skills and confidence.
Visit our website www.nypaa.com.au or call us
9836 2877
Kew Swimming Club: Encouragement Meet, Sunday, 1st March 2015

On Sunday, 1st March, Kew Swimming Club is holding its 9th Annual Encouragement Meet.

The emphasis is on “Encouragement” - the event is designed to introduce swimmers to competitive swimming and get a feel for how much fun they might have within a friendly club environment.

Events are over a distance of 50m and cover all strokes and age groups.

To participate, please complete an entry form, available under the Competitions / Upcoming meets” tab of the club’s website www.kew.swimming.org.au or contact any of the Kew committee members.

Location: Boroondara Sports Complex, 271C Belmore Road, Balwyn North (Melway 46F5)

Please come along and join in the fun!

Regards,

Stuart

Stuart Cartledge, General Committee (0418 650 574)