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Message from Principal

Hi Kew,

**KPS AT ITS BEST!**

I start our newsletter this week highlighting two very special events that ran at our school last week. Last Friday our Year 3 and 4 students put their bike education skills to the test during the Middle School Bike Hike. This event saw over 150 students ride (via an indirect but very scenic route!) or walk to Hay’s Paddock and enjoy a BBQ lunch before heading back to school in the afternoon. The event and program overall required a massive amount of organisation. It also involved a huge number of parent volunteers and by my count this was over 50!

The Middle School Bike Education program has been run over a number of weeks and it’s very easy to see why our school was recognised at State level for excellence in the way it is delivered. Not many schools run a formal Bike Ed program and certainly not the high quality one that we do. This is a perfect example of one of the broad range of extra curricula activities that students are able to experience during their time at Kew Primary.

Thank you to our staff for this massive undertaking. Programs like this only operate because of the good will of staff who use large amounts of their own time to organising them. Thank you also to our parent helpers for your amazing contribution. We had parents on checkpoints, riding with the groups, in support vehicles complete with trailers and of course, cooking the BBQ!

Then, on Saturday night we had our very first Fathers Association Camp Out night. The weather was perfect and over the course of the afternoon more than 40 tents were pitched on the oval. That night we were treated to a BBQ and pizza dinner whilst enjoying the sounds of Joseph Dwyer on his guitar. After that some enjoyed a movie on the big screen in the gym, others sat around the fire and many...mostly the students...enjoyed running around in the dark only being seen via the glow bands attached to their arms and legs! It was a late night for some and then an early start for others! Breakfast was bacon and egg rolls and also a donut for the children. Tents were packed up and then it was time to start with the working bee. I am tipping that there was some very tired children (and dads and mums!) that night.

Many have asked what we will do after we have redeveloped our oval to a synthetic surface. The plan is to move this event off site. This will be a great chance to get together over a weekend each year, explore other places and use a range of different facilities and try some different activities.

Scholastic Book Club

Please can all scholastic orders be returned by Friday 29th November

Term Dates 2014
Term 4: 6 Oct—19 Dec

Term Dates 2015
Term 1: 28 Jan — 27 Mar
**Students return Friday 30 Jan**
Term 2: 13 Apr—26 Jun
Term 3: 13 Jul—18 Sept
Term 4: 5 Oct—18 Dec
Thank you to Rodney Thomson, Michael Senyard and Simon O’Dicho for organising initiative. Our Kew Primary School Fathers Association has been a wonderful success this year and we look forward to an even bigger 2015.

As you can see, both events live up to our motto “Be Worthy!”

AN AMAZING EFFORT AND WELL DONE TO SABRIAH PETERSON
At our assembly last week Sabriah shared with us how she was awarded the Commissioners Badge as part of her work with St. John’s Ambulance. This is the highest award a junior cadet can receive and very few are given out each year. To be eligible a candidate must complete 9 badges over 3 years including badges for first aid, childcare and knowledge about the order of St. John. The award is presented by the Governor.

When I think about what our students have achieved this year, this one really stands out to me and this is the reason I am writing about it in our newsletter. We often hear about sporting awards, music excellence and other more “traditional” activities. It was very interesting to hear about Sabriah’s work with St Johns. Earlier this year I challenged our Year 6 students to ensure that they are able to leave KPS in a better place than when they started. For me that is what leadership is all about. I know that the skills and experience Sabriah has learnt through this program will make a difference to many people in our community. Sabriah you have risen to that challenge. Congratulations and well done!

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES & CELEBRATIONS
A reminder to all families that as we move into the final few weeks of the school year, many classes will be completing activities relating to Christmas. I understand that not all families celebrate this event. If you have any concerns or if you would like more information about what each class might be doing please contact your child’s teacher or set up a time to meet with them. They will be more than happy to arrange an alternative activity or if needed make other arrangements with you so that our school can respect your own family beliefs and customs.

SCHOOL FEES REMINDER & OFFICE CLOSE DATES
SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED FOR PAYMENTS AFTER WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER
Our school fees for 2015 have been distributed in a letter that was sent home a few weeks ago. We are trying to make a wider range of options available to parents and whilst we are accepting payments this year, it is not necessary to pay until early next year. We are also able to set up a payment plan for 2015 fees.
To assist in being able to finalise our end of year office processes, we will not be accepting any parent payments after Wednesday 17th December. If you are required to make any remaining payments from 2014 or wish to pay the 2015 school fees, please do so before this date.

RELEASE OF GRADE INFORMATION AND 1/2 DAY TRANSITION SESSIONS
Our staff structure is now in place and we are making the final adjustments to our classes for next year. This information will be released in a special letter sent home with all students on Monday 8th December. The letter will contain the full staff list for 2015, the name of the student’s teacher and a map of where the classrooms are located. This will assist all students to go directly to their new classroom at 8.50am on Tuesday 9th December for the first of our 2015 1/2 day transition sessions.

SRI 2015 PROCESS
I have been approached by ACCESS Ministries to run Special Religious Instruction classes at Kew Primary in 2015. This program did operate at the start of this year but due to the significant number of students opting out of the program it was ceased at the end of Semester One. This decision was made on operational grounds as we were unable to support a program that required timetable and room allocations for a minority of students.

A new parent consent form provided by the DEECD must be used by schools when they are approached to run SRI. This form has been sent home today along with a brochure that is approved by DEECD. The form contains information about the program including the name of the religion, agency, minutes per week, program length and cost. The new process requires parents to consent to their child participating. If the form is not returned then this consent is not provided.

I will make a judgement as to the program being run based on the number of students with parent consent provided. This number would need to be the larger majority of our students across the whole school. I request that the forms are returned by 5th December. This decision will be made by the end of this year and communicated in the newsletter on 11th December.

THANK YOU BUILDINGS & GROUNDS TEAM & WORKING BEE TEAM
Last Sunday morning we held our final working bee for this year. Twelve square metres of mulch was spread and the skip was fully loaded! The PE storerooms were organised, cupboards in the entrance to the Junior School hall tidied, Peel Street side weeded and watering system fixed and the fence-line along Pakington Street was also weeded and tidied up. Thank you to Stewart Waters, Mic Wagner and Kath Phelan for coordinating our working bees and thank you to all those that have attended this year. Overall, our grounds continue to look better and better.

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA
We would like to invite all parents and carers who have assisted us in some way to a special thank you morning tea provided by the staff. This will be held on Monday 15th December at 10.40am. Please let us know if you will be attending by contacting the office before Friday 12th December.

Be Worthy!
Happy Movember! - nearly there.
James Penson - Principal

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**Found**
A blue bike helmet has been left outside the office. If it belongs to you please collect it otherwise it will go to the op shop.
Message from the Assistant Principal

Weather can have such an impact on people’s spirits and organised activities as we all know. Living in Melbourne ensures that you have to deal with the vagaries of its weather patterns but on the weekend it shone for the activities organised for the Kew PS community. The “Camp Out” on the oval on Saturday night was very well attended and by all accounts, great fun was had by all. The second organised activity that really depended on good weather was the working bee held the following day. Notwithstanding that, we had a captive audience from the night before, attendance was up, and lots was achieved to clean up and have the school looking its best. Thank you to all those Mums and Dads as well as kids who came along to lend a helping hand, the Buildings and Grounds sub-committee really does appreciate all that you did on that day.

Parents often ask me how can they help their children become more resilient? My answer always is by modelling resilience yourselves. Talking through disappointments and challenges in life helps, as well as reassuring them that they can get through these situations. In the next couple of weeks, when our Kew kids will find out who their teacher is and meet their new class, here is your chance to model that resilience. As you know, we ensure that each child transitions into their new class with at least one friend. You, also know, that teachers spend many hours working out these new grade structures, fulfilling the student friendship requirements and parent requests and it is not an easy task. If your child is less than enthusiastic about their new class make up, take the opportunity to talk about the positives such as meeting and getting to know new children, being in a different learning space and getting to know a new teacher. As a parent, be very positive and model resilience for them.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

What’s the biggest event on the Grade 3 & 4 calendar? Find out on the blog.

I’m looking for blog contributions for next year [so you have all summer to work on it ;-) ] If you have something to share, please drop me a line at: katrina.w@ozemail.com.au

Katrina Whelen

Free Eggs!

Would you like to look after our chickens for a week or weekend over the school holidays or one weekend in Term 1? 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/DWRTH

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

Thank you to the following wonderful families who have looked after our chickens this term: Bhargava, Phelan, Lu, Peterson, Tung, Whelen, Hall, Lim, Wales, Ogden, Wilkinson and Saggers
Cast your vote – sausages with or without onion

Get your Election Day sausage sandwich & drink at the KPS Barbeque. All profits will be used to purchase new library shelving/furniture.

Sausages $2.50
Drinks $2.00
Icy Poles $1.00

Please support our generous sponsors:

Aussie Farmers Direct
&
Cannings Free Range Butchers

Thank you to the PTA for supporting the library and thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be part of the roster for the day.
Peppercorn BBQ

Friday 5th December, 5pm to 7pm
At School!

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

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

BYO nibbles/drinks.

https://www.volunteersignup.org/YJF7W
Currently Topsy the rabbit and her nine baby rabbits (kittens) are visiting the Middle School. Many children are requesting to buy them. They are still a little young to leave their Mum and so they will need to be sent to the farm and you may purchase them from there. For more information go to animalsonthemove.com.au or call 1300 760 354

Middle School
Year 3 & 4

Bring Your Pet to School Day

Friday 28 November
9 -9.30

The pets will be used for show and tell and then they have to go back home. Please restrain your pets.
Cybertip—“Would you send that to your Grandma?”

Everything you do and say online or using a mobile device can be permanent and is a reflection of you and your reputation. This is sometimes referred to as your digital shadow – a digital representation of you that will follow you throughout your life. This digital shadow can be a good thing: it can show others how creative, friendly and intelligent you are. It can also do the opposite: it can show others that you don’t care about your reputation or how you treat others.

So what advice can you pass onto to your child?

- Encourage your child to think before they post – take two seconds to pause and reflect on what they are posting and how it could affect them and others, now and into the future.
- Suggest your child searches themselves online and do the same – you can use normal search engines such as Google and Bing, or meta search engines such as pipl.com and dogpile.com which search multiple data bases at once. Search also for usernames, email addresses and gaming handles and do this regularly.
- Remove any content that may damage your reputation – this also means asking friends to remove content they have shared about you.
- Discuss with your friends what material they can and can’t share about you and do the same for them!
- Have a look at the people who can access your content (such as friends or contacts) and remove any which you don’t think would help you to manage your reputation.
- Change the settings on your social network profile around who can tag you in posts and photos.
- Think about what online activities could help you achieve the careers and relationships you aspire to.

An easy message to remember is, “If you wouldn’t send that to your Grandma, then don’t send it at all.”

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**Grade 1 Families**

**When:** Sunday 30th November

**Time:** 3pm – 5pm

**Where:** Eglinton Park

BYO chairs or a rug and a plate to share and enjoy an end of term catch up with friends

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**Year 4 End of Year Lunch**

Let’s get together to celebrate the end of year!

**Where:** Rococo (797 Glenferrie Rd, Hawthorn)

**When:** Wednesday December 10th at 12.30pm

RSVP by December 7th

Email Cherryl (Adèle K's mum) at cherrylgarcia@telstra.com
Program Update:

HELLO KEW PS!

Last week we made the most of the sunshine and played a range of games outside such as basketball, netball and cricket. The children really enjoyed playing with the giant parachute, especially the cat and mouse game!

Inside we have been busy on the craft table, with hand and finger painting being a lot of mess fun. Some children also made Playdough from nothing but household ingredients – impressive!

With only four weeks until the Christmas holidays we have been busy decorating the OSHClub room and getting into the Christmas spirit. Some children have made a Santa using recycled boxes, and we also have a beautiful Christmas tree on our wall that has been decorated by baubles that the children have made.

We are collecting recyclable items for our upcoming Holiday Program. If you have any of the following items and would like to contribute them to our program please drop them in during our opening hours. Items include: large jars, paper towel rolls, old CD’s, plastic bottle caps, plastic bags, newspaper, fabric pieces, tissue boxes, coat hangers, small plastic round container lids, milk or juice cartons, cardboard food boxes.

Bookings are now open for our Holiday Program which will be running from the 12th January – 29th January 2015. Please book your child into the program using our online booking system as soon as possible to ensure they do not miss out on the many fun-filled activities we have planned!

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 enroll (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 Assistants: Lauren, Niki
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649600

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 any day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
MAT is a physically active therapeutic program that combines the basics of behaviour management with the principles of traditional martial arts. The 8 week program involves martial arts activities and discussion to help young people build strength, focus, discipline and friendship in a safe and fun learning environment.

It focuses on teaching:

- How to identify various feelings
- Appropriate ways to respond to these feelings
- How to self-invest to achieve a positive future

**Where:**  
**Boroondara Youth Services @ 360**
Hawthorn Town Hall  
360 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn

**When:**  
Monday 2\(^{nd}\) Feb – 23\(^{th}\) March (8 Weeks)

**Time:**  
4.15pm – 5.45pm

This program is **FREE** for young people **12-16** who live or attend school in Boroondara or Manningham.

The group will be facilitated by qualified MAT program staff and is funded by the Boroondara and Manningham School Focused Youth Service.

Places are limited so please complete an application form to secure your place.

For more information contact:

- Shaun O’Brien on 9835 7826  
  shaun.obrien@boroondara.vic.gov.au
- Wendy Ross on 9840 9452  
  wendy.ross@manningham.vic.gov.au