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Message from Principal

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Wow, what an amazing array of costumes and colours we saw at Kew during our Cultural Diversity Day last Tuesday. It was a wonderful celebration of the diversity across our community which is something we should be very proud of. Well done to all of our students and families for getting involved and bringing in such a wide range of food to make the occasion even more special.

Both Robin and myself were involved in Student Support Group (SSG) meetings all day, but we did get a brief chance to see the Parade of Nations and also move around the classrooms to see some of the activities. Thank you to Shelley Ware for her leadership of the day and for all those staff and parents that supported her. Days like this are not only fun, but an important part of our continuing to celebrate and build our school culture.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SESSION – WALKING BUS TOUR OF KPS

On Tuesday of this week our staff participated in a professional learning session where we spent time in each area of the school sharing some elements of our practice that we have been proud of this term. As I said to our staff after the event, one of the best things about my job is that I get to see what is happening across our school each and every day. The walking bus tour highlighted some things that our staff and school community can really be proud of:

- There was clear evidence of processes to deliver consistency across grade levels and across the school through common planning, structures, timetabling, displays, classroom routines and team teaching.
- Teams are working strategically and using smart planning to implement curriculum.
- Evidence of visible learning and student tracking.
- A growing level of students thinking about their learning and goal setting as a step towards personalised learning.
- A focus on developing students as leaders and learners
- A very successful “Be Worthy” Personal and Interpersonal Development Inquiry unit across the whole school.

In many ways it would be great for our current parents to join in this process as well and see some of the work that goes into what we do behind the scenes. Perhaps some tours for existing parents might be an option in the future?

I would like to thank all our staff for their work and commitment this term and hope they all enjoy a restful and well deserved holiday break.

We have more things to look forward to next term. These include:

- Kewriosity Program

Canteen will be open this Friday

Term Dates 2015

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Kew Primary School Blog

Start your reading-engines, it's time for the Premiers' Reading Challenge.

Do you have something you’d like to share on the blog? All contributions are welcome. Please drop me a line at: katrina.w@ozemail.com.au

Katrina Whelen

And much, much more!

REMINDERS FOR THE START OF TERM 2

SUNSMART HATS
Don’t put you hats away yet! As part of our updated Sunsmart Policy that is now in line with recommended practice, our students are required to wear their school hats until the end of April. All students will still need their hats for the first few weeks of Term 2.

CURRICULUM DAY – FRIDAY 17TH APRIL
The first Friday back in Term 2 is a pupil free curriculum day. On this day Michael Ymer will be working with our staff team.

HAPPY EASTER AND ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS!
Thank you to everyone for a great term and it has certainly flown by. I have been very proud of the effort that our students have put in and the progress they are making as a result. I am looking forward to hooking the caravan up for a couple of weeks away with the family at Jarvis Bay. This is our first trip to this spot after 9 years at Pambula Beach. We thought we had better try something different this year! Fingers crossed for the weather!

I hope you are all able to enjoy some quality time with your families and come back ready and rearing to go for Term 2!

Be Worthy!
James Penson
Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

Visiting each classroom throughout the week is a real pleasure for me because I get to experience the learning taking place in each and every one of them. All teachers have a different approach and each classroom has a variety of the students’ work on display. As parents, many of you would be very familiar with your own child’s classroom and may have even helped in the literacy block or heard other students read, etc... In a school as vibrant and as busy as Kew PS, it would be very worthwhile for you to take the time to walk along the corridors to check out other classrooms. That is what we all did as a staff on Tuesday! The teachers presented to each other and explained what learning had taken place in their rooms. This was clearly evident by the displays throughout all rooms. All Kew PS teachers should feel very proud of their teaching and what learning opportunities they have provided for their students in Term One.

With holidays about to happen I always think it is a great opportunity to “down” the electronic devices and play board or card games as a family. These games provide children with opportunities to have some fun with their parents and siblings. Also, they are a great means of allowing children to experience winning but more importantly loosing. Being a good loser is a valuable life experience as we don’t always get what we want throughout our lives. It teaches children to be resilient and to be gracious towards the winners. By providing these experiences in the confines of the family environment, you are allowing your children to grow into well rounded individuals.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Kew PS families a safe and relaxing holiday, returning to school on Monday April 13th for another exciting term. To the staff, have a well-earned break, have some “you” time and come back refreshed, to do it all again!

Robin Grace
Dear Families,

Please find below an update from our second School Council meeting this year.

1. Out of School Hours Care program
OSHClub is the current provider of our Out of School Hours Care Program and this 3 year contract expires at the end of Term 2 this year. School Council invited four providers to participate in a competitive tender process for the program and based on their responses, shortlisted to two. The shortlisted providers presented to School Council last night and a decision as to the preferred provider that has been selected will be announced in Term Two.

2. Curriculum Update
Professional learning was held for all staff this term with the aim of developing school wide consistency in Maths planning. This will be supported with a teacher professional development session scheduled for 17th April with external consultant Michael Ymer who will also present to parents on 16th April to leverage maths strategies across school and home.

3. Treasurer’s Report
The Treasurer’s Report showed that the payment of school fees was looking promising with 75% subject contributions (compulsory fees) paid and 55% of voluntary contributions paid to date. Thank you to those parents who have paid their fees already.

4. Buildings & Grounds
A kiln has been installed in the Art Room ready for use in Term 2. Thank you again to the Splash team for raising the funds to support this initiative. The next working bee is scheduled for Sunday 19th April from 9.00 – 12.00noon. If you are unable to make the working bee and would like to make a donation instead, please complete the form and return to the office. The installation of the Positive Play for Life Pod will be a focus for a future working bee so look out for more details in due course.

5. PTA
School Council approved PTA’s calendar of events for 2015 and this will be published on the website and through the term newsletters.

6. Annual Report
School Council endorsed the school’s 2014 ‘Annual Report’ and the 2015 ‘Annual Implementation Plan’ and ‘Annual Communication Plan’ and these documents provide a detailed outline for the learning and teaching, pedagogy and student leadership and wellbeing initiatives planned for our school this year. These documents will be available on our school website early in Term 2.

Enjoy the break over school holidays.
Julie Coleman, School Council President

Usernames & passwords for the Premiers' Reading Challenge have been distributed but you can still join in. Fill in the Consent Form and return to the office.
Working bee

On Sunday the PTA ran a mini working bee in the Library. This was a great morning of cleaning. Thank you to the following students & mums who came:

Connor & Bethanie Clarke, Phoebe & Josie Bolton, Elika Razmara & Shiva Akbarzadeh, Timmy, Benny, Jonathan & Sonali Le Broque, Claire Tanner, Danmin Liang, Salley Tung

Sue DeGennaro

On Tuesday afternoon Sue DeGennaro came to the library and shared her knowledge of reading, writing and illustrating. Everyone had a go at drawing wombats and as the photos show, it was a wonderful event.
Cultural Diversity Day 2015

Wow, so many wonderful diverse costumes from around the world, and a day that included a parade of nations, world food morning tea, and many educational, fun activities. Thank you to James for his vision, our teachers who led the day, and parents for helping to bring the morning tea. Grade 4 kids were captivated by tasting real snails, with garlic, butter, and parsley, and their comment was they were quite nice thank you very much?! Thank you to Bethanie Clarke (Connor, yr 2) who made the colourful posters around the school, and took photos. Thank you to everyone for participating!

Easter Treasure Hunt

Excitement levels were at their peak, when Salley Tung (Felicia, yr 2) led the first ever KPS Easter Treasure Hunt after school on Wednesday. 150 kids participated with their parents, and first witnessed a volcano explode outside the library before beginning the hunt, then finding and sharing over 800 lollies and gifts. Many thanks to Salley for organising it, and to the parents who helped her. Thank you to all the families who supported it. What a great way to start the holidays!
A beautiful lunch, well deserved...

Friday 1st May, 12-3pm

@ Hellenic Republic, 26 Cotham Road, Kew

$77pp includes three course shared banquet with all drinks

or

$52 for three course shared banquet with a glass of sparkling on arrival

Special dietary requirements catered for

Book now and save the date!

Prize to the Mum with the most attendees (from KPS)

Bookings can be made listing a Table Host (tables are of 10 or 12)

or by listing a class level with which to be seated.

www.trybooking.com/EMKA

For more details, email kewprimarypta@yahoo.com.au
Program Update

We have been working on developing our own Solar System at OSHClub and we now have it up on display. We made the planets from papier-mache, and then children suggested we should make rocket ships too!

This week we also worked together on another group painting. The theme for this artwork was under the sea. The children were very creative in their use of a range of materials including bubble wrap and other 3D materials. We also enjoyed a craft session during before school care when a group of children made beautiful tissue paper flowers to decorate our breakfast table.

In the kitchen this week we are making Vietnamese Rice Paper rolls. Our first session with this recipe coincided with the Multicultural Day Celebrations at school. This led to a great discussion about foods from around the world.

Thank you

As Term 1 wraps up I would like to say a big thank you to all of the children and families who have contributed to a fun-filled eight weeks! Your feedback and suggestions have been invaluable as we strive to continually improve the program to ensure everyone at OSHClub has a great time. We look forward to seeing everyone next term, or during the upcoming holiday program. From all of the staff we hope you have a happy and safe school break!

Holiday Program Reminder

We have a few spaces remaining for the Holiday Program beginning next week. Please book early to avoid disappointment! To view the program details, please visit the OSHClub website. A reminder that our Holiday Program hours differ from before and after school care – we open at 7:30am and close at 6:00pm.

Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Jacinta Assistant Coordinator: Lauren Assistants: Niki, Stacey
OSHCClub 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.
Snowsports Interschool Championships

Kew Primary School is entering into the Victorian Snowsports Interschool Championships for 2015. The aim of the program is to develop student skills, independence, sportsmanship and school spirit.

The Interschools event is open to all grades levels who would like to compete in alpine ski racing, snowboard, skiercross, and freestyle moguls. Students will need to be able to confidently ski on green and blue runs, however, they do not need racing experience.

Parents wishing for their children to compete at the Interschool Championships please contact Nikki Schwarz or Sonali Le Brocque. To express interest or for further enquires please email nikki@sraccountants.com.au or dse195@hotmail.com.

2015 Interschools – dates and schedules

The 2015 Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships will be held at Mt Buller from Monday 24th August to Sunday 30th August 2015.

The 2015 National Interschools Snowsports Championships will be held at Mt Buller from Wednesday 9th September to Sunday 13th September 2015.

2015 KEBC Term 2 ★ Basket Beginners

Kew East Basketball Club would like to welcome all interested children new to the game of basketball to our beginner program (ideally suited to 5, 6 & 7 year olds). Led by experienced coach Cathryn Lowe the program focuses on basketball fundamentals and is delivered through a program of fun drills and activities. We seek to foster a long term love of the game and it starts with fun fundamentals!

Program Details
$100 pp per term, 8 sessions.

Venue 1.
Kew East Primary School stadium
Thursday Mornings: 8 - 8:45am
Dates: February 5 – March 26 2015

Venue 2.
Methodist Ladies College stadium
Saturday Mornings: 9-9:45am
Dates: May 2 – June 27th 2015
(note: June 6th Queen’s Birthday no session)

Basket Beginners provides a perfect opportunity for new and beginner players to develop and build their skills in preparation for joining or playing with a KEBC team. We recommend two terms of the program as a base before commencing formal team competition.

How to sign up
Visit either of the links below to connect to our booking site. Please book early as places are very limited:
www.kebc.sportngizmo.com or
www.truebookings.com/53271

We look forward to meeting the future legends of basketball!
Café - Parties - Workshops - Playground

Hands-on Fun. Happy Moments

Parties, Workshops and Private Functions

Hands-on and slightly messy fun – Baking - Art - Science

Indoor Playground

Stimulate imagination in the massive multi-level centre - Racing slides - Flying Fox - Tunnels and Bridges - Designated baby and toddler play areas including push cars - Interactive air play area...and lots more!

Café

Recharge, relax or catch up with your loved ones - Healthy gourmet offerings – Premium Campos coffee – Smoothies and milkshakes made with REAL fruit!

BASE Camp Kids

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Book now for Baking, Art and Science workshops! and parties!

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Ruth Cornell
ASD Education Specialist

Presents

Leadership for Parents Program

Giving Parents Inspiration to Inclusive Education in Mainstream Schools for their child on the Autism Spectrum

The leadership program for parents allows parents to build leadership skills required to create and work with a successful team within their child's school.

The 2.5 Hour Workshop Includes:
- How to incorporate Effective Teamwork
- How to implement Communication Skills
- Training in using the Wheel of Success
- Training in how to sustain an Inclusive Team Approach
- A full set of program resources
- Successful ideas on how to advocate for your child

When: 22nd April or 6th May 2015
Where: (The Boardroom) Greengrocer Polo Club
65 Auburn Rd, Hawthorn East
Cost: $90.00 (including light snack and course material)
Times: 7:00-9:30pm

Places are limited - to register your attendance
or for more information contact
ruth@ruthcornell.com.au
or visit the website www.ruthcornell.com.au

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