The Bulletin

Industrial Dispute: Kew AEU Sub-Branch Update

Further to my advice in last week’s newsletter regarding school camps, the sub-branch at the school met again earlier this week to consider its options with respect to the Australian Education Union (AEU) work bans that have been enacted. At this meeting a majority of the members indicated that if the work bans remain in place at the time school camps fall due, then camps will not proceed.

Best Wishes Chrystal

Tomorrow will be Chrystal Sumpton’s last day at Kew for a time as she takes Family Leave in preparation for the birth of her child. Chrystal’s class -406, will be managed from Monday next week by Mr Geoff Farnsworth, an experienced teacher well known to staff and students at Kew Primary School. Geoff will be with us until the end of term with Kerry Lomas taking charge of the class from the start of second term. Kerry is returning from her 12-month assignment in the Philippines. Chrystal has a permanent appointment at school and will return to her position at a later date. On behalf of the Kew school community I extend to Chrystal every best wish for the safe arrival of her baby and a happy and healthy period of confinement leave. Chrystal’s work not only in the classroom, but as the leader of the ICT team that effectively introduced the iPad program in 2012 has been greatly appreciated.

2013 School Council Election

As Returning Officer for the election, a Notice and Call for Nominations will be distributed on Wednesday 20th February 2013. This notice will be given to your child so you may need to check with them whether it has been sent home. There are 4 Parent and 2 DEECD employed member vacancies on the school council. Once elected members serve a two-year term and can stand for re-election if they so choose.

If you decide to stand for election, you will need to arrange to be nominated and seconded by persons who are eligible for the same category as you will stand for. Further information can be provided about these categories if in doubt.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

Diary Dates

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If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Election Timeline

Notice of election and call for nominations……………………20th February 2013

Close of nominations: 4pm on…………………………………27th February 2013

Display list of candidates, nominator & seconder………………28th February 2013

Prepare ballot papers and distribute on or before……………5th March 2013

Close of ballot 4pm on…………………………………12th March 2013

Count votes & declare ballot by……………………………19th March 2013

New council becomes operational from the day following the declaration of the poll.

Council are meeting to appoint community members and elect office bearers at the meeting chaired by the Principal on Wednesday 20th March 2013. The meeting of the new council will follow.

Barry Archibald
Acting Principal
ARE YOU A LEADER OR DO YOU HAVE KNOWLEDGE IN LEADERSHIP SKILLS?

We are developing our children to be! Year 6 students will be partaking in Young Leaders’ Leadership Day scheduled Tuesday 26th February. This is a day of workshops learning about a range of skills useful for life and in leading Kew PS throughout 2013. We would love to have anyone with a particular interest or knowledge in leadership to help us out. The workshops will be approximately 5x40 minute rotations of 10 students or less throughout the day.

We are very keen to invite guest speakers to talk to our students about their experience as a leader or ‘what makes a leader’.

If you, or anyone you know might be able to help please contact one of the Year 6 staff.

Thank you,
Jacki Hopkins, Andrew Wood, Shelley Ware

No More Free Fruit Thursdays

The grant that enabled the school to have fruit on Thursdays last year has run out so there will be no more fruit on Thursdays.

A big thank you to Cate Thomson and parent helpers for organising, helping and distributing the fruit on Thursdays last year.

PTA News

Everyone is warmly invited to the Peppercorn BBQ this Friday 15th from 5pm.
Byo picnic or buy a snag, salad, soft drink & icypole from the stall.
Byo 'drinks'.

A big thank you to all the wonderful Yr1 mums and dads who hosted a cracker of a Prep Parent Welcome night last Friday.

Class Reps for 2013

If anyone would like to volunteer to be Class Rep(s) for their child(ren)’s class, please let the class teacher know and provide them with your phone number and email address.

Lost Property

A school bag has gone missing from outside the library. If anyone finds it or has mistakenly taken home the wrong school bag, please return to the office. Thank you.

House Shirts

Please return order forms by Friday 15th February so orders can be finalised. These are ordered in bulk therefore, the next order will not take place until Term 3.

Last week the KPS blog welcomed our new Prep families with some helpful hints on getting through the first weeks. This week I spoke to Phoebe Taylor who was my son’s Prep teacher a few years ago. Phoebe talked about the particular challenges and delights of teaching the Preppies, and filled me in on what she’s been doing overseas for the last couple of years. Check it out here: