**Kew Primary School Newsletter**

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**Message from Principal**

Book Week is a wonderful opportunity for teachers and students to focus on newly published books as well as an excuse to bring out the old favourites that stir your heart strings, for whatever reason. One of my favourites is “Sebastian lives in a Hat” by Thelma Catterwell which is based on the true story of rescuing a wombat and another favourite is Jackie French’s “Diary of a Wombat” which is a delightfully funny picture story book. By now you would realise that I am very fond of those rather short, round native animals but what brings back lovely memories for me with those books is when I read them to my daughter when she was small. As she became accomplished as a reader herself she would then feel very special when she read them to me and that brings me to the point of stating just how critical it is for parents to spend some quality time sharing books with your own children. Many parents I talk to are worried that their children are not reading enough especially trying to fit reading in with all the other scheduled family activities happening. Professor Bridie Raban stated, in a recent article in the Age, that “...when children come home from school the pressure is on to get things done”. She went on to explain that, “... reading is different. It isn’t like you read a bedtime story across a room. It is done in close proximity and reading a book to a child is an emotional arena - it is very intense.” The article went on to state that despite the bells and whistles of digital books, a recent survey by Optus found that 86 per cent of Australian children preferred the traditional book. The article went on to give six tips to help with reading in your family. Here is a précised version of those tips - make reading part of a daily routine and make bedtime stories something to look forward to for all family members, as a parent read regularly yourselves as it is good modelling for your children, join the local library, read a variety of books that interest your children, play word association games, and finally talk with your child as it builds communication skills, vocabulary and increases confidence. To view the full article please go to [http://www.theage.com.au/national/reading-together-still-important-after-children-start-school-expert-says-20130827-2sntd.html](http://www.theage.com.au/national/reading-together-still-important-after-children-start-school-expert-says-20130827-2sntd.html)

When I arrived at school today many, many Dads were enjoying a fabulous breakfast with their children. It was lovely to see the Dads chatting together, playing with their children and generally having a leisurely start to their day. This was made possible by a group of our hardworking parents who need to be thanked because getting up and being at school by 6:30am to come and cook is no mean feat. Thank you must go to Sue Friend, Emma Rush, Cate Thomson, Lorraine Trist, Tracey Evans, Nikki McConnon, Heidi Italia, Siobhan Wolfe, Clare Tanner, Sia Asvestas, Fiona Hollingsworth, Sophie Stefanos, Sally Brown, Irene Kemeredis, Dem Peterson and Anthony Gill.

All students will have an opportunity today to go and purchase a gift from the Working Bee.

**Kew Primary School Blog**

Today I am very pleased to introduce a guest blogger, Kath Phelan. Kath writes about something she does with her family that’s fun, healthy and good for the planet (every day!). Check it out...

I would love to hear from anyone else who would like to write for the KPS Blog. I’m just starting to think about posts for Term 4. If you’d like to give it a go, please email me: Jacqueline_tomlins@bigpond.com

**Term Dates 2013**

Term 3: 15 Jul to 20 Sept
Term 4: 7 Oct to 20 Dec

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our Father’s Day stall to give to dad, granddad or that special carer this Sunday. Joanna Szeszycka and Maria Nergopoulos are the organisers of this hard working group so thank you on behalf of all the students at Kew PS.

To all the Dads at Kew PS, I hope you enjoy your special day on Sunday, spending quality time with your families.

Robin Grace
Acting Principal

Message from the Assistant Principal

Year 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion

I spent a wonderful day last Tuesday with the Year 5 students and teachers, as well as several parent helpers, on their excursion to Sovereign Hill.

The students learnt about the fortunes and misfortunes of gold mining in Ballarat in the 1850s during the Red Hill Mine Tour. The realities of life on the goldfields was also highlighted when the students spent time in the Education Centre and learnt how different school was over 150 years ago for students at their age. They were able to play with spinning tops, knuckles and ball and string, as well as experience using a washboard and ‘dolly’ and writing on a slate.

The highlight for many was panning for gold and finding their riches, as well as a mandatory visit to the lolly shop to purchase boiled lollies, toffee apples and lollipops.

The students are to be congratulated on their exemplary behaviour and representing our school with distinction throughout the day.

Andrew Searle
Acting Assistant Principal

School Council Principal Update

As you would all be aware, Kew Primary will shortly advertise for a new Principal. School Council and the DEECD will be undertaking the selection process throughout Term 4. The Department have reiterated the importance of confidentiality throughout this period so as to not compromise the process. As a result, they have indicated that School Council should not provide any additional comments in relation to this matter until the selection process is completed and a new Principal can be announced.

The school anticipates that the new Principal would start on the first day of Term 1, 2014.

Any School Council queries can be directed to me at nikki@sraccountants.com.au

Dear parents,

The Year 6 Portsea Camp permission forms are now on our school website if spares are required. It can be found under Parent Information-Permission Notes.

Thanks,
Andrew, Shelley & Jacki
Hello from the Education and Policy Sub-Committee. We are one of the KPS School Council sub-committees and some of our objectives are: to oversee the KPS policies and update and/or write new policies in line with DEECD guidelines; and to disseminate information about education and policy matters to parents and the school community. To help this happen, we will be working to put KPS policies on the school website.

There are 12 of us on the sub-committee at the moment, some parents and some teachers: Andrew Searle, Andrew Wood, Lee-Ann Butchart, Sophie Apperly, Melissa Hayes, Jaci McCoomb, Jacki Hopkins, Alison Clayton, Dominica Zentner, Lisa Bradley, Kylie Dillon and Emma Rush.

The sub-committee is currently drafting a Parent Concerns and Complaints Policy and an Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Policy. The school community will be informed via the newsletter/bulletin of draft policies that are made available for comment. Final policies will be available on the school website.

One of the things we have started to do in our regular meetings is get an update from the teachers about what each level of students is doing. Did you know that the theme for this term at KPS for all students is History?

- Grade 1s are focusing on family history, completing family trees and learning the differences and similarities between the past and today.
- Grade 2 students are looking at the subject from a wider perspective and are looking at changes in housing and architecture around Kew.
- Grade 3s are learning about change and perspective and relating this to changes that have occurred locally.
- The Grade 4 students are enjoying guiding their own learning about history and are considering the cause and effects of change, for example colonisation of Australia.
- Museums in Motion is the topic for Grade 5 students, they are focusing on the 1700 and 1800s and are undertaking two projects, one individually and one as part of a group.

Grade 6 students are looking at how and when different groups arrived in Australia and how this has contributed to social justice – a very topical issue at present! The students will be drafting a Parliamentary Bill to aim to prevent some social issues arising.

So parents, and especially those who have children who don't provide much feedback about their day at school, why don't you ask your kids about their history projects and, you never know, we might all learn something new (or old as the case may be!)

If you have any comments or questions, or if you are interested in joining the Education and Policy Sub-committee, please feel free to contact the committee via Emma Rush, at emma_peter3@bigpond.com

Emma Rush

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**CARE Celebration Day – Friday 20th September 2013**

Events for the day:
- Tabloid Sports all day for students in CARE groups
- BBQ lunch run by the PTA (note coming home Week 8 for order)
- Scones for sale at the Canteen
- Full day celebration of our CARE groups and the values worked on this year!
L’Art

Balloons have been used as the base for L’art’s papier mache Halloween ghosts, ghouls and pumpkins. Pizza trays have been used for Prep animals, Level 2 primitive masks and Year 3 water-lily ponds. Book week saw the announcement of The Coat, written by Julie Hunt and illustrated by Ron Brooks, as the winner of the Picture Book of the Year for 2013. The book was read and discussed by all Level 1 and 2 students.

Textural rubbings are being explored by Level 2 at present and all Year 3s are about to collaborate to create large canvases inspired by Claude Monet.

The Preps will be treated to a visit by Deb Lacey (Ava’s mum) in their art classes next week. Deb will introduce them to some stories about her creative past and present and she will then guide them when they attempt a still-life drawing of their own. I am looking forward to seeing her work as well. (Below you can see Ava's flower, Elise and Mia's masks, Derrick's lion, Jassi's cat and Emmelyn and Riana's water-lily paintings.)

DONATIONS: Thanks for all of the sensational books Tina (Sander and Christian's mum). What a kind donation! We are also grateful for Ben Chamberlain-Ward's bag of corks and Sue Hannan's (Lucy.S's mum) paints and containers. All of them will be put to very good use!

Bit McLean and Madame T. (Visual Arts Teachers)

Second hand Uniform shop will open on Tuesday 3rd September.
The Melbourne Writers Festival

On the 26th of August, Ruth, Shelley and 17 students from years 4, 5 and 6 went to the Melbourne Writers Festival at Federation Square.

At the festival we joined other students from other schools to learn about the origin and meaning of words and names and the challenges of putting a book together. We also learnt about how people have different perceptions of books and inspiration for writing.

There were a number of question and answer sessions with some great authors and cover designers.

After a fun and interesting day it was then time to head back to school.

This day has encouraged us all to read and write more.

We would like to thank Ruth and Shelly for arranging this fantastic event.
Kew Family Maths Night

Kew Primary School will be hosting a Family Maths Night. This is an opportunity for your family to experience maths in a real life setting and gain ideas to support your child’s learning.

So come and join us for an evening of puzzling, challenging and fun activities.

Date: Wednesday, 4th September

Time: 5-7 pm

Place: Upstairs in the BER (Senior School)

Warm yourself up with a Maths problem or puzzle.

This week's challenge: Why is 6 afraid of 7?

Find out the answer at the Maths Night!

Lettuces and Leeks!

Have you seen the latest produce from our garden?

Sally has been using lettuce from the garden for her yummy burgers and used the leeks in her spaghetti bolognaise last week. The preps have also been taking great care of the radishes they planted which are now ready to be picked.
Can you Flip a Sausage?

The PTA Election Day BBQ is on Saturday, 7th September from 9am - 2pm.

This will be a significant fundraiser for our school and while the PTA is organising supplies - we really need your help on the BBQ stand.

We need volunteers to help cook bacon, eggs and sausages and would appreciate it if you could help for an hour, anytime between 9am to 2pm.

Please contact Gill Smith on 0402 024 174 or email gillclaresmith@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Hope to see you there, if you are unable to help on the day please come along to vote hungry and buy breakfast or lunch!

Tell your families and friends to vote at our school!

KPS is listed on the FED election map


With many thanks for your anticipated support, Gill, Chett and Loraine.

CALLING ALL STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS

THE 2014 KPS ART SHOW IS OFF AND RUNNING - BUT IT IS NAMELESS!
SO, WE ARE SEEKING YOUR IDEAS FOR A NAME
WE’D LOVE TO HEAR ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE FOR THE NAME OF THE SHOW.

Please email Jayne.campbell@optusnet.com.au with your suggestions or drop in your suggested names to the office by Friday 6th September 2013. Thank you.
**Program Update**

Hi everyone 😊,

We need OLD; socks (washed 😊), shirts, glass jars and lids (any size), newspapers, magazines, hats, costumes, pyjamas, clothes for dress-ups, sheets, pillows, cardboard boxes etc. The list could go on. Educators recycle materials from home as much as they can but their resources are slowing down. Instead of putting your cereal box, shoe box, empty vegemite jar or newspaper in your recycle bin at home, please bring them here so we can reuse these items and reduce the impact on the environment.

Kathi, from Kew OSHClub, is asking everyone in the school community if they could possibly bring empty eggs cartons to the program. Kathi needs them for her chicken’s eggs. There will even be free ‘fresh’ eggs to the family who recycles the most cartons during the term 🙂

*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.

A big thank you to parents who book their children into OSHClub online. This helps us greatly when it comes to staffing the program and having enough educators on hand to run the awesome activities. By booking online educators can also cater for the afternoon snack appropriately.

**Next Week’s Activities**

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**Parent Information**

OSH program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Kathi
Assistant: Niki, Fiona, Paul, Tim, Yee Ling, Alyssa
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.
Great team spirit & sportsmanship!

Congratulations to the following boys for competing at Weeden Primary’s Inter-school Chess Tournament:

- Adriaan & Jack (Grade 5),
- Kai, Henry, Will, Isaac, David (Grade 4),
- Declan, Hamish, Daniel (Grade 2),
- James & Max (Grade 1).

The first four boys above received medals. Kew Primary came 5th out of 10 schools.

Thank you to Sonia McCully-Saggers, Keith Wong, Mary Leung, Etty Den Hartog, Andrea Stevens & Leanne Mercer-Davis for transporting & supervising on the day.

Looking forward to Kew Primary’s Tournament on Monday 9th September!

Enquiries regarding tournaments or Chess Club to andstevens@internode.net.au
Kew Primary is hosting its very own
Inter-school Chess Tournament!

Monday 9th September
9am – 2pm

Let’s show the other schools how it’s done! This is our chance to have as many keen chess players as we like. Trying a tournament at our own school is a great way for the children to see how it all works in a friendly environment. You don’t need to be a Chess Club member to join. All abilities & ages welcome.

What you need to do:

- Complete the application & payment form on the following page ASAP to secure your place. The fee is $20. Alternatively pay on-line at www.chessideas.com.au
- Make sure your child knows the basic rules of chess!
- Tournament games are timed & your child needs to press their clock button at the end of each move – it’s quite easy but remind them that they’ll have to do this using the same hand that they move the pieces with.
- Remind them to keep their eyes on the board & if they disagree with their opponents move, put their hand up for an adjudicator straight away – don’t keep playing.
- Bring lots of healthy brain-food snacks – there will be a short break between each of the 7 games.
- Wear correct school uniform – we look more formidable as a team!
- Parents are welcome to stay & watch to help your child feel more at ease.
- If you have any other questions, you’re welcome to contact me at andstevens@internode.net.au

Go Kew Primary!!

Regards, Andrea (Will & Hamish’s mum).
CHESS IDEAS and CHESS VICTORIA

Invites you to participate in an

Australian Chess Federation Accredited
Primary Interschool Tournament

Monday 9th September 2013
Kew Primary School
9.15 – 2.00
Peel Street, Kew. Melways: 45 D5

Entries
$20.00/Student. Entries should be returned by Mail to Chess Ideas, PO Box 3158, Ripponlea, 3185, or Faxed to 95328360,
PAYMENTS CAN ALSO BE DONE ONLINE AT: www.chessideas.com.au,
as soon as possible as numbers are limited. Enquiries can be made on 9532-8370, or by emailing admin@chessideas.com.au.
PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY.

Transport
Parents are responsible for transport to and from the venue.

Lunch
Playing chess is a hungry and thirsty affair. Please bring plenty to eat and drink.

Supervision
Chess Ideas provides plenty of supervision, however it is always appreciated if schools send along a parent or teacher to help attend to their students needs.

Prizes
Medals will be awarded to the top four players from the first three schools, and to the top two individuals in the other schools.
Trophies will be awarded to the top three players in the competition.
Certificates will be given for credit placings.
Parents should arrive by 12.45 if they wish to see the prize giving.

Format
A seven round Swiss. Each player has 15 minutes per game to complete their moves.

Medical
If your child has any medical condition we should know about, please contact us by phone BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT and provide us with full details.

Monday 9th September 2013, Kew Primary School Tournament,
Tournament Entry Fee - $20.00

School Name______________________________________ Child’s Name____________________________________
Year Level___________________ Parents’ approval (print) _______________________
Contact Ph# ___________________________ Signature ________________________________________________
(Visa and Mastercard only)
Name on card ___________________________________ Card Type ________________________________
Card # _________________________________________ Expiry Date __________________
Cheques or money orders should be made payable to Chess Ideas (Australia), P.O. Box 3158, Ripponlea, 3185.
2013 Victorian Skiing Interschool Championships

School for the first time entered a team in the Victorian Interschools Skiing competition.

The event was held at Mount Buller last week and a group of KPS students braved the woolly weather to compete in various events including Alpine GS and Skier Cross.

The KPS representatives included Dylan Zitnich, Ruby Backwell, Ella Schwarz, Sam Backwell, Owen Grayson and Ollie Schwarz.

Here are some pictures of the week that was......

Cheers Nikki

Entertainment Books

Last chance to purchase the Entertainment Book. $13 from each book sold will be donated to the school.