Diary Dates

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Message from Principal

As I reflect on this year, I have a sense of pride about what has been achieved. Firstly, by the Leadership Team of Sally Marsh, Andrew Wood, Andrew Searle for two terms, Steven Donohue for this term and myself. Many positive changes have occurred involving curriculum and pedagogy. These are not always obvious to parental gaze. Changes are needed in response to DEECD expectations and but are also required as we reflect upon our teaching and learning practices. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of these school leaders who are committed to delivering the best educational outcomes for all students. The students have achieved many milestones due to the dedication of the teaching staff and, the ES teacher aides who all ensure our students are challenged, have a sense of pride in themselves as learners and have experienced success. I am sure, like me, you recognise the dedication of the staff in delivering a quality education to your children.

To our marvellous Sally, in the canteen, thank you so much for producing the most wonderful, tasty and healthy food for us all to enjoy. I know I will personally go into decline not having my regular Anzac biscuit fix!

Likewise the fabulous office staff, the first port of call when you enter the school, need to be thanked for being ready to answer your queries, provide the necessary forms or information, always with a smile. Faye Pattie, our Business Manager is a marvel when it comes to finances and understanding the nuances of DEECD requirements. I would like to acknowledge all her support, not only towards myself but the School Council in general.

Now, for further positive news, our recently held Lapathon has raised more money than we previously thought. The money raised is not $7,300 but $9117.22 moving us that little bit closer to obtaining our running track. Well done to Julie Coleman, Erin Willett and Andrew Wood as organisers of this event and to the participants- our Kew Kids.

The Buildings and Grounds sub-committee will be holding a mini working bee on Tuesday 28th January 2014, to tidy up the grounds, a little weeding and sweeping so the school looks its best for the new school year. When you are picking up your children’s book lists, please spare half an hour to help out. It would be very much appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and their families a happy festive season, as well as a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Finally, a new era will begin next year for this school with James Penson taking over the reins of Principal. I look forward to working closely with him to move this school to even greater heights of success.

Robin Grace
Acting Principal

Please return any library books tomorrow. If they are lost please pay $10 per book to the library.
Message from Acting Assistant Principal

Hello Everyone,

11 weeks ago I parked my car, struggled to find the Pakington St. entrance and introduced myself to the gourmet oracle, Sally, who was working in the Canteen. I said to her “Hello, I’m Steve, I’m here for an interview as Acting AP – No idea where the office is can you tell me..? By the way this tuckshop (yes, I’m from Queensland) smells beautiful!”

This is a vital and dynamic community that I am very sorry to leave. I appreciate and am grateful for each and every positive comment that has come my way because I know, particularly given how busy this time of year is, it takes time, effort and a clear sense of purpose to find me, nail me down long enough to say anything.

Finally, thank you Robin Grace. You have been the most fabulous mentor. Your creativity, direction and elegance in all situations has reinforced to me that professionalism matters all the time... but most of all when it is hardest to do.

Thank you and be good to each other.

Cheers
Steve Donohue

Sick Bay

A BIG Thank you to Jayne Andrews for laundering the sick bay linen throughout 2013. It has been of a great help to the school.

As this is Jayne’s last year at Kew Primary, we need another volunteer for 2014 to continue with the laundry. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

BIKE EDUCATION

A big THANK YOU to all the Parent helpers and Year 6’s who rode with the Year 4’s to Hays Paddock on Friday 6th December.

Also a big THANK YOU to the Parents who assisted with the Year 3 students at school with Bike Education.

THANK YOU to all who helped cook the 550 sausages for the hungry children!

The sausages were kindly donated by

The Original Gourmet Butcher
720 Glenferrie Road
Hawthorn
9819 5100

THANK YOU!
Thank you to everyone for a wonderful night on Friday! Thanks especially to Robin Grace, Tahnee Planner, and teachers for the positive support received in planning and running the African Drumming & Bollywood dance incursion during the day, and for helping with our World food event!

Thank you to our WORLD FOOD TASTING contributors & helpers!
Tania Lecomte (Quiche Lorraine), Lee Coleman (Welsh Cakes), Serena Xiong (Yummy doughnuts), Marini O’meara (malaysian pancakes with sweet coconut filling), Zohreh Gharizadeh ("shole zard" - popular persian dessert), Alex St Clair (lebkuchen/gingerbread), Cora Pang (mini merinues), Sylvia Hrelja (Indonesian Pandan chiffon cupcakes), Sophie Stefanos (Greek shortbread), Simone Manning (kourambides/Greek shortbread), Salley Tung (sticky rice balls), Andrea Stevens (Aussie pavlovas), and thank you to those who contributed the lemon cakes and coconut squares!

THANK you to our Coordinators & Parent Helpers!

THANK YOU to our Business Sponsors & Donators!
Jolly & Ruby Ghuman Fitz Curry Cafe, 44 Johnston Street, Fitzroy
Eva & John Tamowicz (polish sausages)
John & Zing Ling (Zilzie Wine)
Luke & Josh (Gourmet Meats, Glenferrie Rd, Hawthorn)
Jeb (Kew Bakers Delight) & Toscano’s
Program Update

Hi everyone 😊

Welcome to week 11... and the final week of school for 2013.

It is a time to say goodbye to graduating grade 6 students, moving onto high school next year and new adventures, gone but not forever, we want you to please come back and visit us!

This fortnight we have been busy making gifts for the holidays; decorations for the tree, Santa and reindeer pencil toppers, bead jewellery, pipe cleaner bracelets, Christmas painting, friendship bracelets, finger knitting, dot to dot, word searches on different themes and lots, lots more. We have also been enjoying the outside environments during the beautiful weather we have been having; cricket, soccer, football on the oval, tennis and basketball on the asphalt courts, senior playground and courtyard. AASC we had Netball and Soccer this term. Next year we have Basketball and Circus Skills planned for term one.

Below is the holiday program for January 2014. Hope to see you then! Be safe over the holiday period, use traffic/pedestrian lights to cross the road, slip, slip, slap and wear a hat! MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our families and the wider community.

OSHC team 😊

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January Holiday Program Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Kath
Assistant: Niki, Fiona, Yee Ling, Alyssa, Dave
OSHC Club Head Office: 03 86499000

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.

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