The Bulletin

Message from the Assistant Principal

As many of you would be aware, today is the House Cross Country event for Kew PS and the weather appears to have done the right thing by us all - brisk but very sunny and, of course, dry! I am looking forward to this event because it gives our students an opportunity to challenge themselves, competing for their house and perhaps going onto the district competition. Clare Connor has done an amazing job of organising this event and should be thanked for all the hard work as should the staff from years 3 to 6 who have supported her. Those first ten competitors in each age group who qualify for the district will be announced and congratulated at assembly this Friday.

On Monday our values program known as CARE begins. CARE stands for Cooperation, Acceptance, Respect and Excellence and I am sure you would agree these are values we all aspire to including the Kew Kids. All students in the school have been organised into their CARE groups from Preps to Year 6. A teacher is appointed to each group including Mr. Penson and myself. These groups are facilitated by two Grade Six students as part of their leadership roles and each fortnight the students undertake a number of activities, role plays and discussions that give them a greater understanding of the CARE values. I, like all the teachers, look forward to taking my CARE group supporting the Grade Six leaders and getting involved in all aspects of this worthwhile program. All students except for the Foundation students will be dismissed from their CARE group following this session at the end of the day. The Grade 6 students will return their buddies to their classroom to be dismissed from there. It will be a great opportunity to have some discussion with your child following this CARE session on Monday. I look forward to getting feedback from you after these discussions.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents of year 3 and 5 students that NAPLAN testing will take place in week four and there will be further information regarding this national testing program in next week’s newsletter.

Mr. Penson will return to Kew PS on Monday, probably sporting a tan after spending a fun filled week with his family on the Gold Coast.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

Giant swings, cooking classes, roaming animals and a fountain - these are just some of the things Grade Three students put on their ‘school wish list’. Can even the craziest idea become a reality?

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

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In 2014 Kew Primary will be offering optional assessments for Year 2-6

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

ICAS is a highly regarded assessment program for schools in, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing which enables schools to identify students’ levels of academic performance. Schools and students receive a comprehensive hard copy and online reports on their performance in each subject. Students also receive a certificate to recognise their achievement.

Students can do one, two, three or all of the assessments that we will be offering at KPS. The first one will be Science and the closing date for entry to this is next Monday May 5th. Please return forms and money to the class teacher by this date.
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

We will be offering English, Mathematics, Spelling and Writing later in the term.

Additional information can be found on ICAS website. [http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/)

PTA Mother’s Day Raffle - drawn Friday 9th May ($500 worth of prizes)

The mother’s day raffle is raising funds for new class reading sets - let’s try and raise $2000! More tickets are available at the office and need to be in by Friday 9th May. Raffle will be drawn at school assembly the same day. Thank you to our sponsors: Perse (Irene Kemeridis, Yr 1 & 3), Ecostore (Liz Ellis, Prep) and Revive Holistic Health (Leanne at Camberwell).

PTA Mother’s Day Stall - Thursday 8th May

Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday the 8th of May in the Junior Hall. We have lots of wonderful gifts to choose from. Please support this important fund raising event. Also, we urgently need helpers to wrap gifts on Monday 5th and Tuesday the 6th of May. Please come to the Junior Hall after drop off - even half an hour of your time is enormously helpful.