**Diary Dates**

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**Message from Principal**

As this year is rapidly drawing to a close, I know many parents and students will be wondering who their teacher will be for 2014. The last details of our staffing allocation, havenow finally been put in place with the hiring of two graduate teachers this week, following an exhaustive application and interview process. Joining our staff next year will be Leah Morgan who is currently teaching at Auburn Primary School and Malcolm Newton who is undertaking his final placement at Camberwell Primary School. Both will add a new dimension to an already experienced staff.

The Leadership Team has spent many hours putting together teaching teams and they are as follows:

- Prep teachers—Diana Matricciani, Sophie Apperly, Chelsea Carmichael.
- Grade One teachers—Penny Doery, Melissa Hayes, Mary Whitehouse, Elizabeth Murray.
- Grade Two teachers—Gayle Bennett, Lee-Ann Butchart, Bit McLean/Natalie Ryan.
- Grade Three teachers—Di Pantazis, Patricia Incerti, Sonia Ryan.
- Grade Four teachers—Jaci McCoombe, Phoebe Taylor, Malcolm Newton.
- Grade Five teachers—Sally Marsh, Clio Williams and Leah Morgan.
- Grade Six teachers—Jackie Hopkins, Andrew Wood.

The following teachers will be taking the specialists’ programs:

- French LOTE teachers- Michelle Payne and Carla Temple, Visual Arts- Kerry Lomas, Performing Arts- Tahnee Planner, Physical Education- Clare Connor, English as an Additional language- Ali Duffy, and Literacy Learning Intervention will be taken by Shelley Ware.

Two teachers, currently on staff, who will be taking leave in 2014, are Katie Braemar and Erin Willett.

The students will be meeting their 2014 teacher in their new classrooms on Tuesday 17th December. All teachers have spent many hours putting together the classes for next year, taking into account friendship groups and the best learning opportunities for all students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for the time and the dedication they have shown in completing this task. Many parents contribute to Kew PS in a variety of ways and so the staff and the Leadership Team would like to show our appreciation by having a parent helpers’ morning tea on Tuesday 17th December in the Junior School Hall for you all. No formal invitations will be sent home, just this general

**Kew Primary School Blog**

This week’s blog is about the fantastic CARE chairs that are now fully installed in the playground. There’s a lovely story about how they came to be...

*Jacqui Tomlins*
Message from Acting Assistant Principal

Congratulations to the Year 5 teachers, the students and the fantastic parents, (Libby Senyard and Nicki McConnon) who organised, attended and helped create fabulous camp for the Year 5’s. Camp Manyung (http://www.camps.ymca.org.au/discover/camp-manyung.html) is a very well resourced and well managed excursion and a pleasure to attend. Many thanks to the two parents who, after my car battery died (a km from the camp!), rescued me with a muffin and a smile.

Sometimes I think maybe this happens...

“Oh they’ll be fine.. just drop them off at school a bit earlier, there’s teachers there that early... They’ll look after them.”

Does this happen? I’m not really sure but lately we’ve had some students arriving more than an hour early for school and not being put into before school care. Apart from being a long day for the kids there are some safety issues around this. So I had a look at the Education Department’s guidelines. This is what they say:

Supervision responsibilities before and after school

This table identifies supervision responsibilities.

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See: Student Collection within Related policies


Kew Primary School has a teacher on duty at 8.45 am every morning till 9am and then from 3.30 to 3.45 every afternoon. Something to keep in mind.

20 days till Christmas - the names of Santa's reindeer are Dasher and Dancer, Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid, Blixem and who..?

As we race towards the end of the school year and accelerate towards yer another Christmas I can’t but help think of this:

A diamond is coal that worked well under pressure

Cheers everyone
Message from School Council

As Term 4 comes to a close, School Council and its sub-committees continue are busy finalising many projects and putting in place a platform to carry these on into Term 1 2014.

School Council in their November 2013 meeting approved Stage 1 of the cooling solutions initiative. Refrigerated air-conditioning will be installed in the 6 classrooms of the Junior School Building and Performing Arts Room over the January school holidays.

School Council and it’s sub-committees are also continually working towards:

- Increasing the level of Voluntary contributions
- Refining the School Communications Plan
- Sourcing Grants available to the school (this year grants have assisted to light CARE chairs, install bike racks, make good old sandpit)
- Reviewing and signing off funding for major projects required for the school (making good the old sandpit, installing new basketball hoops, library upgrade, irrigation works, digital TV’s for Ipads, visual arts & musical productions, cooling solutions)
- Quoting, prioritising and allocating future funds for capital projects for the school (eg art room kiln, running track, fix gates to enable use of toilet area in BER, furniture for junior school hall & library)
- Overseeing and developing new school policies (such as Parents Concerns & Complaints Policy)
- Looking into the various communication methods available to communicate to the school community (ie newsletters, blogs, surveys, information sessions etc..)
- Organising and scheduling working bees for the clean-up of the school grounds
- Monitoring the running of OSH club and it’s holiday programs
- Overseeing and organising school grounds and building maintenance
- Liaising with the PTA to ensure the school is working towards common fundraising goals
- Approving school camps
- Monitoring school expenditure on property services, technical support, equipment, maintenance, casual staffing and camps/excursions

Again, I would also like to personally thank all those parents/staff on School Council as well as all those parents/teachers who volunteer their time to assist on the sub-committees. Without such a motivated and passionate group of people, we wouldn’t be able to achieve all the things we do. There are also a lot of students and families that get involved and participate in school focused events, such as: the working bees, volunteering in the classroom and canteen, the PTA fund raising events, second hand uniform shop and so on. Not only does this contribute significantly to the school financially, but it develops a great sense of community.

Cheers Nikki
School Council President

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Parent Morning Tea

The staff at Kew PS would like to thank parents and caregivers for giving generously of their time and efforts in their continued help and support of the school and staff.

You are invited to Morning Tea on Tuesday 17th December in the Junior School Hall at 10:30am.
New KPS Policies for Anaphylaxis Management and ICT

School Council ratified two new policies at its November 2013 meeting: Anaphylaxis Management and Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening and the ratification of a policy to guide Anaphylaxis Management will help KPS provide a safe and supportive environment in which students at risk of anaphylaxis can participate equally in all aspects of the student’s schooling.

ICT is present in all aspects of modern life, including life at KPS. The new ICT policy aims to:

- Give students the opportunity to develop skills and flexibility in using a variety of technologies to enable them to develop into empowered, responsible users of ICT,
- Integrate the use of technology throughout the KPS educational programme,
- Increase students’ access to technology and provide tools and resources for the future,
- Promote safe use of digital technology and encourage responsible online behaviour.

These policies can be found on the KPS website http://www.kewps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/policies/
There will be no more borrowing from the Library from the end of this week. ALL library books must be returned next week. Any lost books must be replaced (with a similar good quality book) or pay $10 at the office.

Tuesday 17th December will be 50c day at the library. We will be selling used books from the library and some leftovers from the Indigenous Literacy Book Swap. It will be held at recess and lunch.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Certificates will be handed out at Assembly tomorrow.

Next week the Library will be holding a Christmas Guessing Competition. All correct entries will be entered into a draw for book prizes. The guessing sheets will come home early next week.
PEPPERCORN BBQ
World Food & Dance
Wear lots of colour “Bollywood Style”
Friday December 13
5pm - 8pm

World Dance disco in the gym with STOMP
Drinks at bar prices
Sausages, soft drinks and water available for the kids

If you would like to pre-order food go to www.Trybooking.com/DYFK

Or you can purchase food on the night

PEPPERCORN BBQ RSVP
World Food & Dance

Please return this section to school for planning purposes

Student Name (s): ____________________________  Student Class(es): __________________

No. of adults attending: ____________

No. of children attending: ____________
Kew PS and The Salvos Giving Tree

Dear KPS families,

Christmas is coming!
We would like everyone to be happy this Christmas so that's what the KPS Giving Tree is here for. We are collecting donations of non-perishable food items to help the Salvation Army, who will be passing the gifts onto families less fortunate than us. The Giving Tree will be outside the office until December 17.

Examples of donations: pasta sauce, cordial, long life milk, cereal, lollies in packets, tinned food like tuna, baked beans, canned fruit and vegetables.

Thank you in anticipation of your generosity,
Remy & Arie
CARE Action Team

Leftover Outdoor Paint!
Year 6 would love any donations of outdoor paint you have lying around. Any colours will be great! Including neutral weather proofing undercoat for use on woodwork.

Year 6 Graduation
Date: Monday 16th December
Dinner: for students, to arrive at school by 5.15pm
Ceremony: parents/family to be seated by 6.45pm
**Program Update**

*Hi everyone 😊,

Welcome to week 9... WOW only three weeks left of school.

This week sees the Grade 5’s going to school camp, be safe and have fun everyone 😊

Kew Primary OSHClub went through the National Quality Framework assessment over the school holidays and we are proud to announce our results......

😊 EXCEEDING 😊 We are very proud!

Due to the sudden weather changes sometimes we cannot offer the planned activities, such as cooking or oval time. We do modify the program and get the children involved by asking them what they would like to do as an extra activity on the day. We can assure all families the aircon gets a workout at the program and the children are hydrated on really hot days.

* Please book your children online, if booking casually (over the phone) a casual surcharge of $3 will be added to your fees. Booking online 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.

OSHClub team 😊

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### Next Week’s Activities

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### Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Kathi
Assistant: Niki, Fiona, Yee Ling, Alyssa, Dove
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](http://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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Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, drums, cello, bass guitar, here at Kew Primary School. Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $15.40 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2014.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333

Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au

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Enrol now for 2014!!

Drama Time

Junior class (P – G2): Tuesday in the JR hall: 3.40pm – 4.30pm

Senior class (G3 – 6): TBC

Enrolment options are as follows:

- Email the information below to freyja@dramatime.com.au
- Post this form to Drama Time 13 William St, Balacava 3183
- Or call Drama Time on 9528 8998

Please do not return this form to the school, return to the Drama Time office only.

Student name: ________________________ Grade: ________________

Parent name: _______________________ Mobile: _______________________

Email: ____________________________ Home number: ________________

School: Kew PS

AN INVOICE WILL FOLLOW AFTER THE ENROLMENT IS COMPLETE.

"Elise was so excited to tell me about the amazing fun she had and all the things that she's going to get to do in drama." Parent, Ormond

"Eden loves her Drama class; she always comes home on Tuesdays with stories from the session." Parent, St Fin's

"Enrique's confidence has increased enormously over the last few years thanks to Drama Time." Parent, Brighton Beach
Kew Primary School
Chess Club, 2014

Term 1 commences on Friday 7th February

Dates: 7/2 – 4/4: (9 weeks)

Time: Friday’s 1.00pm – 1.50 p.m. – Library.

Cost: $94.50 (9 lessons) for the term.

PLEASE NOTE: If chess lessons coincide with swimming or school camp, please deduct the cost of these lessons from the total amount. Otherwise students will not receive a refund for classes missed. Students commencing after the first week do not pay for the earlier lessons.

Cheques should be made payable to “Chess Ideas” or we take payment via Visa and Mastercard. The completed form should be handed into the school office.

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT: www.chess.ideas.com.au

If your child has a medical condition we should know about please ring our office with details.

Play Chess at home against the computer.
Click on “play chess”. It’s fun!

CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 1, 2014
(Kew Primary School)

NAME OF CHILD: _________________________________ GRADE: ____________

CONTACT PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____________________ Ph. #: __________________

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _______________________________________

Credit Card Details:

NAME ON CARD: ____________________________ CARD TYPE: ____________

CARD NUMBER: ____________________________ EXPIRY DATE: ____________

CCV # __________

Please enclose $94.50 and return to school office with completed form.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO – ‘CHESS IDEAS’.