Message from Principal

Hi Kew and welcome to our newsletter this week.

WELCOME CHRISTOPHER VOUK – PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

Today we welcomed Mr Christopher Vouk to our school as Principal for a Day. Christopher is the branch manager of our local Kew & Kew East Bendigo Bank. As ‘the Principal’ he got the opportunity to walk around our school and meet our students and staff. He even gave out some Principal Awards.

The Bendigo Bank have been a terrific supporter of our school and having Chris at our school is a great way to show him some of the work we are doing and talk about our plans for the future.

In future, the newsletter we will highlight some of the ways in which the Bank has supported our school and what we can do as a community to support our local bank. You can read more about his visit next week.

SKOOLBAG TRIAL A SUCCESS SO FAR!

We have received lots of positive feedback about our new Skoolbag App and at last count we had 161 people signed up! In fact the trial has progressed so well in such a short time that we will now move to purchase this system for our school. This will mean that we can add the Android version as well.

Skoolbag is just one communication improvement rolled out at KPS thus far and we have bigger and better things planned for the future. In fact, I became aware of Skoolbag and other, similar apps from different companies much earlier this year and have been a Skoolbag user via my daughter’s school. However, at KPS I decided to wait until we had some more information about our plans for a learning management system that we will start to roll out in 2015. My thinking behind this was not wanting to launch one system and then change to something else next year. The good news is that Skoolbag is here and it will complement our future plans as well!

3 WAY CONFERENCE FEEDBACK

I have included a brief summary of the surveys about our 3 Way Conferences in this newsletter. If you would like to see the full version of results please contact me at the school. Likewise, if you have any suggestions, feedback or would like to discuss any part of this process please come and see me.

Our plans now are to develop a yearly schedule that incorporates 3 Way Conferences along with portfolios and student reports. This will be confirmed and published early next year.
HELP NEEDED – SCHOOL PHOTOS
Are you a skilled photographer? We need to take a range of photos that we can use to update our website and also use for new promotional and informational material such as parent information handbooks, materials for school tours and our new prep parent handbook. If you are able to assist we would really appreciate your help. Please contact me at the school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL FOLLOW UP
We have lots to report back about our School Council meeting last night. Julie Coleman, School Council President has included more details about our meeting last night in this newsletter.

THANK YOU PTA
Our PTA has done a fantastic job so far this year. Not only have they organised a significant level of fundraising which will be used to purchase many items on our wish list, they have also supported our community through events that bring our community together and help strengthen our connections with each other.

So far the money raised by our PTA (which also includes our Fathers Association and Second Hand Uniform Sales) has been directed as follows:
$5,000 towards home reading materials for our Preps
$3,000 towards picture story books for Year 5’s
$500 towards a new banner for our school.
$1,000 seeding grant to kick start our Play for Life program
$12,000 towards new laptops for the Senior School
$1,000 towards a portable school shelter to use at school events e.g. sports days

BEING ON TIME TO SCHOOL
Getting your child off to a good start at school each day is really important. If your child arrives after the second bell at 9am this is not the best start! I still see lots of examples of students arriving late each day and this is impacting on the teaching and learning within our classrooms. This impact is not only felt by your own child if they are late but also the other children in the classroom when the teacher or activity is interrupted.

I also know that habits are formed very easily and are usually much harder to break. It is very worthwhile investing time and effort developing a system for your family that enables you to get to school on time. At my own house that means making sure my girls have their school uniform ready to go the night before and their lunchboxes out in the kitchen ready for the morning. It might also mean leaving 5 minutes earlier and not having to rush. One of the best things at our school is the 8.50am bell. In fact, why not get into the habit of thinking about this first bell as the time you need to arrive before?!

KEWRIOsITY SHOWCASE – MONDAY 18TH AUGUST FROM 3.30 – 4.15PM
Keep the date free so that you can come up to school and see what each of our Kewriosity groups has been doing each Monday afternoon. A flyer with a map and an outline of each group will be sent home tomorrow with all students.

MORNING TEAS
We are hosting two morning teas over the next couple of weeks. The first of these is tomorrow, Friday 15th August at 9am will be for our Prep Parents and Prep Parent Buddies, and the second on Wednesday 20th August will be for all of our Classroom Reps. This will be a great opportunity to get some more feedback about both of these processes at our school. They will also be a good opportunity to talk about other things that are happening at our school and gather some feedback about some of the future plans we have for 2015. Please contact the office if you will be attending and I will make sure we have enough of Sally’s yummy treats ready to go!

Be Worthy!
James Penson - Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

As we all realise, it is during the winter months that children will suffer coughs, colds as well as all sorts of viruses and generally they pass their illness onto other family members. Teachers are often affected as well because in a classroom environment it is easy to pass these sicknesses onto each other. If your child is suffering from any form of illness it is a prudent idea to keep them home in a warm environment so they get the rest they need. Sending them to school whilst they are not feeling well will result in prolonging their illness, infecting other members in the classroom including the teacher and it will impact on their ability to learn. Parents then become concerned about teacher absences and the change of routine for their child. Let’s all be sensible about this and try and reduce days away from school for everyone.

While I am writing about medical issues I would like to take this opportunity to remind our parent community that we have a number of students with severe allergies, some even life threatening requiring epipens to be administered in certain circumstances. Many of these students have severe reactions to nuts so when you are making your child’s lunch please be aware that adding nuts or muesli bars which can contain nuts or traces of them, could be a potential hazard. All classrooms have signs indicating this situation and the teachers are all aware of the students who have severe reactions. Any CRT working in the school is alerted to this situation by me and by the notes left by the classroom teacher. All staff including our office staff, undertake anaphylaxis training twice a year, and the majority of staff have Level Two First Aide training.

Let’s be mindful and keep all students safe at all times.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

Did you have a teacher that was life-changing? This week on the blog, some of our teachers remember their favourite teachers.

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

Katrina Whelen
Over 250 students were surveyed.

Very large percentages (80% +) strongly agreed or agreed with the following 3 statements:

The 3 Way Conferences gave me valuable opportunity to present my work and think about my progress.
The 3 Way Conference was an effective way for me to identify future learning goals.
The preparation and selection of work samples and evidence was an important part of the conference.

The overwhelming themes for the question “What information is important for me to receive about my progress were:

- What areas I need to improve in?
- Work habits and attitude
- How much I have improved?
- My strengths & weaknesses

Comments and suggestions:

- They are more interesting
- More time
- Good idea and enjoyed the process
- Teacher and parent to say more
- More often

Overall Agree or Disagree “The 3 Way Learning Conferences were helpful and gave me a good understanding of how I am progressing at school”.

5.76 (7 point scale)
PARENT SURVEY

Improvements / Feedback:
- Keeping on time
- Issue about replacement for parent / teacher interviews
- Time to talk with teacher alone
- Longer times
- More discussion with teacher

Overall Agree or Disagree “The 3 Way Learning Conferences were helpful and gave me a good understanding of how my child progressing at school”.

4.46 (7 point scale)

TEACHER SURVEY

Overall feedback very positive.

100% agreement or strong agreement with
- The 3 Way Conference provided the student and parent with an enhanced understanding of how the student is progressing at school?
- The 3 Way Conference enabled my student to share their learning progress?
- The 3 Way Conferences enabled my student to identify future learning goals?

Lots of comments and suggestions around the organisation of the day.

Overall Agree or Disagree “The 3 Way Learning Conferences were helpful and gave my student and parents a good understanding of how my student is progressing at school and what their learning needs are”.

6.56 (7 point scale).

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

3 Way Conferences are here to stay!

Work on developing a yearly schedule for assessment and reporting to parents. (This will also include new report formats and information to parents via learning management system). Implementation 2015 onwards. (Rolled out in stages).

Also - communication will continue to be sent home stating that 3 Way Conferences are not a replacement for parent teacher interviews. (Common misconception and belief). Interviews can occur at any time by appointment. We will remind parents that conferences are no longer attached to the written reports. Rather if parents /carers would like to discuss their child’s reports they are able to make a time to meet with the teacher.
**School Council Update**

School Council met last night and I thought it was important to provide an update on outcomes from the meeting so our school community has a sense of the work that happens behind the scenes.

School Council approved the installation of a synthetic running track around the oval with a decision on the infield (synthetic or grass) and surrounds in line with the Oval Master Plan to be made at the September School Council meeting once full costings have been obtained.

School Council also made a decision to apply for a Bendigo Bank grant for the synthetic running track in partnership with Studley Park Kindergarten.

The Education & Policy Sub Committee tabled a number of policies including ICT, Behaviour Management, Professional Development, Duty of Care, Visitors and Enrolment Policies and these are now open to the school community for feedback with final versions to be submitted to School Council for approval in September.

School Council approved PTA’s recommendation to allocate $12,000 to ICT including ICT trolley, laptops for senior school and iPads for junior school. A further $1,000 of funds raised by the Second Hand Uniform shop was approved to be spent on Play for Life and Positive Playgroups and a further $1,500 to purchase a new school flag and canopy to use at sporting events.

A special thank you to Building & Grounds Sub Committee, Education & Policy Sub Committee, PTA and the Second Hand Uniform Shop (Nikki McConnon) and members of School Council for progressing these initiatives to support the school.

Regards,

Julie Coleman
President, School Council

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**School Policies**

The KPS policies are an important part of the running our school. They provide guidelines of how we are expected to act and also how others are expected to act towards us.

New policies are written and old ones are reviewed as part of the ongoing cycle of managing the school. At the last School Council meeting, Council approved the following policies and they are now available for consideration and comment by all of the KPS community. These policies are:

- Professional Development Policy
- Duty of Care Policy
- Information and Communications Policy
- Enrolment Policy
- Visitors Policy
- Behaviour Management Policy.


Please read these policies and submit any comments to kew.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au by 30 August. After this time, Council will consider all the opinions put to it and then ratify or amend these policies as appropriate.

Policy is an important part of the school and it is important that we have all the feedback so we can implement the right policies for our school.

Phil Kemke
Education and Policy Convenor.
What is Instagram?
Instagram is a photo-sharing app which allows users to take photos, apply a filter and share content with either followers or the general public. Users are able to ‘like’ and comment on photos as well as send these images directly to individual followers. Instagram also allows users to post short videos.

What is the age classification for Instagram?
Instagram is recommended for users aged 13 years and above, however, there are many underage users.

Should I be worried if my child is using Instagram?
Any application when used incorrectly, has the potential to cause harm. It is important that you openly communicate with your child about how they may be using an application and the legal and ethical ramifications of inappropriate use. They also need to be aware of the dangers of communicating with people they don’t know via any mobile application.

How can I delete my child’s account?
If after talking with your child about the ethical use of Instagram and your family’s rules around technology, you may think it’s appropriate to delete the Instagram account. To delete an Instagram account log into the account at instagram.com, click the account username in the top right and select Edit Profile, click I’d like to delete my account in the bottom right. Note: Accounts can not be reactivated and photos may be lost. Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as it could potentially drive your child’s usage underground where there are fewer opportunities for you to support them. For more information visit www.thinkuknow.org.au

This is a good time to remind all students that technology at Kew PS needs to be used in accordance with the school’s iPad agreement and policy.


Stay safe and responsible

Madame T (on behalf of the eSmart team)
Book Week Visitor Sue DeGennaro
Book Week

Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} August

Dress Up Day

Come dressed as your favourite story book character
FATHERS’ DAY & SPECIAL PERSON’S BREAKFAST 2014

The 2014 Father’s Day stall will be held in the Junior School hall on the morning of Thursday 4th September. This year, we are trying something different, although the aim is the same – to let the children enjoy choosing a special gift for their Dad or father-figure:

- There will be a choice of 4 gifts only and they will all be priced at $5. Each child can purchase one gift each (and we’ll have a sibling list so there is no doubling up!) and, at lunchtime and after school, there will be an opportunity to purchase another from those left over (perhaps a second gift for Dad, one for Granddad or other special people).

- Given that we believe in recycling and non-wastage at Kew Primary, the gifts will not be wrapped this year – rather, the children can wrap the gifts themselves (in their own artwork perhaps?).

- Volunteers will be needed to assist at the stall on the 4th – more information to come. All help gratefully received!

The stalls are not just fund-raising endeavours, but are aimed at providing a convenient and cost-effective opportunity for the children to choose their parent/carer a gift – and they absolutely LOVE doing this! It not only provides them with a lot of pleasure but also provides us, as parents, a convenient solution. Please support the Kew Primary Father’s Day stall!
Father’s Day & Special Person’s Breakfast

You are invited to join your child for a special breakfast, to enjoy being together, and to celebrate with other Dads and Special Persons.

Thursday 4th September from 7.30am
To be served outside canteen

Bookings available now via www.trybooking.com/FQJX closes midday Mon 1st Sept.

Select from a gourmet menu - you must pre-order your food, no payments on the day.

Put the date in your diary / i-phone /electronic planner now – don’t miss out!

Come along and enjoy a delicious breakfast with your child.

FIVE MORE HELPERS needed!

The PTA BUNNINGS BBQ at Hawthorn is on Sunday, 24th August, 9am - 4pm. Please go on-line to volunteer your time @ https://www.volunteersignup.org/KRMFT

Father’s Day & Special Person’s Breakfast

Thursday 4 Sept from 7-30am

Select your own & your child(s) menu when you book on-line

Your choice of:
Fruit skewers
Fritter & bacon & sour cream
Ciabatta - BLT & mayo
Muffins
Kids - Hot chocolate - canteen
Adults - Fresh coffee - coffee cart

To be served outside canteen

Book by midday Mon 1 Sept
www.trybooking.com/FQJX
Booking confirmation required when collecting breakfast
Game On!

Inter-school Chess Tournament
Hosted by Kew Primary

Wednesday 27th August
9am – 2pm

Following on from the success of last year’s first ever tournament hosted by KPS, this is a great opportunity for keen chess players to have a go! You don’t have to be a champion or win any games to enjoy this day.

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 participate. All abilities & ages welcome. Encourage your friends to join too!

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!
- Bring lots of healthy brain-food snacks – there will be a short break between each of the 7 rounds.
- 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, or to let me know that your child has registered, 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

Wednesday 27th August 2014
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.

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.

Wednesday 27th August 2014 Kew Primary School Tournament, Tournament Entry Fee - $20.00

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Cheques or money orders should be made payable to Chess Ideas (Australia), P.O. Box 3158, Ripponlea, 3185.
Hi all KPS Parents and Carers,

SPASH 2014 is Kew Primary School’s first annual art show. We have been busy since August 2013 to produce what we hope will be a premier art event for the local community – and our major fundraising event for 2014!

The Splash weekend consists of a Gala Opening Night on Friday 17th October 2014 and an exhibition on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October. Sunday will also be our family day - jam packed with entertainment, workshops and lots of art activities for the whole family. A KPS student art exhibition will run concurrently – so get your entries in kids!

Georgia White (mum of Finlay in 312 and Joffre in 111) has taken on the mammoth task of processing applications since January and we will now have over 155 emerging and established Australian and International artists exhibiting contemporary, traditional, 3D and hung works of art for sale. A big thank you goes to Georgia for this huge task!

Promotional real estate boards go up mid-August, together with promotional material for councils, shops and business throughout the area.

Trybooking will open on 10th August - where you can purchase opening night gala tickets, family fun day tickets, splash tote bags etc.

Check out the splash website: www.splashart.com.au for all the details.

This is our major fundraiser for the KPS - please help make it a success for our school!

**SPASH FAST FACTS**

- 155+ artists exhibiting
- 515+ original artworks
- 200+ unique giftshop items for sale
- 624 cups of coffee consumed
- 26 committee members
- Artworks for sale from $100-$4500

Save the Date and tell your friends!

**Term 4**

17th Oct 2014  Splash Gala Opening
(Tix available mid August via Splash website)

18th Oct 2014  Art Gallery Exhibition
and Sales
10am-4pm

19th Oct 2014  Art Gallery Exhibition
Sales and Family Fun Day
10am-4pm

Do you have a TENT or MARQUEE that you could loan KPS for use with family day activities or gala opening marquee? We'll take very good care of it!

We are also on the lookout to borrow DISPLAY CABINETS for the gallery shop. Can you help?

Please help sponsor an art panel for $30 per panel - your name is then displayed as the sponsor of that panel. Go to www.splashart.com.au.

Help spread the word and:
- Buy a Tote Bag (from KPS office)
- Volunteer on the weekend
- Do you live on a main road where we can put up a Real Estate Promotional Board?

Please contact Jayne Campbell, for more information via email: convenor@splashart.com.au.
**Program Update**

**WELCOME TO OSHCLUB 2014!**

We have changed the structure to our week after consultation with the children. They suggested that we have more challenges, including science activities and cooking a couple of times a week. Please see below for our new weekly planner. The science activities, cooking, and challenges will change week by week and we are open to suggestions from children and parents.

Once again we are lucky enough to have Active After School Communities (AASC) at Kew OSHClub for Term 3. On a Tuesday we have AFL and on a Thursday we have Basketball. These sessions are FREE and are run by coaches from the local community.

**IMPORTANT:** A quick reminder, please be sure that you are booking children in advance online. With the program growing, we need to know how many kids will be attending. Also please call or text any last minute cancellations/bookings as it is a safety precaution that we know where all children are that are enrolled for that session. Please call the program number on 0400 394 489, alternatively feel free to pop into the program between the hours of 7:00 – 9:00am and 3:00 – 6:30pm and talk to one of our staff (between 3:30 and 4pm is our busiest time and we might not be able to assist immediately).

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR ENROLMENT DETAILS ARE CORRECT AND AMEND ANY CONTACT NUMBERS.**

Lastly we are also always collecting boxes and other recycled materials for the program so please feel free to bring them by. I am hoping to do more activities and programming with recycled products and teaching the children the importance of reusing items to help the environment.

### Next Fortnights Activities

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**Parent Information**

OSH program phone: 0400 394 489  
Coordinator: Andy; Assistants: Sam, Nick, Danette, 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.