Hi Kew,

THINKING ABOUT 2015 AND BEYOND!

Last week I had the opportunity to be part of the review of another DEECD Primary School. (DEECD schools undergo a major review of their strategic plan every 4 years). This was a valuable exercise for me as it showed me how the new review process works (ready for us in 2017!). It was also a powerful learning opportunity because it gave me another level of clarity around our own improvement journey at Kew. The day was a real celebration for this school as they have achieved a great level over the past four years. What was noticeable was that all of this achievement was actually underpinned by the work that had been completed in the previous school strategic plan (8 years before and even earlier). It was also very clear to me about the importance of making strategic and careful decisions around planning, structures, processes and directions.

As I reflect on our journey this year, I believe we have achieved a great deal. If we were to have a mini review for one year - we would have a lot to celebrate. Once again this would be attributed to some of the work that commenced in previous years to this one (2013 and before). When you look at the big picture of school improvement – it is very clear to see how these improvements are made over years and what we do each year is very important as we build on it the following year.

Overall I will use this opportunity to assist us to continue to develop a very clear picture of where we want to get to as a school community. At our recent staff leadership and planning day we started with an exercise around outlining what we would want our school to look like in 5 years time. There was a very common and consistent vision that emerged and this excited everyone at the meeting. It was personally pleasing to see that this vision matched what I outlined as part of my presentation during the principal selection process.

Our vision and how we will step towards it will become part of our communications plan that is developed each year in consultation with our School Council and wider school community. It will also have a strong influence on the development of our 2015 Annual Implementation Plan.

SCIENCE FUN

Our whole school Inquiry focus on Science has been a big hit! It has been great fun watching our students engaged and excited about science. The various incursions have also added a special dimension and given the unit a real hands on focus. As our Inquiry units focus on a different combination of curriculum areas each term (including history and geography) it is hard to squeeze everything into the school year. One idea we are exploring is to

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**Term Dates 2014**

Term 4 — 6 Oct — 19 Dec

**Term Dates 2015**

Term 1 — 28 Jan — 27 Mar

(Students return Friday 30 Jan)
ensure that in our extra curricular programs, such as Kewriosity, a range of science based options are available each term. This will help us to keep those science fires burning!

**CAMP OUT NIGHT – SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER from 3pm**

We are now only 2 more sleeps away from our first ever Kew Primary School Fathers Association “Camp Out Night”. This will be a great opportunity to do something different at our school. I know that my own family is looking forward to the whole tent idea. It will be a little bit different to our caravan!

There will be a sausage sizzle on the Saturday night followed by bacon and eggs on the Sunday morning. The cost is $10 per family and you can still book your spot via Trybooking. Please see the details in a flyer in this newsletter.

Don’t forget we are also running a working bee on Sunday 23rd November from 9am – 12pm. The major focus for this will be a big tidy up including a stocktake of our sports equipment, organising better storage and seeing if we can fill a very large skip with things we no longer need or can use. We will also have a couple of large piles of soft fall to spread!

**THANK YOU PTA & SPLASH ART SHOW**

We are very close to finalising the figure raised during our SPLASH Art show this year. We still have a few outstanding invoices to pay but this amount will be just over $30,000. This is a fantastic result for our school and means that we will be able to purchase a new kiln in the art room and also direct $2,000 towards art supplies. The remaining money which will be about $20,000 will be set aside for one of two major projects that our school will be completing in the future, the redevelopment of our school oval and the completion of our cooling solutions program.

School Council will make the decision on which project to focus on first at our meeting next week. This decision will be based on the recommendation of our PTA and staff.

Our PTA has also run many community and fundraising events this year. In fact the total raised in these events is over $33,000. This money has been used to purchase $9,000 worth of reading material for our Preps and Years 5s, a bank of 25 laptops primarily for use in our Senior School and a new portable marquee that we can use for school events such as sports days. PTA funds have also been directed to support the start of our Positive Play initiative and a range of other smaller items as needed by our school this year. A small reserve of approximately $7,000 will be carried over into 2015.

In total SPLASH & our PTA team have combined to raise over $63,000 this year – an amazing effort!

On behalf of all of our students, staff and community I say a huge thank you to our PTA team for your support this year.

I also say a big thank you to all the members of our community who have supported these events this year and financially contributed to our school in this way.

**Be Worthy!**

**Happy Movember – yes we are only half way there!**

James Penson - Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

As a former Visual Arts teacher, I was always concerned that the Art Room at Kew PS did not have a functioning kiln and, therefore, the students did not get to use and create clay pieces that could be fired and kept for perpetuity. Well now, the great news for Kerry Lomas and our Kew kids is that a kiln is going to be installed before the end of this school year. This was made possible by the funds raised at our SPLASH Art Show, held recently. Modelling in clay will add a fabulous dimension to Kerry’s art program and I don’t know of any child who doesn’t enjoy the tactile experience of modelling with clay so it will be a matter of watch this space and your child’s bags for those treasured clay pieces.

Just a reminder, that this Sunday 23rd November from 9:00am until 12:00pm, will be our final working bee for the year. The aim of this working bee is to do a general tidy up of the school, spread some mulch around certain parts of the play spaces and remove rubbish from behind the OSH building and the bike shed as well as do a clean-up and stocktake of the P. E. equipment. What is also needed, besides many helping hands, are wheelbarrows and shovels so if you can supply these items the Building and Grounds Team would be very grateful.

My final article is about the parking in Pakington Street at drop off times. Currently, the drop off times of 2-5 minute morning restrictions, operate between the hours of 8:30- 9:15am for all school days. Boroondara Council have now extended these times from 8:00- 9:15 am and this will take affect from November 25th 2014.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

Is picking books from the Scholastic Book Club the most exciting way to buy books? Find out on this week's blog.

Do you have something you'd like to share on the blog? All contributions are welcome (and there's a couple of spots left before the end of the year). Please drop me a line at: katrina.w@ozemail.com.au

Katrina Whelen

Paris to Provence this weekend - Como House and Gardens, 21-23rd Nov.

Ticketing:
Online $17 adults, $5 kids aged 6-16 years closes midnight Thursday 20 November.
At the gate: $22 adults, $5 kids aged 6-16 years. $45 3 day pass adults

Once you’re inside all cooking demo’s, grand ballroom workshops, entertainment, language classes, games and activities are free! There’s a French curated marketplace too where each marquee will display a sign representing which French region they/their product is from. Have fun wandering the French marketplace learning about all these French regions. Visit the historic Como mansion with free guided tours by the National Trust and enjoy a picnic in the Como gardens with delicious fresh French food you’ve purchased from our French food exhibitors. Of course there’s the Pommery Champagne pop up bar and the Spirits of France bar selling French ciders next to the Président cheese pavilion and crepes marquee. For more information, visit www.paristoprovence.com.au

Amusez-vous bien, Madame T.
The biggest event of the year for Dads and kids (and the biggest night off for Mums!)

Register:  http://www.trybooking.com/GIFP

What:  KPSFASS Camp on the Oval for Dads, other family members and Kids

Where:  The Kew Primary School Oval

When:  Saturday November the 22nd

Who:  Dads, kids and other significant family members

Cost:  $10/family includes Sausage Sizzle on Sat night and Egg and Bacon Sandwiches on Sunday Morning

Equipment:  Bring/borrow a tent for your family, sleeping bags, inflatable mats, chairs

As always, Uncles, Grandfathers, carers, family members and teachers are all welcome. This will be an alcohol free event.

Kew Primary School Fathers Association

Contacts:
Rodney Thomson - 0401 890 005
Michael Senyard - 0416 076 519
iPads at KPS—Parent Information

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We will be running our final iPad information evening for 2014. **This will on Thursday the 27\textsuperscript{th} November, between 7pm and 8pm in the BER.** This is a prime opportunity to see how iPads are used in the middle and senior school and how they have become an important tool in the teaching and learning in the classroom.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO iPAD INFORMATION EVENING TONIGHT**

**THIS WILL INSTEAD BE NEXT THURSDAY – WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED**

We hope to see you there.

Andrew Wood & Clio Williams

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On Saturday 29\textsuperscript{th} November the Election Day BBQ will be raising funds for library furniture. Are you available to help for 1 hour?

Please sign up at

Election Day BBQ: [https://www.volunteerssignup.org/Q8TTC](https://www.volunteerssignup.org/Q8TTC)
Photos taken at SPLASH Gala Opening Night will be available online until November 30th

Visit: pinkimages.nextproof.com

Gallery Password: splash2014

Proceeds from print sales will be donated to Kew Primary School.

All print orders will be placed in the draw to win a Portrait Session & Digital Package with Bethanie from Pink Images.

www.pinkimages.com.au | 0414863572 | bethanie@pinkimages.com.au

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Year 4 End of Year Lunch
Let’s get together to celebrate the end of year!

Where: Rococo (797 Glenferrie Rd, Hawthorn)

When: Wednesday December 10th at 12.30pm

RSVP by December 7th

Email Cherryl (Adèle K’s mum) at cherrylgarcia@telstra.com
Peppercorn BBQ

Friday 5th December, 5pm to 7pm
At School!

A great opportunity for parents/carers & kids
to gather to celebrate the end of a great year at KPS!

Sausages, soft drinks, & icy poles available for purchase.

BYO nibbles/drinks.

https://www.volunteersignup.org/YJF7W
Cybertip—Gaming

The rise of gaming apps on mobile devices has opened up a whole new gaming landscape. Many of these apps can be downloaded for free or for a small fee. Some examples include World of Warcraft, Neopets, Runescape, Halo and Second Life.

Online gaming is often much more than simply playing a game with people from all over the world. These gaming communities also act as a communication platform as players take part in IM, chat rooms, blogs and even voice communication using headsets and voIP. There is a market in trading cheats and gaming credits, and new versions of these popular games continue to evolve to meet demand.

- Monitor which games your child is playing – is it appropriate for their age group?
- Monitor how often your child is playing games online and set time limits
- Remind them not to share any personal information with anyone online
- Although they may feel they have made new friends, remind them that they really don’t know who is operating the other gaming console
- Encourage your child to use the most secure privacy setting for their online accounts
- Look at the privacy policies of the sites and applications your child uses.
- Disable geotagging on your mobile devices.

For more information, visit www.thinkuknow and click on ‘How do kids have fun?’

Madame T (and the eSmart team)