**Diary Dates**

**May**
- Fri 31: District Cross Country

**Jun**
- Wed 12–Fri 14: Year 4 camp
- Sat 15: Flower Power Trivia Night
- Wed 19: School Council meeting
- Fri 21: Winter Gala Day
- Thur 27: Pupil Free Day Parent Teacher Interviews

**Jul**
- Fri 26: School Disco

**Aug**
- Thur 29: Fathers Day Stall

**Sept**
- Sat 14: Election Day BBQ

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**Message from Principal**

Many of you would now be aware that the National Curriculum is being rolled out in stages across all states and territories in Australia. The first curriculum areas to be reported against are in the following domains: English - previously known as Literacy, Mathematics - formerly referred to as Numeracy, Science and History. Other curriculum areas or domains will be rolled out over the next couple of years bringing all states and territories in line with each other.

In Victoria, we have been reporting against the VELS standards for a number of years now. Prep was known as Level One, Grades One and Two were Level Two, Grades Three and Four were Level Three and finally Level Four consisted of Grades Five and Six. As this is a transition year known as AusVELS, the reports will comprise of a compilation of both curriculum ideas. The big difference for parents will be the terminology used and how each year level is separate. Firstly, Prep will now be known as Foundation, Grade One will become Level One, Grade Two will be Level Two, Grade Three will be Level Three and so on.

Please refer to the table below as it does give you a clear indication of the changes.

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While this marks a change from the previous six level structure of the VELS, this change should not be interpreted as a move back to a more fixed, less personalised set of teaching and learning principles. In fact, the intent of the change is to strengthen the use of curriculum design as a tool for personalised learning.

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**Group Photos**

are on display outside the office. If you would like to order one of the photos, an order form can be collected from the office.

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**Term Dates 2013**

| Term 2: 15 Apr to 28 Jun |
| Term 3: 15 Jul to 20 Sept |
| Term 4: 7 Oct to 20 Dec |

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Message from the Assistant Principal

NAPLAN—The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for Year 3 and 5 students were completed from 14th – 16th May. These NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority. All students are required to participate in the NAPLAN tests. Special provisions and exemptions may be granted to students with significant and complex disabilities. These must be granted with parental knowledge.

Your child will receive their personal NAPLAN report later in the year, with information on their skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. The report also shows how your child performed in relation to National minimum standards. As mentioned previously, the NAPLAN test results are a snapshot of your child’s progress in their education and should be viewed in relation to all other academic achievements.

If you have any questions about the NAPLAN tests please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child’s teacher.

Education Week

Education Week was celebrated last week at Kew Primary School with our Open Morning on Wednesday, 22nd May, followed by school tours for prospective parents in the afternoon. Many parents and grandparents took the opportunity to visit classrooms and observe the wonderful teaching and learning that occurs across the school. They were also able to gain further insight into the diverse programs that the school has to offer. Many excited students were able to show their visitors the work that they do and the features of their classrooms.

A special thank you must go to our ambassadors, Max B., Jay A., Clem M., Matthew H. and Josh M. who confidently took prospective parents on very informative tours of the school in the afternoon. All visitors were highly impressed with how the students conducted themselves and how they conveyed their obvious pride in Kew Primary School.

The final activity for the week was the Prep Information Evening held on Thursday evening. Approximately 30 parents listened to presentations from Diana Matricciani and Chelsea Carmichael on what the prep year holds for a student at Kew Primary School. They also answered a wide range of questions from the parents. Two of our Year 6 students, Grace Z. and Angelica H. also spoke at the evening and confidently talked about their positive experiences at KPS.

District Cross Country

Good luck to all the students in the District Cross Country Team who will be competing at Anderson Park this Friday. I’m sure that they will all represent Kew Primary School with distinction. Thank you to Erin Willett for preparing the team so well with regular morning training sessions at school and also for her excellent organisation of transport, staff and parents to assist on the day.

Andrew Searle
Acting Assistant Principal
Dear Parents

Each year, School Council reviews the needs of the school for the forthcoming year. Accordingly, the following sub-committees have been set up for 2013:

- Building & Grounds
- Education & Policy
- Funding, Communication & Marketing

The success of these sub-committees rely on parent participation and School Council welcomes your expression of interest to join any of these sub-committees. Please contact me via email on nikki@srraccountants.com.au should you be interested.

New Additions to the School Uniform

The following uniform items were recently approved by School Council:

- Summer weight and winter weight girls’ pants;
- Girls’ skort;
- A navy rainproof, winter jacket carrying the school logo. It has a hood that zips up into the collar, a fleece lining and a reflective lining.

The school community will be informed once these items become available through the official school supplier, Bob Stewart’s. And remember…. All purchases made at Bob Stewart’s result in a commission for Kew Primary School.

Effie Alonso
School Council member

Kew Primary School Blog

First up I would like to say thank-you to everyone who spoke to me about the two blogs on voluntary fees; they certainly generated a lot of discussion which was great. And an especial thank-you to those people who told me they’d paid their fees, or were going to pay them in instalments over the rest of the year. At the end of this term I’ll check in with the school’s Business Manager and let you know how we’re going. I’ll do the same at the end of Term 3 and Term 4.

Last week we had a guest blogger and I’m really keen to have more people contribute to the blog. It’s really only sustainable if other parents and staff are involved. It doesn’t matter if you’ve never written anything before, or if you don’t fancy yourself as a writer; you just need an idea, a story, a strong view about something. I’d love to hear from you: Jacqueline_tomlins@bigpond.com. Thanks.

Finally, this week’s blog takes you away from a cold and damp Melbourne to some warm and sunny, faraway and fabulous places. Check it out...

Jacqui Tomlins
Art News

The Art room has been a hive of flower power activity, with all students creating a flower for their grade's canvas. Each class from Prep to Six are making beautiful, unique artworks inspired by the NGV Monet’s Garden exhibition. All 21 artworks (representing 21 classes) will be among the Silent Auction items at the upcoming trivia night on Saturday, 15th June. If you are unable to attend the Trivia Night, you will be able to bid on the canvases during the week leading up to the 15th. The artwork will be on display along the corridor near the school office with bidding sheets. Watch this space for more details.

Donations:

Thank you to Annabelle and Thomas Rivas and to Luke and Lara’s mum (Nikki McConnon) who donated some clothes for our scarecrows. We are also grateful to Angela (Toby’s mum) for her boxes. These have already been used by the Preps for their ‘Rubbish Robot’.

Bit McLean and Madame (Visual Arts Teachers)

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Error

Yesterday a note for the Trivia Night was distributed to students. The date on the note was incorrect. The date for the Trivia Night is **Saturday 15th June**.

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Second Hand Uniform Shop

Next Sale day Thursday 6th June

3.15pm—4pm
Library News

Book Fair
Thank you to everyone for coming to the Carnival book fair. The library received $550 worth of books as a result of your generosity.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge
Remember to enter books read on the PRC website.
It is not too late to join.

Overdue Books
If you receive an overdue notice from the library please search at home and in the classroom. If the book cannot be found, please send in a replacement book or $10.

Coming soon
Peppercorn Tree Writing Competition
New furniture in the library
Don’t miss out on the greatest Trivia Night ever!!!
There is still time to book tickets
Support KPS and have FUN!

Saturday 15th June
from 7pm in the School Gym
(No stilettos please)

Be in it to WIN it!!
Lucky door prizes
Lucky seat prize
Best Decorated Table prize
Trivia table winners prize
Trivia raffle will be drawn
Class competition awarded on the night

WHAT TO WEAR?
60’s style, flowers, floral -
Visit the local op shop!

Bring lots of gold coins for games.
There will also be eftpos/credit card/cheque facilities available to pay for auction items. Cash only at the Bar

Music and dancing til late!

Home Grown Trivia Questions • Silent Auction • Music and Dancing • Drinks at Bar Prices
BYO nibbles OR sushi and pizza options available when booking tickets
Tickets $20 per person • Book through www.trybooking.com.au/CTTJ

Don’t miss out! Book NOW!
Kew Primary School Trivia Night – Volunteers required

The Kew Primary School PTA is holding a Trivia Night on Saturday 15th June to raise money for the school. And like other fundraisers, the PTA can’t do it alone so we are asking parents to volunteer just 30 or 60 minutes of their time to help organise the Trivia Night.

We need volunteers for the following jobs:

Set up (at the school gym shifting and setting up tables and chairs) – Saturday 15th June
Shift 1: 12.00 – 1.00pm
Shift 2: 1.00 – 2.00pm

Bar duty (on the night, serving drinks) – Saturday 15th June – we need 2 people per shift so volunteer with a friend!
8.00 – 8.30pm 8.30 – 9.00pm 9.00 – 9.30pm 9.30 – 10.00pm 10.00 -10.30pm
10.30 – 11.00pm

Clean up on the night – Saturday 15th June
Shift 1: 11.00 – 12.00pm

Clean up the next day (at the school gym, putting tables & chairs away) – Sunday 16th June
Shift 1: 11.00am – 12.00pm
Shift 2: 12.00 – 1.00pm

Pick up jobs

Pick up ice & deliver to school by 5pm; Pick up La Porchetta pizza order and bring to school by 7pm;
Pick up Ichii Sushi order and bring to school by 7pm

If you would like to volunteer for any of these jobs, please email Emma Rush (emma_peter3@bigpond.com) or phone 0406 513544 (or tell me in the playground) and let me know your name and mobile phone number.

Thanks in advance.
Emma Rush

K.P.S’ Vegie Garden

This weeks pickings …..

Our Vegie garden continue to gives us healthy vegies and students have been out there digging up potatoes and investigating the herbs that are growing. At the working bee this weekend, the garden beds are going to be dug over and prepared for the winter planting. Please come along if you can spare an hour or two. Many hands make light work!

Before: potatoes from the garden

After: yummy potato salad
Program Update

Hi everyone 😊,

Welcome to week 7...
This past fortnight we prepared for Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea, we baked banana bread, cheesy scones, had fun making teapot cards, counted lolly bags, decorated the room and raised $152.45 for the Cancer Council. WELL DONE EVERYONE!!

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RECYCLING MATERIALS: Can all families please bring along any old magazines, newspapers, cereal boxes, jars, lids, shoe boxes, plastic bottles, cardboard rolls and anything else that is recyclable for us to use at OSHClub Kew PS.

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

Have a great fortnight!
OSHClub team 😊

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Kathi
Assistants: Niki, Fiona, Paul, YeeLing, Cristal
OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000

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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Entertainment Books are at the office waiting to be purchased. $13 from each book sold will be donated to the school.
Snowsports Interschool Championships

Kew Primary School is entering into the Victorian Snowsports Interschool Championships for 2013. The aim of the program is to develop student skills, independence, sportsmanship and school spirit.

The Interschools event is open to all grades levels who would like to compete in alpine ski racing, snowboard, skiercross, and freestyle moguls. Students will need to be able to confidently ski on green and blue runs, however, students do not need racing experience – the main thing is that your child has a desire to compete in a friendly atmosphere.

The 2013 Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships will be held at Mt Buller from Monday 19 August to Sunday 25 August 2013.

Changes to the event in 2013 include:

- Event week will now run from Monday to Sunday in the second last week of August
- Division 5 and 4 to compete from Monday to Wednesday of the event week
- Divisions 2 and 3 events starting on Thursday
- Division 1 starting on Friday to minimize disruption of educational commitments

The Interschools are structured around five age categories, based on school years:

- Division 1: Years 11 and 12
- Division 2: Years 9 and 10
- Division 3: Years 7 and 8
- Division 4: Grade 5 and 6
- Division 5: Grade 4 and under.

More information can be found at [www.vicinterschools.com.au](http://www.vicinterschools.com.au)

Registrations open 1 July 2013 and close 1 August 2013.
Parents wishing for their children to compete at the Victorian Interschool Championships please contact Nikki Schwarz. To express interest or for further enquires please email nikki@sraccountants.com.au

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**Single Parents Active Kids**

brings you a FREE

Single Parent Family Fun Day!

**Sunday 23rd June, 2013**

1pm – 5pm

Wombat Bend Park, Finns Reserve
Duncan Street, Lowar Templestowe
Melways reference 33 B4

⇒ Free BBQ and drinks
⇒ Free kids activities and games
⇒ Free face painting
⇒ Membership specials
⇒ And SO much more!

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL!
Please RSVP to Moush on ☎️ 0430 504 119
✉️ info@singleparentsactivekids.org

[www.singleparentsactivekids.org](http://www.singleparentsactivekids.org)
LET’S TALK:

Be part of a fun, lively three hour session that explores the good, bad and the ugly of family life

Following the success of our first in the current Let’s Talk series, FLV will be conducting one more this term and one next term on the same topic – communication within families. Dates: Saturday afternoon - June 15th OR Saturday afternoon July 20th 2013.

Cost - $65.00.

Bookings at www.familylifecvictoria.org.au

Talking a little and often makes a positive difference to your child’s health and well being.