Message from Principal

Well it seems as though Winter has come with a blast! It was certainly a shock to the system stepping on the plane at the Gold Coast in 25 degrees weather and then landing in Melbourne when it was 12 degrees. I did enjoy a great week of long service leave and my top three rides were The Storm (Seaworld), Green Lantern (Movie World) and “AquaLoop” (Wet n Wild). I am not normally a rides type of person but I took the plunge, held on tight and actually enjoyed them all! Thank you to Robin and the team for all of their work during my absence.

You may remember the three “P’s” I outlined during our Meet The Teacher sessions at the start of the year – Positivity, Punctuality & Proactive. I also have the 4 “C’s”, in fact at Kew Primary School – we have entitled our theme or narrative for this year as “The four ‘C’ sons – Communication, Consistency, Challenge and Connections.

During this term you will be informed in more detail about the curriculum and concepts we are teaching at each area. This has already started in our term newsletters for each area of the school that can be accessed via our website now. We are also running two events this term as part of our improved communication focus. The first of these is our Amazing Race Around Kew at 7pm on Wednesday 21st May and then on the 11th June we will be holding an open school council meeting in the shape of a community forum to discuss the direction of our oval redevelopment master plan. A separate flyer for both of these events will be sent home this week with your child.

Our staff are also implementing a revised and more consistent whole school approach to behaviour management. I will outline more about this in future newsletters. Our teachers will also shortly begin our peer observation / coaching program. This is based around observing each other with a particular focus on how we start our lesson focus, our learning intention and then how we continue to pace our lessons and the questioning we use (with an emphasis on higher order questioning). This style of professional learning will enable our teachers to gather effective feedback about their teaching and develop more consistency across all of our classrooms.

Our commitment to challenging our students to achieve and demonstrate their very best is demonstrated this term with the launch of our Maths Extension & Enrichment program for students in Years 3-6 (and also some Year 2 students). These students who have been selected by their teachers will work with myself and other teachers on a Wednesday morning before school. As part of this program our Year 5/6 students will represent our school team entry into the Australian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO) competition.

I am also really pleased to announce that we have over 100 students in
Years 2-6 challenge themselves by entering the University of New South Wales Science Competition. We will also be offering other subject areas as well. Look out for the notices coming home. Thank you to Sonia Hocking & Patricia Incerti for organising this program.

We are also looking at implementing a range of different academic awards and recognition strategies for students at different levels across the school. One new award will be the Kooyong Prize which will be open to our Year 6’s as part of their graduation ceremony as supported by Josh Frydenberg MP.

Our CARE program has started on Monday afternoons and I know this will quickly become one of my favourite parts of the week. This program which is an initiative of our Student Wellbeing & Engagement Team involves all staff at our school with the vital assistance and leadership of our Year 6’s. Pairs of our Year 6 leaders are assigned to lead each group which consists of students from each level of the school. As such it is a great opportunity to work together, connect and build relationships in multi age groups that remain together not only for this year but for the duration of their time at our school.

**NAPLAN**
The NAPLAN testing program for our Year 3 & 5 students will be held next week. As a school we will never adopt a “teach to the test” approach when it comes to this testing. Rather we hold the view that the quality program we deliver everyday will ensure the best results for our students. The tests are a snapshot of student achievement on one given day. Unfortunately we do not get the results and student achievement data until much later in the year and our students will have progressed well beyond the results of these tests. However the data is a useful tool to measure our progress and program effectiveness from year to year by matching cohorts of data over a 3 year period (by comparing the Year 3 data to achievement data until much later in the year and our students will have progressed well beyond the results of these tests. However the data is a useful tool to measure our progress and program effectiveness from year to year by matching cohorts of data over a 3 year period (by comparing the year 3 data two years ago with the current year 5 data). As a school we set several targets that relate to our NAPLAN results. These targets are outlined in our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) each year and I will communicate elements of this plan during this term. When the results arrive home later in the year please keep them safely as they cannot be duplicated.

**Fathers Association Event**
Rodney Thomson & Michael Senyard have organised author Stephen Biddulph to host a “Road To Manhood” event at our school. This is a great opportunity for all our dads, uncles, grandads and friends and also another terrific way that we can communicate, connect and challenge at Kew Primary this year.

When : Thursday 29th May – 7:30pm
Where : Kew Primary School Gymnasium, Peel Street, Kew, 3101
Cost : $30
Booking online for **men only** aged 17 and over : [http://www.trybooking.com/ERWK](http://www.trybooking.com/ERWK)

**Thank You**
Thank you and congratulations to Clare Connor and the team for organising a fantastic House Cross Country day last week. I was disappointed to miss the day but am already in training for next year!

Finally thank you to all who supported our strong attendance at the Kew Festival last term. It was great to see so many colourful Kew faces on this day. We will continue our support for this event into the future.

School Council also requires a minute taker. If you are a quick typist or have skills in this area and are able to attend our meetings to assist please contact me at the school.

**Happy Mother’s Day to all our mums for this Sunday!**

James Penson
Principal
Kew Primary School
Message from Assistant Principal

Schools are energetic and vibrant places and here at Kew PS we are no different. Our students are generally very healthy but, as you and I know, can succumb to coughs and colds as well as a variety of other bugs. This autumnal season, whilst being very beautiful with the changing colours, can bring with it problems for a particular group of our students who suffer from asthma. In this newsletter there is an article from Asthma Australia giving vital information about this very topic. Please take the time to read the article.

In the last few newsletter/bulletins parent helpers have been acknowledged very all their vital contributions to our school. Another such way that parents can help is to come to working bees even if it is only for a short time. Remember that mantra, many hands make light work! Well our next working bee is happening on Sunday 18th May starting at 9am and finishing at 1pm. A list of jobs has been compiled. Please check this week’s newsletter. I must admit the number parents and children attending these working bees, has been steadily increasing, so come along and have lots of fun. The morning teas are delicious, which is always an added bonus.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

We have Mother’s Day all wrapped up at KPS! This week, Alex St Claire gives us the inside word on the Mother’s Day stall.

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

Sick Bay

We need a volunteer to wash the sheets from Sick Bay. If interested please contact the office.

Team Photos

Are on display outside the office and orders can be placed at the office.

Entertainment Books are here!

Available at the office for $65 of which $13 goes to the school.
The KPS House Cross Country was held last Thursday at Hays Paddock for all KPS students in Year 3 to 6. It was a brilliant showcase of the student’s fitness in an endurance event. A stand out feature was the house spirit and sportsmanship displayed throughout the day. This ranged from picking up a runner who had fallen over to running alongside a fellow team mate giving words of encouragement.

The parents that helped out on the day should also be congratulated. Without your assistance at the checkpoints this event could not have taken place.

The results for the each of the age groups are listed below. Students that finished in the top 10 are representing KPS at the Kew District Cross Country this Friday, 11th and 12th positions are reserve runners for this event.

Now that the Cross Country is over, please encourage your child to continue to improve their running throughout the year.

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CyberSmart at KewPS

Kew Primary School is committed to the eSmart program which is a whole school system for cybersafety and well being.

An esmart school is a school where the smart, safe and responsible use of information and communications technology is a cultural norm. Students, teachers and the wider school community are equipped to embrace the best these technologies can offer, while being savvy about the pitfalls.......In eSmart schools, relationships are strong and supportive and learning outcomes are enhanced. Bullying and cyberbullying are therefore less likely to thrive.

Have a look at the aforementioned website for information and much more about cybersafety. We will start to have regular tips in our school newsletter and parent/staff/student information sessions throughout the year.

Remember - it is difficult to "undo" or "unsay" something online. Leaving an online trail (i.e. comments and photos) is called a digital footprint. Tread carefully and be part of a positive and creative online community.

Save The Date - Thurs 12th June, 7pm at Kew PS.

Calling all parents that want to be "in the know" regarding their children and technology. We will have a free parent information session presented by ThinkUknow - an acclaimed program which delivers interactive training to parents, teachers and careers across Australia. More details will follow in the next newsletter, but please mark the date on your calendars.

Madame Temple (on behalf of the Kew PS eSmart team)
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). Thank you to all the mum’s who helped put this raffle together: Yeelan Teo, Andrea Stevens, Angela Gill, Liz Miritis, Susie Grabsch, and Loi Tran.

PTA Mother’s Day Stall - Happy Mother’s Day!

Thank you to Joanna and Maria who for the 6th time organised with great passion and energy a fabulous Mother’s Day stall! Thank you also to all the awesome mum’s who turned up to wrap lots of lovely gifts this week in the Junior School building. The kids had an exciting time choosing a gift for their mum. Your support will help purchase new class reading sets.

PTA Mother’s Day Lunch - 53 attendees!

The first annual Kew Primary School mother’s day lunch saw 53 mum’s attend and enjoy a wonderful time together (more than Kew East at their inaugural lunch!). Thank you to all who supported the event. We received some lovely free gifts from PERSE (Irene) and ECOSTORE (Liz). We look forward to a bigger one next year (let’s see if we can double our numbers!) Happy Mother’s Day to all for this Sunday. We appreciate everything you do for our school to support all of our terrific staff and kids.

("Mum Rules" picture by Lachlan Miritis, Class 307)
Skilled and enthusiastic staff
Open classrooms/Team teaching
Specialist Programs: French, P.E, Library, Visual and Performing Arts
Out of School Hours Program (OSHP)
C.A.R.E : Personal Development Program

Open Day
Wednesday 21st May
9.00 – 10.40 am
* All classrooms open and student led tours available

School Tours
Wednesday 21st May
6.00 – 7.00 pm
* For prospective Prep families

‘Race around Kew’
Wednesday 21st May
7.00 – 8.00 pm
*For all students and families including future families

Peel St, Kew 3101
Ph: 9853 8325
http://www.kewps.vic.edu.au
KPS Working Bee

ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS WELCOME

Please come along to our next school working bee

Sunday 18 May 2014 - 9am to 1pm

Come for an hour or come for the morning. Bring the kids, enhance the school and enjoy a delicious morning tea.

Our plan is to work on the following areas:

1. Clear out the area behind the OSH club.
2. Clean windows in portables, library and junior school.
3. General sweeping and picking up leaves and mulch spreading.
4. Plant replacement tree in junior school playground.

Please bring along: rakes, brooms, spades or a trailer if you have one - to remove green waste, which we can take to the recycling centre for free.

Also, please feel free to bring a plate along for morning tea - please let Kath or Stewart know if you can.

KPS WORKING BEE - RSVP
18 May 2014 - 9am- 1pm

To help with job organising and catering, could you please RSVP to Stewart Waters on 0418 355 587 or stewart.waters@optusnet.com.au or RSVP to Kath Phelan on 0487 331 113 or kath.phelan.gmail.com

Please include the number of adults and children attending. Thank you.
WELCOME TO OSHCLUB 2014!

This fortnight’s themes are UK and Brazil as it’s the start of the soccer world cup. We are looking to complete a number of cooking activities as well as incorporating the food from that country into our afternoon snack. The children are enjoying the AASC, with Soccer continuing on Mondays and Athletics on Tuesdays.

Active After School Communities is FREE for all children who attend. It is a Government initiated project that funds a coach to come in from the local community to teach the children a variety of sports. The children have the option of attending this session along with taking part in the organised activity run by OSHClub staff.

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 programing 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, Niki, 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 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.
The Steve Biddulph - Road to Manhood Seminar

“... a father teaches his child, through play, how to master energy and angers... and not be flooded by them”.

Steve Biddulph is one of the world’s leading voices for masculine change, and his humourous, warm and honest style have drawn over 140,000 people to his talks in the last 30 years. Steve’s books including Raising Boys, The New Manhood, and Raising Girls, are in four million homes.

This special seminar for men covers the main areas of concern for those men seeking to be freer and happier, more engaged with their families, and more alive in themselves.

Topics include...
* What makes a whole man.
* How men got damaged and what helps us to heal.
* Men and women - getting along, and knowing what you really want.
* The journey from boy to man.

Steve is an inspiring author and speaker and this is a unique opportunity for you to be part of a something that will help the school, our families and importantly, us as fathers. We are privileged to have someone like Steve at our school and we hope you will be part of this event.

There will be a limit of 120 tickets for this Seminar. We encourage you to bring a male who is significant in your children’s lives, uncle, father, grandfather. It will be first in best dressed for tickets, so you are encouraged to get in early.

When : Thursday 29th May – 7:30pm

Where : Kew Primary School Gymnasium, Peel Street, Kew, 3101

Cost : $30

Booking for men only aged 17 and over : http://www.trybooking.com/ERWK

And much more... http://www.stevebiddulph.com/ and https://www.facebook.com/stevebiddulphraisinggirls

A Kew Primary School Fathers Association Initiative.
Celebrating Art

Kew Primary School’s inaugural art show, Splash 2014 will be a fun and exciting weekend of art activities and events.

Emerging and established artists will sell paintings, photographs and specialist art items with proceeds benefiting the school.

Would you like to be part of Splash?

Can you help with:
- Artist liaison
- Graphic design
- Catalogue typesetting (InDesign)
- Photography
- Lighting
- Printing
- Tent/marquee loan
- Donation of artwork for the Gala Opening auction
- Any other donations?

If so, please email convenor@splashart.com.au

splashart.com.au

Enjoy gallery viewing, art & craft sales, food, entertainment and family art activities at Splash 2014

Friday 17 Oct, 7pm
Gala Opening Night

Sat 18 Oct, 10am - 4pm
Exhibition open

Sun 19 Oct, 10am - 4pm
Family Day

Join us on social media

Kew Primary School
Peel Street, Kew
Inter-School Chess

Upcoming Tournaments
All KEW PRIMARY Chess Players Welcome…

Bialik Tournament
THIS TERM: Friday 23rd May 2014

Balwyn North Primary Tournament
Grade 3 and Under
THIS TERM: Friday 30th May 2014

Kew Primary Tournament !!
Term 3: Wednesday 27th August 2014

On-line registration (cost: $20) at:

Queries to: Andrea Stevens andstevens@internode.net.au

Please let Andrea know if you are registering for these events so you can be included on the Kew Primary Team list. Please make your own arrangements for transport & supervision on the day.
Coughs, Colds and Asthma

Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma. The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

- Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.
- If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.
- Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found [here](#) and can also be determined by your doctor.
- Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies’, you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist as some medications can react with asthma medications. Such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blockers tablet and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).

Stay warm this winter!

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)

Parent and Carer Asthma Information Sessions

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria is funded by the Federal Department of Health to provide free asthma education sessions to groups of parents and carers. These sessions can take place at the school or at a location of your choice. The session runs for approximately one hour and covers:

- Asthma triggers
- Signs and symptoms
- Asthma action plans
- Asthma medication
- Asthma First Aid

If you are interested in attending a parent and carer asthma information session, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria to arrange a session on 1800-ASTHMA or [sdoherty@asthma.org.au](mailto:sdoherty@asthma.org.au)

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)
THE MERRELL KINDERGARTEN
OPEN DAY
Sunday 25th May 10am to 12 noon

A great opportunity to visit our kindergarten and chat to our wonderful educators about our program. And enjoy our sausage sizzle, face painting and cake stall.

Learn music
here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, ukulele, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, drums, singing, 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 2.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9618 2333

www.creativemusic.com.au