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Message from Principal

Hi Kew,

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

On Tuesday evening of this week we hosted our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony. This was a wonderful evening where we had the opportunity to congratulate all of our Year 6 students and acknowledge all of their achievements over the past 7 years at our school.

Our Graduating class of 2014 have had many opportunities to grow and develop their leadership this year. They have been part of an action team, a buddy and a role model for all of our students. On the night I was able to share some thoughts and advice with them. I outlined that leadership is not about a badge or a title. Leadership is about doing what is right even when that is not the easiest option, doing the right thing even when nobody is looking, doing the right thing even if it has a negative consequence for you and doing the right thing even if your friends are doing something different and over the next few years there will be lots of times like that.

The other piece of advice that I passed on was a very simple message, but a message that isn’t always understood or embraced. That is that in your life you will not get everything you want, you won’t succeed in absolutely everything you do and there will be times when things might get a bit tough.

I asked them to know and remember that this is normal, that this is a part of everyday life. Sometimes during these setbacks people do not know what to do next. During these times remember the importance of being positive, resilient and above all grateful for what you do have. Remember that your experience at Kew, the friendships you have made and the love of your families will enable you to overcome the adversities you will have to face.

I also listed all those families who with the departure of their Year 6 child this year will be leaving our school community. These are: Chadwick, Chamberlain-Ward, Corlass, Gao, Hee, Jones (Ethan), Kline, Kochakzadeh, Loupetis, Mizzi, Paraha, Qian, Welsh, Xu (Jonathan), Zitnich, Bui, Caldwell, Chipkiewicz, Dimoulas, Du, Izlemek, Kemp, Liang (Kelly), Nguyen (Isabelle), Punshon, Raeside, Tan (Elyse), Tran (Jamie) and Twist.

I thank all of these families for their contribution to our school over these years.

Second Hand Uniform

If you have Kew Primary School Uniforms that are still in good condition (including school bags and ‘Kew Sports’/house colour tops) that you no longer need, we would be very appreciative if you would consider donating them to the Second Hand Uniform Shop.

Please leave donations at the office

Term Dates 2014
- Term 4: 6 Oct — 19 Dec

Term Dates 2015
- Term 1: 28 Jan — 27 Mar
- (Students return Friday 30 Jan)
- Term 2: 13 Apr — 26 Jun
- Term 3: 13 Jul — 18 Sept
- Term 4: 5 Oct — 18 Dec
YEAR 6 GRADUATION AWARDS 2014

A special part of our Graduation Ceremony was the presentation of awards. Here is a list of the students who were presented with an award which included a framed certificate and a $50 book voucher.

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<td>Outstanding attitude &amp; performance in Mathematics curriculum</td>
<td>Frank Qian</td>
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<td>English Excellence</td>
<td>Outstanding attitude &amp; performance in English curriculum</td>
<td>Kelly Liang</td>
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<td>Young Leader</td>
<td>Attitude &amp; performance as a senior leader, in particular</td>
<td>Harry Borovac</td>
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<td>• Action Team Leadership role</td>
<td>Daichi Siew-Adachi</td>
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<td>• Senior student role model</td>
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<td>• Academic effort</td>
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<td>Bendigo Bank Community C.A.R.E.</td>
<td>A positive role model in the KPS community through consistent outstanding attitude &amp; effort in all areas of KPS life (senior student role model, participation in extra-curricular activities, including whole school events, contribution to community)</td>
<td>Sabriah Peterson</td>
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<td>The Arts</td>
<td>• Achievement and excellence in the Visual Arts</td>
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<td>• Outstanding attitude to learning in Art</td>
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<td>PE</td>
<td>• Excellence in Sport/s</td>
<td>Daichi Siew-Adachi</td>
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<td>• Positive attitude to sport (demonstrates CARE values specifically in relation to sportsmanship)</td>
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<td>• Encourages others and promotes sport in the school</td>
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<td>French</td>
<td>• Learns cooperatively and respects others</td>
<td>Isabella Senyard</td>
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<td>• Has a positive attitude to French</td>
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<td>• Enjoys learning and the challenges presented in acquiring a further language</td>
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<td>Kew High School Scholarship</td>
<td>Year 7 KHS student General excellence across all areas of school life (attitude, effort, academics, sport, etc)</td>
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We also presented several external awards. These included a scholarship to Kew High School which was awarded to Luke Caldwell and the inaugural Kooyong Student Prize. This award has been organised by our Federal Member of Parliament, Mr Josh Frydenberg. The official presentation was held on Monday evening and our recipients Maya Sterndale and Ethan Seamer attended with their families. It was a very special evening as they joined all the selected students in the schools within the Kooyong Electorate. I must admit I was a very proud principal when their names were read out and they were presented with their awards. The school also received a shield where the winners of this award each year will have their names engraved and displayed permanently (see photo on next page).
THANK YOU EVERYONE

I would like to take this final opportunity to acknowledge and thank all members of our school community this year for your contribution and commitment to our school.

Overall, much has been achieved and this can be largely attributed to the positive way in which everyone has engaged and worked with each other. Our Kewmunity is fortunate to have such a varied set of skills, knowledge and backgrounds. This diversity and the way we have harnessed it, has been very powerful.

To this point, I wish to again pay tribute to our staff for their hard work and dedication this year. All of our staff team work incredibly hard and they contribute well beyond what is expected. The work we have achieved this year has been largely the result of the good will of our entire staff team.

Thank you also to all of our students for the way they have approached their learning in 2014. I am always impressed with the work I see our students do each day and the improvements and progress they make. Our students also make it a pleasure to come to our school each day. They welcome with a big grin, they laugh and have fun, they try their best, they look after each other and they always strive to be worthy.

We will continue to work together as a team united in the aim of ensuring that all of our students are provided with the highest quality teaching and learning. Our focus is to continue to build a trusting home school partnership that can fully harness the increased confidence in our school and allow our staff team to focus on what is most important, ensuring the best outcomes for each student.

See you back in 2015 ready for another big year!

FIRST DAY BACK FOR 2015 – FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2015

Be Worthy!
PS – We made it!
James Penson - Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

As the end of this school year is upon us, I will use this final newsletter article, to congratulate our students, teachers, office staff, teacher aides and parents alike. Firstly, let me applaud our students for upholding our CARE values, for trying their best, no matter what challenges they have had to face. All students have experienced learning success, both academically and interpersonally, and they have shown a real growth in their resilience. A measure of this resilience was how excited they were on the two transition days, meeting their new teachers and peer groups.

Our teachers have done a fantastic job of teaching and providing the students with challenging learning experiences and they too have modelled a real resilience by undertaking professional learning that has had a real impact on what and how they teach. They have nurtured their students to be the best they can be and should be congratulated for all they have achieved this year.

Next to our office staff, who are usually the first faces at Kew PS that people see, always remain calm and courteous, to all that come to the window, no matter how busy they are. They greet everyone in a warm, friendly manner, being professional at all times, answering even the smallest queries without the blink of an eye. They do a fantastic job and make James’ and my life so much easier.

Amongst our student population, are a number of students who receive funding to support their learning and are entitled to a teacher aide to work with them. We have a generous and caring group of teachers’ aides who work closely with these students and their teachers, adding a real richness to the lives of these students by supporting their learning and liaising closely with their parents.

To our parents and carers, thank you for all your help and support throughout this busy school year. Many programs that are offered here at Kew PS can only exist because of the help, you so willingly give. Being part of this vibrant community adds to the connection that your child feels to our school.

Great work everyone in what has been a truly remarkable year at Kew PS!

I want to wish everyone a very happy festive season and a safe, enjoyable holiday time with family and friends.

Robin Grace

Sickbay Laundry

A big thank you to Roz McNally and Danmin Chen for washing the sheets and pillow cases from Sickbay throughout 2014.
Library News

Today the red end panels were installed in the library. They were purchased with funds raised at the Election Day BBQ. Thank you to everyone who cooked, served and ate to make the BBQ such a success. Drop by the library next year to have a look.

Ruth

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**WHY IS IT SO?**

**Year 6 SCIENCE**

This term the year 6's have been looking at science. One of our projects was to design, script and film a science show. We got into partners and chose a science experiment to research and conduct. In our video we showed the viewers how to do the science experiment and explained the science behind it.

We all had so much fun and all the films were fantastic!

Below are some of our science shows.

"Plants listening to soft music will grow fastest" by Maya & Bella


"Elephant's Toothpaste" by Anthony & Dylan

[http://youtu.be/a8DUu1AvnUU](http://youtu.be/a8DUu1AvnUU)
Cybertip—Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN)

The Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (the ACORN) was publicly launched on Wednesday 26 November 2014. The ACORN is a national policing initiative of the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments. It is a national online system that will allow the public to securely report instances of cybercrime. It will also provide advice to help people recognise and avoid common types of cybercrime.

The ACORN is a key initiative under the National Plan to Combat Cybercrime, which sets out how Australian agencies are working together to make Australia a harder target for cybercriminals. The ACORN has been designed to make it easier to report cybercrime and help develop a better understanding of the cybercrime affecting Australians. By understanding the enablers of cybercrime, we can make it harder and less rewarding to commit cybercrime.

For more information about ACORN go to www.acorn.gov.au

Madame T (and the eSmart team)

KPS walk to school program

Dear Parents.

Thank you very much to those families who responded to our survey about the possibility of offering Walking School Buses at Kew Primary.

We have now received 38 expressions of interest hence School Council has approved the program.

In order to register to become part of the program In Term 1, parents should complete the survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DN9V8VF) to register their children and their own availability as volunteers. Note: you do not need to volunteer for your children to take part.

The KPS Walks Program Guidelines will be available on the school website next year but in the short term, please email kps.walks@gmail.com if you would like a copy before registering and / or would like more detail about how the program will work.

The program will focus on forming walking groups for Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 in the first part of 2015 but children in higher year levels are welcome. We can also help set up walking or riding routes for older children.

Please email kps.walks@gmail.com if you have any questions.
Program Update
What we’ve been up to ...

This week we have continued with our Christmas Craft frenzy! We made paper strip Christmas trees, and Snowman Christmas Cards using cotton wool balls. In the kitchen we continued to make Christmas Biscuit Houses, which are much trickier than they appear! Many walls and roofs fell down, but we showed persistance and determination and made sure they eventually stuck together to form beautiful (and tasty!) Christmas Houses.

We had a very large delivery of craft supplies all ready for our January Holiday Program, and this meant boxes galore! Some of us decided to make ‘Box Trolls’, while others made Box Vehicles – what a great use of recycled materials!

Tennis has been a popular activity this week, as well as spending time at the Junior Playground. We played a big game of 40/40 home, which required some clever tactics to make it to the home base!

Thank you!

High-Five to another great year at OSHClub! As the year draws to a close we would like to first say a big thank you for the parents and families that have supported the program this year. Thank you also to the leadership and staff at Kew PS, your ongoing support has been vital to ensuring we can learn new skills and have fun in a safe environment. Our final thank you goes to our small but great group of Year Sixes as they finish up their time at OSH. We wish you all the best for what lies ahead!

Bookings are now open for our Holiday Program, which will be running from the 12th January – 29th January 2015. Please book your child into the program using our online booking system as soon as possible to ensure they do not miss out on the many fun-filled activities we have planned, including a trip to the movies, a silent disco incursion and a Hollywood theme day! Copies of the full program are available at the OSHC building.

From all of the staff at OSHC Kew PS...
We hope you have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Parent Information
OSH program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Jacinta
Assistant: Niki, Albee, Abbey, Claire
OSH Club Head Office: 03 85649000
All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oschclub.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.