## Diary Dates

**Nov**
- Fri 8: Bike Ed at school
- Tue 12—Fri 15: Year 6 Camp Portsea
- Fri 15: Bike Ed at school
- Wed 13: Parent Information Evening at Kew High School
- Wed 20: School Council
- Fri 22: Bike Ed at school
- Wed 27: Junior School Performance Prep—2
- Fri 29: School lap-a-thon

**DEC**
- Mon 2—Wed 4: Year 5 Camp Manyung
- Wed 4: Parent Orientation Evening Kew High School
- Fri 6: Bike ride Year 4 Bike activities at school Year 3
- Tue 10: Year 7 Orientation Day at Kew High School
- Fri 13 Dec: Peppercorn BBQ
- Fri 20: End of Term 4 Early Dismissal 1:30pm

## Term Dates 2013

**Term 4: 7 Oct to 20 Dec**

**Term 1 Dates 2014**
- Tue 28 Jan: Teachers only
- Weds 29 Jan: Pupil free day
- Thurs 30 Jan: 1st day back for Pupils (Preps till 1pm)
- Fri 31 Jan: Preps till 1pm

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### Message from Principal

Safety for our students is of paramount concern to all staff at Kew PS and that is why I need to remind parents to come to the office to sign their child into school if they, for whatever reason, are late. Children cannot sign themselves in and I know this may be inconvenient at times, especially with parking issues but it is a protocol that must be fulfilled by parents and/or guardians. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter.

The Curriculum Day held on Monday 4th November (last Monday) was very beneficial for all teachers and I thought I would use this newsletter to explain what the teachers learned and what they achieved. Firstly, as with all aspects of education, reviews need to regularly take place and so the teachers were asked to look and decide the relevance of the assessment schedule that is currently in place. Working in their year levels, much discussion took place and now a more user friendly assessment schedule will be put into practise for 2014. Spelling, which is a concern for both teachers and parents alike, was closely looked at with the view to developing a consistent scope and sequence. A lively discussion took place around the need for common understandings, a consistent approach across the school and what best practise looks like in the various year levels.

Clio Williams, took a workshop based on SAMR and its use in creative, collaborative classroom. What is SAMR you ask, as most of us did on that day? It is Substitution, Augmentation, Modification and Redefinition and it is using ipads and other forms of ICT in lessons. As a teacher, you use ICT, in various ways to embed the children’s learning in a more innovative and authentic manner and Clio was able to cleverly illustrate to us those various levels of SAMR in teaching practise. She was able to provide a rationale, supported by recent research, into why we want creative, collaborative classrooms that seeks to develop 21st century learning skills and digital literacy. She has a passion for using ICT in her classroom and this has been recognised by others. Clio was asked to take a number of workshops, at a recently held symposium in Sydney, presenting to hundreds of teachers, this very topic. She is an asset to our teaching staff who generously shares her knowledge with us all.

Of course, at this time of the year, reports are always on teachers’ minds and some time was spent looking at the reporting timeline as well reviewing the schedule for performance reviews, transition days, camps and Junior School production times and many, many more end of year school events.

The day was organised and facilitated by our two Lead teachers, Sally Marsh and Andrew Wood and I would like to acknowledge their skills in doing this.

Robin Grace

Acting Principal
Message from Acting Assistant Principal

Hello Everyone,

It’s been wonderful to get to know the parents and students over the last few weeks. As part of becoming more familiar with both the students and the program here at Kew Primary I am aware of the upcoming camps and various excursions the fabulous staff have planned in the remaining weeks of the school year.

Overnight camps offer invaluable benefits to children. They offer a strong sense of community, teaching students how to live amongst one another and share. School camps are often designed with challenging activities as a part of the program, which place students in new, unfamiliar settings; offering them a chance to build a new foundation of confidence of which the benefits extend into the classroom, and many other aspects of life.

It’s likely that there may be some challenges for them in the school camp experience. I’d thought I’d mention a few things parents can do to mentally prepare themselves and their children for the period of time away from home.

Consider past experiences. How does your child go at sleepovers or in unfamiliar situations? Have they been on one before and if not it would be prudent to provide them with the experience of staying over night with a friend before they attend camp.

Talk to your child. When the opportunity to attend school camp arises, ask your kids how they feel about it. Are they excited by the idea? Do they have any fears? During this conversation you may be able to discern any anxieties and reassure them.

Practice ‘independence’ skills at home. Because your child is going to be away from home, there may be a list of things that need to be tackled and mastered before being released to a higher level of independence. Learning to clean up their dinner plate, wash their hair, or choose and organise their clothes are all things that a child will need to be able to do before they leave.

Prepare, make lists, and pack together. Involving your child in the packing and preparation process will help them take personal ownership over their experience and increase their confidence that they’ll have a safe trip. Kew Primary will provide a specific list of items that your child will need to pack. Involve them in the packing process.

Of course, talk to your classroom teacher or myself if you have any issues you need to discuss.

Have fun packing!

Steven Donohue
Acting Assistant Principal

Wanted Urgently

Pre-loved summer uniforms in smaller sizes, for the second hand uniform shop. Please leave at the office. Thank you.

Lost

A black, Casio G shock, boys digital watch. If found please return to the office.
KEW BOYS COMPETE AT THE REGIONAL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS!!

On Thursday October 17th, four boys from KPS travelled back to Bill Sewart Athletics Track to compete in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Athletics Championships. The boys were Robbie, Alex, Aston and Jake from Year 4. They had qualified in the 4x100m relay as a team, plus Aston in the 100m event and Jake in the 800m and 80m hurdles. This carnival was different to the last ones because they had to compete in heats in the morning then qualify for a final in the afternoon. All boys qualified for finals in all their events!

The results were as follows...

- Jake – 800m – 8th
- Jake – 80m hurdles – 3rd
- Aston – 100m – 5th
- 4x100m relay – 3rd

What amazing results!!! KPS is so proud of you boys. A huge thankyou to the parents who have been able to drive the athletes to their events, they couldn't have done it without you.

World Teachers Day 2013

Thank you very much to all of the families that brought in flowers for the teachers on Friday 25th Oct. The art room was temporarily transformed into a florists! With the help of some flower -fairies, we created beautiful bouquets to say ‘Merci Beaucoup’ to our wonderful teachers at Kew Primary.

Special thanks to the Kann family with their very generous donation of stunning flowers from Dandelion Floral and Foliage (242 High St, Kew)

Madame Temple & Melissa Hayes
Le Théâtre D’Ombres

Last week, Kew Primary had the great privilege of watching a French shadow puppet show. There was a cup full of laughter, a spoonful of confusion and even a teaspoon of squealing. Overall everybody had a great time watching the shadows puppet dancing around the colourful screen. Halfway through the show, the master puppeteer, Richard Bradshaw came out from behind the theatre and demonstrated how the puppets worked. Everybody had a fantastic time seeing the amazing puppets go through many stories and songs. We also learned some new French words in a fun way! Merci beaucoup Monsieur Bradshaw!

Victoria 602

Check out the new Smarty Arty-Scarecrow - Queen Marie-Antoinette! The chooks are in safe hands and will be fluent in French by Christmas.

ART ROOM DONATIONS

We are desperately seeking donations of blue and silver wool, thread and ribbon to help make year 6 graduation hats. Please drop off any of the mentioned items at the art room.

Merci beaucoup

Madame T
Kew Primary Junior School Concert

Preps, Year 1 and 2

Magical Musicals

Wednesday 27th November

2 performances:
2.00pm and 6.30pm

Where: Kew Primary School Gym

Limit of 4 tickets per family in total
Tickets $6 each

Floor space provided free for 12 years and under, or you can purchase a ticket if you prefer your child to have a seat.

Book your ticket at TryBooking using the link below:
http://www.trybooking.com/DVMW
KPS PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE NIGHT featuring Q ROCK

WOW!!! What an incredible night we had! The KPS first half performers and the Q Rock cast rocked Renaissance Theatre and were OUTSTANDING in every part of their performance.

Every student displayed incredible discipline, commitment and enthusiasm throughout the night and blew the audience away with their talent. They all were AMAZING!

Thank you to all the students, staff, parents and wider community for supporting this amazing event in the lead up and/or assisting on the day. Your help allowed the students of KPS a rewarding performance opportunity, one they will never forget.

Thank you also to all those who bought tickets and attended the night in support of the students and the KPS Performing Arts Program.

All the months of hard work have been thoroughly worth it and it has been a pleasure working with such an incredible group of students. Thank you to the cast for bringing the Q Rock story to life with such joy. I and the school community are so very proud of you.

Check out the website for more pics.

Tahnee Planner
Q Rock Director
Library News

Book Fair in the Library

Opening hours (cash/credit/cheque)

Thursday 14 November  
8.30 – 9am  
2.30 – 3.30pm - Parents only shopping (Christmas is coming)  
3.30 – 4pm

Friday 15th November  
8.30 – 9am only

Monday 18 November  
3.30 – 3.45pm only

Wednesday 20 Nov  
8.30 – 9am  
3.30 – 3.45pm

Overdue Books - At the moment there are many books overdue from the school library. Please have a good look for any books you may have overdue. If they are lost please replace them with a good quality book or pay $10 to the Library or Office. Please remind your children to take care of library books. They are expensive to replace and Kew Primary students are very keen readers.

Did you know the school library keeps a wish list at Tim’s Bookshop in Kew?

These are books we would like in the library. If you wish to donate a book to the library or replace a lost book you can refer to the wish list.
Great effort boys!

Congratulations to the following boys for qualifying & competing at the State Semi Final Chess Tournament:

Adriaan & Jack (Grade 5),
Will, Kai, Henry, Owen, Isaac (Grade 4),
Hamish & Declan (Grade 2).

Kew Primary didn’t qualify for the upcoming finals but all had a good day, under tough conditions, playing the top chess players in the state.

Will was on fire, the top performer for KPS on the day!

Thank you to Andrea Stevens, Keith Wong, Etty Den Hartog, Leanne Mercer-Davis & Kristen Graham for transporting & supervising on the day.

A great way to finish off a fantastic year of chess events at KPS.
Program Update

Hi everyone 😊,

Welcome to week 5... We had a blast for Halloween! We dressed up, trick and treated and had lots of fun by putting on and performing in magic shows, playing tricks and telling stories. We baked and decorated Halloween cakes but they were too scary to put in the newsletter. You will have to come to the program to see our pictures 😊

Kew Primary OSHClub went through the National Quality Framework assessment over the school holidays and we are waiting patiently for the final results. WATCH THE SPACE for updates on our ratings! 😊 Any day now we should have the results 😊

We celebrated the race that stops a nation on Monday 4th November – Curriculum Day - by making jerseys, fascinators and horse crafts. We also played games, relay races and much more. With only 6 weeks left until the end of term, it won't be long before the summer break is upon us.

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

A big thank you to parents who book their children into OSHClub online. This helps us greatly when it comes to staffing the program and having enough educators on hand to run the awesome activities. By booking online educators can also cater for the afternoon snack appropriately.

OSHClub team 😊

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

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Assistants: Niki, Fiona, Tim, Yee Ling, Alyssa, Monali
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.
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