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## Term Dates 2015

- **Term 2**: 13 Apr - 26 Jun
- **Term 3**: 13 Jul - 18 Sept
- **Term 4**: 5 Oct - 18 Dec

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## Message from Principal

### ANZAC DAY

Thank you to everyone who was involved with and who participated in our special commemorative Centenary of ANZAC assembly last Friday. I was extremely impressed and proud of the way all of our students displayed such respect during the service, especially when all of the 268 names on our WW1 Honour Roll were read out. Our Year 6 Leaders from the Ambassador and Student Voice Action Teams should also be congratulated for the way they presented the assembly.

I also thank Mr Josh Frydenberg, Federal Member for Kooyong and his staff that attended and helped to make the event so special for our school.

At the end of the assembly, all of the students walked down the corridor of the main building to place a poppy or wreath underneath our marble memorial or next to the Wall of Remembrance.

Thank you to all of our families that contributed to this display and a special thank you to Sonia Hocking and Shelley Ware for co-ordinating this.

Thank you also to Julie Coleman who co-ordinated the Centenary of ANZAC grant our school received for the refurbishment and relocation of our marble memorial.
I encourage you to come up to school to see this if you can. We will maintain this display over the next couple of weeks.

**SCHOOL ORGANISATION FLOWCHART**

In this newsletter and on our website I have included an example of an afterschool organisation checklist. [http://www.kewps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/resources/](http://www.kewps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/resources/)

This may be a useful strategy for you to use at home to help your child develop the organisation and independence needed to be an effective learner. In the Penson household we are using a very similar idea to get ready for school the night before and it seems to be working...well, at least for the time being! Feel free to adapt and change the checklist to suit the individual needs of your child(ren).

**NAPLAN TESTING FOR YEARS 3 & 5**

The annual National Assessment Program – literacy and numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be held on 12, 13 and 14 May for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will participate in tests for reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for, and students are not expected to do so. What is taught in the classroom is what ends up being assessed in NAPLAN.

More information about the tests and some examples are included at the following website:


ACARA’s General Manager, Assessment and Reporting, Dr Stanley Rabinowitz, talks about NAPLAN at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06C3_xqzrDY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06C3_xqzrDY)

**TRANSITION UPDATE**

Our Year 6 students and families are now in the process of organising their preferences for their placements into high school. This is an exciting time but it can also be challenging and stressful for families as they make this decision. DET Schools have to follow a very strict regime of dates and processes and it is very important that this is maintained. The next step is for all of our Year 6 students to complete the preference form and send back to our school by Friday May 22. It is also important for our Year 6 parents to understand that many schools in our area have enrolment restrictions. I encourage you to research this in detail and make the time to find out more about the school/s you may wish your child to attend.

The Year 6-7 placement process is just one very small part of our transition program at KPS. The major part of our focus and work in this area is preparing all of our Year 6 students for the transition into secondary school. The feedback we get from schools such as Kew High, where we send a large number of students, is that our students are very well prepared academically and socially. They are well equipped to deal with the many changes and challenges they have to face including the movement from classroom to classroom, teacher to teacher and other key organisational aspects that impact on learning.

This is the result of the way we set up and deliver our curriculum structures and programs, the quality of our teaching team and also the many extra-curricular programs we operate. A great example of this is the Year 6 Student Leadership Action Team program. All of our Year 6’s have the opportunity to contribute to a team where they must work together to organise different actions and events for our school. Already our teams this year have achieved some significant success and I am really looking forward to seeing this continue throughout the rest of 2015.

If you have any questions about the process for placement into Year 7, please contact Sonia Hocking.
As a school community we can be very proud of the achievement of our students and know that they will be leave our school very well prepared for the next stage of their learning.

Of course our transition program also has many other dimensions across the school. This includes our multi age CARE groups, Kewriosity groups and other opportunities we take to have our students work with different teachers and students across levels. We will also repeat our whole school transition half days later this year in Term 4. This is a time where all of our students will have the opportunity to work in their 2016 class groups with their 2016 teacher!

Finally, we are currently hosting weekly tours for future students and families. These dates are advertised on the school website. Overall, our transition program grows from strength to strength!

**EDUCATION WEEK**

On Wednesday 20th May as part of Education Week we will be hosting a number of different special events. This begins with an invitation to an Open Classrooms morning from 9am through to 10.40am. A school tour will be organised from 9.30 – 10.30am and there will also be a morning tea with the Principal at 10.40am.

From 6.30pm to 7.30pm that evening we invite all students, parents and carers to an action packed Literacy/ Numeracy Circuit Challenge. The task will be to participate in 5 x 10 minute activities or games set at the different levels across the school. At each activity students will be able to collect a stamp. After 5 stamps have been collected you will then need to move to one of the specialist team areas to collect the final challenge. Once this is completed you can enter the prize draw! More information will follow shortly – but keep the evening free!

**THUMBS UP CANTEEN TEAM!**

Well done to Sally and Dem in the canteen. We obtained the highest mark on a recent inspection from Boroondara City Council. In fact the inspector was so impressed with the menu, food handling safety, cleanliness and processes that she has taken some of our ideas to show other groups.

**PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE**

Has your child signed up for the Premiers’ Reading Challenge this year? It is not too late and we are hoping to have lots of our students involved this year. You can collect a registration form from the office. Once completed, the form should be returned to the office so Ruth can set up a username and password.

Be Worthy!
James Penson
Principal

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**Kew Primary School Blog**

Feeling social? This week on the blog, Alex St.Claire reveals the ‘formal’ (and informal) social events for parents at KPS - clear the diary, there's a lot coming up!

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
Message from the Assistant Principal

As I have mentioned on numerous occasions in the newsletter, each week at Kew PS is very busy. This week alone we have the House Cross Country competition, with all the Years 3 to 6 students competing, the billy cart race on Friday and, of course, our Mother’s Day luncheon to mention a few extra events.

The House Cross Country sports event gives our students a chance to compete for their respective houses and in the past I have always been filled with pride at how the students encourage each other to do better and to finish. When I was growing up, I will admit that running was really not my thing as I am more of a swimmer but had I had my fellow students encouraging me like our Kew Kids, I would have tried harder and felt better about doing it. I wish all our students the best and I know that sportsmanship will be the true winner on the day.

Our Year Six students have been working very collaboratively, in their teams, to produce their billy carts and these will be raced on Friday. If you have the time to come and witness the “race-off”, it will commence at 12:00 at the school and I believe you will be amazed at the amount of effort and thought that each team has put into their project. It is always a fun way to end this unit and good luck to all the teams. May there be only a limited number of pit stops!

In the interest of keeping all our students safe, I would like to remind all parents that we have a number of students who can have an anaphylactic reaction to certain foods, mainly nuts. These reactions are potentially life threatening and these students require an adrenaline administering device to ensure their safety. Where possible, can you please refrain from sending food items which may contain nuts, in your child’s lunch? Please check with the class teacher if you are sending food to share for birthdays, that there is no child in that class that could severely react to this food. Lollies or treats may be handed out after school when the children are going home and this could be a safer option. However, for their own safety students are not allowed to be running/walking with lollipops in their mouths

I would, also, like to remind parents that the school yard is only supervised by staff from 8:45 in the morning and after school from 3:30am until 3:45am. There have been a number of students arriving at school, very early in the morning and are left unsupervised by any parent. A far better option is to have your child attend OSH Club which is available from 7:00am onwards. At all other times, the playground is supervised by at least 6 staff members at any one time.

Finally, to all the Mums, who are attending the special luncheon on Friday, have an enjoyable time. I hope there’s plenty of good food, drinks, laughter and reflection on a tough but very rewarding job. Enjoy!

Robin Grace
‘s AFTER SCHOOL CHECKLIST

☐ Healthy snack

☐ Reading, Homework

☐ iPad plugged in to charge

☐ Uniform form tomorrow set out

☐ Pack bag with what is needed for school the next day e.g. library book

Congratulations – you’re done and ready to go!
Australian Mathematics Competition 2015 – Sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank

Year 3-6 students

The Australian Mathematics Trust offers competitions and programs in 2015 to encourage and stimulate students in mathematics. This competition is only open for students in Year 3-6. All competitions and programs are based on problem solving, a necessary life skill, and the questions are designed to recognise and stimulate talent in this area.

All competitions aim to foster and encourage:

- a greater interest in and awareness of the power of mathematics;
- a desire to succeed in solving interesting mathematical problems; and
- the discovery of the joy of solving problems in mathematics.

A permission letter will be coming home with all Year 3-6 students tomorrow the 1st of May if you wish for your child to participate in this competition. There is a cost of $6.00 per entry. Please ensure this permission notice is returned to your child’s teacher by Wednesday the 6th May.

For more information please visit the website at www.amt.edu.au or contact Customer Service on 02 6201 5137 or by email mcya@amt.edu.au.

Please note this competition is different to the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians- Challenge Stage, that is being offered to Year 3-4 students.

Kind Regards,

Andrew Wood
Leading Teacher
Support Your Child’s (and your own) Learning in French

The Abbotsford Convent has a history of connections with the French language and culture. For the first time in history, you can tour the magnificent Abbotsford Convent and learn about the site’s rich history in French on Sat 9th May and Sat 13th June. Furthermore, they run language classes for all ages and abilities. See the website for more details http://abbotsfordconvent.com.au/

Primary School Kids French Club
When: Term 2 – Every Saturday, 2 May – 6 June, 10 – 11.15am
Where: Breakfast Parlour, Convent Building, Cost: $150 per term (6 weeks)

Beginners Conversation
When: Term 2 – Every Wednesday, 22 April – 10 June, 6.30pm
Where: Breakfast Parlour, Convent Building, Cost: $150 per term (8 weeks)

Intermediate Conversation
When: Term 2 – Every Tuesday, 21 April – 9 June, 6.30pm
Where: Breakfast Parlour, Convent Building, Cost: $150 per term (8 weeks)

Advanced Conversation
When: Term 2 – Every Monday, 13 April – 18 May, 6.30 – 8pm (6 weeks)
Where: Breakfast Parlour, Convent Building

Study Tour in France
When: June – July 2016 Register your interest with Delphine Laboureau-Ormancey

0437 759 269 0437 759 269 delphine.french.teteatete@gmail.com

Amusez-vous bien

Madame T
Family Reading Afternoon

What is it? This is an opportunity to explore the books in the library as a family and sit down and read together.

When is it? Wednesday 6th May any time between 3.30 – 5.30pm

There will be light refreshments – milk, water, biscuits.

All students MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Thanks to everyone for contributing to the Poppy Wall and thanks to Bethanie Clarke for creating it.
MOTHER’S DAY & SPECIAL PERSON’S DAY STALL 2015

The 2015 Mother’s Day and Special Person’s Day stall will be held in the Junior School hall on the morning of Thursday 7th May.

- There will be a choice of gifts all priced at $5 except for one which will be $2. Each child can purchase one or two gifts each and, at lunchtime, there will be an opportunity to purchase another from those left over (perhaps a second gift for Mum, one for Grandma or other special people).
- A limited number of gift bags will also be available to purchase ($1) on the day.
- Given that we believe in recycling and non-wastage at Kew Primary, the gifts will not be wrapped this year – rather, the children can wrap the gifts themselves (in their own artwork perhaps?).
- Volunteers will be needed to assist at the stall on the 7th – please contact Fiona Hollingsworth (Fiona.Hollingsworth@hotmail.com) if you can help either between 9am-11am or 11am-1pm. All help gratefully received!

The stall is not just a fund-raising endeavour, but is aimed at providing a convenient and cost-effective opportunity for the children to choose their parent/carer a gift – and they absolutely LOVE doing this! It not only provides them with a lot of pleasure but also provides us, as parents, a convenient solution.

Please support the Kew Primary Mother’s Day & Special Person’s Day Stall!
Kew Primary School
Mother's Day Raffle

$2 each or 3 for $5

Raffle drawn Friday 8th May at assembly

First prize
Family photo shoot with Pink Images
Value $600

Second prize
Chef’s dinner for four at Epocha Restaurant & Bar, Carlton, including a glass of bubbles on arrival
Value $320

Third prize
Cut & blow wave at I Love My Hair . . . Organic Solutions
Value $100

Fourth prize
Perse organic pamper package
Value $98

Fifth prize
Toscano’s voucher
Value $50

Please write your child’s name and class number on the ticket stub and return tickets with money by
Thursday 7th May

Additional tickets available at the office

Funds raised will be used to purchase equipment for each grade, recommended by Maths Consultant
Michael Ymer
Kew Primary School Parents’ Social

Parents and carers are invited to catch up with drinks and canapés at

QPO
Corner High Street and Cotham Road, Kew

Friday May 22nd
7.30pm – 12.30am

Tickets: $25 for canapés and a drink
(present your ticket at the bar to redeem)

www.trybooking.com/HQLW

Last day to book Wednesday May 20th

For more information email kewprimarypta@yahoo.com
Welcome to Term 2!

Jacinta is currently away on placement for her final year of education studies so I, Lauren Elliott, the support coordinator, will be coordinating until she returns and again for her second round from 1st June.

It has been great to see the community flourishing at Kew OSHClub where inter-year level friendships are growing and it is normal for the staff members to see you at helping out the preps and grade 1s. This was especially last week during an all-in OSHClub skipping game where boys and girls and all ages skipped and challenged each other to a skip-off!

Team work is also really big with craft activities turning into a bit of healthy competition with the kids making groups to work together to make big creations. Examples of this were our autumn leaves collage and 3D animal masks.

Last Saturday it was ANZAC day and OSHClub celebrated it by having a group chat about what it is and why we celebrate it. We then made delicious ANZAC biscuits and poppies out of crepe and craft paper. It was a great day that I feel really had the atmosphere of reflection.

Reminders

We are always wanting to improve our program and have regular catch-up meetings with the children to discuss what they want to see happen at Kew OSHClub but if you would like to make a suggestion please do speak to a staff member or drop a suggestion in our Suggestion Box!

Also, if you have any old toys, craft items or anything you think that we could use and you would like to donate them, please talk to us.

A selection of Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0400 354 489
Coordinator: Jacinta Assistant Coordinator: Lauren Assistants: Niki, Stacey
OSHCclub Head Office: 03 85649000
BSC Hours: 7:00am – 8:45am ASC Hours: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
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.
SINGING LESSONS for Kids on the Autism Spectrum

Location: Hawthorn East

Singing has numerous benefits and is effective in developing communication, speech, expression, memory, focus & listening skills. It’s great for boosting confidence & self esteem. Melinda is a highly qualified music teacher with many years’ experience teaching kids with ASD.

Melinda Ceresoli (MMus, BMus, GradDipEd, CertVocology)
For info: melmusic@mac.com / 0416 043 500

YMCA FUNDRAISING EVENT

WHEN | 6.30pm Thursday 30th April
WHERE | Nova Cinema Carlton
COST | $22 a ticket

At the YMCA, we believe that no one should miss out when it comes to living a healthy life. You can help out by purchasing tickets to ‘That Sugar Film’ with proceeds going towards YMCA Open Doors.

LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE
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Snowsports Interschool Championships

Kew Primary School is entering into the Victorian Snowsports Interschool Championships for 2015. 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, they do not need racing experience.

Parents wishing for their children to compete at the Interschool Championships please contact Nikki Schwarz or Sonali Le Brocque. To express interest or for further enquires please email nikki@sraaccountants.com.au or dse195@hotmail.com

2015 Interschools – dates and schedules

The 2015 Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships will be held at Mt Buller from Monday 24th August to Sunday 30th August 2015.

The 2015 National Interschools Snowsports Championships will be held at Mt Buller from Wednesday 9th September to Sunday 13th September 2015.