**The Bulletin**

**Message from the Principal**

What a wonderful success the Family Maths Night was last night! A huge vote of thanks must go to the Jaci McCoombe and the following teachers, Di Pantanzis, Mary Whitehouse, Penny Doery and Sophie Apperly who comprise the numeracy professional learning team and were responsible for organising this educational and fun event. The students were very involved, completing lots of challenging maths activities and games while encouraging their parents to participate as well. I observed many parents engaging with their children to complete these hands on tasks and it was a less formal setting for parents to have discussions with the teachers in attendance. Many staff attended the evening to support each other, knowing that engaging students in fun maths games is a way to spark the students’ interest in numeracy which leads to far better learning outcomes.

Last week I mentioned how many parents volunteered to serve at the Father’s Day stall which was organised by Joanna Szeszycka and Maria Nerouppos. These parent volunteers give freely of their time to support these fundraising activities and they also deserve our recognition and thanks for a job well done. They are Sia Asvestas, Sophie Stefanos, Claire Tanner, Irene Kemeridis, Pat Bowen, Andrea Stevens, Samantha Robertson, Fadia Monsour, Lisa Bradley, Gill Smith, Serena Xiong, Voula Gabriel, Tania Lim, Jayne Campbell, Angeline Huang and Marini O’Meara.

As you would all be aware, there is an election happening this weekend and the Junior School Hall is a polling booth for the day. A number of PTA members and parent volunteers will be manning the school’s barbeques to provide breakfast or brunch to the voters. This is another opportunity to fundraise for Kew PS. So come along, vote and enjoy some tasty food.

Robin Grace
Acting Principal

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**Kew Primary School Blog**

This week’s post is a joint effort and not to be missed! Katrina Whelan and I have teamed up to bring you a report of the fantastic session run by Hugh van Cuylenburg of The Resilience Project. It was certainly one of the best information sessions I’ve been to in a long time...

*Jacqui Tomlins*

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**Library News**

Bring a gold coin on Friday to grab a book in the Great Book Swap. It will be outside the Library at Recess. All funds raised go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to purchase literacy materials for children in remote communities. You can still bring in good quality books for the swap on tomorrow morning.

Don’t forget the Premiers’ Reading Challenge ends on September 12 - make sure you update your list of books finished.

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**Diary Dates**

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**Sports News**

**DISTRICT ATHLETICS**

Last Friday 55 students headed to Bill Sewart Athletics Track to compete in the District Athletics. It was an excellent day and 10 of our students have progressed to the Division level! Congratulations! These students will next compete on Wednesday October 9th. Can all students please return their washed team singlets ASAP please. Thankyou to everyone who assisted on the day, particularly Tracey and Nikki.

**YEAR 4 HOOP TIME**

On Tuesday, Year 4 travelled to MSAC to compete in Hoop Time, a round robin basketball competition. All teams participated extremely well and one even made it to the finals! Thankyou to all helpers who came along, in particular Michael, Heather and Dem. Can all students please return their washed singlets ASAP to classroom teachers please. Thankyou.

Erin

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**Education and Policy Subcommittee News**

We are currently in the process of developing the Kew Primary School Parent’s Concerns and Complaints Policy. There is a draft policy available for school community comment and input - please follow the link http://www.kewps.vic.edu.au/index.php/download_file/224/150/.

Please send any comments to Alison Clayton, at email address alclayton63@gmail.com by Sunday 15th September.

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**PTA NEWS**

**Father’s Day Stall**

Thank you to Joanna & Maria. This was their fifth year of doing Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, and you can tell from their faces how much they love doing it for our kids, their parents, and our school.

The students had a lot fun choosing a special gift out of the multitude of gifts available. Thank you to all their helpers this year: Including: Sia Asvestas, Sophie Stefanos, Claire Tanner, Irene Kemeridis, Pat Bohan, Andrea Stevens, Samantha Robertson, Voula, Fadia Monsour, Lisa Bradley, Gill Smith, Serena Xiong, Tania Lim, Jayne Campbell, Angeline Huang, & Marini O’Meara!

**Father’s Day Breakfast**

Thank you to the team and helpers who organised the Father’s Day breakfast this year including: Sue Friend, Emma Rush, and Fiona Hollingsworth and a special thank you to Sally Brown our Canteen Manager for coming in to help us at 5.30am!

**Election Day BBQ fundraiser (8am - 2pm, 7th September 2013):**

Come & eat and/or flip a sausage for us. Please email: Gill Smith: gillclaresmith@gmail.com

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**Reminder**

Parents can pay for excursions, swimming, etc. using the BPAY number sent to you earlier this year. When using this facility please email kew.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to let us know your name and what you have paid for.