## Diary Dates

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| Wed 18-Fri 20 | Year 5 Camp |
| Sat 21       | Fathers’ Association Camp out |
| Wed 25       | School Council |

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## Message from the Principal

**KIDS FEST**

One more sleep until our first KPS KidsFest! A flyer outlining all of the different stall and novelty items was sent home yesterday. Items will range from 20c for body art stickers right through to $5 for some of the soft toys and $6 for the showbags. There will be plenty of other things for students to do. This includes playing Petanque, entering paper planes in a competition, nail painting, hair spray and much more. Some of the food stalls include hotdogs, popcorn and other treats.

I encourage all students to bring along a purse or wallet to look after their money, along with a recycled shopping bag to bring home items purchased.

We will start at 1pm and begin to wind down at 3.15pm so that the students can be dismissed at 3.30pm from their classrooms. This event will not only be fun but it is also a fundraiser. All monies raised will be spent on projects that the students decide on.

**ONE STEP CLOSER TO DELIVERING THE OVAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT!**

Last night our Buildings & Grounds team (along with several other parents who have been very keen to be involved with this project and contribute to its development) met to decide on the final scope and choice of supplier to complete the works. A recommendation has been made and this will now be put to our School Council to be considered.

The work around getting to this point has been extremely detailed and very comprehensive. Most importantly it has involved a lengthy process of community involvement and consultation. Can you believe that this project actually first started to develop back in 2011? Plans and design options have been discussed each year since. Last year a very well attended community forum gathered feedback which enabled our 2014 School Council to confirm the direction we would take to deliver the project. This was a synthetic running track and synthetic infield and areas of natural grass and landscaping developed.

This year work has continued looking at confirming the final design based on best meeting our school needs whilst also keeping in sync with community expectations. We have completed a detailed survey of the site including geo-technical reports and this information has been used by the different suppliers to help confirm what the final project will cost. Many parents and staff have volunteered time and energy into this and as a result what we will submit to School Council will be a stunning addition to our school. This submission includes a 4 lane running track approximately 180m in length, a longer pile infield area with various markings such as soccer, softball bases and cricket creases, combined AFL & soccer goals at each end, 4 square/mini tennis court area, long jump pit with run up coming off the track and a new cricket pitch area to replace the existing one. We have also included a small mound (50cm high at the tallest point) along the Northern end of the oval. This will assist in reducing some of the soccer

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**Book Club orders due back 30th October**

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**Term Dates 2015**

Term 4 - 5 Oct - 18 Dec

**Term Dates 2016**

Term 1 - 27 Jan - 24 Mar
(Students start 29 Jan)
balls from being kicked off the oval into the sand pit and area behind the oval. It will also create a more passive space for students to sit and watch the oval or for PE classes, Interschool Sports and other activities a natural assembly point. Through careful planning and consideration a large area (over 500m2) has been set aside at the Southern end for natural grass and landscaping. This will become part of our positive play space.

I am really excited about what the project will look like and I know that it will be an incredible asset for our school. It not only enhances sport and physical education learning but it will also offer a wonderful play and recreation space for our community.

The even better news it that the funding method we will use to complete the project will not involve any further fundraising! The community has already done an outstanding job in this area. Fundraising over the last 3 years combined with some very generous donations has meant that we currently have $100,000 saved. The remaining costs will be financed through money our school raises in the hire of its facilities. This includes Out of School Hours Care program and the gym. In this way we are using our current resources to improve and extend our school grounds!

I will provide a detailed update on the progress of all of this after School Council has considered the recommendation from the Buildings & Grounds team.

As with anything at our school, if you would like to know more details or have any questions please make a time to come and meet with me, catch me after school in the yard or contact me at: penson.james.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

**KEWRIOSITY PROGRAM**

Our current round of Kewriosity is going great guns! We have organised these groups based around our teams for next year. For example, our Year 2s are working with our Year 3s, both of whom will form our Middle School in 2016. This is a targeted strategy as part of our improved transition program.

I plan to further develop our Kewriosity approach next year. One part of this will be to involve a greater level of community expertise and assistance. If you or someone you know has a particular skill or area of knowledge that our students could learn from, please let me know. One way for our school to become even greater is tapping into our community’s knowledge and partnering this with our staff to open up some very special and rich opportunities.

**YEAR 4/5 LEADERSHIP APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

The Year 4s and 5s (Senior School for 2016) are trailing something a little bit different as part of their Kewriosity program. Instead of selecting from a range of options, all of these students are working on a range of actions designed to help them develop and strengthen their individual and collective leadership capacities. We know that leadership can be learnt. Part of this learning will involve active participation in a “Making a Difference” project. Another aspect is a 5 week Life Skills program that uses Yoga and Mindfulness techniques to develop:

- self esteem, self image, resilience and confidence
- improved balance, spatial awareness and motor skills
- understanding of values, personal qualities and emotional responses
- enhanced concentration, communication, negotiation and listening skills
- improved strength, flexibility and endurance through physical activities
- behaviours that positively impact on mental and physical wellbeing
- team work, tactics and strategies in team games and group work
Message from the Assistant Principal

Yesterday I attended a DET briefing in Spring Street, regarding our Emergency Management Plans which I can happily report was very informative. I will start by providing you with some background information regarding these plans. All schools, whether primary or secondary settings, as well as early childhood centres need to develop their Emergency Management Plans using the templates provided. These need to be submitted in November which is deemed the beginning of the bush fire season. Of course, here at Kew PS bush fires are not an issue for us but other emergencies could include a fire in some part of the school, a gas leak, a severe weather occurrence or an emergency in nearby streets, close by the school.

As part of our safety obligations of keeping all staff, students and visitors to our school, in the advent of such an emergency, we are required to practice emergency evacuations, lockdowns and lock ins at least four times a year. These drills are discussed with the staff, timed and then assessed as to whether they could have been improved. No one likes to think that an emergency of this nature would occur but it is better to be prepared and have the children practiced in what is required of them, in the unlikely event that such an emergency does happen. When all staff members are preparing their students for these practises, they take the time to explain in a calm and thoughtful manner why we need to do them.

We teach our students about how to remain safe whether it is around water, bike riding on roads or walking to school and this is another layer of informing our students about what to do in an emergency at school. It is a valuable part of their learning.

Robin Grace

PARENT REQUEST PROCESS FOR TRANSITION INTO 2016

As previously mentioned in several newsletters, parents are able to make requests for consideration when placing their child into their 2016 class. These requests will only be accepted in writing and must be received by tomorrow, **Friday 23rd October**. Please note that requests with respect to specific teachers or composite/straight classes will not be considered.

Be Worthy!
James Penson
Principal

FINAL CALL FOR NOTIFICATION OF STUDENTS LEAVING KPS IN 2016

Over the next couple of weeks we begin the process of building our classes for 2016. Part of this is giving our students the opportunity to select other students that they would like to have in their class next year. Whilst we try to arrange for at least one of these to be in their class we do not guarantee this. One of the reasons why is that we have had experiences of spending many hours building our classes around teacher knowledge of student needs, parent requests and student requests only to be told after completing this that a student will not be at our school next year. As you can imagine there are many layers to building a class and when one student is removed there is a domino effect. In one recent case we had to start the grade build for one area of the school all over again.

If your child is leaving our school next year please let the office know. This will save us many hours of additional work and ensure that we can build our grades in the best way for a successful 2016.

Even if you are not sure, please let me know about this possibility so that it can then be factored into the planning.

We are also at the point of confirming if we will run 20 or 21 grades next year. To help me make this decision and to ensure the best interests of our students can be met, I need to know how many students we will definitely have enrolled at our school at the beginning of the year.
This week on the blog, a previous KPS student shares a wonderful story involving the wind, our Peppercorn tree and where art classes might lead you.

If you have something you’d like to share on the school blog, please drop me a line at: katrina.w@ozemail.com.au

Katrina Whelen
Green Thumb Action Team Handy Hints For Home

It has been a busy start to Term 4 for our Green Thumb Action Team. Currently our Year 6 Leaders are working on a recycled wheel mural for the garden area. Using some second hand bike wheels from CERES as inspiration, the students have been spray painting and weaving in their weekly Green Thumbs meeting. Keep an eye on the garden over the next few weeks to see the end result!

Two of our leaders, Gleda and Andrew, have put together their own top 3 suggestions on how to be more sustainable at home. Have a read and see if there are some things you could work on as a family at home.

Gleda’s top 3 tips to be more sustainable at home:

1. Recycle Glass
When we recycle glass, the energy we need to use to re-melt the glass is considerably less than making new bottles. In the manufacturing process, 1 ton of carbon dioxide can be saved for every 6 tons of recycled glass. Plus, glass cannot lose its purity when it is recycled, meaning it is 100% recyclable.

2. Use your own shopping bags
It is estimated that 1 trillion plastic bags are used and discarded every year and 3.92 million bags belong to Australia. Every minute, Australia dumps 7,150 plastic bags into the landfill. What makes them worse is that they are not biodegradable. Plastic bags can last 20-1,000 years before they can completely break down.

3. Rethink bottled water
Do you wish to pay $3 for something that is free elsewhere? No? Then why do us Australians do it the majority of times?
To get to us, bottled water has to be pumped out of the ground, packaged, transported and chilled. Every year, this creates 60,000 tons of greenhouse gases in Australia alone. Furthermore, less then 40% are recycled. The remaining end up in either landfill or waterways.

Andrew’s top 3 tips to be more sustainable at home:

1. Put veggie scraps in a compost bin instead of putting it in the rubbish bin because worms love the scraps. If you do not have a compost bin at home bring your scraps to school and put them in the bin near the vegetable garden labelled ‘compost’. Each week we compost each classroom’s scraps and anything families bring in from home.

2. Use toilet paper made from recycled paper. Look for good brands that use 100% recycled paper fibres or bamboo in their products. It saves water, carbon emissions and trees.

3. Use rainwater instead of using fresh water for things like watering your garden. There are lots of ways you can reduce the amount of water you use at home. It rains a lot in Melbourne so getting a rainwater tank at home pays off!

Stay tuned for more handy hints and reminders from the Green Thumb Action Team!
The Camp on the oval is on

This could be the last year we can camp on the oval before it has it's makeover so gear up for a big event...last year was a fantastic success... bookings are open.

The cost is per family, just let us know how many people we need to cater for when you book. We've picked a warm time of year so hopefully not too much equipment is required.

What :        KPSFASS Camp on the Oval for Dads and Kids
Where :       The Kew Primary School Oval
When :        Saturday November the 21st from 3pm
Who :         Dads, kids and any other significant male family members are welcome.
Cost :        $20 per family includes Sausage Sizzle on Sat night and Egg and Bacon Sandwiches on Sunday Morning
Equipment :   Bring/borrow a tent for your family, sleeping bags, inflatable mats, chairs - yes, RV's and Campers are welcome, no power provided
Booking :     http://www.trybooking.com/IQAP

As always, Uncles, Grandfathers, male carers and teachers are all welcome. Don't miss this last chance on the oval... Looking forward to seeing you all.
Inter School Chess Tournament
Report

Congratulations to the following students for competing at the
State Semi Final Tournament
Xavier, Ethan, Henry and Isaac (Grade 6)
Max, James and Lara (Grade 3)
Riley and Callum (Grade 2)

Our 9 dedicated chess players headed off to The German Club for another exciting day of chess at the state semi finals. The team played so well they have qualified for the State finals in November. All of our players did a fantastic job and were terrific representatives of Kew Primary. Well done team! Kew Primary came 2nd overall with 26 schools competing, a wonderful result.

Thank you to Lolon Kornko, Leanne Mercer (Davis), Louise Murdoch (Sparks) and Sonia McCullac Sagers for their help with transport and supervision during the day.

Good Luck to the team for the state finals in November.
Kew Primary School
Chess Club, 2015

Term 4 commences on Friday 9th October

Dates: 9/10 – 11/13: (10 weeks)

Time: Friday’s 1.00pm – 1.50 p.m. – Library.

Cost: $110.00 (10 lessons) for the term.

PLEASE NOTE: If chess lessons coincide with swimming or school camp, please deduct the cost of these lessons from the total amount. Otherwise students will not receive a refund for classes missed. Students commencing after the first week do not pay for the earlier lessons.

Cheques should be made payable to “Chess Ideas” or we take payment via Visa and Mastercard. The completed form should be handed into the school office. PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT: www.chess.ideas.com.au

If your child has a medical condition we should know about please ring our office with details.

Play Chess at home against the computer.
Click on “play chess”. It’s fun!

CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 4, 2015
(Kew Primary School)

NAME OF CHILD: ___________________________ GRADE: __________

CONTACT PARENT/GUARDIAN: ___________________________ Ph. #: __________

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: ___________________________

Credit Card Details:

NAME ON CARD: ___________________________ CARD TYPE: __________
CARD NUMBER: ___________________________ EXPIRY DATE: __________
CCV #: __________

Please enclose $110.00 and return to school office with completed form.

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INTERNET SAFETY

Free Internet safety awareness presentation for parents and guardians

Tuesday 10th November
6.15 - 8pm

Bookings essential
Ph: 9822 3247

DADS MATTER

DATES:
Tuesdays
October 20 to November 24
TIME: 7pm to 9pm

VENUE:
Craig Family Centre,
7 Samarinda Ave, Ashburt

COST: FREE (Craig FC requires participants pay $10 membership fee to their centre)

For more information & bookings contact
Kim 9735 6146

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