Message from Principal

With just over four weeks of the school year left, it is quite scary to think of all that is yet to be done at Kew PS. The teachers know what areas they will be teaching in for 2014 and they will be putting together the classes for next year. This is very time consuming and they spend many hours looking at the best learning and social options for all students. The specialists also have input in this process as do the students. All students will be asked to write down friends’ names and also the names of students they work well with. Teachers can guarantee a least one of their friends who will transition with them into the following year. Parent request letters are adhered to and this completes this process.

All students will be meeting their 2014 teacher and class on Tuesday 17th December in their new room.

The Buildings and Grounds sub-committee put a recommendation to School Council regarding the cooling solutions for the Junior School building and the Performing Arts building as part of the first phase for the school. The recommendation was that each classroom in the Junior School be air conditioned as well as the Performing Arts building. Two fans will be added to each of these classrooms and insulation for the Junior School building will be investigated and quotes obtained. The possum problem in the building will also be sorted, hopefully, on a permanent basis. The Performing Arts building has fans but these need to be lowered to be more effective. At last night’s School Council meeting these proposals were approved. The process for this to happen is to accept the most reasonable quote and then to organise this work to take place in January. I have this in hand. I would also like to acknowledge the huge amount of investigative work that the Building and Grounds committee members undertook. The parent members are Kath Phelan, Effie Alonso, Stewart Waters and the teacher members are Katie Braemar, Di Pantazis, Erin Willett and Steven Donohue. As convenor of this committee, I have been in awe at the level of commitment shown by these members for getting the best, most cost effective outcome for the school. This means that the children’s learning will continue uninterrupted by extreme heat days and the teachers will be able to do what they do best- teach! This is a fabulous outcome for everyone.

Many of you will have noticed all the fencing that has been placed around the Mod 5 portable near the oval- this is to protect and ensure the safety of the students whilst the workmen get the portable ready for removal next week Monday if all goes to plan. The pile of tan bark at the edge of the oval will be put on the spot after the portable goes and that will give more space for the students to play in. It will also open up the play area and give a feeling of spaciousness to the school vista.
Message from Acting Assistant Principal

“Nah nah... nana nah nah.. hey hey hey. woo nah...”

Has anyone out there been to a disco at a year 6 camp before? If you haven’t you must. There’s a few times where I felt I was at a Blue Light Disco. Yes, I can tell those of you who know what I mean!

Anyway... I happened to visit the Year 6 camp at Portsea last week and the students were having a fabulous time. By the looks of many of the teachers there was more than one who was revelling in their blue light days too. I’d like to acknowledge the Year 6 teachers, Jacki, Sally and Andrew who organized the camp. It is a Herculean effort put in and of great benefit to all the students.

Free Furniture

The double portable nearest the oval is moving. In fact, it’s moving in less than a week. It has been the home of instrumental music for some time but now it’s been fenced, decommissioned and about to be taken away. Apart from a few music stands that have been graciously donated by the former inhabitants there is about 400 million plastic chairs that have been moved out of these rooms that are now free to a good home. If you would like some of these chairs please come and see Diana M in Prep 016, Sally, Marsh in 220 or myself who may just be a blur zooming past. We can no longer use them at school and our only other option is to obtain a large skip, throw them in and pay for them to be taken away.

As we race towards the end of the school year and accelerate towards yet another Christmas I can’t but help think of this:

A diamond is coal that worked well under pressure

Cheers everyone.

Class Parties 2013

After a discussion with Leadership and the Consultative Committee it has been decided that class parties or end of year celebrations should be an option for students and teachers this year. It seems a pity not to be able to celebrate the achievements attained and relationships forged after a year together.

We of course do have to be mindful of the students with allergies and those who are anaphylactic.

Therefore:

~ all food that is brought to school will need to be clearly labelled with ingredients
~ students with allergies need to bring something of their own to eat
~all students to be reminded of the allergies that exist in the grade.
Art News

The Magical Musicals concert is on Wednesday, 27th November. The Preps, Ones and Twos have been busy putting the final touches to their props and costumes for this event in the art room. They have also done some fabulous posters to advertise their class' medley. These are displayed around the school. Book your tickets on Trybooking now to avoid disappointment.

Donations:

Thanks to Sophie M. (222) for her large cardboard boxes and to Nathan I. (Year 5) for his brushes and pencils. (I hope he will pass on our thanks to his sister Natasha.)

Bit McLean and Madame T. (Visual Arts Teachers)

Library News

Thank you for a very successful book fair. Lots of families bought some great books and the Library received free books valued at $500.

We also have some new books as a result of Book Club sales.

As the end of the school year approaches please have a thorough look for overdue books. Any books lost need to be replaced or paid for.

Happy reading!

Ruth
School Lap-a-thon is Nearly Here!

The Grade 6 leadership team is hosting a *Lap-a-thon* to raise funds towards a running track. The event will be held on **Friday 29th November 2013 from 9.30am – 10.15am** within the school grounds.

**What do you need to do?**
Parents should sign the front of the sponsorship form to provide permission for your child to participate. If your child raises $10 or more, they will receive a great prize for their efforts so start fundraising! Please note that children should not door knock without an adult present.

The school is not using the online facility for payment of donations so please ensure all donations are recorded on the sponsorship form.

**When do the forms need to be returned?**
Please return the sponsorship form, money, selected prize (from the relevant category based on the money raised) to your teacher by **Friday 29th November 2013**.

**What will students need on the day?**
- Wear your house colours or favourite sporting club uniform and a hat;
- Named water bottle filled with water to be placed at a designated water station around the course;
- Gold coin to enter a raffle to win some great prizes.

**How will the event run on the day?**

- **9.20am** Classes assemble at starting line
- **9.30am** Lap-a-thon Commences
- **9.30am – 10.15am** Students receive a stamp for each lap completed
- **10.15am** Lap-a-thon Finishes
- **10.20am** Celebration Activities
- **10.30am** Children eat snack

The course will be around the oval for Prep, Grade 1 & 2’s. For the Year 3’s, 4’s, 5’s and 6’s the course will be the whole school, marked out in cones.

Parents and family members are invited to come along and cheer on the students. All monies raised will go towards the running track and matching the generous donation of $15,000 made by a Kew Primary family.

Julie Coleman  
Funding, Communications & Marketing Sub Committee

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**ALL SCHOOL BANKERS**

Thank you to everyone for forwarding their tokens to redeem for rewards. Next week is the last week to redeem your 8, 9,10 or more tokens for rewards. The Commonwealth Bank has decided that any unused tokens from this year’s banking will not be used next year. Please use your tokens for this year’s rewards.

- Money boxes
- Ball
- Jacks play set
- Calculator
- Torch
- Earphones

Next week is the latest ordering date so do not lose your chance to redeem your rewards.
Please come along to the annual KPS end-of-year Peppercorn BBQ celebration

KPS WORLD FOOD, MUSIC & DANCE NIGHT

Friday December 13, 5pm - 8pm

*Music & Dance celebration - come and join the groove in the gym (All students will be learning dances & world music through an incursion during the day)

* Food from other parts of the world to purchase
  * Drinks at bar prices

* Sausages, soft drinks and water available for the kids
  * Fairy Floss, kids disco lights etc for sale.

Giving Tree - Students are invited to bring along a children’s book that will be gifted to a charity this Christmas time.

CAN YOU HELP? Could you provide some sweet treats, from your cultural background, for others to buy, taste and enjoy on the night? Please contact Angela Gill (Gr 2 mum) gillangela@hotmail.com.

Please RSVP numbers (free entry) and pre-purchase food prior to the event via TRYBOOKING.com.au at http://www.trybooking.com/DYFK

Food Options:  * Butter Chicken Curry (organic) with Rice
  * Dahl (vegetarian/organic) with Rice
  * Polish gourmet sausage (pork) with Sauerkraut and roll
  * Plain sausage (beef) in bread with sauce

Other world food: Available on the night to sample & purchase, such as Gazpacho’s, Greek biscuits, Welsh Cakes etc...

* Curry and Dahl kindly made by Fitz Curry Cafe, 44 Johnston Street, Fitzroy. Jolly and Ruby parents of Ashmin Ghuman, Class 109.
Lost property? ... need some Christmas gift ideas?...

Did you know that KPS has ongoing fundraising accounts with clothing label/gift companies **Stuck on You** and **My Name Label**.

This means that any orders result in monies coming back to Kew Primary School!

www.mynamelabel.com.au  (agent code: cab6ee89)

www.stuckonyou.com.au  (agent code: KEWPS)
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
Hi everyone 😊,

Welcome to week 7... Is it just me or has this year flown past?

This past fortnight the children have been enjoying making home style Gnocchi. We used a simple recipe: 4 eggs, 4 cups of plain flour, 4 large potatoes and a good pinch of salt. The children enjoyed the gnocchi with a simple sauce made up of: 1 large can crushed tomatoes, 1 onion finely chopped, 1 grated carrot, 2 sticks shredded celery, 1 grated zucchini, 1 heaped Tbsp tomato paste, 1 Tbsp garlic (jar), dried oregano and s&p. If you want to try these at home, ask Kathi for the recipe instructions and get your children to help you 😊. This has been very popular and we have planned for it again at the children’s request.

Kew Primary OSHClub went through the National Quality Framework assessment over the school holidays and we are waiting patiently for the final results. WATCH THIS SPACE for updates on our ratings! 😊 We will know very soon. 😊

* 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

OSHClub program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Kathi
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.
Kew Primary School  
Chess Club, 2014  

Term 1 commences on Friday 7th February

Dates: 7/2 – 4/4: (9 weeks)

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

Cost: $94.50 (9 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 1, 2014  
(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 $94.50 and return to school office with completed form.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO – ‘CHESS IDEAS’.