The Bulletin

Message from the Principal

Hi Kew and welcome to The Bulletin for another week.

ICAS SCIENCE RESULTS
At our assembly last week I was very pleased and excited to present students who had received a Distinction or High Distinction with their 2014 University of New South Wales ICAS Science Certificates. Overall we had 104 students participate in the Science section and out of these thirteen students were awarded a Distinction and three a High Distinction. (A High Distinction was awarded for being in the top 1% of students who completed the test!).

Congratulations to Ben Opperman, Gleda Ho, Owen Grayson, Ethan Chuen, Taiyo Siew Adachi, Adele Kotsopoulos, Shenglei Wang, Jack Hallam, Toby Gill, Allison Liang, Aston Grouse, Lucas Chin for being awarded a Distinction and Hana Wong, Daniel Chong, Lily Sun for being awarded a High Distinction.

THREE IMPORTANT REMINDERS
1. Over the past couple of weeks I have noticed that many students and parents have been entering the school buildings prior to 8.50am. This is a reminder that our classrooms and corridors are not accessible before the first bell. I ask for your assistance with this for two important reasons.
   • The mornings are a very important time for our staff and I need to ensure that they have minimal interruptions before school.
   • If your child arrives before 8.45am they are not supervised. Our staff are only on duty from this time in the morning until 3.45pm each day. We do provide an excellent OSCH Club service outside of these hours where students are safe and supervised.
2. One of our students is missing their bike. It is a black BMX and it was last seen in the bike shed. If you have any information about this please contact me at the school. This is also a timely reminder to chain your bike up each day.
3. Our school has a school uniform dress code policy. Part of this policy states that for health and safety reasons, it is recommended that children with shoulder length hair, or longer, have it tied back with appropriate hair accessories. It has come to my attention that many students with longer hair do not have it tied back properly. This recommendation is based on best advice in helping to prevent the spread of head lice and also ensuring that our students can actively and effectively engage in physical games and activities.

Your support and assistance with these three matters would be appreciated by the whole school community.

PARENT MORNING TEAS & FEEDBACK
Over the last two weeks I have held two morning teas with parents. The first was with Prep parents and the other one was with our class representatives. It was a great chance to acknowledge the important role our class reps play. They form a vital link between the classroom teacher and parents enabling us to build that strong home school partnership and sense of community. Both meetings provided me with valuable feedback and suggestions which I will use to continue to improve elements of our school such as

Diary Dates

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the way we communicate, our transition program and how we will set up the start of next year.

Thank you also to Julie Coleman for co-hosting the morning tea and her ongoing leadership and support as School Council President.

Later this term I will have similar meetings with groups of students and continue our focus on Student Voice. I also plan to host a community forum style evening early in Term 4 to discuss options around our school structure and set up for next year. At this forum I will present a small overview of how school finances work and outline what our planned staffing budget is for 2015 and how this can be best matched to set up the most effective school structure.

POLICIES FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
A reminder that we have several policies on our school website listed for community consultation. This is for a two week period which will close next Wednesday 28th August. Following this the Education & Policy Sub-Committee will review feedback and present the policies of final endorsement at the next school council meeting. Please contact me at the school or send an email through to our school email address. I will then pass this into Phil Kemke, the convenor of this sub-committee, for our meeting on the 27th August.

LITTLE DEVILS – TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER
The excitement is building and the day for our Circus Show is fast approaching. Information about ticket arrangements and sales will be sent home next week. There will be two shows (6pm and 8pm with half the school participating in each one).

NIFTY NUMBERS – MATHS NIGHT
Don’t forget our Nifty Number Family Maths Night next Wednesday 6.30 – 7.30pm. It will be an action packed and hands on hour with a focus on the number strand of mathematics.

CHRISTOPHER VOUK – PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY
Last week we welcomed Mr Christopher Vouk to our school as Principal for a Day. Christopher is the branch manager of our local Kew & Kew East Bendigo Bank. As ‘the Principal’, he got the chance to see first-hand some of what we do at Kew Primary School. He was also accompanied by Tanja Blackwell - Administration and Special Projects Coordinator for Kew East Financial Services Ltd.

Here is a message from Chris after his visit:
“Thank you so much for Thursday. I know that both Tanja and I gained a great deal from the experience, it really was a pleasure to be shown around the school meeting the students and the teachers. I must say the part that I enjoyed the most was signing the Student of the Week Awards and seeing the expressions of delight on the faces of the younger students. I look forward to rolling out the School Banking program to Kew Primary School and continuing to strengthen the connections between the Kew and Kew East Community Bank and the school” – Christopher Vouk.

SKOOLBAG TRIAL A SUCCESS SO FAR!
We continue to receive lots of positive feedback about our new Skoolbag App and we have 203 subscribers. This is fantastic! I can confirm that we have purchased this program for our school meaning we also have the Android version available. Please follow the steps listed at the end of the Bulletin and join our Skoolbag community.

Be Worthy!
James Penson - Principal
CyberSafety @ Kew PS

Here’s an easy tip to remember when using technology, always THINK before you post or send.

T – is it True?

H – is it Helpful?

I – is it Inspiring?

N – is it Necessary?

K – is it Kind?

Once sent, it’s very difficult to ‘undo’ or ‘unsay’ something, so always THINK first. Also, please note the iPad workshop for parents on Thursday 4th September at 7pm.

Madame T (and the eSmart team)
iPads at KPS – Term 3

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Kew Primary School recognises the need for students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies. Furthermore, developing a deeper understanding of how your child is using technology in the classroom can greatly aid in their learning outcomes. This is best taught in partnership between parents/caregivers and teaching staff.

Kew Primary School will be running the next iPad workshop on Thursday the 4th September, in the BER and will run from 7.00-8.00pm. We also invite your child along so you can learn alongside them. The focus of this workshop will be Evernote and how it can be used to capture and curate your child’s learning. This will be an interactive workshop where you and your child(ren) will engage in a range of learning activities, where you will be encouraged to use Evernote to capture your own learning and understanding through the activity.

PLEASE NOTE: PREVIOUS AGE RESTRICTIONS OF 17+ FOR EVERNOTE HAVE BEEN REMOVED. THE APP IS CURRENTLY LISTED AT 4+ IN THE AUSTRALIAN iTunes STORE

We look forward to seeing you there.
Andrew Wood & Clio Williams
Leading Teacher ICT Leader

Scholastic Bookclub

The school is seeking volunteers to coordinate the Scholastic Book Club. If you can spare a couple of hours a week to distribute brochures, collate orders and distribute books it will be greatly appreciated. If manageable it can be done by one volunteer but probably more fun with 2 or 3. The benefits for the school are free resources.

PTA BUNNINGS BBQ is THIS SUNDAY 24th AUGUST 9am-4pm

Come & Support Us! A special thank you to our Sponsors below, & to all our volunteers. Caroline Vernon (Audrey Yr 1)

Luke & Josh from Glenferrie Rd Gourmet Meats & Kew Bakers Delight!
Please support our Sponsors when you shop!
Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click “Free” then “install”.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps”, your school will then be visible, click “Free” then “install”.
5. When installed click “Open”
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click “Open” when installed.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
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Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! 🎉

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