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Message from Principal

Hi Kew,

CAMP OUT NIGHT – SATURDAY 22\textsuperscript{ND} NOVEMBER from 3pm

The countdown is on for our first ever Kew Primary School Fathers Association “Camp Out Night”. This will be a great opportunity to do something different at our school and I can’t wait to see what our tent city will look like! There will be a sausage sizzle on the Saturday night and then bacon and eggs on the Sunday morning. The cost is $10 per family and you will need to book your spot via Trybooking. Please see the details in a flyer in this newsletter.

Aussie Disposals are offering a discount for the school if anyone wants equipment for the camp. You will need to use the BAR CODE on the flyer at the end of this newsletter to receive the discount.

We are also running a working bee on Sunday 23\textsuperscript{rd} November from 9am – 12pm. The major focus for this will be a big tidy up including a stocktake of our sports equipment, organising better storage and seeing if we can fill a very large skip with any old items that are laying around and of no further use to us!

SCHOOL FEES LETTER ON THE WAY

Today a letter was sent home with each student outlining our school fees for next year. These are broken down into two amounts consisting of Compulsory Payments and Voluntary Payments. Whilst DEECD requires us to use these terms, in a practical sense the payment of both of these is vitally important to our school. The funding we receive from the government is just enough to cover the very basics and only just allows us to maintain the resources and facilities across our school. Parent compulsory and voluntary payments are required for us to move beyond this basic level and actually implement improvements inside and outside of the classrooms.

As such your financial contributions to our school are critical. We have endeavoured to make the process of payment as seamless as possible and provided you with a range of different options to do so. We have also arranged a payment plan option.

Please note that payment does not need to be made this year. We have also arranged for these forms to be translated into Mandarin. Please contact the office or website for these.

GRADE STRUCTURES - INFORMATION 2015

Having completed our collection of parent requests and working out where each of our grades will be located, we are now well into our grade build process for next year. I can confirm that at this stage we will operate...
with 20 grades via the following structure:

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- 3 classes
- 6 classes consisting of: 2 x Year 1’s, 1 x Year 1/2 and 3 x Year 2’s
- 6 classes consisting of: 2 x Year 3, 1 x Year 3/4 and 3 x Year 4’s
- 5 classes consisting of: 2 x Year 5’s and 3 x Year 6’s

We will also operate with 3 specialist subjects – French, Visual Arts and Physical Education. Our support programs including English as an Additional Language will also continue.

This structure might present some challenges to members of our school community. As with any issue that you may have please make a time to come and have a conversation with me. I have also written another edition of “Clued into Kew” which has been sent home today. This provides you with my own thoughts about the whole composite versus straight discussion.

**APOLOGIES FOR PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES**

I need to apologise to you if you attended our assembly last week to see your child receive their Premiers’ Reading Challenge certificate. We ran out of time as we had many other presentations to make as well. It will be the first item at our assembly tomorrow!

**YEAR 3/4 BIKE ED & PARENT HELPERS**

Thank you to the many parents who are currently assisting us with the Year 3/4 Bike Education program. It has been amazing to see this in action and once again provides an example of the very special home-school partnership we have at KPS. There would not be too many schools around that run this program with such a high level of parent support and involvement. It is no wonder our school received a VicRoads award recognising our program as the best in the State. Looking forward to the upcoming bike hike!

**MUSIC PROVIDER PROCESS COMPLETED**

Following an expression of interest process I am pleased to announce that Creative Music has been selected as our sole instrumental music lesson provider for next year. As outlined in previous newsletters we will only have one space available for music lessons next year and as such can only support one provider working out of our school. Next year Creative Music will operate out of the Performing Arts room. This space is ideal for instrumental music lessons as it can be permanently set up to facilitate the wide range of instruments our students can learn. It will allow us to continue to run lessons after school. More information will be available from Creative Music at a later date.

This news will be disappointing to those students currently learning through Musicorp. Please understand that the decision has been made out of necessity.

**Be Worthy!**

Happy Movember!

James Penson - Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

On Tuesday, there was great excitement in the air, as our Grade Six students were preparing to leave for their school camp at Portsea. The reports coming back from the teachers that the weather has been perfect for the activities planned and everyone got a good night’s sleep. Having attended many camps over the years I think that is some sort of miracle! A camp, at this stage of the year, is an excellent way to celebrate the whole year for these students, before we say goodbye to them in a few weeks.

With just one last working bee planned for Sunday 23rd November from 9:00 until 12:00 it would be fantastic if we could get a big parent, student and teacher turn out.

The purpose of this working bee is to help Clare Conner sort out the bike shed, shipping container and gym storage areas, as well as do a stocktake of the PE equipment. There will be mulch to spread around the play equipment near the gym as well as the newly planted garden beds. Finally, there will be a general clean-up of all the school play areas.

The Buildings and Grounds subcommittee understands that you all have busy lives, but if you can spare just one hour of your time to help spruce up our lovely school’s surrounds, it would be greatly appreciated by the students and staff alike.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

This week on the blog, Mr Penson tells us about getting the perfect mix in the classroom.

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

Vote 1

KPS Library

Help make our school library a winner. On Saturday 29th November the Election Day BBQ will be raising funds for library furniture. Are you available to help for 1 hour? Please sign up at

Election Day BBQ: https://www.volunteersignup.org/Q8TTC
Library News

Scholastic Book Fair
The book fair was a huge success. Many families visited and bought lots of books helping the library towards $400 of free books. Thanks to those families able to donate a purchase to the Library (whichever family purchased Horrible Science: Space, stars and slimy aliens for the library, please contact me).

These are all the news books we now have to enjoy and are ready for borrowing. Thank you for your support.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge
Congratulations to all those students who completed the Challenge and will receive their certificate at assembly this week.

Ruth
The biggest event of the year for Dads and kids (and the biggest night off for Mums!)

Register: [http://www.trybooking.com/GIFP](http://www.trybooking.com/GIFP)

What: KPSFASS Camp on the Oval for Dads, other family members and Kids

Where: The Kew Primary School Oval

When: Saturday November the 22nd

Who: Dads, kids and other significant family members

Cost: $10/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

As always, Uncles, Grandfathers, carers, family members and teachers are all welcome. **This will be an alcohol free event.**

Kew Primary School Fathers Association

Contacts:

Rodney Thomson - 0401 890 005

Michael Senyard - 0416 076 519
HELLO KEW PS!

This week the children reflected on the significance of Remembrance Day, with several sharing stories of family members who have risked their lives to serve our country. The children made red poppies which we used to develop a wall display to remind us of the incredible sacrifices others have made for us.

Active After School Care has continued this term with Netball running each Monday from 4pm – 5pm. Children of all ages have been getting involved and learning new skills including defence tactics. Cricket has also become popular, with older children running their own games on the oval.

Lastly, you may have noticed a new staff member at the program this week! Jacinta Hunter is the newly appointed Coordinator at OSHClub Kew. Jacinta will be present at the program every before and after school session, and during holiday programs. She has enjoyed getting to know the children this week and is considering possible adjustments to the program to ensure it reflects the interests and needs of the children who attend it.

Jacinta encourages children, parents and carers to share any suggestions or comments they have about the current program so please feel free to drop in, call or email.

Parent Information
OSHClub Kew Phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Jacinta  Assistant Coordinator: Lauren  Assistants: Niki
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.
Cybertip - Protecting Your Reputation

When you create something in a digital format and then share it, using either your mobile phone or the internet, you lose control over who sees it or what they do with it. You can take a number of steps to protect your reputation online, and those of your family and friends.

- Use an internet search engine to look up what information might be out there about you. This gives you the opportunity to correct false information or remove hurtful communications, or request that personal information you didn’t want to share is removed.
- Insist that your friends and family do not post any images of you without your knowledge and permission. This includes tagging photos of you on social networking profiles.
- Do not post or tag images of your friends and family without their knowledge and permission.
- Lock down the ability for others to copy images from your social networking profile, or other page online.
- Think twice before posting images of yourself online. Consider what sort of message you are sending other internet users, who might see those images, and what they might do with it. If you aren't happy for the image to be shared around your school, do not share it over the internet.
- Make sure your profile is set to private. This allows you some control over who can see your images.

If you have already sent or received inappropriate material, you can still do something about it:

- If you have created this sort of material, delete it before you can share it. If you have already posted it online, remove it straight away.
- If you have sent an inappropriate image or communication to someone, ask them to delete it and make sure that they do.
- If someone has taken a photo of you without your permission, you need to tell a trusted adult who can help you report it to your local law enforcement. This is a serious issue and should not be ignored.
- If you have received this type of material, delete it and do not send it to anyone. Let the person who sent it to you know that you do not want to be a part of this. If you know who the person in the image is, let them know what is going on as they wouldn’t want to be the last to know.

Madame T (and the eSmart team)
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