**Message from the Principal**

Hi Kew! We are definitely back into the swing of it for this term and looking at our school calendar for next week highlights this even more! Here is a summary of next week in the life of our school:

**Monday 28th July**
House Athletics – on this day all of our middle and senior school students will travel to the Box Hill Athletics Club (Hagenauer Reserve) to participate in a round robin style program featuring events such as the 100m sprint, high jump, hurdles and many more. Whilst the focus of the day is on participation and personal bests, the results are used to help select students to represent our school at the District Athletics later this term. I am looking forward to being the official starter for the 100m events!

We also have our extra-curricular beginner Mandarin class after school in the library. This program has been very well supported and also runs on Tuesday after school. Kewriosity is also currently running on a Monday but due to the House Athletics will not operate on this day. It will resume the following week.

Our 2014 Parent Opinion Surveys will be sent home. DEECD has randomly selected 78 students and families to complete the survey. I encourage all families who receive them to complete and return them back to school in the sealed envelope provided. This survey provides important feedback to our school.

**Tuesday 29th July**
Just a typical Tuesday at Kew PS. If you walk around our school on this day you will see students engaged in Literacy Blocks, Maths sessions and Inquiry Units. One thing that may stand out to you in the Literacy Block is our spelling program. Here students may be working with others from different classes as we have structured parts of our spelling around specific student needs. Through the analysis of a student writing sample or another spelling assessment, our staff have identified particular spelling needs and have grouped students accordingly. This then allows a more tailored and individualised approach to spelling during the week. We are moving past the old “one size fits all spelling list of words to learn” approach and actually teaching our students specific spelling strategies at their point of need. We are also closely monitoring our spelling data and have developed a whole school spelling tracker. Teachers will complete several spelling assessments and use this information to adjust the student groupings and teaching over the term and into next term. I am really pleased with our staff’s level of commitment to this approach and look forward to our students continuing to build stronger spelling skills.

**Wednesday 30th July**
I am really looking forward to our Three-Way Learning Conferences on this day. I believe that this style of meeting can be very powerful and purposeful and add value to our home school partnership. The conferences are a very important part of our
assessment and reporting processes which we are constantly evolving and improving. The conferences will look different at each level but they will be consistent within each team. They provide an opportunity for our students to share their learning and also develop learning goals for the rest of this year. Whilst the day itself will be highly organized, there will need to be a level of understanding from all of our parents around the locations of students and their conferences. This is not a pupil free day and we have arranged a large number of CRT’s to release teachers for a half day. Students who have their conference between 9am and 3.30pm will need to know where their parents can find them and where the conference will be. We also have the circus program in operation on that day as well. I plan to sit in on several conferences during the day and evening.

**Thursday 31st July**

Can you believe that some of our students will be putting their maths brains to the test well before school actually starts? At 8.10am, 30 Year 5 & 6 students will be participating in our Maths Enrichment Program. In fact they will be busy completing the 3rd in a series of 5 Maths Olympiads which is a National program in which we are competing this year. The second cohort of selected Year 3s & 4s will be participating in their Maths Enrichment Program. Later in the day our Year 3’s will also be working with Hugh van Cuylenburg as part of a Resilience Project that links with our CARE personal development program. Hugh has worked with our school last year and brings an amazing approach to helping our students develop positivity, optimism and wellbeing. These are very important ingredients to being a successful learner and a successful person.

On Thursday evening our dads will be getting together at the Harp Hotel for a pot and a parma. This event is organised by our Fathers Association and it is not too late to RSVP via the following link: [http://doodle.com/2sqk6yc7zytcawu](http://doodle.com/2sqk6yc7zytcawu)

**Friday 1st August**

Reach Rookies is a set of wellbeing workshops for our Year 5’s & 6’s. At lunchtime our Junior Drummers will be beating to the sound of their own drums…..but in an ensemble of course!

At 3pm we will have our weekly assembly. Here our Year 6 Ambassadors host a celebration of the week, make important announcements and share what has been happening across our school. The big question is will there be a CARE dance? Speaking of dancing, that evening it will be time to get the party started as our school disco starts up. Please book for this via Trybooking. The Prep – Year 2 disco will run from 5-6.30pm and the Year 3-6 disco will be from 6.45-8pm.

Yes – the week does not stop there……on Sunday 3rd August we are having a Working Bee. For more information please see the flyer sent home yesterday. As the saying goes many hands make light work.

*Phew...what a great week it will be. When you look at it, you can see what great opportunities KPS students have.*

**AN IMPORTANT NOTE**

This year all Victorian government schools will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Schools with Disability, prior to full implementation in 2015. Last year this survey was implemented via an “opt-in” arrangement whereby data was only collected from, and about, a student where their parent or carer gave express consent. This year the Department is implementing an arrangement whereby consent will be implied unless a parent or carer “opts-out”, that is, they advise the school principal or student’s teacher that they do not consent to their child participating in the Data Collection. This opt- out process will also be targeted, that is, conversations and correspondence about the Data Collection and consent will only happen with parents and carers of those students identified for inclusion in the Data Collection, not the parents and carers of all students in the school.
Due to the Year 3-6 House Athletics Carnival on Monday, House shirts will be available for sale this Friday after school, (outside the Gym). $24 each.

House Athletics
The House Athletics is this Monday at Box Hill Athletics track. The students have been preparing for this event in the Physical Education classes and with their classroom teacher. Thank-you to the parents that have offered to assist at this event, your allocated event was sent home with your child today. I will be out in the playground afterschool on Friday, please come and see me if you have any questions about your role.

On Monday morning students will meet their classroom teacher at 8.30am on the basketball courts, buses will leave at 8.45am. We encourage students to wear house colours, have appropriate footwear and have all coloured hairspray, etc., completed at home. There may be some showers on the day, therefore, a waterproof jacket would be a sensible addition. iPads and valuables should be left at home. As it is a very energetic day, please provide enough food and drink to last the whole day.

See you at the track
Clare Connor
PE and Sport Coordinator

Further information about this initiative can be found at:

Finally, you know it must be winter when you announce that a new long sleeve polar fleece jumper has been added to our school uniform list. This is available to order through Bob Stewarts at a cost of $49.95.

Also information and entry forms for the Victorian Interschools Snowsports championship competition are now available at the school office. The competition will be held at Mt. Buller from Monday 25th-Wednesday 27th August. All interested skiers and snowboarders are encouraged to come and pick up a form. For further information please contact Sonali Le Brocque, email: dse195@hotmail.com

Congratulations to Michael Rogers who won the 16th stage of the Tour de France on Tuesday night (our time). If you have been following the Tour this year you will know that things have not gone to plan for many riders this year including the Aussies. It is an amazing event with even more amazing scenery. It is also a good way to practice and learn some more French vocabulary!

Be Worthy!
Vive Le Tour!
James Penson - Principal
Who's the Prep student zooming around the playground? Find out on the blog.

I'm looking for contributions! If you have something to share, please drop me a line at:

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Katrina Whelen

RUN MELBOURNE

Patrick Whelen and Daichi Siew-Adachi (Year 6 students) are going to participate in the Run Melbourne and raise funds to help the Cathy Freeman Foundation, and they would like you to join them. The Cathy Freeman Foundation (founded by Olympic gold medallist Cathy Freeman) aims to open doors and build pathways that lead to a healthy, productive and successful future in Palm Island and other indigenous communities around Australia. Cathy Freeman believes that every child has the right to proper education and opportunities in life. The Run Melbourne is a fun run event which encourages people to keep fit and be active. It is also a chance to donate funds to your favourite charity. There is a 3km kids run, a 5km run, 10km run and a half marathon. The 3km kids run is on Saturday 26th July. The rest are on Sunday 27th July. All the races start near the Art Centre, Melbourne. The 3km runners from KPS will meet near the stage. 5km runners will meet at the Statue of a man on a horse. We are trying to get as many people as possible from Kew Primary School and their friends to participate in the run. If you would like to join us, please register at http://www.runmelbourne.com.au/home.php If you have registered, please email Daichi at daichi.siew.adachi@gmail.com If you can't run or don't want to run, please donate at our web page: https://runmelbourne2014.everydayhero.com/au/kew-primary-school Every day CFF work on delivering unique programs that slowly is starting to close the education gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians so that children on Palm Island can lead a brighter and more productive future. Thank you to those that have donated and contributed to the $207 raised so far. Our goal is to raise over $900 for this charity. None of this would be possible without the support and help from friends like you. Thank you for making a difference.

Daichi and Patrick 602
School Disco!

Friday 1st August: Junior Movers 5pm-6.15pm; Seniors 6.30pm-8pm

Tickets $8/child. Purchase before Wed 30th July at
http://www.trybooking.com/TKUQ

Glow in the dark jewellery for sale. Water & Cordial provided.
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Can you Flip a Sausage?

The PTA BUNNINGS BBQ at Hawthorn, Burwood Road, is on Sunday, 24th August, 9am - 4pm.

Please go on-line to volunteer your time @ https://www.volunteersignup.org/KRMFT

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