## Diary Dates

### Apr
- **Fri 22**: Assembly
- **Mon 25**: ANZAC day
- **Fri 29**: Mother’s Day Lunch at Hellenic Republic

### May
- **Wed 4**: School Council 7pm
- **Thu 5**: Mother’s Day Stall
- **Tues 10**: Community Forum 7pm
- **Wed 11**: Meet the Principal afternoon tea 2.15-3.15pm
- **Mon 16**: Met the Principal morning tea 9.15-10.15am
- **Fri 20**: Parents Social Evening at QPO

### Jun
- **Fri 3**: Lap-a-thon
- **Mon 13**: Queen’s Birthday

## Message from Principal

Last week saw 3 events that demonstrate the very best of our Kewmunity in action. Well done to the Year 6 Physical Action Team leaders for their organisation of the Oval Opening Ceremony. The event was a very fitting way for us to thank everyone involved in the project. There were a large number of parents in attendance. The Bendigo Bank was very appreciative of the invitation and congratulated the school on the event and the final product!

On Saturday our PTA ran the Bunnings sausage sizzle. Many thanks to all those that volunteered to assist and in particular Melanie Eades for co-ordinating it all and spending the whole day there (and more!) to ensure it was a success.

On Sunday we had a record number of families attend the working bee. A significant level of work was completed and our school grounds have never looked so good. The works completed saved the school money from the Grounds & Maintenance budget which will ensure that more funds can be directed into other projects such as our positive play space at the southern end of the new oval. Thank you to everyone that attended. I know our canteen will be very busy over the next few weeks with all of the lunch order vouchers!

## Term Dates 2016
- **Term 1**: 27 Jan to 24 Mar
- **Term 2**: 11 Apr - 24 Jun
- **Term 3**: 11 Jul - 16 Sept
- **Term 4**: 3 Oct - 20 Dec
This week the Term 2 newsletters from each area of the school have been sent home. These are a great source of information about what is happening in your child’s grade. Please keep your eyes open for these. An idea I like to do in the Penson home is to read these types of newsletters with my kids. In this way I can learn even more by asking them a few well directed questions!

Thank you to parents and carers who have responded to our Parent Feedback survey already. This survey is open for one more week and I would like a much larger level of response. This will give us richer data to use during the review process. I would appreciate your feedback via this survey link as published in the newsletter last week.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GK322Y8

Last Monday our Leadership team and our School Improvement Team leaders at each level spent time with consultant Tracey Ezard. Tracey is well known for her work with schools and other organisations in leadership, change management and future thinking. During the day we reflected on the journey that our school has taken over the past 10 years and then started to shape our future thinking, ideas and directions with a view towards 2026. It was a very powerful and important session and our heads were numb with thinking by the end of the day. Some of the material produced during the day will be shared at the upcoming community forum on Tuesday 10th May at 7pm in the BER classrooms.

I will be hosting some Meet with the Principal morning and afternoon teas. These will also be run as a focus group where I will seek feedback about our school. The dates for these are Wednesday 11th May 2.30-3.30pm and Monday 16th May 9.15-10.15am.

Well done to Kalban for winning our House Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday at Hays Paddock. It was a terrific day with all the elements of a successful day coming together: the weather, a wonderful level of parental assistance, outstanding organisation by Clare Connor and the staff team and most importantly an amazing level of student participation and engagement.

Congratulations to all of the students who pushed themselves out of their comfort zone and well done to those who have made the team to represent our school at District level.

Our house sports days are becoming a real feature of our school and a celebration of our school culture and values. The events look spectacular with all of the students in their house shirts behind our house banners. Most importantly they provide the opportunity for all students to participate at their own level with a great level of support from everyone.

If you get the opportunity over the next few days please come into the main building and view our memorial which was refurbished last year and our Wall of Remembrance. During this time all of the 268 names contained within the KPS State School 1075 Honour Book will be on display on the large TV screen outside the office and in the Junior School Hall.

Tomorrow we will also be holding a short ANZAC Day service as part of our normal assembly starting at 3pm in the gym.
Message from Assistant Principal

On arrival at school on Monday morning, I am sure you would have been impressed with how lovely our school grounds looked. The oval is the central showpiece which sets off the buildings and does give a real sense of space for the students to enjoy. However, last Sunday we had our first school working bee with many parents and children coming along to help tidy up the rest of the play spaces. Everyone worked incredibly hard and the results of their combined efforts were very visible to everyone the following day. I would like to acknowledge the following families and thank them for all their efforts in making this working bee such a success. They are the Chuang family, the Davies family, the Ben-Arieh family, the Zai family, the Rutherford family, the Patel family, the Hinks family, the Innes family, the Hu family, the Hawkins family, the Dyer family, the Deluca family, the Seamer family, the Cossette family, the Waters family, the Peverill family, the Jackson family, the Hendley family, the Stubbings family, the Cain family, the Le Broque family, the Smith family, the Leitl family, the McKenzie family, the Hollingsworth, the Karcher family, the Razmara family, the Wilson family and the John family. Others, who could not attend, gave a donation to our working bee fund and their generosity needs to acknowledged as well.

One way we can keep our grounds free of rubbish is if our students’ snacks and lunches are free of wrappings and packaged foods. Nude food can really help here and keep our rubbish count very low. Having a conversation with your children about nude foods would really support the programs operating at Kew PS. We are composting and trying to recycle as much as possible to ensure that we do not contribute to landfill.

Often when a large project such as our oval is completed the momentum to raise funds for other projects wanes a bit. Not so here at Kew PS, as our PTA is already gearing up to raise money for other designated projects. You will hear about what the PTA have in mind for fund raising events and what projects they want to see completed, in future newsletters.

Finally, next week will be the last week for students to wear their hats this term as we head into the cooler months with lower UV readings. Of course, in Term Four, all students will be required to wear their hats again.

Robin Grace

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER

This week our teachers reminded our students about stranger danger and how to respond if they are approached by someone they don’t know or who makes them feel uncomfortable. Student safety is always a top priority at our school and like all Victorian schools we follow a number of important established guidelines on student safety.

I also encourage parents and carers to speak with your children about safety around unknown adults. Some practical tips may include telling them:

- To walk directly to and from school
- Not to walk alone
- To leave the area if anything makes them feel uncomfortable
- To avoid talking to strangers
- Not to get into cars with people they do not know
- Tell a trusted adult such as a teacher or parent immediately

Be Worthy!
James Penson
Principal
Kew Primary School Blog

This week on the blog the Junior School reports on an excursion (with an alphabet difference!).

Do you have something you’d like to see on the blog? All contributions are welcome. Please drop me a line at: katrina.w@ozemail.com.au

Katrina Whelen

French Challenge Homework

This term, years 1 – 6 are learning about different aspects of French history. Below is an optional homework question.

What is significant about the Anzacs and France this year?

If you can find out anything about this, please bring information with you to your next French lesson.

Merci beaucoup

Madame T
Mothers and female carers are invited to the

Kew Primary School
Mother's Day lunch

12pm, Friday April 29th at
Hellenic Republic, 26 Cotham Road, Kew

Enjoy a live music performance, delectable food and wonderful company in beautiful surrounds

$50 for a three-course meal and one glass of sparkling

or

$77 for a three-course meal and free flowing wine
(Your choice of Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot)

Book today at www.Trybooking.com/LFDF

Select your class or nominate a table host

Bookings close Wednesday April 27

Unfortunately, late bookings cannot be accommodated

Email kewprimarypta@yahoo.com.au for further information or any dietary requirements (all diets catered for)
MOTHER’S DAY & SPECIAL PERSON’S DAY STALL 2016
Thursday 5th May

There is a lovely selection of gifts to buy for Mum, Gran, Auntie, all special people
The children will love choosing their own unique present for you or a loved one
This year there will be a choice of gifts priced at $2, $4, $6 and $8
A limited number of gift bags will also be available to purchase ($1) on the day
If you would like to volunteer on the stall …

Wednesday 4th May 3pm – 4pm to help set up
Thursday 5th May 9am-11am or 11am-1pm selling

Please log onto www.volunteersignup.org/CTRAB

Please support the Kew Primary Mother’s Day & Special Person’s Day Stall!
**Program Update**

What a fun week we’ve had at OSHClub! Exploring food and fitness through our Kids Club, the children have been discussing healthy foods, or foods that make them feel full and foods they can just keep on eating but provide them with no energy! We have discussed the fun ways to exercise through large group games at OSHClub and even shared our favourite sporting clubs that we are involved in.

In the kitchen we baked yummy brownies on Monday. Anja led the experience trying to negotiate rolls and divide the tasks between the different children, however this was quite challenging.

In the afternoon on Wednesday we played number basketball in two large teams, each number called out would run onto the court and help defend their team, running up and down the court, developing their hand eye coordination skills and teamwork capabilities.

Thanks for sharing a wonderful week with us at OSHClub. We hope you have a lovely long weekend and list we forget.

**Next Week’s Activities**

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**Parent Information**

OSH program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Harriet Cousins-Palmer
Assistants: Mia, Lauren
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85469000

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 any day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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Richmond Secondary School
Edition 1: March 2016

THE GOVERNMENT’S COMMITMENT
The Victorian Government has committed to the establishment of a new secondary school on the site at Gleedle Street, Richmond. The site offers many opportunities due to its location in an area of rich civic and sporting activity. Its location also offers excellent transport links due to its close proximity to tram lines.

It is envisaged that the school will be a multi-story development and that careful design and planning will help ensure that it delivers a first class educational environment adapted to its local context and the needs of its community.

APPOINTMENT OF DESIGN CONSULTANTS
Following a competitive tender process, Hayball have been selected as the project’s architects. They are now conducting a detailed feasibility study on the site and its surroundings. This includes a review of the pre-existing facilities and their limitations, environmental characteristics like sunlight and wind, traffic considerations such as parking and pedestrian walkways, among other factors. This information will inform the school’s Masterplan.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE (NSPG)
The Richmond New School Planning Group will ensure the active involvement of a cross section of government, parents, educational providers and the community. This group meets regularly to provide advice to the Department and its design team and support the best strategic outcomes for the project.

EDUCATION SPECIFICATION DEVELOPMENT
The NSPG has been tasked with developing an Education Specification for the Richmond Secondary School. The Education Specification articulates the school community’s learning vision.

On 15 December, the Department hosted a workshop to begin the development of this document. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Julia Atkin - an internationally renowned educational specialist. It provided an opportunity for local community members, department staff, and experts to discuss their vision for the new school and how this translates into design.

Utilising the outcomes of this workshop, an Education Specification sub-working group has been established. This group has since met several times and is due to conclude its work on the Education Specification shortly. Once completed and endorsed by the Department, the Education Specification will provide a reference point for the school’s design work from Master plan through to detailed design.

PRECINCT OPPORTUNITIES
The Department is working alongside the City of Yarra to ensure opportunities for integrated community infrastructure are explored. This is particularly important given the school’s location and constrained site and the need for the school to function effectively as part of the broader precinct.

The Department is also working closely with a number of key non-government stakeholders to understand and manage the school’s impact on the area. These include Richmond Boxing Club and Richmond Union Bowls Club.

TIMEFRAMES
Planning a new school within an urban context is a complex undertaking. The Department is working to ensure the school opens as quickly as possible. Once the detailed design work has been completed and a tender launched, the Department will be in a better position to provide detailed timelines.

HOW DO I RECEIVE FURTHER UPDATES?
Visit the webpage or join the project update email list - http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programmes/infrastructure/ages/richmonhighschool.aspx