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### Message from Principal

**A VISION FOR KEW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Each week I host an organised school tour. This is a great opportunity to promote our school and showcase the wonderful things happening across the entire school. I really enjoy walking around the classrooms, pointing out and explaining to our potential families many of the key elements that make our school a great place to be. I am always very impressed with our staff and students in the way they are engaged in teaching and learning. In many ways I wish that our current parents had also had this opportunity to see our classes in action and get a daily snapshot of how our school is operating.

On the tours I get many questions and I use the opportunity to outline key messages about our school and our Kewmunity. This includes sharing the things that are important to me as Principal and what I would like to see our school look like in 5 years time.

For me this involves all students achieving very high standards of literacy and numeracy. However, it is just as important for our students to be problem solvers, risk takers, thinkers, collaborators and above all curious and passionate about learning. Our Kewriosity program is one small example of this approach and in time we hope to further expand this inquiry based concept. Wouldn’t it be great if we had a structure that allowed for groups of students working on a wide range of action research or authentic project based inquiries?! Perhaps our school day would best be structured around key learning core curriculum modules in the mornings and then scope for a wider diversity of learning programs and environments each afternoon. Of course a heavy focus in all of this would be Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Students would be able to explore and learn in more meaningful ways with the support and guidance of different staff at different times. This is what 21st century learning is all about and over the next few years we will start to explore ways to step towards this vision.

One key element we know we will be able to rely on is our community support. Already we have a large number of parent helpers in the classrooms. We are also partnering with parents and other community members who have specific expertise in areas of interest and importance to our students. For example, in our last round of Kewriosity, we had a previous parent of the school who is a scientist, work side by side with the teacher. We also had a BioMedicine Scientist as part of our Scientist in School program, lead inquiry into anatomy with a Senior School group of students.

Our vision will rely on a very strong home school partnership which is also something we are working very hard to support and embed this year.

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**Term Dates 2015**

Term 2 - 13 Apr - 26 Jun
Term 3 - 13 Jul - 18 Sept
Term 4 - 5 Oct - 18 Dec
Here is a graphic known as a “Wordle” that highlights the learning approach we are focusing on at Kew Primary School.

There is much work to be done on our journey and each year we are aiming to step it up! Our Annual Improvement Plan for 2015 outlines these plans and targets. This is available on our school website. Next year we move into the final year of our current Strategic Plan 2013 – 2016 and we will also be starting to formulate a new strategic plan for 2017 – 2020. Part of this process will be a detailed school review.

**PAY IT FORWARD – THE COMMUNITY CANTEEN**
Our students are not just always full of amazing ideas, but also a growing ability to see these ideas come to life. Just last week, two students, Nicholas Arantes in Prep and Lucas Arantes in Grade 2 put together a video for assembly outlining their initiative. The idea is based on the pay it forward concept. If you ever have some spare change or want to do a random act of kindness simply donate to our blue piggy bank at the canteen. This money will then be used to buy lunch for a student who may need it or a special treat for someone who does not normally get the opportunity to purchase something from our canteen. Well done boys on your initiative!

**CLUED INTO KEW - HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP – MATHEMATICS EDITION**
This week, I will be sending home another edition of “Clued into Kew”. The focus for this edition is our Home School Partnership and in particular what you can do at home to support your child to learn mathematics. This follows the work of Michael Ymer (maths consultant), who has been modelling lessons for teachers and presenting professional learning sessions. There will also be another edition following shortly outlining more ideas and activities for you to try at home. All of the ideas are very simple and easy. They are not about pushing students into concepts they are not ready for but more importantly outlining ways you can spend time as a family having fun, engaging with maths and developing key skills at the same time.

**EDUCATION WEEK**
This is an invitation and reminder about our open classrooms and morning tea with me next Wednesday, 20th May. In many ways at Kew Primary School it is Education Week every week….however, this event offers us the chance to highlight and showcase our school with our parents and future parents.

**LITERACY & NUMERACY CHALLENGE CIRCUIT**
Are you ready to complete the Literacy & Numeracy Challenge Circuit next Wednesday night from 6.30pm to 7.30pm? The challenge is to complete 5 x 10 minute activities from a range of 11 different options from Prep right through to Senior School. Once you have done this, you will be able to move to one of the specialist areas to complete the final challenge. All students that complete the challenge with a parent, carer or even a grandparent will be eligible to enter the prize drawer. There will be prizes for each year level.

**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD TO ENROL IN PREP NEXT YEAR?**
A reminder to any families with younger siblings, ready to start school in 2016, that you need to enrol now. We are currently hosting tours and organising enrolments for next year.
Message from the Assistant Principal

Reading and more importantly teaching reading to students, concerns parents equally as it does teachers. Learning to read is a complex process, a process that is enhanced by practising this skill and, of course, a great way to practise is by reading regularly. In the early years of primary schooling, the “take home book” is a great way to achieve this. Sharing a book with your parents is a pleasurable activity for all concerned or it should be. However, if you or your child are tired then it can become fraught with angst. A rule of thumb for me is that being tired means taking a break from the usual activity of sharing the take home book.

Also, I need to caution parents from always choosing difficult books for their children because this may become counterproductive. Let me explain my thoughts to you. Choosing books that are easier to read means that children can practise the skills of decoding, gain fluency, become very aware of punctuation and learn to add intonation to their voices at appropriate times when the text requires it. If children are struggling to decode words then all those skills of fluent, expressive reading, literally goes out the window. I always believe easier books give children the time and the confidence to improve upon their reading skills and the whole process of reading is far more pleasurable. In terms of my own reading habits, I read a range of items such as professional texts, newspapers, cartoons and novels for pleasure. If I had to read professional texts all the time, I would become a very reluctant reader myself, and this is often what children experience when they are given a reading diet of difficult take home books.

Sally Marsh and I are running a workshop for parents regarding Parents Supporting Teachers in the Classroom, after school today from 4:00 until 5:30pm. This workshop is being held in Room 2 in the BER section of the school. If you would like to attend this session, there is still an opportunity to do so. It will be fun-filled and informative, providing you with information about the important role that parents play in supporting teachers, in a variety of classroom activities.

Robin Grace

CONGRATULATIONS - DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS
Well done to all members of our District Cross Country team who represented our school last Thursday at the District Cross Country Competition held at Hays Paddock. KPS competed against 7 other local schools and we won the event! We had many runners finish in the top 10 which means they qualify for the Division Cross Country event later this term.

Well done to Clare Connor for her work with our Phys Ed program and for the support she receives from our staff and parents. We are a very active school community as demonstrated by the large numbers of our students involved with various local sporting teams. We should also be very proud of our extra curriculum programs such as “Fit 15” and our various House Sports Days. These all add to the way we are active each day at Kew. Clare should also be congratulated for running the whole District event as part of her role as Convenor of the Kew Schools Sporting District.

Be Worthy!
James Penson
Principal
Canteen Volunteers Urgently Needed!

Thank you to the canteen helpers who generously donate their time to make our Canteen run smoothly. We are looking for more helpers to cover the following shifts:

Only 2½ hours once a month on:

- **Monday**: 9am – 11.30am  11.30am – 2pm
- **Wednesday**: 9am – 11.30am  11.30am – 2pm
- **Friday**: 9am – 11.30am  11.30am – 2pm

The Canteen is also seeking a volunteer to administer the roster. This is already set up as an Excel Spreadsheet & just needs to be adjusted & emailed out each term with any changes. If you're not able to help out physically in the Canteen, this is a great way to help out from home!

Please contact Dem on dem.p@waikatobabybaby.co.nz if you can help out.

Kew Primary School Blog

What's the FISH Philosophy all about? This week on the blog, Elizabeth Murray shares how it’s changing the middle school.

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

Year 6 Leadership photos are on display outside the office.
If you would like to order one please collect an order form from the office.
We are hosting a CARNIVAL BOOK FAIR in the Library.

The selection of books at our Book Fair will include a wide range of quality books from the best Australian and overseas authors & illustrators.

All books are discounted.

When you or your child buys a book, our school benefits by receiving a commission (up to 35%), which we can use to improve our resources.

The Book Fair will be open

Wednesday 20th May - before & after school
& 6.30 – 7.30pm

Thursday 21st May - before & after school

You, your family and friends are most welcome to share in the magic of matching children and books.

Credit Card facilities are available. No AMEX please.

Remember ‘READERS ARE ACHIEVERS’
Thanks to all who helped with the PTA Mother's Day activities!
Together we raised $2000 for Maths resources!

Special thanks to our generous sponsors, especially our Kew Primary mum’s: Bethanie Clarke (Pink images), Liz Ellis (Ecostore), Irene Kemeridis (Perse), Josie Bolton (Priceline), and Gayle Bennett’s daughter, Kacey Bennett (Kula Yoga & CrossFit Training)

Thanks to all the parents who helped with the organisation of the raffle: Alex St Claire, Salley Tung, Angeline Song, Yeelan Teo, Claire Tanner, Loraine Trist, Anna McDowall
Congratulations to the Winners of the Mother’s Day raffle!

1. Lowe Family
2. Tully Sterndale 5CW
3. Nicole Best 2GP
4. Vicki Liang 6JB
5. And one other lucky family!

eat@elyros.com.au
www.elyros.com.au
THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way towards the Mother’s Day & Special Person’s Day stall being such a success last Thursday.

$1500 was raised which will go to maths resources across all grades so thank you for remembering it was on and sending your children in with some money to spend. What fun they had!

We had an amazing team; thanks to Tania & Claire who helped at every stage including the initial choosing of gifts. Special thanks to Josie Bolton for supplying a lovely range of products via Priceline and to Gayle Bennett (2GP) whose daughter Kacey kindly donated 50 Yoga passes for Kula Yoga, Hawthorn. If you were lucky enough to get one, don’t forget to use it.

Thanks to all the Mums, one Gran & a few very enthusiastic children who helped to set up the stall on Wednesday night and/or helped run the stall on Thursday morning; Tania Lim, Claire Tanner, Josie Bolton, Annette Karcher, Belinda Edgecombe, Juliana Markl, Loraine Trist, Melanie Eades, Sheryl Teese, Salley Tung, Anna McDowall, Caroline Vernon and to Bethanie Clarke (KPS’s resident photographer) who not only helped out on the stall but who has taken lots of photos of the excited students purchasing their gifts.

Thanks again!

Fiona Hollingsworth (on behalf of the PTA)
Kew Primary School Parents’ Social

Parents and carers are invited to catch up with drinks and canapés at

QPO
Corner High St and Cotham Rd, Kew

Friday May 22nd
7.30pm – 12.30am

Tickets: $27 for canapés and a drink (present your ticket at the bar to redeem)

www.trybooking.com/HQLW
(Includes $2 Trybooking fee)

Last day to book Wednesday May 20th

For more information, email kewprimarypta@yahoo.com
**Program Update**

Our theme for this week is Italian Week! At the craft table children got creative with mask templates, making Venetian Masks. Some of our prepss used their imagination to make ninja turtle masks too! We always encourage children to utilise recycled materials when making craft and have these readily available daily. This week we have seen some great creations, including a hover board!

In the kitchen this week we have been making the Italian favourite, pizza! Children have enjoyed adding a range of toppings to the pizza bases, and have been challenged to include vegetables that they might not usually eat.

As the weather becomes more and more chilly, we have been working with children to plan fun indoor activities. In the mornings children have raced cars and played silent ball. We also have begun working on a puzzle. In the afternoons we have been utilising the gym to play games such as Dodgeball and Help! We managed to spend some time on the oval earlier in the week, where children played soccer, AFL and cricket. A group of children also had a great time using our new sacks for sack races.

**Reminders**

If your child is attending the program you must book in advance online, or for same day bookings please text or call the program so that we can add them to the roll. It is crucial that we have an accurate list of attendees prior to the start of each Before School Care and After School Care session to ensure our staff to child ratio is correct in order to maintain a fun and safe environment for all children.

**A selection of Next Week’s Activities – Celebrate China Week!**

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**Parent Information**

OSHC program phone: 0400 394 489  
Coordinator: Jacinta  
Assistant Coordinator: Lauren Assistants: Niki, Stacey, Issi  
OSHC Club Head Office: 03 85649000  
BSC Hours: 7:00am – 8:45am  
ASC Hours: 3:30pm – 6:30pm  
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.
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**SATURDAY 23rd MAY**

**GLASS STREET KINDERGARTEN**

**OPEN DAY**

This is a great opportunity for the whole family to come and explore our learning and play spaces. Kids will love the activities on offer whilst parents & members of the community have the chance to speak with our educational team & current families.

**Glass Street Kindergarten**
16 Glass Street, Kew East
P: 9859 6049
W: www.glass-street-kinder.org.au

**JJ McMahon Kindergarten**
16A Argyle Road, Kew
Open Day
Saturday 23 May 2015
11.00am-1.00pm

**SUNDAY 16th MAY**

**Glass Street Kindergarten**
16 Glass Street, Kew East
Open Day
Saturday 16th May 2015
11.00am-1.00pm

**Night Market at Chatham Primary**

Parents Club is running another fabulous Night Market in June. We are looking for people interested in having a stall to sell their creative wares or promote their small business or local service.

Stall examples might be: Knitters, Home Craft, Cards & Stationery, Kids Stuff, Jewellery, Clothing, Artists, Interior decorations, Gourmet Food, Parent with small business/service they would like to promote.

**DATE:** Wednesday 10th June 2015, from 6pm - 9pm

**WHERE:** Chatham Primary School Hall
Gourmet BBQ, Slainte Bites, Dutch Pancakes, Cake Stall
All proceeds to fund new parent club projects around school.

**COST:** $5 per stall, $45 student stall (price for best dressed stall)

**CONTACT:** Email Belinda at belindahutton@gmail.com to find out more or submit your application for a stall before May 15th, 2015.

**Studley Park Kindergarten**

OPEN DAY 2015
10am-12pm
Saturday 16th May 2015
31 Strowell St, Kew, 3101
www.studleyparkkindergarten.vic.edu.au

A small, community kindergarten in a beautiful bush setting.

**3 year old and 4 year old positions for 2015 available**
Snowsports Interschool Championships

Kew Primary School is entering into the Victorian Snowsports Interschool Championships for 2015. The aim of the program is to develop student skills, independence, sportsmanship and school spirit.

The Interschools event is open to all grades levels who would like to compete in alpine ski racing, snowboard, skiercross, and freestyle moguls. Students will need to be able to confidently ski on green and blue runs, however, they do not need racing experience.

Parents wishing for their children to compete at the Interschool Championships please contact Nikki Schwarz or Sonali Le Brocque . To express interest or for further enquires please email nikki@sraccountants.com.au or dse195@hotmail.com

2015 Interschools – dates and schedules

The 2015 Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships will be held at Mt Buller from Monday 24th August to Sunday 30th August 2015.

The 2015 National Interschools Snowsports Championships will be held at Mt Buller from Wednesday 9th September to Sunday 13th September 2015.

WEST IVANHOE SPORTING CLUB

Home of the Roosters/Bluejays

West Ivanhoe Sporting Club is a great local football/Netball club.

West Ivanhoe Netball Club are seeking interested players in U9/U11/U13 to play in teams on Saturday and/or Tuesday afterschool Competition for the new season running in Term 3 and 4 at Banyule Netball Stadium, Macleod. Registration Day: Saturday 16th May Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm Venue: Seddon Reserve, 103 Green St, Ivanhoe Cost: $150 + Insurance and uniform. For further information please contact: Sara at net-ball@westivanhoesportingclub.org.au

Address – Seddon Reserve 103 Green Street Ivanhoe.