Message from Principal

Thank you and well done to all students, parents, carers and friends who were able to complete the Literacy & Numeracy Circuit Challenge yesterday evening. It was great to see so many people at Kew, engaged in the challenge. In fact we had over 150 students complete the challenge and we also had many younger and older brothers and sisters attend as well. Events such as this are an important part of our Home School partnership. Thank you to our staff team for organising and running the event. Prizes will be drawn out at assembly tomorrow. There will be 2 prizes per year level including a range of $20 and $30 vouchers and also sets of 2 x tickets to North Melbourne v Collingwood on 31st May and Carlton v Port Adelaide on 20th June. I have also put some photos of the evening on the TV display unit outside the office.

Entertainment Books for sale at the office
$13 from each book sold goes to KPS

Last chance to order Year 6 Leadership photos.
If you would like to order one please collect an order form from the office.

CanTeen Helpers
One of the best things about our school is our canteen. Another great thing about our school is the support and assistance we get from our community. Right now our canteen is in need of some more support through parents assisting with volunteering. If you are able to assist with a shift please contact the office or see Dem in the canteen.

School Snow Sports Competition
Kew Primary School students can represent our school at the Interschool Snowsports Championship. There are more details included in this newsletter.

Term Dates 2015
Term 2 - 13 Apr - 26 Jun
Term 3 - 13 Jul - 18 Sept
Term 4 - 5 Oct - 18 Dec
**ADIDAS LAP-A-THON**
The countdown to our Adidas Lap-a Thon is on. This will be held on Friday 5th June at 11.30am. Students will receive a stamp for each lap completed around a set course. This will be a different course for Preps/Junior School and Middle/Senior School.
The event will conclude at 12.10pm

A pack has been sent home with all students. This contains the sponsorship form and other information. Our goal is to raise $10,000 through this project which will go towards delivering a synthetic running track and oval interior which is planned to be completed in 2016.

We are currently in the process of setting up the online donation page. We will send out a Skoolbag alert when this is ready.

**PTA SOCIAL EVENT @ QPO**
Many thanks and well done to our PTA for organising the social function this Friday. Our PTA does a great job, not only organising fundraising events for our school, but so much more. This includes coordinating our Parent Rep Program and helping to bring our school community together.

We can all support our PTA and those that volunteer at our school and give their time to organise events through prompt and timely RSVP’s and purchasing tickets via TryBooking by the due date. Unfortunately we have had examples of parents who have not booked in, arriving at events wishing to pay cash. This places pressure on the organisers and may also mean that others who have bought tickets miss out on things. We all know what it is like organising a party and trying to cater for the right amount of food and drinks. The Trybooking system we use not only makes the collection of money much simpler and time effective, it also assists the organisers cater for the required numbers that indicate they will be attending.

The PTA has my full support in insisting that tickets for events are purchased by the advertised time and to refuse entry or participation to anyone who arrives on the day without one.

This will be a culture shift for our school, but it is in the best interests of all those that assist and give up their time to make our school a great place to be.

**CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund has been provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per primary school student is $125.


The closing date is 26th June and the money is sent through to schools during Term 3.

**PAYMENTS FOR TERM EXCURSIONS**
The date for Term 2 excursion costs has also now well passed. These events are organised on a user pays basis. If payment is not received your child will not attend events like Inter School Sport as of this Friday. If you have not paid it would be appreciated if this could be sorted promptly.
Message from the Assistant Principal

Last week Sally Marsh and I ran a workshop titled “Parents in the Classroom” and the theme of this particular session was about the role parents can play in assisting teachers to support students’ learning. Another aspect that we discussed was how students become literate and what support parents can give their children when they are learning to read as well as write. Becoming literate is a very complex process and each child learns in a different way and at a different rate. Here at Kew PS we have programs that support those students who find reading and/or writing challenging and equally, we have programs to extend those students who are at a stage in their learning, where they require extra challenges.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who braved the very cold, wet conditions to attend this workshop. Having reflected upon the timing of this event, the Leadership Team believes holding it in first term would be more relevant to parents and the weather would certainly be more conducive for those attending.

As this week is Education Week, I was thrilled to see so many parents visiting the classrooms for the open evening session and getting very involved in the Literacy and Numeracy Challenge Circuit. The teachers had all prepared fun learning activities as a snapshot of what they do in their teaching areas throughout any day. I don’t know if many of you have observed the staff car park on any given morning because you should have noticed how full it is very early. The staff should be congratulated for their dedication to teaching and for providing an amazing array of learning opportunities for all our Kew Kids. Great work Kew PS Teachers.

Robin Grace
MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHS ENRICHMENT 20th May

After a thorough process of selecting students from Year 3 and 4, we had our first enrichment session this week on Wednesday the 20th May. It was a great first session together with all the students demonstrating a real enthusiasm and a genuine enjoyment. My role went from the “teacher” to the “facilitator” as all the students utilised a range of strategies to solve today’s problem and naturally engaged with each other to share strategies and help each other.

It’s a special moment to see students walking in at 8am with smiles from ear to ear saying they can’t wait to start. A really important part of these sessions is having time to reflect and share some of the strategies, successes, and obstacles the students faced. It also provides an opportunity for the students to share how they felt about this first session. I have included some of their comments below.

Angus- “Some of them were challenging. I liked how we could discuss with other people.”

Allan- “It was really interesting. It’s like a puzzle and when you put the answers together, it’s like Eureka.”

Hamish- “I thought it fun chatting about the strategies”

Clem- “We shared together and Caitlin helped me.”

Louisa- “We used our calculator to help us with solving the rotating numbers problem.”

Our next session will be in Rooms 5 and 6 next Wednesday the 27th of May starting at 8am.

Andrew Wood and Leah Morgan.

Kew Primary School Blog

It was all bells and whistles for the Preps last week - Sophie Apperly tells all on the blog.

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
KPS is organising a Cancer Council Morning Tea to help raise vital funds for cancer research and support services. This will be held in the staffroom at recess on Thursday 28th May.

You can help by attending and making a donation! Let's raise our cups and together we'll beat cancer.

Food will be provided, please just bring yourself and some money to donate. Feel free to donate before the event.

For cash donations please see the office.

Or


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**Billy Cart Auction**

The Year 6 students are having a silent auction for their beloved Billy Carts. The students have been learning about "social responsibility" and developing an understanding that "with great power comes great responsibility". They have decided on three worthy charities to share a percentage of the money raised.

The following charities have been chosen by the students.

- [epilepsy foundation of victoria](#)
- [Make A Wish](#)
- [Cancer Council](#)

The auction opened during the Maths and Literacy Challenge Night and closes Friday 29th May. Don't miss out; come place your bids before and after school in Room 3 (upstairs above the gym).
Cybersafety – Online Usernames

As children start using different applications and online sites, they want to make themselves stand out by using unique and cool usernames. Usernames are required to create an email address and play a variety of games such as Minecraft.

The best usernames for kids are those that do not contain any details about their age, name, birthday, school, gender and residence. Some sites offer random username ideas through a username generator that do not have anything to do with the child and his or her personal details.

Avoid anything cute
It must be gender neutral
Do not use personal e-mail address as a username
Create a unique password and never give it to anyone
Double check your child's username before allowing him or her to use it

Madame T and the eSmart team.
Inter School Chess Tournament
Report

Congratulations to the following students for competing at the
Bialik College Chess Tournament:

Ethan, Xavier, Isaac and Henry (Grade 6)
Max, James and Lara (Grade 3)
Riley and Callum (Grade 2)

Our 9 intrepid chess players headed off to Bialik College for another exciting day of chess. The team played very well after a rousing welcome from the Principal who made some excellent comparisons between chess and life.

Xavier was our top scorer with 5 wins and Lara, Ethan, Isaac, Henry and Riley did a fantastic job with 4 wins each.

Thank you to Lee Coleman, Louise Murdoch (Sparks) and Sonia McCully Saggers for their help with transport and supervision during the day.

Our chess team will be heading off to Mont Albert Primary on June 10th for our next tournament. If there are any other students interested in participating in a tournament please let us know, the more the merrier! You can contact Louise Murdoch via email lmu19494@bigpond.net.au
Program Update

I am often so impressed by the sportsmanship displayed by children during our group games. This week we saw children organise and play a fantastic game of basketball that lasted over an hour! Everyone from prep to grade six showed enthusiasm and ensured everyone had a turn with the ball.

We also observed some really positive and supportive behaviour during our Table Tennis Tournament. There were great skills displayed by all, and congratulations to Oliver S who won the Best & Fairest prize!

Well done to all of the children who participated in our paper bag monster competition! Children used paper bags and a range of recycled and other craft materials to create some very interesting monsters. Also at the craft table this week, we made Chinese dragons as part of our ‘celebrate China’ week.

At the end of last week we received an exciting delivery; three brand new couches and a toy storage shelf! The children shared suggestions on where to put the new furniture, and the room is now looking better than ever!

Reminders

If your child is booked to attend After School Care but other arrangements are made for their collection (such as a family member), or they leave school early due to illness etc., please call or text the program on 0400 394 489 to let us know. This avoids us having to look around the school grounds for children who aren’t actually attending ASC, and having to call parents and emergency contacts to determine the child’s actual whereabouts. We just want to know they are safe.

A selection of Next Week’s Activities – Superhero Week!

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Jascinta Assistant Coordinator: Lauren Assistants: Niki, Issi
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
ASC Hours: 7:30am – 8:45am ASC Hours: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
All families must be enrolled in 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.
JJ McMahon Kindergarten
16A Argyle Road, Kew
Open Day
Saturday 23 May 2015
11.00am-1.00pm

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