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Library Books

Please return all library books to the library

Whole school photos have arrived. If you placed an order for one please collect from the office.

Term Dates 2016

Term 4: 3 Oct - 20 Dec

Term Dates 2017

Term 1: 30 Jan - 31 Mar
30 Jan –Staff Start
31 Jan - Curriculum Day
1 Feb - Students Start
2 Feb- Prep Students Start
Prep finish 12.30pm

Term 2: 18 Apr –30 Jun

Message from the Principal

ENERGY & EXCITEMENT AROUND OUR TRANSITION PROGRAM

One of my favourite days of the school year is when our students attend the first transition session. There was lots of excitement and energy in the school when this happened on Tuesday this week. In many ways it was almost the same feeling as the first day of school with students very keen to start the day in their new classes and parents also nervous and excited. Overall the process of grade building and then the first transition itself has been very positively received. I believe that this is due to the extensive work that our staff does, the communication we have provided to our parents and students and of course the significant transition strategies that we implement throughout the entire year. Our transition process is not just about these half days. Our work in this area includes:

- our multi age CARE groupings where students work with others from across all levels of the school
- our Kewriosity program that is specifically organised across year levels in Term 4 e.g. Year 2’s and 3’s working together as they will be in the Middle School the following year.
- deep knowledge of student learning needs developed through detailed assessment and data tracking and sharing of this across the staff.

At this stage we do not usually make any more changes to the grades as much time and effort has been already spent on developing the best grade structure and student placement as possible. Part of this process did provide all parents with the opportunity to make requests based on educational grounds. These are just requests and whilst they are considered they are not always granted as there are several other factors that have a higher priority for us.

It is important to become literate and numerate but just as important are the life skills of resilience and the ability to deal with situations when we do not get our own way. A big part of this is teaching our students to accept the umpire’s decision and focus back on going the best we can in the game. The best way to teach this is through modelling this behaviour ourselves.

A really important part of this process is for our students to be supported by their parents so that the transition into a new class and year level can be positive. There might always be some hesitation, nervousness and apprehension, but our teachers will work very hard so that each and every child can achieve success.

PEPPERCON BBQ A BIG HIT

Last Friday’s PTA Peppercorn BBQ was a terrific way for school families to get together and celebrate the end of the school year. The weather was perfect and as such large numbers of students, parents, carers and friends were able to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere.

It wasn’t so relaxed at the BBQ itself with a rush on sales for sausages in bread! A big thank you to all those that assisted with the setup, pack up,
serving and cooking. Well done PTA for another great event in 2016 – and a special thank you to Melanie Eades, Fiona Hollingsworth and Tania Lim.

THANK YOU SCHOOL COUNCIL
As we move into the last weeks of 2016, I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and thank all members of our School Council this year for their significant contribution to our school. Julie Coleman, Rachel Naylor, Mitul Bhargava, Janine Arantes, Scott Mesley, Claire Tanner, Mic Wagner, Cameron Ryan, Lucy Dwyer, Robin Grace, Sally Marsh, Lee-Ann Butchart, Jacki Hopkins & Faye Pattie. This group of dedicated parents and staff have further strengthened the educational environment for our students.

I also wish to acknowledge Julie Coleman for her leadership as School Council President for the past 3 years. Julie’s leadership of Council has ensured that all views and opinions are valued and that the appropriate level of robust discussion has occurred prior to any decision making. Julie has also been outstanding in the way she has supported our school by providing direction and input in a proactive and professional way and has been instrumental in building our home-school partnership.

Thank you also to Ruth Woolven who has again been very important for us through the provision of detailed minute taking and then assisting to follow up with some of the actions post meetings.

Thank you to all the convenors of our sub-committees. Each of our teams has completed a large scale of work that has not only improved aspects of our school today but also ensured sustainable long term improvements into the future. The legacy our SC leaves at the end of this year is very significant:

- Delivery of our oval redevelopment!
- A very detailed and organised policy development process with an extensive list of up to date policies and a schedule developed for this to continue in 2017. This also included our successful VRQA registration check.
- Strong links and alignment with our PTA group.
- A strong financial position and ability to maximise school resources including additional revenue from the hire of our facilities.
- Completion of our School Review

Overall much has been achieved in 2016. We can all be proud of our school as it is today and excited about our school into the future.

Next year there will be number of vacancies to fill to complete our 2017 School Council. If you would like to find out more about the role of a school councillor and the time commitment involved please contact me. One of the strengths of KPS is our strong parent involvement and support and we need this to continue with our School Council in 2017 so that all of our work and momentum can continue!

SCHOOL REVIEW 2016
The school review process has now been completed. Our reviewer Julie Chandler presented a summary of the review to School Council at our final meeting. A copy of the “Peer Review Report Executive Summary” will be available on the school website. Overall the review indicates that the work we have done to improve student achievement in maths and writing has been very effective. Our data also indicates that our Year 5 and 6 program is providing our students with high level of growth and prepares them extremely well for the transition to high school.

We are now developing our new strategic plan 2017-2020. As outlined in the newsletter last week the plan will be based on three main goals:

- To improve student achievement in Literacy and Numeracy for all students.
- To improve student engagement in their learning.
- To develop our school as a high functioning learning community.

Kew Primary School Blog

How do you kick a goal if there are no goal posts? This week on the blog, we're taking a closer look at rubrics.

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

Katrina Whelen
Message from the Assistant Principal

This week saw all the students have their first transition session with their new teacher in their learning space for 2017. It was extremely pleasing to see so many smiling faces on the students and parents alike. From my point of view, it was a very calm and fun filled morning for all concerned and it just showed me how resilient our students have become. Also, it re-enforced for me what a truly great job our teachers had done in putting these classes together as they spent many hours doing this. Next Tuesday 13th December will see the second transition session take place for the morning from 9:00am until 12:30pm.

This week teachers and parents met for the final SSG (Student Support Group) sessions for the PSD funded students this year. These meetings are vital for assessing how our special needs students are progressing both academically and socially, at Kew PS. Each student has an Individual Learning Plan or ILP and these meetings then form the basis for the next plan to be created. Such meetings are a very positive experience for the parents as well as the teachers, the classroom based teacher aides, James Penson and myself because we all can celebrate the successes of the students. All information from these meetings will be handed over to next year’s teacher as part of our transition process.

As the year is quickly coming to an end this is just a reminder that we will be having just two more assemblies and they will take place this Friday 9th December in the gym and the final assembly for the year will take place on the following Friday 16th December at 2:45pm.

During the last two days of term which is Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December furniture from classrooms will be moved into the new areas designated for the different year levels. This means that there will be a moderated learning program happening for students during those days.

Finally, I need to remind you all to check the Lost Property cupboard for any missing items of uniform because the left over items will be laundered and then re-sold in the second-hand uniform sales.

Robin Grace

Commonwealth Bank School Banking

Please can all students who made a deposit on Tuesday 15th November return their deposit books urgently to the office. These will be returned to you before the end of term.

Reminder - next week is the last week for school banking.

#itsintheBag

Thank you very much to all the people who donated a bag filled with indulgent products and essentials to the #itsinthebag campaign as well to those who donates indulgent products and essentials to put into bags which had been donated.

Between yourselves and my colleagues at VicRoads we were able to supply 40 bags to the campaign. A bigs thanks to all of you and to KISS FM who picked them up. Thanks

Anna McDowall
Interschool Debating

Ten students from Years 5 & 6 competed in the interschool debating competition last Friday. We submitted two teams, who completed three debates each. These students having been working on their debates both at home and at school and have shown an exceptional work ethic and team spirit and both teams won two of their three debates.

The overall scores placed one of our teams (Olek Beavis, Harry Grabsch, Lola Nibali, Zoe Gladstone and Jack Hallam) into the finals where they were given an hour to research and write an unseen debate topic. These students were amazing with the logical and persuasive way that they wrote their debate and their confident and engaging delivery resulting in an overall third place out of 13 schools in the Boroondara district. Olek was also named debater of the day.

Congratulation to all students who participated on the day: Olek Beavis, Harry Grabsch, Lola Nibali, Zoe Gladstone, Tully Sterndale, Jack Hallam Greta Nibali, Isobel Gilbert, Phoebe O’Sullivan and Gautam Menon.

Tennis

Thank-you to Tennis Australia and ANZ bank for the kind donations of tennis racquets to every KPS Prep student. These racquets were presented to Prep students in a special assembly in front of the whole school. We were also lucky to have Australian Tennis stars at our assembly. Marc Polmans – Current Australian NO. 10 and world NO. 226 and Peter Luczack – former world NO.64 and Australian Davis Cup player.
Le français @ Kew PS

Students have been practising Les Nombres and making their own creative calendars to count down to Noel (Christmas) or La Nouvelle Annee (New Year). These calendars should be on their way home this week. Each day, students can colour in La Date and say the number in French. Go to google translate and click on the microphone for a reminder of the correct pronunciation.

Amusez-vous bien

Madame T

Cybersafety – The Modern Parent

Do you worry about how much time your child spends playing with technology?
Do you argue about time spent on devices, playing video games or hanging out on social media?
Do you find yourself thinking about the digital footprint they are creating?
Are you concerned about the interactions they may be having with others online?
Are they basing their very self worth on the number of ‘likes’ and ‘followers’?
Are there fights, arguments or a growing divide between you as a parent and your child when it comes to technology, devices and the online world?

Trying to stay one step ahead of kids and technology can be a daunting task. This website offers lots of practical advise to parents on a wide range of cybersafety topics.

www.themodernparent.net

Madame T and the eSmart team.
Program Update

The term has started coming to an end so this week we had our fun ‘party week’! Throughout the sessions we explored some new games we had never played before and got involved with some delicious Christmas cooking!

On Monday in the kitchen we made delicious mars bar Christmas crackles, this activity was a bit difficult as we needed to learn how to melt the mars bars in a bowl that sat above boiling water, while also ensuring we didn’t burn our hands. In this activity we needed to halve the ingredients so Fearghas used his mathematical thinking to divide the ingredients into two so that we could follow the new quantities. Emilia, Reuben, Amelia, Fearghas and Sophia then mixed the ingredients and placed them into the cupcake tins to rest for the afternoon!

On Tuesday afternoon we played a 90’s party game that most of the children had never played before... the chocolate game!
The game outlines a block of chocolate, a dice, costumes and some very good luck! The dice is passed around the circle and each player aims to role a 6, if they don’t they pass the dice along however if they do role a six they need to put on the entire costume as quick as they can and start using the knife and fork to chop an individual piece of chocolate off and eat it before the next player roles a six. Often children had chopped the piece off but didn’t have the opportunity to eat it so the next player got lucky! What a crazy game with lots of cheering involved.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the families from OSHClub as I (Harriet) will be moving on at the end of this week from the term time program. I may see some of the families in holiday program, but for those that I don’t wishing you the best in the future!

Next Week’s Activities

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Op/Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Harriet Cousins-Palmer
Assistants: Lachlan, Lauren
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.
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**POSITION: ASSISTANT / STRATA MANAGER**

Located in Kew East we are a boutique strata management company looking to recruit a mature, responsible individual to develop into the position of Strata Manager.

Casual hours initially with a February 2017 start. MS Office essential with excellent communication skills and personal presentation. A vehicle is necessary for property inspections. Police check also required.

The successful applicant will enjoy the challenges of delivering exceptional customer service while dealing with the demands of owners. Experience in accounting or property services software would be an advantage. Apply to: admin@iestrata.com.au.

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**Studley Park Kindergarten - Early Childhood Assistant Educator 3 Year Old**

Studley Park Kindergarten is a community kindergarten based in Kew. We offer a sessional program for three and four year olds. We have an expansive learning space in a beautiful bushland setting and a supportive community of kinder families.

We are currently seeking an experienced Early Childhood Assistant Educator to support our three year old program. This is a permanent part time position of 8.5 hours per week (6 hours contact + 2.5 hours non-contact time). Session times are Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.45am - 11.45am. Non-contact time can be scheduled with the successful applicant.

For further information about the role or how to apply please contact Carla Conquer on 8562 5153 or visit http://www.bestchance.org.au/careers/
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A small, community kindergarten in a beautiful bush setting

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To book a kinder tour or for more information on our programs call our
Enrolments Officer
Pippa on 0421 590 940

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that’s great fun, no matter what your skills or abilities!

Round up the whole family and come and try
Viva7s Every Sunday Feb 5 – Mar 26, 5-7pm
15 minute intro and skills session from 4.45pm

Register or find out more at www.HawthornViva7s.com

Where: Anderson Park, Anderson Rd, Hawthorn East

What’s included: 6 x 1 hr sessions @ 2 x 20 minute games
Something to eat? Bring a picnic | BBQ Sausages & drinks @ $2.50
Cost: Families $40 per session | $120 season pass, incl shirt & insurance

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