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### Message from Principal

Hi Everyone,

We are now well and truly into the full swing of a school term. Thank you to all parents and carers who have been so proactive in ensuring payments and forms for all of the Term 1 activities have been returned. A reminder that all payments need to be settled immediately. Don’t forget you can take advantage of paying electronically via BPay. We use this method in the Penson house and it means that we can pay school costs at any time of the day.

A special thank you to our amazing office team for their work during this very busy time. Some mornings it has almost been like a Boxing Day sale with parents lined up at the office. Our office staff have been amazing, processing payments and assisting with all of the inquiries as well as completing all of the other tasks and requirements to ensure our school runs so effectively.

I am pleased to announce that we are in the process of becoming a COMPASS school. Many members of our school community will be familiar with COMPASS as it is currently used by Kew High and Balwyn High. This will also make it a very smooth process for our parents of those children who transition to these schools.

COMPASS is a whole school learning management system that covers everything from student attendance, academic results tracking, semester reports to excursion forms and payments. We will roll out different elements of the program during this year and into next year. In time, this will be the process by which all parents will pay for school events and complete permission forms.

### HOUSE SWIMMING EVENT

Wow, what a great day we had last Friday for our House Swimming Carnival! Well done to Clare Connor and her team of staff and parent helpers. It was a very successful day that highlighted what we can achieve with good planning, organisation, teamwork and parent support.

A highlight amongst many was seeing our new house flags on display. They really added to the flavour of the event. I was also very pleased with the leadership and initiative of our Year 6’s and in particular our Physical Action team leaders. An example of
this was the way they encouraged students to try an event and even swam down the lane with them to make sure they got to the finish line successfully.

Thank you to everyone that assisted on the day.

**RICHMOND PLAYERS VISIT**

Another great part of being at Kew Primary School is that we are in the Richmond zone for school visits! Yesterday Tyrone Vickery, Alex Rance, Jake Batchelor and Jason Castagna spoke with our Year 6 leaders about what it takes to be a leader and what things leaders can do to be successful. They also outlined some of the things they have to do as professional footballers including the diets and training program they follow. In talking with the players after the visit they were very impressed with the questions and knowledge of our students and complimented the group on their engagement and focus during the session. Well done Year 6’s. You are off to a great start in 2016!

**YEAR 4 CAMP**

Our Year 4’s are currently away on camp. For many of these students this will be their first camp experience. Camps provide our students with a wonderful opportunity to try new things and challenge them. It might be having a go on the giant swing and facing a fear of heights, working with a group of peers to complete a range of initiative activities involving leadership and teamwork or even simply being able to meet new friends or broaden a friendship group.

These opportunities are only possible due to the dedication and commitment of our staff and also our parents who volunteer to attend. Our staff are not paid any extra money for the countless extra hours they work (or lack of sleep!). Instead this relies on their goodwill and commitment towards our school. Many thanks to Shenel Raif, Jacki Hopkins, Patricia Incerti, Elizabeth Murray, Katie Braemar, Niall O’Brien, Sally Macallan, Phoebe Stanmore and Robin Grace.

**FATHERS ASSOCIATION – BAREFOOT BOWLS**

Our first Fathers Association event for 2016 is fast approaching

**WHERE:** MCC Bowling Club 397 Barkers Rd Kew VIC 3101

**WHEN:** Thursday 25th February 6.00pm-9.00pm

**COST:** $40.00 per person which includes a bowls coach, bowls, Wagyu beef burger, salad, chips and beer. Cold drinks at bar prices, first hour drinks are complimentary!

Register here:  [http://www.trybooking.com/KJNY](http://www.trybooking.com/KJNY)
Kew Primary School Blog

It’s almost time for the event that kicks off the school social calendar - the Peppercorn BBQ! Alex St. Claire has all the details on this week’s 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
Message from Assistant Principal

Schools, as we all know are dynamic and energetic places and that is what we want as teachers and parents. In amongst all that exuberance and energy we need to make sure all our students are very safe, both emotionally and physically. Our CARE values underpin all our actions in and out of the classroom, class norms are agreed upon by all members in each classroom and expectations of fair play are discussed with all students so that the playground remains a safe and an enjoyable space for all. Of course, there are incidents and disagreements with such a large number of students in the playground which is perfectly normal as our students learn the social skills to sort out such differences. They are helped in this process with the 3 teachers and 3 teacher aides who are on duty at any one time. All are skilled in Restorative Practices that requires a chat where all viewpoints are listened to equally and a solution is found. Relationships are restored and social skills are learned.

Equally important is keeping students safe health-wise and that is where the school home/partnership becomes vital. If a child suffers from asthma or an allergic reaction to food or insects bites we need to be informed and have a copy of their management plan at school. We have a number of students who require an adrenalin injecting device administered to them, should they suffer an anaphylactic reaction and we have over 40 students who are asthmatics and require an individual asthma management plan. All staff members are trained to deal with such issues, but can only do so if they are aware of each individual child’s health needs. Should your child’s health situation alter then please inform the school as well as the class teacher of the changes. Likewise if your address or contact numbers change please let the office staff know your new contact details.

Another situation that could develop potentially into a safety issue came to my attention today. It has to do with the practise of tying dogs up to the Pakington Street fence, close to the entrance of the school. A number of dogs started fighting this morning which is distressing to witness but is also a situation that could result in a child or adult being bitten. As a dog owner myself I know the value of walking my pet, but I would be mortified if my dog bit someone because she was nervous and felt threatened by the number of bodies walking past and the subsequent noise, let alone having to deal with unfamiliar dogs. It could be a potentially dangerous mix that we all would like to see avoided. If you must walk your dog to school and then tie their lead to the fence, please make sure that it is not in the vicinity of the school entrance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Robin Grace

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Asthma

If your child suffers from asthma please provide the school office with an up to date asthma plan. If your child requires assistance in administering their medication please bring the medication to the office for storage.

First Aid
Library News

The Reading Chair

We have a special new chair in the library – the Reading Chair. This chair is a colourful addition to the library and symbolises the importance of reading at Kew PS. When we read stories, we learn about other people and cultures, we develop empathy and we fuel our imaginations. We look forward to the students hearing lots of stories in front of this chair.

Australian Children’s Laureate

On Monday author/Illustrator Leigh Hobbs was named the Australian Children’s Laureate which means he will travel Australia and the world promoting children’s writing, encouraging reading and reinforcing the importance of school libraries. We were lucky enough to have Leigh visit our school during Book Week last year.


Leigh Hobbs will be at the State Library this Saturday for the Kids’ Big Book Spectacular – a day of free family fun celebrating children’s literature and illustration.


Volunteers needed

If you are able to help shelve books and tidy in the library please contact me – all training provided. Woolvan.ruth.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due back by Monday 15th February.
Peppercorn BBQ

Friday 19th February
5pm to 7pm
At School, Under the Peppercorn Tree

A great opportunity for parents/carers & kids to celebrate the NEW year!

Food and Drinks will be available for purchase.

HELPERS NEEDED
Keen to help with setup, cooking and cleaning up at the Peppercorn BBQ next Friday. It’s a great way to get involved and meet new people. Many hands will make light work. Register via the following link: https://www.volunteersignup.org/TX9KB
Kew Primary School Fathers Association KPSFA

Annual **Barefoot Bowls Beer and Burger Night** – Now at MCC Bowls in Kew

Come along and catch up with the Dads at Kew Primary School, **New Fathers**, Grandfathers etc, particularly welcome 😊. Great new venue this year with lights and a wagyu burger included.

This is a great change to meet and network with other Fathers and meet the Principal, James Penson.

To Book:  [http://www.trybooking.com/KJNY](http://www.trybooking.com/KJNY)

**WHEN:** Thursday 25th February 2015

**TIME:** 6.00 to 9.00 pm Barefoot bowls

Includes a Burger

Cold Drinks at Bar prices, First hour drinks are Complementary!

**WHERE:** **MCC Kew.**
397 Barkers Rd Kew VIC 3101 P: 03 9817 3936

**COST:** $40 per person

Includes a Bowls Coach and Bowls fee plus a Wagyu Burger, Salad, Chips and a beer plus a $5 to the school.

**CONTACTS:** Rodney Thomson : 0401 890 005
Michael Senyard : 0416 076 519

To Register your attendance: [http://www.trybooking.com/KJNY](http://www.trybooking.com/KJNY)
Welcome back to school. Just a reminder to all students continuing their Dollarmites (CBA) account this year that every TUESDAY is school banking day. Please hand your deposit wallets to your teachers first thing on Tuesday morning (or at the office if you are going to be late).

CBA will not be starting any new accounts. If you would like to start up school banking please contact the office, all new accounts will be opened with The Bendigo Bank.

I will let you all know soon what wonderful prizes are in store for you this year when you have saved up your ten tokens from your deposits.

Thank you, Nic Bradley.

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Canteen Volunteers Urgently Needed!

Thank you to the canteen helpers who generously donate their time to make our canteen run smoothly, as well as produce delicious and nutritious food for our kids.

We are seeking a few more helpers to cover the following shifts:

Only 2 ½ hours once per month on:

- Monday 11:00am to 1:30pm (2 shifts)
- Wednesday 11:00am to 1:30pm (2 shifts)
- Friday 9:00am to 1:30pm (1 shift)
  11:00am to 1:30pm (1 shift)

Please advise the Canteen Roster Lady, Cate Thomson if you are able to lend a hand!

cate.thomson@hotmail.com
0418 510 041

Many thanks !!!!
Welcome to the new year, 2016! Hopefully you all had a relaxing break and enjoyed the holiday period.

Here at Kew we are returning back to bsc and asc after a successful and fun filled Holiday Program. We have been back for a week and can already see new personalities begin to shine. During term one we get to welcome the new prep into the program, during this time we have seen the older children taking extra care of the young ones. During the afternoon we have asked children to contribute their ideas to make ‘OSHClub wonderful’, playing different games such as cricket in the courtyard has been a hit! In the gym we have been playing our favourite games, Chinese walls, dodgeball and number basketball, it has been great to see all children putting everything into the games jumping, catching and running as fast as they can developing hand eye coordination skills and gross motor skills.

Prep Wednesdays:
OSHClub are in discussion about having a full day offered at OSHClub on Wednesdays for term one, due to low numbers we cannot run this day at the moment, however if families are interested please enquire as if we see interest in running the Wednesday we may be able to offer the program, please do not hesitate to come and speak with myself, or the assistants.

A kind reminder to all families that the program doesn’t open until 7:00am and we cannot accept children before this time, please also ensure that you have signed in their child before leaving.

Have a great fortnight!
OSHClub team

Next Week’s Activities

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After Care

Parent Information

OSHClub program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Harriet Cousins-Palmer
Assistant: Niki, 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.
Kew Primary School
Chess Club, 2016

Term 1 commences on Friday 12th February

Dates: 12/2 – 18/3: (6 weeks)

Time: Friday’s 12.40 – 1.30 p.m. – Library.

Cost: $72.00 (6 lessons) for the term.

PLEASE NOTE: If chess lessons coincide with swimming or school camp, please deduct the cost of these lessons from the total amount. Otherwise students will not receive a refund for classes missed. Students commencing after the first week do not pay for the earlier lessons.

Cheques should be made payable to “Chess Ideas” or we take payment via Visa and Mastercard. The completed form should be handed into the school office.

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT: www.chess.ideas.com.au

If your child has a medical condition we should know about please ring our office with details.

Play Chess at home against the computer.
Click on “play chess”. It’s fun!

CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 1, 2016
(Kew Primary School)

NAME OF CHILD: ___________________________ GRADE: ___________

CONTACT PARENT/GUARDIAN: ___________________________ Ph. #: ___________

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: ___________________________

Credit Card Details:

NAME ON CARD: ___________________________ CARD TYPE: ___________

CARD NUMBER: ___________________________ EXPIRY DATE: ___________

CCV #: _________

Please enclose $72.00 and return to school office with completed form.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO – ‘CHESS IDEAS’.
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After-School Chinese Language Lessons

Please come and join us every Monday and Tuesday at 3.30pm from 8/Feb/2016 to 22/Mar/2016 within 6 weeks $472.00

Activities including singing, games, speaking and reading that will help your general conversation skills in Mandarin Chinese.

Teacher: Melissa Liu Contact: 0422 600 395 Email: melbchineseschool@gmail.com

OR Direct Deposit to:
Melbourne Chinese Secondary and Primary School Inc BSB 0133542794 95468 ANZ Templestowe Lower

You...

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我們一起來學中文！
(Let’s learn Chinese together!)