Message from the Principal

THANK YOU TO OUR 2016 STAFF TEAM

In the final newsletter for this year I take the opportunity to thank all of our staff members for their contribution to our school improvement journey and to our school community. This year has again been a very active year for our school, and I know that our staff team has worked incredibly hard throughout this time.

Our staff has continued to embrace a very extensive professional learning program. It has been amazing to see the engagement in these sessions and then the work that they have done in implementing some of this learning. Most significantly I have been impressed with the high level of teacher collaboration and collegiality.

I thank all of our staff for giving above and beyond, stepping up and supporting each other, our leadership team and me personally. I acknowledge the extra hours they commit each week spent focused on our school. Many of which are hours well outside the normal school day, at home of an evening and over weekends. Our State system relies on the good will of our staff to do this and it is one of the elements as to why our system is continuing to move from strength to strength.

Thank you to our teachers:

Thank you to our Education Support team. Our classroom based ES’s do an incredible job. They are out every day supporting students at lunchtime and the work they do is vital for us. Thank you Mary Woodgate, Sally Macallan, Susanne Wright, Melissa De Melis, Natalie Grummit, Mary Diacaris, Angus Burns, Tristan Lawler and Jamie-Lee Morrow.

Thank you to our Education Support Admin team. Our office is such a dynamic and busy place to be. I know that I add to these demands every day. Our office team help the school to function so that we can balance the DET requirements and processes we must complete and also support the link with our parent community. Thank you Aisha Ali, Ruth Woolven, Faye Pattie, Kim Del Tito, Nicole Bradley and Kevin Vu.

Our canteen staff have also done an incredible job this year. Thank you Dem Petersen and Sally Brown. Thank you also to Simon Deere, our handy person who does such an amazing job helping to maintain our school.
I also need to acknowledge the support of Sandra Groves as our DET School Psychologist and Sam Williams DET School Speech Pathologist. We are very lucky to have two such knowledgeable and professional people work to support our students and our whole school community.

A special thank you to our leadership team. They do so many things each day that the school relies on. Many of these things go unseen. The leadership team have been vital in developing, managing and leading the improvement agenda across the whole school. Thank you Robin Grace, Sally Marsh and Andrew Wood.

THANK YOU EVERYONE
I would like to take this final opportunity to acknowledge and thank all members of our school community this year for your contribution and commitment to our school.

Overall much has been achieved and this can be largely attributed to the positive way in which everyone has engaged and worked with each other. Our Kewmunity is fortunate to have such a varied set of skills, knowledge and backgrounds and this diversity and the way we have harnessed it, has been very powerful.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION
On Tuesday evening of this week we hosted our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony. This was a wonderful evening where we had the opportunity to congratulate all of our Year 6 students and acknowledge all their achievements over the past 7 years at our Kew Primary School.

Our Graduating class of 2016 have had many opportunities to grow and develop their leadership this year. They have been part of an action team, a buddy and a role model for all of our students. On the night I was able to share some thoughts and advice with them. I outlined that leadership is not about a badge or a title. Leadership is about doing what is right even when that is not the easiest option, doing the right thing even when nobody is looking, doing the right thing even if it has a negative consequence for you and doing the right thing even if your friends are doing something different and over the next few years there will be lots of times like that.

The other piece of advice that I passed on was a very simple message, but a message that isn't always understood or embraced. That is that in your life you will not get everything you want, you won't succeed in absolutely everything you do and there will be times when things might get a bit tough.

I asked them to know and remember that this is normal and a part of everyday life. Sometimes during these setbacks people do not know what to do next. During these times remember the importance of being positive, resilient and above all grateful for what you do have. Remember that your experience at Kew, the friendships you have made and the love of your families will enable you to overcome the adversities you will have to face.

I also listed all those families who with the departure of their Year 6 child this year will be leaving our school community. I thank all of these families for their contribution to our school over these years.
YE A Nash 6 GRADUATION A WARDS 2016
A special part of our Graduation Ceremony was the presentation of awards. Here is a list of the students who were presented with an award which included a framed certificate and a $50 voucher.

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<td>Zoe Gladstone Tully Sterndale</td>
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<td>Young Leader</td>
<td>Attitude &amp; performance as a senior leader, in particular Action Team Leadership role Senior student role model Academic effort</td>
<td>Lola Nibali Max Zhang</td>
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<td>Bendigo Bank Community C.A.R.E.</td>
<td>A positive role model in the KPS community through consistent outstanding attitude &amp; effort in all areas of KPS life (senior student role model, participation in extra-curricular activities, including whole school events, contribution to community)</td>
<td>Elana Odicho</td>
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<td>The Arts</td>
<td>Achievement and excellence in the Visual Arts Outstanding attitude to learning in Art Encourages and supports others’ learning in Art</td>
<td>Sienna Gibbins Ann Xiao</td>
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<td>PE</td>
<td>Excellence in Sport/s Positive attitude to sport (demonstrates CARE values specifically in relation to sportsmanship) Encourages others and promotes sport in the school</td>
<td>James Borovac</td>
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<td>French</td>
<td>Learns cooperatively and respects others Has a positive attitude to French Enjoys learning and the challenges presented in acquiring a further language</td>
<td>Hayley Jones Tony Hoang</td>
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<td>Principal’s Award</td>
<td>Demonstrated a growth mindset and positive attitude Continually strive to improve and seeks feedback Consistently works at their personal best</td>
<td>Emma Smith Janya Arya</td>
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We also presented several external awards. These included a scholarship to Kew High School which was awarded to Sam Thomson and the Kooyong Student Prize. This award has been organised by our Federal Member of Parliament, Mr Josh Frydenberg. The official presentation was held a few Mondays ago and our recipients Ella Brown and Harry Grabsch attended with their families. It was a very special evening as they joined all the selected students in the schools within the Kooyong Electorate. I must admit I was a very proud principal when their names were read out and they were presented with their awards. The school also received a shield where the winners of this award each year will have their names engraved and displayed permanently.
### Kew High School Scholarship
- Year 7 KHS student
- General excellence across all areas of school life (attitude, effort, academics and all specialist subjects).

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**FINAL THANK YOU**

Thank you to all of our students for the way they have approached their learning in 2016. I am always impressed with the work I see our students do each day and the improvements and progress they make. Our students also make it a pleasure to come to school each day. They welcome with a big grin, they laugh and have fun, they try their best, they look after each other and they always strive to be worthy.

Best wishes to all students who are leaving Kew Primary School. I hope you have great memories of your time here and I wish you all the best for the future.

In 2017 we will continue to work together as a team united in the aim of ensuring that all of our students are provided with the highest quality teaching and learning. Our focus will be on continuing to build a trusting home school partnership that can fully harness the increased confidence in our school and allow our staff team to focus on what is most important, ensuring the best outcomes for each student.

See you in 2017 ready for another big year!

**FIRST DAY BACK FOR 2016 – WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2017** (Note Preps start on Thursday 2nd February and have an early finish on that day at 12.30pm)

**Be Worthy!**
**PS – We made it!**
**James Penson - Principal**
Message from the Assistant Principal

In writing this my final newsletter article for 2016 I just begin to smile because it has been a year of such achievements for us all - the students with their learning, the staff with their teaching and learning and the parent community with their constant ongoing support. We have altogether achieved so much and we can all be proud of our combined efforts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Kew Kids who never fail to rise to the challenges set by us all and of whom I am so very proud. Whether these challenges are in their classroom learning or their specialists sessions, our students do try to “be worthy” and do their best.

To our hardworking teaching staff, Sophie, Diana, Chelsea, Ally, Blair, Irena, Melissa, Nick, Gayle, Erin, Bit, Nat, Diamanto, Phoebe, Patricia, Elizabeth, Jacki, Shenel, Niall, Katie, Lee-Ann, Sally, Alex, Sonia, Andrew, Shelley, Kerry, Clare, Michelle, Carla, and Ali thank you for all your efforts to enrich the lives of the students you teach as you have done such an amazing job. Each student has been enriched by their learning and have been guided by you, through much personal/interpersonal growth throughout this year.

To our class based teacher aides, Sally, Mary, Natalie, Susanne, Angus, Melissa, Mez, Tristan and Jaimee –Lee, you allow our special needs students to reach their full potential as you encourage them to try that bit harder and I am so grateful for the care and dedication you show towards them.

To our amazing office staff, Aisha, Ruth and Faye, you are always the first faces that visitors, parents and students see and you handle each situation with such professionalism, smiling and remaining cheery no matter what the request. You make my life so much easier, often making me laugh along the way.

To our First Aid ladies, Kim and Nicole, you dispense bandaides as well as iced balloons and care so that our students feel much better and leave with a smile on their faces. To Sally and Dem, you make us all smile with your constant supply of delicious food—Yum!!

To our parent community, you embody what a home/school partnership is all about and without your continuing support, we as a school, would not be able to achieve the results that we do. Helping in the classroom, attending excursions, camps, information nights, three-way conference reporting evenings, being on School Council, attending working bees all enrich the lives of our community and especially that of our students. So thank you for all your efforts in the many ways you show your support for Kew PS.

To James, what a year you have undertaken, overseeing and guiding us through our School Review and developing the next Strategic Plan. You are always so calm and smiling, not matter how difficult things do become at times, you remain the consummate professional leader we all have come to expect from you. To Sally and Andrew, the other members of the Leadership Team, it has been another eventful year where we have made great gains to where we want to have the school positioned, thank you for your insights, ideas and support.

To our exiting Year 6 students, I wish you every success in all the many secondary educational settings you will be attending and to other students leaving, I wish you well and I strongly believe that you will have gained enormously, by being a part of our community. My best wishes to you all, at whatever school you attend in the future.

To the staff leaving our school, Elizabeth, Irena and Nick I wish you well in your future endeavours, knowing you will have fond and lasting memories of your time here.

On that note, I would like to wish all our community a happy festive season and a safe and relaxing holiday time. I look forward to another year with you all at our school, Kew PS, in 2017.

Robin Grace.
Lost Teddy
This teddy was handed in to the Office last week and has had a great week but now it is time for Teddy to go home. If this is your teddy please come to the office.

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.

First Aid
Thank you to Maria Sweeney for doing the first aid laundry this year. It is greatly appreciated.

If someone else would like to have a turn at doing the first aid laundry in 2017 please contact the office.

Epipen Reminder
Parents please remember to collect your child’s Epipen on their last day of school should you need it over the holidays.
Library News

Thank you KPS families! You have generously supported books fairs and many other events throughout the year.

I would like to thank the following parents for their time this year.

*Cath Della Bosca & Kath Phelan* for tireless shelving duties – a job that never ends.

*Wendy Bignami* for co-ordinating Scholastic Book Club & helping with Makerspace Thursday.

*Bethanie Clarke* who has been the creative genius in the library for the last few years. Bethanie & family are leaving KPS this year and I will certainly miss her. Thank you Bethanie!!!!!

*Have a great holiday and keep reading!*

*Ruth*
Kew Primary School
Chess Club, 2017

Term 1 commences on Friday 10th February

**Dates:** 10/2 – 31/3: (8 weeks)

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

**Cost:** $104.00 (8 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.

Go to www.chess.ideas.com.au for our home page, to see upcoming tournaments and events.

CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 1, 2017
(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:** __________

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** ___________________________________________

Please enclose $104.00 and return to school office with completed form.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO – ‘CHESS IDEAS’.
Program Update

In our final full week of OSHClub for 2017, we are spending our time doing all of the children’s favourite activities over the year!
Of course Capture the Flag had to feature with a big game on Tuesday in which there was a lot of enthusiasm around despite the warm weather. Chris Schwartz was the one to bring the flag over the line in the plain team’s victory over the red team.

Educators versus children dodgeball along with standard dodgeball has had a big presence this year as well! The children have revelled at the opportunity to thwart the educators and on the occasion, have won!

We are bringing out the old favourites like making jelly slice, playing Chinese walls and help and challenging each other with minute to win it games.

It has been a fantastic year at OSHClub and we are so thankful to be spending time with your children and getting to know your families. We are grateful for your support, help and trust and are so excited for what next year will bring.
Our management team are in the search for a new coordinator which will be an exciting change for our program. Lauren and Lachlan will be continuing to work at Kew OSHClub next year and are looking forward to another big year.

Next Week’s Activities

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- **Minute to win it:**
  - Ping pong challenge
  - Mega Bubble challenge
- **Gate Soccer Pacman**
- **Dodgeball Colour Run Christmas Jelly Slice**
- **HOLIDAYS!**
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0Parent Information

OSHC 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.
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/
Dear Parents,

The Mandarin after-school Program for year 2016 has completed on Monday 12 December and Tuesday 13 December.

Please nominate which class you wish your child to attend as next term classes (term 1 2017) will be beginning on Monday 6 February and Tuesday 7 February 2017.

Please email us which date you choose via melbchineseschool@gmail.com by 31 January 2017 for term 1 2017.

Many Thanks,

Melissa Liu

Melbourne Chinese Secondary and Primary School
Get fit and have fun with the whole family
This summer come and try the brand new, non-contact ball game 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: 8 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 | $180 season pass, incl shirt & insurance

Learn music here at school
Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, ukulele, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, drums, singing, cello, bass guitar, here at Kew Primary School.
Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.
Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.
Tuition costs from $18.90 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2017.
Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333 or email samantha@creativemusic.com.au

Limited 4 year old positions available for 2017
A small, community kindergarten in a beautiful bush setting
4 year old program running 8.45am-3pm
Mon/ Wed/ Fri
Enrolments open via Boroondara Council
www.boroondara.vic.gov.au
To book a kinder tour or for more information on our programs call our Enrolments Officer Poppa on 0423 598 940

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A peaceful oasis for your health in Richmond

Want to spoil a friend?
When you buy one treatment session we will pay for 50% of your next session
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