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### Message from the Principal

**Education Week** begins next Monday and it is a wonderful time for parents and grandparents to visit Kew PS and see, first hand, what is offered here in terms of educational opportunities and experiences. The open morning occurs on Wednesday May 22nd and all visitors are welcome to see the various classrooms and specialists’ programs operating between 9:00am until 11:00am. There will be school tours occurring from 4:00pm until 5:00pm that afternoon and these tours will be taken by our Grade Six Ambassadors as part of their leadership responsibilities. It is a great way to hear from the students about what they enjoy about attending Kew PS and what the school means to them.

On Thursday May 23rd there will be the first of our Information Evenings aimed at prospective parents of children attending prep in 2014. This session will begin at 7:30pm and conclude at 8:30pm. Our current Prep teachers will provide information about what we offer to those children starting their educational journey and there will be time to tour the Prep rooms and ask questions of these teachers, whose wealth of experience can be tapped into. If you know of any prospective families in our area can you please alert them about this opportunity to visit Kew PS. Pamphlets have been delivered to the local kindergartens and childcare centres explaining all about this event.

Last night School Council approved a **pupil free day for Thursday June 27th** and this will be the day when teachers will conduct **parent/teacher interviews**. As Di Pantazis (class 307) will be on Long Service Leave during this time, she will instead conduct interviews on Tuesday 25th June. Students from 307 will attend school as usual. Parents will be given their child’s report well before this date and can then discuss this report with the class teacher. Bookings will occur online and information about how to access this facility will be given in newsletter articles closer to this date with a link being added to the school’s website for this very purpose.

Many of you have wondered whether it is worthwhile collecting those Woolies stickers and, I can tell you, from the school’s point of view it certainly is. Last year we received 30 class packs of Lego ranging from fairy tale packs, Lego technics to Lego robotics for the older students. We also received extra packs to add to the Lego already in the school as well as teacher manuals. Lego is extremely costly and for a school to purchase this same amount would be well beyond our budget. So please keep collecting those stickers because it provides us with an opportunity to be given extra educational materials that the school could not otherwise purchase for our students.

Robin Grace
Acting Principal

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**Scholastic book orders** are due next Friday 17th May. Please contact Lisa Geier on LisaGeier@hotmail.com if you have not received all your books from the last order.

**Term Dates 2013**

- **Term 2**: 15 Apr to 28 Jun
- **Term 3**: 15 Jul to 20 Sept
- **Term 4**: 7 Oct to 20 Dec

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**Kew Primary School Blog**

Last week’s blog about funding and voluntary fees generated a lot of discussion and I’ve written a follow-up which you can read at [http://www.kewprimaryschool.com/](http://www.kewprimaryschool.com/)

*Jacqui Tomlins*

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**Second Hand Uniform Shop**

Next Open – **THURSDAY 6th** of June 3.15pm – 4.00pm

**Donations needed!!!** We would be grateful to receive your child’s pre-loved outgrown items -or if you are leaving the school- (donations can be left at the school office).

If you are unable to attend a sale day – please feel free to drop into the school, or contact me at [nikolamcconnon@bigpond.com](mailto:nikolamcconnon@bigpond.com) . We can put items aside (if available) at the Office for collection & payment.

Please refer to the school’s website for pricing.

Many thanks, Nikki

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**Tickets now on sale for the...**

**Nomic Poker Trivia Night 2013**

*Saturday 15th June 2013, 7pm *'il late! at the School Gym*

Home Grown Trivia Questions • Silent Auction • Music and Dancing • Drinks at Bar Prices
BYO nibbles OR sushi and pizza options available when booking tickets

Support KPS and donate now for the Silent Auction - Goods/Vouchers/Services/Cash gratefully accepted.
For more details please contact your Class Rep.
Dear Parents

Each year, School Council review the needs of the school for the forthcoming year. Accordingly, the following sub-committees have been set up for 2013:

- Building & Grounds
- Education & Policy
- Funding, Communication & Marketing

The success of these sub-committees rely on parent participation and School Council welcomes your expression of interest to join any of these sub-committees. Please contact me via email on nikki@sraccountants.com.au should you be interested.

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**RUN MELBOURNE**

Did you know?

Every 20 seconds a child dies as a result of poor sanitation, which is 1.5 million preventable deaths a year.

Patrick Whelen and Daichi Siew-Adachi (year 5 students) are going to participate in the Run Melbourne, and they would like you to join them.

The Run Melbourne is a fun run event which encourages people to keep fit and be active. It is also a chance to donate funds to your favourite charity.

There is a 3km kids run, a 5km run, 10km run and a half marathon.

The 3km kids run is on Saturday 20th July, running with Patrick. The 5km is on Sunday 21st July, with Daichi. All the races starts near Federation Square, Melbourne.

We are raising funds for Australian Red Cross. Australian Red Cross is a charity organisation to protect life and health and ensure respect for the human being in Australia and overseas.

We are trying to get as many people as possible from Kew Primary School to participate in the run. If you would like to join us, please register at http://www.runmelbourne.com.au/home.php

When you fill in the fundraising information, please click "I wish to fundraise as part of a team" and when you fill the entry details please select "Kew Primary School" as a team.
Kew Primary School Dress Code – draft policy for comment

School Council has recently developed a draft Dress Code for Kew Primary School. The purpose of the dress code is:

*To further develop students’ pride and respect in their own appearance; help students to identify with the school and its values; promote equality and enable participation in all school activities; promote a positive image of the school within the community and assist with identification of students, particularly on excursions. The Code has been created with consideration of potential safety and health concerns including the commitment to the SunSmart program.*

The creation of a Dress Code for Kew Primary School will not change the current school uniform. The intention is to formalise the uniform the school already has.

If you wish to comment on the draft Dress Code, please provide it in writing (hard copy or email) to the office by Friday 17th May. School Council will consider any responses received prior to formalising the policy.
PTA NEWS & EVENTS

BUNNINGS BBQ
Thanks to Emma and Chett for organising this great fundraiser for KPS. 700 sausages were cooked and $1760 raised for the school. A great effort! Thanks to all the parents who volunteered on the day: Alex Corkhill, Travis Hardman, Michelle Kenna, John Mifsud, Ben Cheung, Brad Cain, David Denby, Megan Toose, Jo McGregor, Michael Senyard, Daniel Cumming, Rohan Ravi, Lisa Carpenter, David Webb, Yun Hwan Lim, Brett Jackson, Frankie & Gill Smith, Tracey Graeff, Karen McGuinness, Jon Gill, Claire Tanner, Amanda Aitken, Shaun Xiao, Maya Rivis, Tim Holmes, Steve Trist, Brendan Lewis, Cate Thomson, Nova Gibson, Joanna Szieszcycka, Nikki McConnon and Sue Friend.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Thank you to all those who volunteered wrapping gifts and for helping out on the stall. A big thank you to Joanna and Maria for the tremendous creative spirit they displayed to make this happen again, and to their helpers: Lidija, Sia, Hiroko, Yu, Tracey E, Sam R, Maria V, Elaine, Simone, Andrea S, Claire T, Miriam, Katrina, Voula, Marini, Angeline, Samantha R, Sue F, Paul A, and children.

TRIVIA NIGHT DONATION THANK YOU’s
So far, we have received some great donations from families at our school including wine and cash, and also wonderful donations from local businesses. Thank you, and keep them coming in!

The $8,000 to replace the school’s 2 Basketball Hoops, that we were fundraising for, has now been donated by a Kew Primary Family who wish to remain anonymous. A HUGE thank you goes out to them!

$3,000 from the Second Hand uniform shop has been donated, which is organised by Nikki McConnon. What a terrific effort by her and other mum’s who have helped her. Please keep donating to our shop and coming to purchase from it!

Local Businesses: Endota Spa, Cocoa Patisserie, Bob Stewart, Toscano’s, Kew Nursery Cafe, Saychol, Shine Skin & Body, Tassal, Cones, Siobhan Wolff Photography, Perse.com (Irene K), Centenove, Estivo, Geppetto’s, Tassal, Cru, San Choi, Lil Boy Blue, Tim’s bookshop etc. have all given generously so far.

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISING GOAL!
Our fundraising goal is now COOLING SOLUTIONS for all classrooms.

OTHER DONATIONS NEEDED:
Class TREASURE CHESTS: Your class might like to put together a treasure chest of money by giving $5 or $10 donations. This would be terrific. See your class rep who will be collecting for it soon. All individual cash donations that reach a certain amount will be listed in our newsletter under the headings: (Note, donations can also be anonymous).

** GOLD $500 ** SILVER $250 ** BRONZE $100

TRIVIA TABLES SELLING FAST!
Please book your seats at the Trivia night as soon as possible as seats are selling quickly. Go to try.booking.com/CTTJ. You can now list your Table Head when you book. Also add your name to the CLASS TABLE LIST so that we know who to award the CLASS COMP prize, kindly donated by Cones (KPS family).

Many thanks for your great support for Kew Primary!!!

WANTED: HOLIDAY HOUSE FOR ONE WEEK during January school holidays to auction at the Trivia night.
Starting this Friday

Carnival

Book Fair

Friday May 17th—Thursday 23rd May

In library—before and after school.

Every book you purchase helps us build resources for the children in our school.

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.
Program Update

Hi everyone 😊,

Week 5 and going strong...

This past fortnight we made lots of cool Mother’s Day items; bracelets, cards, hand flowers, Doyley letter holders and trinket boxes 😊 I’m sure the mums loved all their presents 😊

We also enjoyed playing sport outside during some really beautiful days. We also have AASC running every Wednesday and Thursday at 4pm; Circus and Athletics Skills. So why not come and join us?

Biggest ‘Afternoon’ Tea is just around the corner. The children will start baking muffins, cookies, cakes to sell to raise money for the Cancer Foundation. Help from family would be greatly appreciated.

RECYCLING MATERIALS: Can all families please bring along any old magazines, newspapers, cereal boxes, jars, lids, shoe boxes, plastic bottles, cardboard rolls and anything else that is recyclable for us to use at OSHClub Kew PS.

*Please book your children online, if booking casually (over the phone) a casual surcharge of $3 will be added to your fees. This is very important so that we can provide care for your child.
*Please remember a late fee will be charged for late pickups; $2 per minute per child.
*Please remember to cancel your child either through your account or call 0400 394 489 and leave a message.

Have a great fortnight!

OSHClub Team 😊

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Kathi
Assistants: Niki, Fiona, Paul, Tim, Cristal
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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Parenting Anxious Children

Community Education Seminar

Tuesday 28th May, 7pm-9pm
Balwyn Library
356 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn

This seminar is designed for parents of pre & primary school age children. Topics to be covered include:

- Anxiety and normal childhood development
- How personality and environment contribute
- The signs and symptoms associated with anxiety in children
- Helpful ways to support your child
- Tips on building resilience
- Where to go for more information/help

Course Cost: $15.
Seminar notes and light refreshments will be provided.

For further information or to register contact ARCVic on 9830 9566 / 9830 ANXIETY, email arcmail@arcvic.org.au or via the website www.arcvic.org.au

The Anxiety Recovery Centre Victoria is a not-for-profit community organisation supporting people living with Anxiety Disorders and their families and carers.

Entertainment Books are at the office waiting to be purchased. $13 from each book sold will be donated to the school.

Found in playground purple watch. Please collect at office.
EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE
MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AT HOME
HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

In June/July each year, students aged 14-19 years from over 20 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice your language skills, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family...and your relatives and friends...will grow and learn as you all get to know your new ‘son’ or ‘daughter’ from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 0800 440 079 or visit our website: http://studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AT HOME

In June-July students from over 20 countries around the world, will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 0800 440 079 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

BRING CULTURAL EXCHANGE INTO YOUR HOME!

STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that’s what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room & board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

CONTACT US TODAY TO START YOUR ADVENTURE IN STUDENT EXCHANGE!
1 800 263 964 (charge free), 0401 741 754 (mobile)
Email: sts@people.net.au
Web: sts-education.com/australia

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Snowsports Interschool Championships

Kew Primary School is entering into the Victorian Snowsports Interschool Championships for 2013. 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, students do not need racing experience – the main thing is that your child has a desire to compete in a friendly atmosphere.

The 2013 Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships will be held at Mt Buller from Monday 19 August to Sunday 25 August 2013.

Changes to the event in 2013 include:
- Event week will now run from Monday to Sunday in the second last week of August
- Division 5 and 4 to compete from Monday to Wednesday of the event week
- Divisions 2 and 3 events starting on Thursday
- Division 1 starting on Friday to minimize disruption of educational commitments

The Interschools are structured around five age categories, based on school years:
- Division 1: Years 11 and 12
- Division 2: Years 9 and 10
- Division 3: Years 7 and 8
- Division 4: Grade 5 and 6
- Division 5: Grade 4 and under.

More information can be found at [www.vicinterschools.com.au](http://www.vicinterschools.com.au)

Registrations open 1 July 2013 and close 1 August 2013.
Parents wishing for their children to compete at the Victorian Interschool Championships please contact Nikki Schwarz. To express interest or for further enquiries please email nikki@sraccountants.com.au
LET’S TALK:

Be part of a fun, lively three hour session that explores the good, bad and the ugly of family life

Following the success of our first in the current Let’s Talk series, FLV will be conducting one more this term and one next term on the same topic – communication within families. Dates: Saturday afternoon - June 15th OR Saturday afternoon July 20th 2013.

Cost - $65.00.

Bookings at www.familylifevictoria.org.au

Talking a little and often makes a positive difference to your child’s health and well being.