Message from the Principal

At the half way mark of the term and we all seem to be peddling very hard at the moment! This time of the year things always start to get very busy. I encourage everyone to keep up to date with newsletters, Skoolbag alerts and all of our communication. We are working hard to ensure that the information you need to support our home school partnership is getting to you on time.

I love finding every opportunity to get into our classrooms and see the learning that is taking place. One highlight this week was with our Year 2’s who shared with me multitudes of different “wow” words they are using in their writing. They have set me a challenge to use some in the newsletter this week...so challenge accepted...let me know how many you can count!

INQUIRY LEARNING IN ACTION

Mission to Mars....should we or shouldn’t we? This is the big question our senior school students have been grappling with this term as part of their Science Inquiry. I have been really excited to see this work in action, particularly the quality of the questioning and research. I don’t know if I can answer the Mars question myself yet but I do know that engagement levels are very high!

Our Inquiries right across the school have really ignited student interest and we have taken very positive strides in the way they have been structured and delivered. Late last term our teachers once again spent professional learning time with Hamish from No Tosh. He challenged us all yet again to not have all the learning pre-planned. Instead we were guided to deliver learning through a Design Thinking model. This style of Inquiry approach involves a big question, issue, tension or challenge and learning how to work through a process where through investigation a deeper understanding is gained. This fits really well with our Science focus as the process is just like a scientist uses!

We will keep you posted on our progress as we start to become more skilled at delivering learning through this design thinking approach.
COMMUNITY FORUM – PARENT FEEDBACK INTO OUR STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR 2017-2020

Many thanks to the parents who attended our Community Forum last night. I really value and enjoy opportunities like this to have discussions with our parents. These meetings provide time and space for ideas, questions and feedback which all assists me in my role. The input from parents who attended was very productive, insightful and I came away from the meeting very energised and with more input for our strategic planning and direction 2017-2020. Over the next few weeks we will be consulting with staff, students and parents to finalise the set of core values that will unite our school for the next strategic period. The C.A.R.E acronym seems to fit our school very well, however this is a great opportunity to refresh the individual values represented. For example the “C” could stand for “community” which is the strongest response in all the surveys we have done this year around what our school strengths are and what is important to us.

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

At KPS we really enjoy and appreciate the support and assistance of so many parent helpers. As a small sign of our appreciation we invite anyone who has helped us in anyway this year to a special thankyou morning tea. This event will be held on Thursday 1st December at 10.30am in the Junior School Hall.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS LETTER ON THE WAY

Today a letter was sent home with each student outlining our school payments for 2017. These are broken down into two amounts consisting of Essential Student Learning Items and Voluntary Financial Contributions.

Please note that payment does not need to be made this year but can be done so up until Friday 9th December.

Accompanying the letter is an envelope containing details and login information to access the parent portal on COMPASS. This is our new school management system which will streamline communication and provide access to information such as student reports and other data. It will also improve many of the school’s administration processes such as school payments, excursion permissions and future newsfeeds.

To assist our school community, COMPASS will be rolled out via a staged approach. The first stage includes school payments for 2017 and student reports for Semester 2.

Parents play an important role in this initiative. In 2017, it will be essential that you log in at least once a week to keep up to date with future events and access the news feed. Parents will be able to login to Compass via the school website (www.kewps.vic.edu.au) as important information starts to be communicated through Compass.

Compass is intended to be self-explanatory and easy to use, however, if you require assistance please contact the school. We will be holding a Parent Information session about Compass early in 2017.

GRADE STRUCTURES - INFORMATION 2017

Having completed our collection of parent requests, we have begun working out where each of our grades will be located and building each class group for next year. I can confirm that at this stage we will operate with 22 grades via the following structure:

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Our current class sizes for 2017 are as follows:
Prep: 18
Junior School: 18 - 21
Middle School: 25 - 26
Senior School: 25 - 28
(Please note that this may change into and throughout next year).
I am also very pleased to announce that we plan to operate with 4 specialist subjects – French, Visual Arts, Physical Education and the re-introduction of Performing Arts. The French and PE programs will be for the full year whilst students will complete one semester each of Visual Arts and Performing Arts.

Our support programs including English as an Additional Language and T.A.S.K. will also continue.

I take this opportunity to reinforce the message that we consider all of our classes to be composite classes. In each of our grades we have over four different levels of academic learning and many levels of social and emotional needs. Our staff work very effectively in teams to target our teaching to the skills and knowledge that is required by each student. The way we build any of our classes is not different from each other. All classes are built to ensure a balance of academic, social and behavioural needs.

Be Worthy!
James Penson - Principal

Kew Primary School Fathers Association Golf Evening

WHEN: Thursday 17th November 2016
To Book: https://www.trybooking.com/NQHP

TIME: 7.00 to 9.00 pm Golf Evening
Includes a Free Beer and Pizza
Cold Drinks at Bar prices!

WHERE: Drummond Golf Kew.
320 High St Kew VIC 3101 P: 03 9853 3144

COST: $30 per person
Includes a 2 Hours of golf in the simulators with real clubs and balls, feel free to bring your own clubs and shoes.
Message from the Assistant Principal

Do you ever get the feeling that your life is so busy that you cannot think how you are going to get everything done. At this time of year, that is how many teachers feel! Here at Kew PS our teachers do support each other and encourage each other as a natural aspect of their teamwork. Further support also comes from our Leadership Team, as staff welfare is paramount, enabling our teachers to do what they do best, that is teach your children.

As we move towards the end of the school year, teachers are thinking about report writing and all the data they have collected to make these reports individual and specific to each student in their class. Before they can even begin the writing process a lot happens behind the scenes. The teachers, working in their teams, moderate students work, particularly their writing and maths samples as well as their Inquiry unit responses. Using all the assessments they have collected over the year and more particularly in this second semester, they will give your child a ranking against AusVELs criteria. Written comments will explain what they have achieved in each of the curriculum areas and areas for further learning. Similarly to last semester’s report all students will have an opportunity to reflect on this year of learning and this is recorded in the student reflection page. When you get your child’s report via your parent portal on Compass, you can be assured that a lot of thought has gone into it. The comments written by teachers are supported by a detailed assessment schedule that pin points your child’s successes and areas for further learning. It is also an exciting new moment for our school community, to move to these parent portals, accessing your child’s report in this manner.

Next week the class teachers will begin the grade builds for the 2017 classes. Those parents who have emailed requests to James Penson are taken into account as part of this process. Each child in the school will be asked to list 3 students they work well with and 3 students who they enjoy the company of and we can guarantee at least one of these choices. Please bear in mind that mixing with different children is part of the process of developing your child’s resilience, which is in turn, a vital aspect of developing their interpersonal skills. Children take cues from their parents so if you are positive about their 2017 class, inevitably so will they.

This Sunday 13th November, we are having our final working bee for 2016 and as always many hands can make all the difference in giving our beautiful school a final spruce up before the end of the year. The working bee will take place from 9:00-12:00 and if you can spare an hour to come along and help, then your support will be greatly appreciated. Most of the jobs will entail sweeping, weeding and raking along both street frontages of the school. James and I will both be attending this working bee, so we will see you on Sunday.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

This week on the blog, Year 6 students reflect on their time at Kew.

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

Katrina Whelen
**Christmas Choir**

If you love singing Christmas carols join our KPS Christmas Choir. We will visit two Nursing homes in the last weeks of school (dates to be advised) and sing Christmas Carols to the residents. We have been going for a few years and it's a lot of fun! Practise starts Monday 14th November at lunchtime. Meet Shelley in the break out room in the BER.

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Walk to School month has officially come to an end! KPS students should be very proud of their efforts walking a total of 8,668 walks!

Congratulations to the students in 2BN, our winning class for their amazing effort in walking a total of 532 walks!

Walk to School month is a fun, easy and free way for kids to get active. We encourage students to continue their walks, rides or scoots to school and kick-start healthy travel habits that can lead to good health for life.

Thank you KPS students, you’re efforts were fantastic!
TERM 4 WORKING BEE

SUNDAY 13th November

9am – 12pm

At our Term 4 Working Bee we will be completing a range of jobs to help keep our school looking neat and tidy.

Please select a task/s from the list below that you would be able to assist with on the day.

   All students that attend with a parent or carer will receive a $5 lunch order voucher for the school canteen.

Please fill in the slip and return to school by Wednesday 9th November.

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TERM 4 WORKING BEE - REPLY SLIP

Child’s Name:  Grade:

Parent’s Name:

I am able to attend the Term 4 Working Bee on the 13th November 2016 – please tick your preferred task from the list below:

☐ Sweeping and cleaning the spoon drains and also leaf blowing the oval (please bring a broom or leaf blower).

☐ Weeding the garden beds along the Pakington Street side of the school and Junior School area. (Please bring a bucket and weeding tools).

☐ Weeding and tidying the garden bed along the Peel Street side of the school. (Please bring a bucket and weeding tools).

☐ Sweeping playground areas and walkways e.g. outside the gym (please bring a broom or leaf blower).

☐ Spreading softfall near gym (Please bring shovel, rake and wheel barrow).

Or

☐ I am unable to attend the Term 4 Working Bee on the 13th November 2016 but would like to include a $10 or $20 or $___ donation towards the cost of maintaining our school grounds.
**Program Update**

At OSHClub this week we explored new connections, friendships and learning opportunities. On Monday morning as a club we discussed options for our new room change including adding table tennis in the back corner. In the afternoon the children arrived excited to play the new game set up and asked their friends to join them. Table tennis is a great activity that promotes hand eye coordination and encourages new friendships.

Outdoors on the oval this week the children played child initiated activities including cricket (Adam’s suggestion) monkey bars, soccer and even some chalk drawings (Quentis suggestion)... Through children initiating their own play they begin to develop dispositions for learning!

In the kitchen this week some OSHClub children made yummy sugar free banana bread, the children measured the ingredients and slowly followed a recipe to ensure the bread would turn out perfectly!!

Thanks for another lovely week OSHClub!

We would also like to remind families how essential it is to book your child in before the session starts as we cook and provide food for the children on the roll and we need to provide staff for the amount of children. When children arrive at the session without a booking we may need to call in emergency staff so please try call in the morning for late bookings 😊

**Next Week’s Activities**

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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.
Ho’ohau’oli

‘Ho’ohau’oli’ is the Hawaiian word meaning ‘have fun’

Wrapping the class hampers

The gym transformed for our night in Hawaii
Cocktails at the Tiki Bar

Fun Times

Thank you to Alex St Claire who designed all our silent auction sheets.

Thank you to Aisha & Ruth for all their hard work behind the scenes.

Please join us for our next event, the Peppercorn BBQ on Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} December.

Melanie Eades, Fiona Hollingsworth, Tania Lim

(PTA Team)
KEW PS HAWAIIAN ‘LUAU’ NIGHT
FUNDRAISER SPONSORS THANK YOU

Saturday 22nd October we received the support of many local businesses and KPS families with a fabulous array of generous donations that were bid on and won via silent and ‘loud’ auction items. We extend a warm Thank You to all of our Sponsors who offered these donations to help raise valuable funds for our school.

LUXURY PROPERTIES—WEEKEND GETAWAYS

Mantra Lorne 3 Night Accommodation
Valued at $884. Donated by the Coleman/Webb Family

Daylesford Weekend Luxury 2 Night Accommodation
Valued at $910. Donated by the Singleton Family

ACTION TOYS

Two x Black 8” Skywalker
Valued at $1,000 each.
Donated by the Zander Family

Three x Original FATBOY Mini BMX
Valued at $375 each. Donated by the Zander Family
All 3 bikes are in matte black finish

$300 Accommodation Voucher
Donated by Quest Apartment Hotels 19 – 21 Walpole Street, Kew, VIC, 3101 www.questkew.com.au

$200 Gift Voucher
Donated by Bob Stewart P/L
201 - 211 High Street, Kew
www.bobstewart.com.au
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- Voucher for a session of Indoor Golf
  Donated by Big Swing Golf
  www.bigswinggolf.com.au

- Weekend of Driving Pleasure in a Volvo XC90.
  Donated by Volvo Cars Billia, South Yarra
  www.biliavolvo.com.au

**CLASS HAMPERS VOUCHER SUPPORTERS**

**CLASS ARTWORKS**

Beautiful Artworks facilitated by Kerry Lomas (Art) and our own creative Kew Kids. The Artworks were highly sought after and will be treasured by their lucky owners.
The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) does not endorse the products or services of any private advertiser. No responsibility is accepted by DEECD for accuracy of information contained in advertisements or claims made by them.

Donations to be left in the box outside the office. If you would like to see a list of suitable items to donate please go to www.sharethedignity.com.au