The Bulletin

Message from the Principal

As you would all be aware, keeping children safe at school as well as on excursions and camps, is of paramount importance to all staff here at Kew PS. We have a number of students who suffer from asthma and others who are allergic to different allergens and can have an anaphylactic reaction if they come in contact with or ingest some of these known allergens. Many of these students also suffer from asthma and so the school has purchased ventolin puffers as well as spare Epipens- one junior Epipen and one adult Epipen. The ventolin has been placed in asthma packs that teachers take with them on excursions or camps and so if a student forgets their puffer they will be able to access the school’s puffer instead. Teachers sign out the Epipens for those children who have them when they are going on excursions or camps. All staff have had training in the use of these devices should they be required to do so.

In last week’s newsletter Andrew Searle wrote about AusVels and what teachers are to report on regarding the roll out of the Australian Curriculum. It has been agreed by the various educational bodies- both Commonwealth and State, that 2013 would be a transition year, hence the name AusVels for Victorian schools. During this year, teachers are mandated to report on four domains of the Australian Curriculum which are English, Mathematics, Science and History and this will result in a change in the look of the reports parents will receive at the end of this term. Further detailed explanations will be in subsequent newsletters so please keep an eye out for these articles.

Thanks to the fantastic effort by parent volunteers, especially Emma and Chett, the Bunnings BBQ raised $1760.

Finally, a huge thank you must go to all those parents who worked tirelessly to source and wrap presents for the Mother’ Day stall and provide an opportunity for the students to purchase a quality present to give to their Mums on Sunday. This hardworking group of parents have been beautifully led by Joanna Szeszycka for a number of years now with help from Maria Nerouppos. Well done Joanna and Maria.

To all the Mums and Grandmothers in our community, enjoy your special day on Sunday.

Robin Grace
Acting Principal

Community Notice Board

Parents don’t forget to read the notices on the notice board between the Library and the Canteen

Thank you from Level 2 Staff to all parents who helped with the excursions to the Gould League for Years 1 and 2. The teachers and children appreciate your help.

Diary Dates

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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 enquires please email nikki@sraccountants.com.au

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**School Council**

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
- Grants, 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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**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.

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**Kew Primary School Blog**

*This week’s blog is important. I’ve been looking at the issue of funding and the future of our school. Please take five minutes to read it. Thanks.*

**Jacqui Tomlins**

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**OSHClub**

Please remember to book online for a place to help with staffing ratios.

For cancellations please inform OSHClub directly on 0400 394 489.

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Thank you for the donations received so far—please keep them coming.