Diary Dates

Thu 23  Middle School Excursion to Melbourne Zoo
Sat 25  90’s Trivia night
Thur 30  Variation to School Hours Day – 3 Way Conferences Dismissal 12pm

Aug
Fri 7  House Athletics for Middle and Senior Schools
Fri 7  Junior School Excursion to Melbourne Zoo
Fri 14  Curriculum Day
Tue 18  Prep Excursion to Collingwood Farm

Sep
Thur 3  Whole School Concert

Message from the Principal

100 DAYS OF PREP
On Tuesday our Prep students celebrated their first 100 days of school! As you can see from the photos, there were lots of activities and learning to match. Our blog this week has more details including a fantastic photo of all of our Prep students forming a giant 100!

We are really pleased with the way our Prep program is operating. When I walk into the classrooms each day to say hello or during a school tour I always see the students very settled and engaged. The literacy and numeracy sessions are very effectively structured and delivered. This semester we have also started our TASK program focus with this cohort of students to ensure that they get the very best start to school. Well done Diana, Chelsea and Sophie and

PRIZES FOR ADIDAS LAP-A-THON
The prizes from the Adidas Fun Run have been distributed. We are waiting on a couple of items on backorder but overall everyone seems very happy. Thank you to the Year 6 leaders from the Student Voice and Ambassador teams for their help. If your child has not received an item please contact the office.

PTA TRIVIA NIGHT
I’m looking forward to our major fundraising evening this Saturday. Our PTA do a wonderful job at our school organising these events and ensuring that our community is involved and has input into our school in such a positive and constructive way. Our aim for this event is to raise the remaining funds needed to complete the final phase of our cooling solutions program before the warm weather commences. This consists of the installation of air-conditioning units in the Senior School classrooms.

RICHMOND PLAYERS
It was fantastic for our Year 6 leaders to be able to listen to a presentation from 3 AFL players on Monday. It was even better that they were from Richmond! Brett Deledio, Nathan Foley and Kane Lambert spoke about what it takes to be a leader and the things leaders can do to help achieve their goals.

Don’t forget to collect those stickers!

Term Dates 2015
Term 3 - 13 Jul - 18 Sept
Term 4 - 5 Oct - 18 Dec

Term Dates 2016
Term 1 - 27 Jan - 24 Mar
(Students start 29 Jan)
PARENT OPINION SURVEY

On Monday, 27th July our Parent Opinion Survey will be sent home to 71 randomly selected families. These names have been generated via a DET computer system. The survey itself is important to us and it provides feedback that we use to improve our school. An example of this over recent times is the work we have done to improve 3 key areas:

* **Transition**: We have implemented a very detailed and comprehensive program across the school. This includes 5 x “Step Into Prep” sessions that operate for one hour each week in Term 4 for our future preps. We also run two half days for the whole school. On these days all students are in their new classes, with their new teacher. These days take place in the last two weeks of the year and provide a strong platform to ensure a positive start to the new school year. Overall, we have shifted the entire transition organisation process forward to ensure that our staff, students and parents all have enough time to have the relevant level of input required.

* **Extra-Curricular Activities**: We run a huge range of extra opportunities for our students that are above and beyond the regular curriculum. Just a few examples of these include our intensive swimming program, Middle School bike education program, CARE & Kewriosity programs, many different sports programs such as our House events, Hooptime, Art and French extension programs, Year 6 leadership programs and so much more. We also operate a high level of optional extras programs. These include Mandarin lessons, Drama time, Brick Zone, Chess Club, Kelly Sports and of course our instrumental music lessons through Creative Music. All of the students at our school get an incredible amount of rich extra-curricular opportunity.

* **Reporting**: Whilst in the past a school had limited local control over the format and structure of the mid-year and end of year report, this is now changing. In 2016 we will start to refine what our reports look like. In the meantime we have ensured that our reports are sent home before the last day of school at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. This has usually been by the Wednesday. Our specialists now also include a more personalised comment about each student. We introduced 3 Way Conferences which are considered best practice and are supported by research to be a key ingredient in an effective school. Our portfolios are a valuable part of the reporting process. This includes our students using their iPads to record and track their learning via Evernote and Explain It.

3 WAY LEARNING CONFERENCES

The countdown is on for our 3 Way Conferences next Thursday 30th July. As has been communicated in several newsletters, students will only attend school on this day from 9am until 12pm. The conferences will then run from 12.30pm through to 7.30pm. These need to be booked online via the PTO logo on our website. Please contact the office if you need assistance with this. Oshclub will operate as per usual before and after school and from 12pm to 6.30pm.

To ensure our conferences run to time (15 minutes maximum) we included a return slip at the bottom of the letter giving parents the opportunity to outline a question you may have or a particular thing you would like to be covered during the conference. Please return these to your child’s teacher prior to the day.

The conferences will be a three way conversation with all parties having an equal voice. Students will be sharing their learning achievements and identifying future learning goals, teachers will be providing feedback about how the student is progressing and what they need to focus on. Parents will be adding their opinion and thinking about what they can do to support these goals at home.

WHAT’S ON – IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

We believe we do a vastly improved job in communicating about school events. We try to communicate every event in at least 3 ways. This can include the newsletters, term costs and other letters sent home, Skoolbag alerts, emails, and verbal announcements using our PA system, assemblies and team newsletters.

Our school blog is also a terrific form of communication. Many thanks to Katrina Whelen for ensuring that this is maintained so effectively.

We usually exceed our benchmark of at least 3 notifications of any school event and in some cases there are more than 6 or 7 notifications!
There's lots to learn in your first one hundred days at school! This week on the blog, Sophie Apperly shares the highlights from the Preps' start at Kew Primary.

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

Katrina Whelen
Le Tour de France 2015

It’s not too late to catch glimpses of beautiful French scenery from the comfort of your arm chair. Le Tour continues today through Les Alps, finishing with the traditional laps of L’Arc de Triomphe this Sunday.

Catch highlights and all the statistics at [www.letour.fr](http://www.letour.fr)

Amusez-vous bien!

Madame T

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SAT 25TH JULY FROM 7PM WITH DANCING TILL LATE!

90s TRIVIA NIGHT

MUSIC SOUNDS BETTER WITH KEW

90S TRIVIA ON MUSIC, SPORTS, TV, MOVIES & GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

LIVE BAND PERFORMING THE BEST OF THE 90S
DJS SPINNING YOUR FAVOURITE DANCE TRACKS

LOUD AND SILENT AUCTION PRIZES TO BE WON
PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED AND BEST TABLE

TICKETS $25 EACH AT WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/IAUA

DRINKS AT BAR PRICES, INCLUDING THE LIVIN’ LA VIDA LOCA
(LIVING THE CRAZY LIFE) SPANISH COCKTAIL

DRESS CODE: COME AS YOU WERE (OR AS YOU WANTED TO BE)
LOCATION: KEW PRIMARY SCHOOL GYM

HELP US RAISE $20,000 FOR THE SENIOR SCHOOL COOLING SOLUTIONS
90s TRIVIA NIGHT

AUCTION PRIZES
Saturday July 25
Loud Auction 8.30pm
Silent Auction closes 10.45pm

Point Lonsdale
Three nights four bedrooms*
Value: $750
Donated by the Lacey family

Anglesea
Four nights four bedrooms*
Value: $600
Donated by the Peters family

Go Tigers!
Jersey signed by the Richmond Football Club captain
Donated by the Roach family

Mantra Lorne
Two nights two bedrooms*
Value: $650
Donated by the Webby/Coleman family

Apollo Bay
Three nights four bedrooms*
Value: $800
Donated by the Geier family

Go Hawks!
Jersey signed by the current members of the Hawthorn Football Club
Donated by the Taylor family

Stunning Prep artwork!

*Valid 12 months; excluding peak periods and subject to availability

All funds benefit our kids!
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
What a busy week!
We have begun exploring the theme ‘The world in which we live’ and are so excited learning all about different traditions, foods, games and activities from countries all around the world. Throughout the week I’m sure some of the families will have noticed we have been exploring Indian culture through Henna tattoo. The children waited patiently searching through a folder of images for ideas on the designs they’d like across their hands!
In the kitchen we created Crepes to explore France with a group of ten children and then for afternoon tea we got to eat yummy middle eastern falafel wraps!
Next week we’re continuing our cultural journey and can’t wait to learn about even more countries!
Also for families wondering about Thursday 30th July we will be open from 12.00pm until 6.30pm!

Reminders
If any families have any items from their culture at home we’d love for you to bring them in so we can all take a look and learn!
If your child is booked to attend After School Care but other arrangements are made for their collection (such as a family member), or they leave school early due to illness etc., please call or text the program on 0400 394 489 to let us know. This avoids us having to look around the school grounds for children who aren’t actually attending ASC, and having to call parents and emergency contacts to determine the child’s actual whereabouts. We just want to know they are safe 😊

A selection of Next Week’s Activities – Around the world

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Parent Information
OSH program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Harriet Assistant Coordinator: Lauren Assistants: Niki, Issi
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
BSC Hours: 7:00am – 8:45am ASC Hours: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
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.
The snow season is officially open!!!

Get your **entry in NOW** for the **Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships** at Mt. Buller August 24-26,2015 and represent Kew Primary

Entry forms are available at the school office or contact Nikki Schwarz (nikki@sraccountants.com.au) or Sonali Le Brocque (dse195@hotmail.com) for more information.

Payments are to be made via Trybooking:  
http://www.trybooking.com/ICJJ

Reminder-snowsports interschool entries close 3 August.

**THE COUNTRY WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA (CWA)**

**We are not what you think!**

**Ladies**

Would you like to widen your social network?  
Would you like to discover new skills & activities?  
Would you like to contribute to your community?  
Are you interested in women’s issues?

If you want to find out more  
come and join us on  
Thursday 30 July at 7pm at the  
Kew Neighbourhood House,  
2-12 Derby Street, Kew.  

Contact: Viviane on 0413 215 943 or email vi.ph.1@hotmail.com  
Or Virginia on 0407 120 830.