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| Thur 1  | Father’s/Special Person’s Day Stall |
| Thu 8   | Father’s/Special Person’s Day Breakfast |
| Thu 8   | Prep 2017 Information Evening |

## Message from the Principal

As a school leader you often have to make some tough decisions. Perhaps the hardest one for me recently was deciding on the winner of our Student/Principal for a day competition. There was a huge amount of interest in this competition and selecting one student out of all the entries was almost impossible. Actually it was impossible, so I selected 3 students to swap places with for a day. Congratulations to Elise Curry, Allan Liang and Ella Gill. These students are all from 3/4S. This means that next Thursday I will be spending the day as a student in 3/4S and then on Friday it will be Miss Curry, Mr. Liang and Miss Gill as the Principals.

Thank you to all of the students who spent time writing a letter to me in entering the competition. They were all wonderful, interesting and offered me plenty of insight as well. Some of the letters contained great ideas and I will be speaking with the students to see how we might be able to implement some of them.

I have included a short extract from the 3 winning letters as part of the Writer of the Week section.

### WRITERS OF THE WEEK

“I think we should swap places. Here are some reasons: I think you might be a little rusty at the whole school kid thing. It would be awesome if an adult was in grade 4. Shenel’s an outstanding teacher. It would be an amazing learning experience for us both. You would make a great me!” Ella Gill

“I believe that you and I should swap places. Firstly your brain works too hard! It must be stressful for you as a principal to get your head around everything in the school. Even such a smart guy like you should learn things. If you come to Year 4, your brain will regenerate and you will become an inspirational and creative principal”. Elise Curry

“Firstly, I would like to be the Principal because I want to see how all other teachers teach their students. I would sit in their classrooms for around 5 minutes and take notes. Then I would call a meeting and we would discuss with each other ways and input some good ideas into everybody and take away the bad ones”. Allan Liang

### WORKING BEE THANK YOU

I always love walking into the school on a Monday after a working bee. It’s a bit like that feeling when you have washed and shined your car or given the house a really good vacuum and dust. Thank you to all of our 23 families who attended on such a chilly Sunday morning. There was even one family that started some work on the Saturday as well!

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**Term Dates 2016**

Term 3: 11 Jul - 16 Sept  
Term 4: 3 Oct - 20 Dec
A special thank you to Mic Wagner who convenes the Buildings & Grounds team and Robin Grace for helping to coordinate the working bee.

**KIDSFEST THANK YOU**

Wow! What a great afternoon even with a little bit of rain! Our second annual KidsFest was a terrific success. For me the highlight was seeing the students organise their stalls, set up and then run them. At KPS we are trying to make learning as authentic as possible and KidsFest is a wonderful example of this. Students had to work out the costs for their stalls, count change and of course work together to run the stalls. The feedback from our students is that they find this learning very engaging and want to do more of it. Sure beats learning number facts by rote from the same page of a text book as everyone else!

Thank you to all of our staff and in particular the members of the Communication & Events Team. A massive thank you and well done to all of our students. Many thanks to the many parents and friends that supported the event as well.

We are still confirming final costs but at this stage it looks like we rose over $3,000 which is a great result for an afternoon of learning and fun! This money will be directed towards projects that the students decide on. I will be meeting with our Year 6 Ambassadors to assist with this.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

**KEEPING UP TO DATE WITH SCHOOL POLICIES**

At our School Council meeting this week, 5 policies were approved for community consultation:

- Parent Payment Policy
- Child Safe Code of Conduct
- Child Safe Policy
- School Philosophy Policy
- Student Engagement & Wellbeing Policy

These are placed on our school website for 2 weeks so that parents and carers can have a say in the development of any new policies and review of existing ones. School Council also endorsed the OH & S Policy and Staff Leave Policy following a two week community consultation period.

I have attached a link to the policy section on our website:

If you have any comments or feedback around the policies currently listed for consultation please contact Julie Coleman the School Council President or me.

penson.james.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

**OVAL REDEVELOPMENT – STAGE 2 – POSITIVE PLAY AREA**

School Council spent some time viewing a more detailed plan for the redevelopment of our positive play space. This design has been completed by one of our parents Sarah Smith. Luckily for us, Sarah is an expert and highly qualified in designing natural play spaces. Now that the design has been finalised we will be obtaining some quotes.
for the work. We hope to have these evaluated at the next Building & Grounds meeting so that a recommendation can be made to School Council and the works can commence in October.

**PREP 2017 ENROLMENTS & DATES**

This week we contacted our Prep enrolments for next year to confirm their place at our school. Our Prep information evening will be held on Thursday 8th September at 7pm.

**KEW HIGH – HAIRSPRAY PRODUCTION**

Yesterday I had the privilege of traveling with our Year 6 students to visit Kew High School and see their production of Hairspray. The show was of an amazingly high standard and the songs are still stuck in my head! It was wonderful to see some past students of Kew Primary on the stage and what a great opportunity for them. Congratulations to the team at Kew High School and good luck to all of the students, staff and supporters throughout all of the performances.

**PARENT OPINION SURVEY**

This is the very last call for our parents that were randomly selected to complete the annual parent opinion survey. It needs to be sent back to the school by tomorrow as we are required to send them back to DET on Monday. So far we have received 40 out of the 73 sent home.

**LEARNING WALKS and Q & A WITH THE PRINCIPAL**

A final reminder that I am hosting two “Learning Walks” where parents will be able to spend some time observing in a few classrooms and then discussing the things they have seen with myself following the classroom visits. This will hopefully provide some deeper insights into our teaching and learning processes.

The first learning walk and accompanying question and answer session will have a Literacy focus. This will be held on Tuesday 9th August from 9.30am – 10.30am.

The second learning walk will have a Numeracy focus and this will be held on Wednesday 17th August from 11.30am – 12.30pm.

There are still some places available and bookings can be made by emailing me: penson.james.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

**THANK YOU & WELL DONE JUNIOR SCHOOL TEAM**

Well done to the Junior School team for organising such a terrific excursion last Thursday to the Werribee Zoo. I was lucky to attend this day and to see our staff, parent helpers and students in action was sensational. Our school community can be very proud of the behaviour of our students when we out in public. The highlight was the safari to the open plains section. We were fortunate to see the rhinos up very close...just metres away. I am also pleased to report that I was able to leave the zoo at the end of the day and was not mistaken for a Silverback trying to escape!

**WELL DONE TO THE SENIOR SCHOOL TEAM**

Our Senior School students also recently attended an excursion. They travelled by tram to the Eureka Tower as part of their Geography Inquiry. Excursions and experiences like this and the Werribee Zoo for the Junior School, play an important role in the education of our students. They provide rich experiences to tune students in, immerse them into their Inquiry and then stimulate rich learning back at school.

On another positive note, I received some feedback about our senior students from two different sources. The Education Co-ordinator at Eureka Skydeck sent through an email with the following message: “Congratulations to your students for being so polite and well behaved for your visit to the Skydeck. Myself and all of the staff really noticed how fabulous your students’ manners were and how well they conducted themselves while here. It makes such a difference to all of the staff’s days when we have such great schools visiting”.

A member of the public also emailed the school to say that
“Whilst coming home today on the 109 tram back to Kew there was a group of school children from your school coming back from an excursion. One of the boys offered me a seat which I declined but I want to thank him for having excellent manners”.

Great work Senior School students!

Looking forward to House Athletics tomorrow for all of Middle and Senior School students.

Be Worthy!
James Penson
Principal

Message from the Assistant Principal

Upon entering the school grounds on Monday morning you would have noticed how good they were looking and it is all due to a group of parents and students who attended the working bee on Sunday. Even Melbourne’s weather played a part by providing beautiful sunshine that made the day all the more pleasant. Grass was mowed, the gym was swept and the windows thoroughly cleaned, the oval was given a once over by the blowers as were the basketball courts, the drains were cleared of leaf litter and sand and every aspect of the yard was given a thorough sprucing up. I would especially like to thank Mick Wagner for coordinating this working bee, all the while being helped by Taya and Finn, and the other families to be thanked are Stewart Waters helped by Tom and Freddie, the Yo family, the Patel family, the Cossette family, the Linahan family, the Chen family, Jen Howard and the Nibali girls, Steven Wan, Winnie Wang along with Jiaqi, the Hawkins family, Jane Juan and Jason Sun, Glenn and Flynn Hollingsworth, Greg Kleynjans with Stan and Louie, Amy Osbourne and Charlie, Paul Kleynjans and Nash, Luzuan and Rachel Liu, Andrew and Millie Seamer, Adam Dyer with Olive, Anna, Amelie and Scout McDowall, Shandel, Tanisha and Cooper Schultz, Miranda Skoczek with Harper, Tamara Mynott and Summer, Deidre Naughton with Leela and finally, Andrew Roach with Tom.

Head lice is a term that often causes negative reactions from most people but, unfortunately it is a situation that all schools have to deal with, throughout any given year. It is also true that head lice, don’t distinguish between schools, whether they are state or private schools but it is a situation that causes discomfort for children. Under DET guidelines, students are to be excluded from school until the day after treatment has commenced. If you have noticed your child scratching their head please check to see if they have head lice and then notify the school. Unfortunately, headlice just love clean hair and will lay their eggs on the hair shaft, secreting a sticky substance that makes the eggs difficult to remove.

Believe you me I know what dealing with headlice is like. My daughter, with very long hair, came home from school in her primary years, bringing headlice with her, from a sleepover it would appear. Yes, I agree it is annoying but highly contagious and so I just treated her with the solutions recommended by the chemist. The most painful aspect for me was using the fine tooth comb to remove the eggs which is an essential part of the treatment. I suppose that was part of the treatment that she disliked the most as well. Let’s all be diligent in checking our children’s hair so their discomfort is minimalized.

Robin Grace
Kew Primary School Blog

We all know what 'Never Eat Soggy Weetbix' stands for, right? (If you don't, Katie Braemar shares the answer on this week's blog)

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

Cybersafety

How cybersafe is the technology in your home? Try to find time to complete this quiz as a family and think about how it applies to your house.


The quiz is designed by the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner. There is a whole wealth of information and practical advice on this website. Look out for other fun and interactive games and quizzes which help reinforce key online safety messages to children.

Have fun staying safe online.

Madame T & the eSmart team

Second Hand Uniform shop will take place on Thursday 11th September between 3 and 4pm outside the library.

The Squishy Balls from the Lapathon will be coming soon.
Costumes for the Twisted Production – Wednesday 23rd August 2016

The excitement is building for our ‘Twisted’ musical production on the 24th August. Parent representatives will email a costume list for each class. Thomas from Junior Rockers has tried to make these costumes very easy to organise, hoping that most kids will have most of the items in their wardrobe.

We also have some main characters in Year 5 and 6 that require a costume. Please could you contact Clare Connor or Jacki Hopkins if you have any of the below costumes at home and are willing to lend them to our enthusiastic main cast.

- Red Riding hood
- Goldilocks
- Jack and Bean Stalk
- Big Bad Wolf
- Cinderella
- Prince Charming
- Hansel
- Gretel

Finally, don’t forget to buy your tickets on [http://www.trybooking.com/MJRX](http://www.trybooking.com/MJRX)

Clare Connor (connor.clare.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Jacki Hopkins (hopkins.jacquelyn.e@edumail.vic.gov.au)
Library News

Book Week Dress up Parade
The parade will be held in Assembly on Friday August 26 August – start preparing your costume!

Premiers’ Reading Challenge Update
The PRC will finish on 9 September so it is important to log all your books and I will verify them. So far the students have read more than 4000 books. Keep reading!

Family Reading Afternoon – Thursday 11 August anytime between 3.30pm – 5pm
This is an opportunity to explore the books in the library as a family and sit down and read together.

There will be light refreshments – milk, water, biscuits. All students MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Overdue Books
Overdue notices are regularly sent home – please try to locate overdue books and return them to the library.

Recently many books have been returned with water damage and have had to be thrown out, please help your children to take care of the library books.
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**Father’s Day & Special Person’s Breakfast**

You are invited to join your child for a special breakfast, to enjoy being together, and to celebrate with other Dads and Special Persons:

Thursday 8th September from 7.30am

To be served outside canteen

Bookings available now via [https://www.trybooking.com/MMPA](https://www.trybooking.com/MMPA)

closes midnight Sun 4th Sept.

Select your own & your child(s) menu when booking on-line

**Adults** - Bacon & Egg roll & coffee $8

**Kids** - Bacon & egg roll & hot choc $6

Croissant, butter, jam & hot choc $6

Fruit skewers $3

Adults - Fresh coffee - coffee cart

Kids - Hot chocolate - canteen

To be served outside canteen

**Book by midnight Sun 4th Sept**

No late bookings this year

[https://www.trybooking.com/MMPA](https://www.trybooking.com/MMPA)

Booking confirmation required when collecting breakfast

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You *MUST* pre-order no late bookings

Don’t miss out!

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If you would like to volunteer to help cook breakfast on Thursday 8th September 6am - 9am please contact

Fiona.Hollingsworth@hotmail.com
Program Update

What a busy week at Oshclub,
During the morning sessions we have had the opportunity to explore new relationships with some new faces and one of favourite casual educators Britt! Amelia W was super excited to have Britt join our morning sessions throughout the week!
In the afternoons we have been a bit crazy, however our new routine seems to be working effectively with many more opportunities to explore our own choices and child run activities!
Indoors Ruvi and Sahana explored creative thinking skills as they mixed glue and glitter together before painting with the mixture!!! Children were extremely excited to join forces in teams to create videos of their own story on their iPads and show their creation to their peers.

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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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Harriet Cousins-Palmer
Assistants: Niki, 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
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Headlice Notification

A case of headlice in the 3/4 Grades has been reported to the office.

Please check and if necessary treat your child’s hair before returning to school.

The snow season is officially open!!!

Get your entry in NOW for the Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships at Mt. Buller August 22-24, 2016 and represent Kew Primary

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

Children’s Book Week 2016

Saturday Storytime
Saturday 20 August 2016
Ashburton Library
11pm to 12pm

An interactive storytime for the whole family, with award winning picture books and badge making.

Book Week Lego Club
Tuesday 23 August 2016
Camberwell Library 4pm to 5pm

Join other Lego fans as they take inspiration from their favourite books to make Lego masterpieces. For primary school aged children.

Book Week Bedtime Storytime
Wednesday 24 August 2016
Balwyn Library
6.30pm to 7.30pm

Share stories and songs with the whole family. Wear your pyjamas and bring your favourite cuddly toy.

Family Book Afternoon
Friday 26 August 2016
Hawthorn Library 4pm to 6pm

Celebrate Book Week by helping to select new books for the Library. Join in the fun with children’s activities and light refreshments.

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584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn
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