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### Message from Principal

At our assembly last week I congratulated all our students and staff for the amazing array of displays around our classrooms and corridors. Our learning spaces are looking terrific and these displays are a mix of student work, information and ideas.

I have included a photo of the corridor outside our Middle School classrooms. This display represents the FISH philosophy that this group is working with. It is about engaging, having fun whilst learning and making each other’s day. I am a big believer in that if you are engaged with your work and have a purpose or belief in what you are doing then your work will be of a better standard. This is also very true of learning and is an attitude we are helping our students to develop.

I have also included a photo of our Year 6 Billycarts. In fact, they are all lined up in pit lane ready for the teams to paint with their colours and logos! In this program our Year 6 students are learning about leadership and specifically how individuals with different roles can work together effectively for a common goal or aim. The aim of this particular idea is to compete in the KPS Billy Cart Grand Prix...also known as the Davis Cup!

### AROUND THE SCHOOL – PROJECT UPDATES

Recently we had to remove the very old and significant tree near the Pakington Street entrance that had died and had the potential to drop limbs. I have registered our school to receive a Gallipoli Oak to be planted in this space. As part of its commitment to celebrate and preserve our environmental heritage, the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) has identified the Gallipoli Oak tree (Quercus coccifera subsp. calliprinos) as a symbolic link between the Centenary of ANZAC, the people of Turkey and the primary school children of Victoria.
The Gallipoli Oak “grandparent” trees were grown from acorns originally sent to Australia by soldiers fighting at Gallipoli in World War 1. Acorns from these trees have been collected to grow hundreds of unusual oaks. It is anticipated that this will be ready later this year or for ANZAC Day in 2016.

We also have 3 other important projects that are ready to be rolled out and completed once we have secured the funding required. These are:

**COOLING SOLUTIONS – PART #2** – Installation of air conditioning units in the Senior School classrooms above the gym (this area is known as the BER). This project has a cost of approx. $60,000. At this stage we have $11,115 set aside for this work from our SPLASH Art Show fundraising event last year.

**OVAL REDEVELOPMENT** – Last year School Council completed a process of community consultation around the direction our oval redevelopment should take. Approval was given for a design that includes a 4 lane synthetic running track around a synthetic interior with synthetic surfaces, natural grass and landscaping around the outside. We currently have $62,627 funds saved towards this project. These funds have been raised via several generous donations, a lapathon, Bendigo Bank and also $11,115 from our Splash Art Show. The total cost for this project will be approximately $180,000.

**POSITIVE PLAY** – A few years ago a very dedicated group of students with the support of Melissa Hayes set initiated a project for KPS designed to give our students more variety of creative things to do at play time. The Positive Play project idea consists of a large storage shed or container to house different equipment that can be used in free style and role play games. For example, this may be some tyres, boxes, wooden planks that could be used to make a cubby house. The school was fortunate to receive a $1,000 grant from the Progress Leader and we also ran a 5c fundraiser. We have completed the playground audit and our first round of consultancy with the specific organisation that implements this idea in schools. We are now ready to secure some more funding so that we can install the storage container and purchase some supplies. Our PTA has also agreed to use the money raised via our second hand uniform store to assist with this project.

Our timeline for these projects is to have the Cooling Solutions and Positive Play Programs completed this year and for our oval to be completed next year. If you would like to make a donation towards any of these 3 projects please contact me. Each project will be a wonderful addition to our school and ensure that our environment is even more worthy for all of our students.

**NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING**

This year we have implemented a new process for advertising in our newsletter. We are limiting the amount of advertising to 3 or 4 pages depending on the overall length of the newsletter and demand for advertising. There is a priority order for the placement of advertisements:

#1 – Local DET schools and feeder kinders (these ads are placed free and are done based on “reciprocal/in kind” support of our own events).

#2 – Local businesses and school community family businesses. These are paid advertisements at $35 per week.

#3 – Appropriate outside businesses at $35 per week.

This process is consistent with our Advertising and Sponsorship Policy.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS UPDATE**

We had our first Buildings & Grounds Sub-Committee meeting this week. Already there has been significant work done around our school to ensure that it is safe and attractive. These works have included: new paint and carpet in
an office area, a cage to store our chess pieces, new hot water service, emergency lighting and general lighting fixed, roof works to the Junior School building, tree removal, pruning and much more.

We are also very keen to ensure that our gardens, playgrounds and pathways are neat and maintained. Our first working bee will target this work helping to make our school look its very best. The date for this will be Sunday 19th April from 9am – 12pm. To encourage families to attend we will be offering a $5 lunch order voucher to all students that attend with a parent. (Yes students you have to help on the day as well!). Please see the flyer in this newsletter.

If you would like to join our Buildings & Grounds team our next meeting is Tuesday the 21st April at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

**FOOTY SHOW**

Last week our Year 2 students were interviewed for the Footy Show. The cameras will return early next term to film our Year 1 students.

**ACTIVE APRIL AND BIKE TO SCHOOL**

The school has registered for both the Active April and Ride to School Day programs. These have been promoted via our assemblies and Skoolbag.

**KEW FESTIVAL**

Once again KPS has registered to be involved. Students have had the opportunity to submit art works into a competition and are encouraged to attend the dance parade on the morning of Saturday 21st March. There will be more detail sent home via Skoolbag.

**FATHERS ASSOCIATION EVENT**

Next Thursday we have Steve Biddulph presenting a session entitled “The Secret to Happy Boys and Girls”. This promises to be a very valuable evening for our school community and it will also be open to the wider community and advertised on Steve’s Facebook page. Tickets are limited and we don't want anyone from our community to miss out. Please book now to reserve your spot!

Here is the link: [www.trybooking.com/GWVO](http://www.trybooking.com/GWVO)

**KEWRIOSITY**

We begin the first Kewriosity sessions for 2015 on the first day back in Term 2. Our staff is currently working on the range of topics that the groups will cover and then students will be able to make their selection. The groups will meet briefly on Monday 23rd March so that everything is organised for the first day of next term.

Be Worthy!

(How good are the sausage rolls from the canteen!)

James Penson

Principal
Message from Assistant Principal

We have had another great week here at Kew PS, where our students are engaged and happy. It is this state of happiness that allows for their learning to grow exponentially. James Penson and I are in a wonderful position where we get to visit the classrooms, throughout any given day and witness this first hand. All our teachers provide many opportunities for their students to taste success as well as be challenged in their learning. The playground is often where this sense of happiness is most obvious and that feeling of belonging to your school becomes evident. Being on duty, throughout any given week this term, I have witnessed students smiling, laughing and playing games in a friendly manner even when they are being highly competitive.

The first meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee was held on Tuesday 10th March and apart from discussing what building works had taken place over the holidays, a date for the first working bee was decided upon. Our first working bee will be held on Sunday 19th April from 9:00 until 12:00. This is the first Sunday after we return to school for second term. The list of jobs for the working bee include spreading mulch around the play areas and gardens as well as cleaning up the Peel Street side of the school. We would like to see our beautiful school undergo an autumnal “spruce-up” so if you can spare an hour or two on that Sunday we would be grateful. Remember many hands make light work.

I would like to alert parents of autistic children about a free online course at Swinburne University designed to help them deal with the day to day issues they face and provide quality of life for all family members. Autism spectrum disorder is a lifelong condition affecting about 1 per cent of children who typically have preoccupations, aversions, obsessions and difficulties with social interaction. But, despite the disorder’s frequency and the challenges it poses to parents, carers and teachers, much online information is about diagnosis and emotional support rather than practical help. The course has been designed by a number of experts in this field and the convenor Emma Donaldson said...‘many carers were knowledgeable about the theories and research associated with autism but lacked practical advice and support. Our overarching aim is to equip participants with the skills to improve the lives of individuals with autism and their families.’

You can access this course at http://bit.do/AutismMOOC

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

I love books and I love science. This week on the blog, those interests collide.

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

Katrina Whelen
Managing Your Digital Reputation

Social media can be a useful tool to keep in contact with friends and family. However, we need to be mindful of what information is shared and with whom. Employers may use social networking sites to “research” prospective employees. This may not affect young people now, but content posted on the internet today might damage their future.

1. Check the age restrictions, most social media sites are for 13yrs plus
2. Make sure your profile is set to private on all social networking sites
3. Only accept friend requests from people you know and trust
4. Don’t upload personal information such as your address and birthday
5. Learn to block offensive users
6. Regularly ‘google’ yourself to see what information is out there
7. Delete any unused accounts
8. Always sign out when you have finished
9. Avoid using public/shared computers
10. Talk with a trusted adult if you have any concerns

Madame T and the eSmart team
Community feedback on parent information sessions

This feedback will assist us to plan and reflect on our parent information sessions. Please fill this in and return to the school by the end of term 1. Visit online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NMKRDDD or return this hard-copy to your child’s teacher.

Part 1
Have you attended an iPad, cybersafety or ICT information session at Kew PS in 2014 or 2015? Y/N

Please tick the sessions attended:
- □ Term 1 2014-iPads 101
- □ Term 2 2014-Cybersafety with ThinkUknow (External provider)
- □ Term 3 2014-Digital portfolios at KPS
- □ Term 4 2014-Information for 2015
- □ Term 1 2015-Cyber Safety with Kidproof (External provider)

If yes, did you find the session/s attended to be valuable? Y/N
If no, what prevented you from attending?
- Child care arrangements
- Prior commitments
- Not interested
- Did not know about it
- Other ____________________________

Any other feedback about parent information sessions that you have attended at KPS?

Part 2
Are you interested in more parent information sessions regarding technology to be held at Kew Primary? Y/N
What technology specific content would you like to see presented in the future?

Please mark your confidence in ensuring your child is cyber safe at home?

Low confidence 1 2 3 4 5 High confidence

Part 3
What other topics in general would you like to see presented at parent sessions at Kew Primary?
Easter treasure hunt at KPS
Date: Wednesday, 25th of March
Time: 4pm
$2 Gold coin donation
Siblings are welcome, everyone is welcome

Regarding to School allergy policy, so the treasure hunt won't include chocolate and any eggs and nuts. It will have lollies, little toy/stationary and origami objects.
SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 9am – 12pm

At our ‘All Hands On Deck April Working Bee we will be completing a range of jobs to help keep our school looking neat and tidy. Our major focus will be weeding and mulching along the Peel Street side of the school and ensuring that our pathways and play spaces are safe.

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

Please fill in the slip and return to school by Wednesday 15th April.

CHILDREN

☐ I am able to attend the All Hands On Deck April Working Bee on the 19th April 2015.

(If possible please bring a wheelbarrow, broom, rake or shovel)

☐ I am unable to attend the All Hands On Deck April Working Bee on the 19th April 2015 but would like to include a $5 or $10 or $__ donation towards the cost of soft fall mulch.
Program Update

One of our favourite activities at OSHClub is cooking! Every week we try a new recipe and encourage children of all ages to get involved. Coconut cupcakes were on the menu this week, which definitely made it to the “favourites” list – they were delicious!

At the craft table we began making our Papier-Mache Solar System on Friday. We covered balloons in strips of recycled paper using glue and water, with our next step being to paint all of the planets! We also painted with balloons using bright colours on a black background, which produced some interesting and creative patterns.

Outside, a large group of children enjoyed using our “big chalk” to draw beautiful creations in the courtyard. Some children experimented by blending different colours to create ‘ocean’ and ‘sunset’ colours. We also spent time playing our all time favourite group game, Dodgeball, as well as having a hit of tennis and cricket.

The Holiday Program is approaching!

We are now taking bookings for our Holiday Program, which will be running from Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April (excluding Good Friday and Easter Monday). The program includes a trip to Clip and Climb for an exciting excursion, a Disney theme day, and Cosmodome visiting us for a fun incursion on Outer Space day! For a full list of activities, excursions and other details, you can find copies of the Holiday Program online and at the sign in/out desk.

A selection of Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0400 394 469
Coordinator: Jacinta Assistant Coordinator: Lauren Assistants: Niki, Stacey, Alyssa
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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Coffee Morning 1KB
At Via Verona
after drop off
Friday 13th March
ENROLMENTS OPEN 2015!!

EXCITING LUNCHTIME DRAMA PROGRAM AT KEW PS!!

Junior group (P-Gr2) FRIDAYS - Jnr Hall: 1.05pm-1.50pm
Senior group (Gr3-Gr6) THURSDAYS - Jnr Hall: 1.05pm-1.50pm

TO ENROL
- Or call Drama Time on 9525 9977

"Elise was so excited to tell me about the amazing fun she had and all the things that she’s going to get to do in drama."
Parent, Ormond PS

"Eden loves her Drama class; she always comes home on Tuesdays with stories from the session."
Parent, St Finbar’s PS Brighton

"Enrique’s confidence has increased enormously over the last few years thanks to Drama Time."
Parent, Brighton Beach PS