Diary Dates

Tue 21
- Education & Policy Committee Meeting 5pm
- Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting 6.30pm
- PTA meeting 7.30pm

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

Hi Kew and welcome back to school for the start of term 3!
Term 3 is a very important term for schools. In fact I would consider it the time where students can make the most learning progress as their confidence continues to grow, school routines are well established and we are still well away from the energy and excitement of the end of the year.

Once again even though our students were not at school over the holidays, we had several visitors completing a range of works to further improve our school. New heating units were installed in rooms 5 & 6. This was very timely given the cold temperatures we have had this week! Our new computer system server was also installed by Telstra. This was an expensive process as it involved relocating existing infrastructure from one area of the school to another. You may notice the new conduit pipe along the wall of the school above the staffroom to the library.

Work to replace over 240 existing fluorescent tubes with new LED ones has commenced. This will continue over the next few weeks as it involves the Junior School building, Library, office areas, hallways and Gym. This has been funded as part of our Sustainability grant and will reduce our power bills for years to come!

FOOTSTEPS DANCE
This week we have started our Footsteps Dance Program. Each week through the term students will spend one session with a dance instructor. Over this time they will work to choreograph a dance number that will then be part of our whole school concert on the evening of Thursday September 3rd.

Stay tuned for more detailed information about the program and concert in a separate letter which will be sent home in a few week’s time.

3 WAY LEARNING CONFERENCES
Our Three-Way Learning Conferences will be held on Thursday 30th July between 12.30pm and 7.30pm. A separate letter about this will be sent home tomorrow. This letter includes a summary of the purpose of these conferences, how they will operate and details on how to use the PTO booking system.

Our Three-Way Conferences gives students the opportunity to articulate and reflect on their learning. It is recognised that if our children are to be successful in the future they must be given the skills to learn how to learn. We want them to understand that learning is something they do; it is not something done to them. Strategies like three way conferencing increasingly lead students towards becoming self-directed, independent learners.
Three way conferences ensure that the focus remains on the students and the critical role they have in determining their own next steps for learning.

**A REMINDER THAT ON THIS DAY (THURSDAY 30TH JULY) STUDENTS WILL ONLY ATTEND SCHOOL FROM 9AM – 12PM.**

This is a School Council approved Variation to School Hours Day.

**TERM COSTS**

A final reminder that payment of the Term 3 costs are required by tomorrow, Friday 17th July. As mentioned we have started our Footsteps Dance Program and our first excursion (Middle School to the Zoo) is next week! If you need another copy of the payments letter please download one from the school website or contact the office.

**MICHAEL YMER**

Our resident maths consultant was at Kew Primary School again today. He spent time modelling an effective maths lesson with the Senior School team in the morning and the Prep team between recess and lunchtime. Michael also spent a planning session with the Junior School team in the afternoon. His support and work at our school has been really important and we look forward to working with him again in the first week of Term 4.

**KEWRIOSITY**

Our new round of Kewriosity started on the first day back this term! This time around I am working with a group of Middle School students on a Health & Fitness project. We combined with Clare and a team of Senior School students who are focusing on a similar topic to complete a fitness circuit in the gym. I am actually still a bit sore today!

Do you know what your child is working on?

**CURRICULUM DAY – FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST**

Don’t forget that our final pupil free day is organised for Friday 14th August. On this day our staff will be completing updates to their first aid, CPR and Anaphylaxis training. Some staff will also be visiting other schools.

**DO YOU GET TO SCHOOL ON TIME?**

Being on time is a vital part of being a responsible learner. Please ensure that you assist your child to develop positive learning habits by arriving at school on time every day. One of the best things about our school is the 8.50am bell system. This allows students the opportunity to enter their classroom and get organised for the day which starts at 9am sharp. We need all students to arrive during this 10 minute period so that we can maximise our learning each day. Arriving at 9am when the bell goes is late. You would be amazed at the effect of even a few minutes late each day can have over a longer time frame. I encourage everyone to make the effort to get to school on time this term!

Be Worthy!
James Penson
Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

Welcome back to Term Three at Kew PS and already it is shaping up to be a very busy term with lots of exciting and challenging learning to take place in all levels across the school as well as in the Specialists’ programs. Of course, all staff will always look at innovative ways to deliver curriculum outcomes to students which will enhance their learning opportunities. All Kew PS staff, attend professional learning sessions, whether they are “in-house” opportunities, or are taken by presenters who are experts in their field. Two of our ES Officers (teacher aides), have undertaken the STA program which is a Speech Therapy Assistant program overseen by the school’s Speech Pathologist, Sam Williams. Natalie Grummitt and Susanne Wright will be delivering the STA program to a number of students across all year levels. The STA program enables trained Aides to deliver a speech therapy plan to students with speech/language difficulties. The program runs 3 times a week for 30 minutes per session. Not many other schools in the Boroondara Network run a STA program so we are very fortunate to be able to do so and our students will benefit greatly from such targeted intervention.

During the holidays I was required to purchase a large item for my kitchen and so I went to Camberwell Electrics to do the usual price comparison. Having decided on the appliance I was pleasantly surprised when the sales person suggested what school I would like the points to be awarded to so a cash donation could be made. I could not utter the words Kew PS faster and so I enquired about what the program was all about. It appears that this particular company, as part of their community program, convert purchases to a points system and money is then sent to the nominated school. It is called the PEAK program - Primary, Education, Aged Care and Kindergarten. Another great piece of news I received was that the purchases I have made over the years will be included to this points system. I am not spruiking for this company but if you have made or are about to make purchases from them, the PEAK program is a great way for the school to get some extra funds.

Now moving onto a more medical front, this cold weather has been particularly troublesome for a number of students who suffer from asthma. I know from quite a personal experience that my daughter, Tegan, who rarely gets asthma, has been having a number of asthma attacks in recent weeks due to this cold snap. Can you please make sure your child has their asthma medication with them or it is given to their teacher? There is no need to panic if it has been left at home because the school has its own supply of asthma medication and you will be notified of its use.

Finally, the Boroondara City Council, along with Whitehorse and Manningham Councils run many informative evenings about children’s issues and parenting. I regularly get emails about such events, which are usually free or a cost of a gold coin donation, and the speakers are of a high calibre. I will be placing notices on the community notice board outside the Library so please keep checking there as I am sure there will be something that will spike your interest.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

Play dates - joyful social occasions or just plain difficult to schedule? This week on the blog I present some strategies for answering that often heard 3.30pm question - "Can they come over for a play?"

If you have something you’d like to share on the school blog, please drop me a line at: katrina.w@ozemail.com.au

Katrina Whelen
Le français

UNE INVITATION!

BASTILLE DAY FRENCH FESTIVAL 2015, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July.

Ne vous oubliez pas les célébrations CE WEEKEND pour fêter la fête nationale de France!

See www.bastilledaymelbourne.com for program details.

Madame Payne

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back!

Please remember to collect stickers when you go shopping at Woolworths. Sticker sheets can be collected from the office. There is a box outside the office to put your sheets in.

Visiting School Nurse

Cathy Pataki a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training will be attending the school to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents’ consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

A School Entrant Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) will be sent home this week. Completion of this form is required before the nurse can see a child. Please return the completed form asap. Parents are invited to contact the visiting primary school nurse if there are any issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the visiting primary school nurse is 0412 161 472.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office. This completed Referral form needs to be returned to the school office.
Tickets available now at [www.trybooking.com/IAUA](http://www.trybooking.com/IAUA)
Book your pulled pork, smoked chicken or tofu & pumpkin burrito before Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} July
Request an invite to our group: [www.facebook.com/groups/368735386670836](http://www.facebook.com/groups/368735386670836)
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The Zu $125 in vouchers
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Action Indoor Sports $50 voucher
Geppettos $50 voucher
Tim’s Bookshop $50 voucher
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Xocolate $30 voucher
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Kew Recreation Voucher
Milan at Kew Voucher
Rie Masadome reflexologist Voucher
La Porchetta Vouchers
Cocoa Patisserie Voucher
Saychol Voucher
I love my hair Voucher
Coldstream Brewery Cider
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
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23rd JULY-13th AUGUST (THURSDAYS) 1.00-1.50PM
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Bookings Essential

Join Drama Time at Kew Primary!

Grade 3 - Grade 6 Thursdays 1:00pm - 1:15pm in the Hall
Prep - Grade 2 Fridays 1:00pm - 1:15pm in the Hall

To enrol visit www.dramatime.com.au and click enrollments or phone 9523 9977

Only $13.30 per class!
Enrollments open throughout the term.

"Enzie loves her Drama class. She always comes home on Tuesdays with great stories from the session."
St. Finbarr's PS Brighton

"Thank you so much for having Tashin. She talks about Drama Time constantly and just loves it. I love hearing about the wonderfully creative things she does in that class."
Carnegie PS

"Enzie's confidence has increased enormously over the last few years thanks to Drama Time."
Brighton Beach PS

Yoga Fun for Preschoolers (3-5 years)
Thursday @ 10:15 - 11:00am
Starting 6th August ... book now as places are limited!