Message from the Principal

PTA HAWAIIAN LUAU NIGHT

At our PTA meeting this week, the final details for our upcoming Hawaiian Luau night were finalised. We still require some more assistance with the set-up, pack up of the gym and a few other jobs as well. The link to the volunteer roster for the luau is:

https://www.volunteersignup.org/A9DEF

It will be a terrific evening and as our major fundraiser for the year we are hoping that we raise the remaining money required to complete the air-conditioning in the Art room and classrooms 12 and 13.

On the night there will be lots of ways to support our school. One of these is through the auctions. The silent auction items will include a wide range of hampers organised by each of our grades through the class reps. A big shout out to Kerry Lomas our Art teacher who has helped to produce a fabulous piece of art from every class in the school. All of these will also be auctioned on the night. Each artwork will be on display from Monday morning. The Prep and Junior School artwork will be in the Junior School building and the Middle & Senior school artwork will be in the main corridor outside the school office. There will be an opportunity to bid on any item as from Monday. Bidding sheets will be located next to each artwork.

I have a tough decision to make before the night as well. Something you may not know about me is that I have a few treasured and very special collections. One of these is my assortment of Hawaiian shirts! I am having trouble deciding which one to wear? Your feedback and suggestions are very welcome!

Don’t forget to purchase your ticket, join one of the table groups and enjoy a great community event:

www.trybooking.com/MZMF

Term Dates 2016
Term 4: 3 Oct - 20 Dec

Term Dates 2017
Term 1: 30 Jan - 31 Mar
30 Jan – Staff Start
31 Jan - Curriculum Day
1 Feb - Students Start

Term 2: 18 Apr – 20 Jun
We continue to have very strong interest from families in our local area looking to enrol their child at our school in 2017. Since the beginning of this term we have also welcomed a number of students starting at our school this year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of them and their respective families. I am always amazed and very proud of how welcoming our school is. Our new students are very well looked after by our students and quickly become part of their class team. Our staff also do a wonderful job ensuring a very smooth transition into our school. This starts with our super office team who are so organised and friendly as our first point of contact and then backed up by our teachers who don’t get fazed at all when a new student appears in their room! Thank you also to all the members of our school community who are so supportive and welcoming of our new students and their families. If at any stage our new families and students would like more information about our school or would like to meet with me and have a chat I encourage you to contact me so that we can make a time that suits:
penson.james.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

SCHOOL REVIEW – DAY 1

On Tuesday our School Review panel met for Day 1 of the 2 day process. This is a Department of Education and Training Peer Review and is conducted by an externally approved school reviewer. Other members of our review panel include the Senior Education Improvement Leader from the Boroondara & Whitehorse Schools Network, Helen Fotheringham, Principal of Kew East Primary School; Rowan Kayll, Principal of Greenhills Primary School; our school leadership team; members of our School Improvement Team; Julie Coleman, School Council President and Janine Arantes, School Council Nominee.

A significant level of preparation, analysis and a detailed self-evaluation takes place in the lead up to the review and on the first day this was presented and unpacked in more detail. Overall we should all be very proud of what we have achieved as a whole school community over the last 4 years. The panel agreed that we had lots to celebrate, in particular the significant improvement in our numeracy and writing results (including our NAPLAN measures such as the growth we add to student learning outcomes each year). Other school measures such as our staff and parent opinion survey have also trended in a very positive direction over the last 4 years. After the summary presentation the panel began by looking at areas of improvement and what our focus should be for the next four years. The day finished with agreement on the terms of reference that will guide the process on Day 2 which is set for Tuesday 25th October.

Following the review, the school will receive a detailed report and summary of the findings presented by the reviewer. This document will form the basis for our next Strategic Plan that will start to be drafted this year and completed in Term 1 next year.

At 7pm on Wednesday 9th November, I will be hosting a Community Forum. The presentation will focus on sharing the results of our review. This will be a great opportunity to hear briefly about what the school has achieved over the past 4 years and then spend more time outlining areas of future focus including re-energising our school core values. There will also be a brief outline of planning and school structures for 2017. Please note that the evening will have a different focus and content than the forums in 2014 and 2015.

Please contact me at the school if you plan to attend: penson.james.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

ICAS COMPETITION

Congratulations and well done to all of those students that have participated in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) competitions this year. Students will receive their certificates from their classroom teacher this week. Those students achieving a Distinction or High Distinction in any of the tests will be acknowledged at our assembly tomorrow.
Kew Primary School Blog

Year 3/4 shares an up-close and microscopic look at the Royal Botanic Gardens.

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

G.A.T.E.ways

G.A.T.E.ways is offering a variety of one day programs for gifted and talented children in December. This 'Festival of Workshops' is a user pays program and is for children from Prep to Yr6. For details of programs offered or to enrol your child go to the G.A.T.E.ways website

www.gateways.edu.au

PEPPERCORN FAMILY BBQ – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Recently our School Council and PTA have discussed the impact of changes to the regulations relating to the consumption of alcohol at events where children are present. These regulations apply to DET schools and other organisations. They outline that a liquor licence must be obtained for any alcohol to be served on site when students are present and that only alcohol purchased via a responsible, serving of alcohol licensed person in a clearly defined area (e.g. roped off area) is permitted. **BYO alcohol at events is no longer permitted at events.** With these new restrictions in place, School Council has now decided to run our Peppercorn BBQs as alcohol free events in line with many of our neighbouring schools. Please note that events well outside of school hours, that do not have students present e.g. our upcoming Hawaiian night, will still have a liquor licence for bar sales. This issue has been considered carefully and the decision is a direct response to the changes in the regulations. Our Peppercorn Family BBQs are a wonderful way for our community to come together at the start and end of each school year and I look forward to the next one in December.

PARENT REQUEST PROCESS FOR TRANSITION INTO 2017

As mentioned parents are able to make requests for consideration when placing their child into their 2017 class. These requests will only be accepted in writing and must be received by Friday 28th October. Please note that requests with respect to specific teachers or composite/straight classes will not be considered.

MELBOURNE CUP – OPPORTUNITY FOR LONG WEEKEND

In the school newsletter you may notice that I have outlined that we will be running a modified program on Monday 31st October. Families are able to enjoy the Melbourne Cup weekend.

Be Worthy!

James Penson

Principal
Magazine for 2016

It’s that time of year again, to get your orders in for the much anticipated MAGAZINE.

The magazine is a great pictorial memento of the school year. Not only are each and every class and specialist captured but all the amazing events that have been on throughout the school year are remembered.

Get all orders in by Friday 4th November.

Orders will be made through TRYBOOKING www.trybooking.com.au/NJZR.

Note: NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED after this date.

Regards
The Magazine Committee
Chelsea, Nat, Elizabeth & Sonia

Peppercorn Writing Competition

To enter: Write a narrative or poem about a place – real or imaginary

Word Limit: 300 words

Submit by: Friday 28 October

Prizes for each year level

Hand in at the office or the library
Aloha
It's time for a Luau
SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER
From 7.30pm until Midnight
Join in with ...
Welcome Cocktail
Silent Auction / Glass Hampers
Around the World Trivia
Beach Volleyball, Limbo
& Hula Hoop Competitions
Music & Dancing

Location: KPS Gymnasium
Tickets: $25 pp
at trybooking.com/MZMF
Program Update

Another wonderful week shared at OSHClub!!!!

Our theme for the week was to explore super hero themed activities such as making masks, super hero hangman, making capes or designing our own shields. Sammy Chandler loved putting together his shield on Tuesday afternoon, designing and constructing the shield until it was perfect!

Monopoly was bought out multiple times throughout the week with children forming a small group in a quiet area to play the game, monopoly provides children with the opportunity to engage in quiet play, form closer relationships with other children or educators and develop mathematical thinking!!

Our little snow pea patch has really started growing this week with the help of Eva X and Eva B-A. Last week our patch was only just shooting and now they’re almost the length of our hand. We’re hoping they begin to make snow peas this term so we can add them to our sushi bowls!

Our spontaneous experiences that we participated in this week were oval play, playground play (monkey bars, slides and climbing wall), art opportunities through free painting and home corner imaginative play using the baby doll, sushi and dressups to enhance the dramatic effects. Imaginative play provides children with a sense of identity and assists with making sense of a child’s world.

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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0Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Harriet Cousins-Palmer
Assistants: Lachlan, Lauren and Britt
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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**Children’s Latin Dance Class**

*Phoenix Dance Studio*

Monday @ 4.00pm-4.45pm.
Level 1/656 Bridge rd, Richmond.

This class has an emphasis on dancing as a fun social activity. It includes discussion about the different countries and cultures the dances originate from. We begin with the basic step patterns in Cha Cha Cha, Rumba and Jive, some latin cuban action and footwork. The classes are great for developing rhythm, musicality, co-ordination and social skills. The classes will run with the school term.

**FREE trial class**

Cost $17 per class. Enrol for the term or pro rata from when you start. Class numbers are strictly limited.

To book online go to our website [www.phoenixdancestudio.com.au](http://www.phoenixdancestudio.com.au)

To book, register your interest, or contact us with questions via email or phone.

- Colleen Bridgland at [colleen@farewellcatering.com.au](mailto:colleen@farewellcatering.com.au)
- 0404139040

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**Interested in Food and Working with People?**

‘Farewell Catering’ in Kew is seeking to recruit some young mothers who may be interested in casual, part-time work.

Many of the functions they cater for are held during the day, which would suit mums with school aged children.

No need for qualifications, just an interest in food presentation and working with people.

For more information, please contact Colleen Bridgland at [colleen@farewellcatering.com.au](mailto:colleen@farewellcatering.com.au) or 0404139040.

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**Second Hand Uniform**

Next school uniform shop Thurs 27th October 3-4pm outside library