### Diary Dates

**Apr**
- **Fri 15**: Sports Gala Day Oval Opening Event
- **Sat 16**: Bunnings BBQ
- **Sun 17**: Working Bee
- **Tue 19**: House Cross Country
- **Tue 19**: Education & Policy 5pm Buildings & Grounds, 6.30pm PTA 7.30pm Sub Committee Meetings
- **Thu 21**: School Tour 9.30am
- **Fri 22**: Assembly
- **Fri 29**: Mother’s Day Lunch at Hellenic Republic

**May**
- **Wed 4**: School Council 7pm
- **Thu 5**: Mother’s Day Stall
- **Tues 10**: Community Forum 7pm Parent Feedback School Review
- **Fri 20**: Parents Social Evening at QPO

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### Message from Principal

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone was able to enjoy some family time over the Easter break and recharge ready for the very busy term ahead. The highlight for me was going to the beach at Pambula for a swim everyday. The water was still 22 degrees! The lowlight was watching the footy surrounded by very chirpy Collingwood supporters after the Tigers were beaten by 1 point. Mind you based on early form I don’t think either team has much to get excited about this year.

The holiday weather has continued into the start of this term. Lucky we updated our Sunsmart Policy a couple of years ago to extend the time students are required to wear their hats. We are in line with the recommended practice by having students wear hats from September through to the end of April. After all the sun doesn’t know when Term 1 finishes and Term 2 starts!

**OVAL OPENING**

Tomorrow at 3pm we will be holding a short official opening ceremony for our new school oval. This is to acknowledge the effort and contribution of those in our community who assisted in delivering this project for our school. The event is being run and organised by our Year 6 Physical Action Team leaders. After the official ribbon cutting, all students will be able to run a lap of the oval in their class groups which will be a bit like an Olympic Opening Ceremony. The main difference being how great we will all look in our House tops as opposed to some of the official outfits Nations have worn. There will also be a staff versus students relay race!

Families are encouraged to stay after school finishes and continue to enjoy the space.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO TERM 2**

We have a lot to look forward to this term. As always it will be action packed and engaging. Some of events and activities this term include:

- History inquiries
- Year 6 Billy Cart race
- House, District & Division Cross Country
- NAPLAN testing
- Maths Olympiads
- School Lapathon
- School Disco
- Mothers Day stall and lunch
- PTA social night
- Incursions and excursions
- Kewiosity Program

And much, much more!
Our school enjoys an amazingly high level of parent support and involvement. There are lots of avenues for parents to provide feedback and there wouldn’t be a week where I don’t have a meeting with parents where ideas and suggestions are provided. I know our staff also has similar discussions with parents. Parent, staff and student input continues to shape our programs and processes. Recent parent suggestions implemented have included our Skoolbag App, some of the changes we made to our 3 Way Conferences, Meet the Teacher parent interviews at the start of this year, the way we collect our term cost payments in one amount, our improved Home Learning program, the purchase of additional home reading resources, more personalised report comments from Specialists and some of the improvements to our classroom programs.

Overall this high accessibility and approachability is a key way in which we continue to support our home school partnership. I continue to encourage you that if you have an idea that you think will make our school even better please make a time to see me. Whilst we may not be able to implement every idea and suggestion put forward, I am always happy to provide reasons why or look for an alternative solution. It is certainly an exciting challenge trying to manage our very energetic community and ensuring that we continue to invest our energies and focus in the most constructive and powerful way and in the best interest of all students at our school.

Another important process in which we can harness parent input into shaping the future direction of the school is through a school review. All DET schools go through this process every four years as the current strategic plan is reviewed and the next one is developed. Our school is currently undertaking a review of the period during our 2013-2016 Strategic Plan. The process involves staff, students and parents and begins with the completion of a very detailed self-evaluation. This document is then used by a registered school reviewer who meets with key school personnel to complete a review report.

To assist with our self-evaluation I have set up a Parent Survey (Survey Monkey) asking for feedback around the best things about our school, what changes could be made, what parents want to see their children achieve, what vision we should have as we work towards 2020 and several other key questions that are also part of the official DET parent survey that is distributed randomly to a set number of sample families each year.

I would appreciate your feedback via this survey and the information gained will become part of our self-evaluation and feed into the development of our new plan.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GK322Y8

The parent survey will be open for 2 weeks and close on Thursday 29th April. The results of the survey, along with some feedback from our staff and students will be presented at a School Review Community Forum on Tuesday 10th May at 7pm. The forum will also be an opportunity for me to share some of the actions and strategies that we have implemented in trying to reach our strategic plan goals, question and unpack the effectiveness of these and begin to shape the next chapter of our school. I hope that we have strong attendance at this forum and will send home a flyer next week with an RSVP form attached.

I will also be hosting some ‘Meet with the Principal’ morning teas. These will also be run like a focus group session where information is gathered to assist with our self-evaluation. The dates will be listed in the newsletter next week.

HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP EVENTS – TERM 2

Please add the following dates for our Home School Partnership events for Term 2 to your calendars:

10th May @ 7pm – Community Feedback & School Review Forum
18th May @ 7pm - Parent night with Michael Ymer (Maths Consultant)
15th June @ 6.30pm - Write Night (This will be an event that builds on our work with Literacy Consultant Sheena Cameron).
Message from Assistant Principal

Welcome back to Term Two everyone and what a busy term it will be. You will get a sense of how busy it will be when you read your child’s class newsletter next week. Also, in James’ newsletter article this week, he listed a number of whole school events showcasing the students’ achievements as well as opportunities for you as parents to learn about how Mathematics and Writing are taught to students now. I can assure you it is very different from when you were in primary school. Please put those dates in your diaries so you can support your child in these learning areas.

On Saturday our hard working PTA are manning the barbeques at Bunnings in Hawthorn as a fundraiser for the school. I don’t know about you but when I visit any Bunnings stores and these barbeques are happening, the smell is mouth wateringly delicious. Hence, I always buy a sausage or two. So if you are in the area please come along and purchase a sausage as the money comes directly to our school. The PTA does a great job and work incredibly hard for our school and the projects that need money raised so they can be completed. Our students benefit the most because such events enhance the home school partnership. See you there on Saturday!

Now that the oval has been completed our Kew PS is looking just fabulous and we should all feel equally proud of what has been achieved. This brings me to my next school event which is our first working bee for the year happening on Sunday 17th April which is this Sunday. This working bee will start at 9:00am and finish at 12:00pm. A focus of the working bee will be a real clean-up of the industrial bin area, sweeping and tidying around the Junior School, spreading soft fall mulch around play areas as well as weeding along the Peel Street side of the school. Please put this date in your diaries if you haven’t already because, as always, many hands make light work of these tasks. Thank you in advance for coming along to be a pair of those many hands.

Robin Grace
Kew Primary School Blog

It’s kick-off time for the new oval! On the blog this week, you can see how this huge project unfolded.

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

Library News

Welcome back to Term 2. The Challenge is now underway and many students have returned permission forms and are listing books read on the PRC website. If you have not registered, please return permission forms to the office or the library as soon as possible. You will then receive a username and password for logging books online. If you have any questions or problems logging in please email woolven.ruth.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Melways donations

The library would like to add some copies of Melways to the collection. If you have a Melways less than 5 years old that you no longer need please consider donating it.
UNSW Education Assessment Australia

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

In 2016 Kew Primary will again be offering optional assessments for Year 2-6.

ICAS is a highly regarded assessment program for schools in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing, which enables parents and schools to identify students’ levels of academic performance. Schools and students receive comprehensive hard copies and online reports on their students’ performance in each subject. Students also receive a certificate to recognise their achievement. This year sees the addition of a Spelling Assessment offered for Year 2 students.

Students can do one, two, three or all of the assessments that we will be offering at KPS. The first one will be Science (in late May), followed by Writing, Spelling, English and lastly the Mathematics assessment (mid August).

Permission forms will go home in Week 2. Payment needs to be made online via Trybooking. This will be open from Monday 18th April – Monday 25th April.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Additional information can be found on ICAS website. [http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas2016](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas2016)

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House Cross Country

The KPS House Cross Country is next Tuesday the 19th April for Years 3-6 at Hays Paddock.

Parent helpers are needed to help marshall the students and stand on checkpoints along the course. This is vital for the success of the event.

Please click on the link below if you are able to help out.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1R9EDOLpB5kY9ISvB_hmUDg_ZNMgMIlnzc0Olq-m174w/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1R9EDOLpB5kY9ISvB_hmUDg_ZNMgMIlnzc0Olq-m174w/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link)
MOTHER’S DAY & SPECIAL PERSON’S DAY STALL 2016
Thursday 5th May

This year there will be a choice of gifts priced at $2, $4, $6 and $8
There is a lovely selection of gifts to buy for Mum, Gran, Auntie, all special people
The children will love choosing their own unique present for you or a loved one
A limited number of gift bags will also be available to purchase ($1) on the day
If you would like to volunteer on the stall …

Thursday 5th May 9am-11am or 11am-1pm
(Wednesday 4th May 3pm–4pm to help set up)

Please log onto www.volunteerssignup.org/CTRAB

Please support the Kew Primary Mother’s Day & Special Person’s Day Stall!
Welcome back to OSHClub everyone,
What a great week we’ve shared together filled with large group games on the oval, table tennis and even blind drawing a fun but challenging task.
In the mornings we enjoyed some quiet activities such as Home breads and arts and crafts. Sam and Anni spent Wednesday morning in a table tennis tournament, table tennis is great to work on our hand eye coordination as the boys used the bat to hit the ball.
During the large games of capture the flag the educators got to see children like Flynn and Samirah stepping up and demonstrating great leadership skills, lining children up, coming up with plans of attack and role model positive behaviour through cheering and motivating the younger children.

Notes for next week?
Next week we would love for the children to bring in a story book they’re enjoying and if you have any knitting needles or spare wool around the house we would love to borrow them 😊

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Harriet Cousins-Palmer
Assistants: Niki, Lauren
OSH Club 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.

Class 3/4P parents
morning tea.

Friday 22 April at 9am
at Via Verona,
193 High Street,
Kew, VIC 3101
**RUN FOR KEW**

**IN THE EASTERN 7 CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION (SUNDAY MORNINGS)**

- Improve your fitness, make new friends, prepare for your interschool cross country competition and even compete for medals (Open Days, EMR Cross Country & State Championships)

- Events are on Sunday mornings from 9.30am to about 11.00am, at a variety of parks in the Eastern suburbs.

- Come and represent Kew LAC as an individual & as part of a team (if there are 3 runners from Kew in your age group & gender)- You don’t have to stay for the entire duration of the program, and you don’t have to come every week.

- The season runs from 10th April to late July.

- You must run in the Kew centre uniform - maroon singlet or crop top, black shorts or leggings (no pockets or logos).

For more information Contact Kew’s 2016 Cross Country Co-ordinator Erroleen Fung - Phone: 0414 467 233/Email: ejmlfung@hotmail.com
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**KEW JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

**GIRLS FOOTY AT THE COMETS**

U10’s, U12’s & U15’s

JOIN THE FUN AND PLAY AFL AT THE COMETS

ALL GIRLS AGED 8-10 ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG AND TRAIN WITH THE U10 (born 2006-2009) GIRLS SQUAD ON

FRIDAY 15TH APRIL

4:30-5:30PM VICTORIA PARK UPPER OVAL

CNR ADENEY AVE AND PARKHILL RD KEW

COACHED BY DAVID DENBY AND

IRENE KEMERIDIS

TO REGISTER PLEASE GO TO: WWW.KEWCOMETS.COM.AU

FOR INQUIRIES EMAIL: INFO@KEWCOMETS.COM.AU

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**PARENTS, BOUNDARIES & CHILDREN**

A two hour forum for parents to discuss and share ideas around how to set boundaries for children that encourage acceptable behaviour.

Finding it hard to develop boundaries with your kids that work?
Join other parents in sharing experiences and ideas.

**WHEN:** Wednesday 27th April 2016
7pm - 9pm

**WHERE:** Blackburn Council Offices

**COST:** FREE

**BOOKINGS:**
Online event: www.preach.beevee.eventtix.com.au
Call at ParentZone 9715 6546

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