Message from Principal

Hi Kew and welcome to our last newsletter for the term!

**CIRQUE DE KEW – WHAT A NIGHT!**

Well I’m sure you agree that our Cirque de Kew performances were a great way of finishing a wonderful term. All of our students who performed rose to the challenge and they should all be extremely proud. The whole experience from the very first circus lesson right through to the finale will be one that stays with them for some time. Overall it was a great opportunity to learn new skills, practice them, work together as part of their class team and then experience time in the spotlight. As I said on the night, I think I had the best vantage point – being able to watch the faces and reactions of all the students as they came off stage.

I also said that Kew Primary School is like a circus as well. When someone compares something to a circus it usually has a negative connotation - but not this time. In fact I have four main reasons why the circus is a great metaphor for our school:

1. Circuses excite and engage. They are aimed at giving the audience a sense of wonder and awe. At Kew Primary we are also striving to develop and deliver experiences that engage and excite our students. At its very core – learning is an exciting process. Developing our higher order questioning skills and improving our Inquiry approaches will enable us to nurture and maximise this excitement.

2. Circuses involve a very diverse range of skills and talents and an incredible level of teamwork to deliver each and every performance. I remember the last time I went to the circus. The lady I bought the tickets off was also the star of the trapeze, the man who showed me to my seats was the star juggler and both of these and all the other performers were in multiple different acts. At KPS, everyone also has lots of different roles. We also work together to put on a great “show” every day. One of the strengths we are building at KPS is utilising the many talents across all members of our school community and then working together to develop and extend these for the benefit of all our students.

3. Circuses leave you feeling positive and happy. When you walk out of a circus show you have a big smile on your face and they are just lots of fun. At Kew we aim for our students to have this feeling as well. This can be a big ask because unlike the circus we all have to go to school! However through emphasising strong connections between students, teachers and parents we are trying to build a school culture where our students feel that sense of success, feel positive and enjoy the experience. Programs such as CARE and Kewriosity are just two examples of this in action.
Circuses have to evolve. A great circus troop is always rehearsing and working on new acts and developing their performances. The ringleader is always striving to be the very best circus in town. At KPS we are also evolving as a learning organisation. Our focus is on continuous improvement. As teams and individuals we constantly reflect on our programs, spend time focusing on professional growth and then add new resources and initiatives where they can enhance what we are aiming to achieve. We strive to provide the best opportunities for our students and will never rest from that pursuit.

Thank you again to everyone in our audience, especially for being so patient as we organised all of our students to be collected safely. Thank you to our staff who worked behind the scenes to find extra time for practice and to support our students to make the most out of this opportunity. Thank you to Robin Grace for her initiative and helping to get the show on the road and of course thank you to Sergei, Sam and Oscar from the Little Devils.

**BENDIGO BANK – STUDENT BANKING PROGRAM**

Recently School Council approved the Bendigo Bank Student Banking Program for our school. This will mean that for a period we will offer both the current Commonwealth Student Banking Program and the Bendigo Bank one as well. Over time we will move across to having only one student banking program operated by the Bendigo Bank. This is just one small way we are continuing to build on our strong relationship with our local Kew Branch of the Bendigo Bank. We will have a special visit by the bank on the first assembly back in Term 4. Please see the flyer in the newsletter.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE**

Please make sure you catch up with the latest news from School Council. More information is included in this newsletter.

**STAFF RUN AS ONE FOR TOM**

On Sunday 12th October, many of our staff members will be taking up the challenge of completing an event at the 2014 Melbourne Marathon Festival. Our staff team will have representatives in all races on the day. This race is part of our staff fitness program but we are also using this as an opportunity to support one of our own students, Tom Roach. Tom’s story is an amazing and inspirational one and you can catch up with it at the following website where you are also able to make a donation:

THANK YOU FOR TERM THREE
Well we made it – the end of Term 3! Thank you to all our students who have achieved so much learning this term. I am continually impressed each day with the work and learning that I see in all of our classrooms. Thank you to our staff. This term has been a big term for all of our staff and as a result we have already achieved many of the goals we set for ourselves as part of our Annual Implementation Plan. Thank you also to all our families for your support and involvement in our school each day. One of the great things about Kew is our Kewmunity!

TIME TO FIND THOSE HATS
From the start of next term all students will need to have their school hats. This is part of our Sunsmart Policy which is also one of our policies being updated and currently available for community consultation on our website. The proposed changes to this policy include extending the dates that students must wear hats from the start of September through to the end of April. This is to ensure that we are in line with advice from SunSmart and the Cancer Council Australia.

I hope everyone is able to enjoy a bit of a break and spend some family time together. These holidays are always a great opportunity to catch up and then get ready for the rush to the end of the year. I encourage all of our Year 3’s and 4’s to go on some bike rides and get ready for Bike Ed next term, especially as the weather forecast is looking sensational for next week.

Be Worthy!
James Penson – Principal

Message from the Assistant Principal

As you can now see last week was not the last newsletter for the term, which has turned out to be fortuitous because I have a number of people to thank for all their efforts during this final week of Term Three. Firstly, a huge thank you must go to the Kew Kids for putting on such fine performances at both our Cirque De Kew, circus skills shows. They were superb and seemed like old stage hands such was their confidence, so well done Kew Kids.

Secondly, I need to publicly thank all staff who did all the extra practises with their students and, as a result, were able to turn an ordinary performance into something extraordinary. Your persistence was truly gratifying.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our parents who supported this program, got their children to Xavier on time and cheered and clapped throughout these productions.

Now for our next production- our SPLASH ART SHOW from the 17th until 19th October. Not only will the art works be showcased but so will our school. To help make Kew PS looks its best, there will be a working bee held on the Sunday before, that is Sunday 12th October.

The focus of this working bee is to spruce up the grounds and, will mainly involve, sweeping, some weeding and spreading of tanbark through a number of play areas. If you can set aside an hour or two that Sunday the Buildings and Grounds sub committee would be most appreciative. Let’s make Kew PS shine!

Enjoy your holidays, stay safe and have lots of quality family time.

Robin Grace
News Update from School Council

Dear Families,
As part of our commitment to keeping our school community regularly informed, the following is a summary from last week’s School Council meeting:

1. **Oval Master plan Update**
   After extensive consultation with the Kew community, School Council passed a motion for the installation of a 160m synthetic running track around the perimeter of the oval with a synthetic infield and natural grass surrounds. This was in response to the community feedback to incorporate synthetic and grassed options whilst providing room for play based activities. The approximate cost of the development is $210,000 with $37,000 already raised towards the running track. Detailed planning on layout and funding options will now commence. A special thank you to Stewart Waters, Kath Phelan, Mic Wagner and the Buildings & Grounds SC for their extensive research to assist this process.

2. **Grants Update**
   The school has applied for a number of grants including Bendigo Bank grant of $10,000 towards synthetic running track, Bully Stoppers Program grant of $5,000, Local Leader Grant of $1,000 for Play for Life and DEECD Energy Efficiency Grant of $10,000.

3. **2015 School Fees**
   School Council set the school fees for 2015 at $540 per student as follows:
   - $300 compulsory fees to cover books & stationary, shared core curriculum resources, First Aid and ICT,
   - and
   - $240 voluntary fees for library ($75), grounds ($65) and building ($100).
   
   These fees are based on benchmarks across the Boroondara school network and are designed to ensure that the school is closer to meeting its core expenses. Books and stationary will be ordered in bulk and will replace the booklists. Excursions will be charged on a term by term basis. A letter outlining these payments in more detail, including the payment process and options for a payment plan, will be sent home with all students in Term 4.

4. **Education & Policy Update**
   The Education & Policy Sub Committee tabled three new policies including Concerns & Complaints Policy, Class Formation Policy and Sun Smart Policy and these are now open to the School Community for feedback. The Behaviour Management Policy, ICT Policy, Professional Development Policy, Duty of Care Policy, Enrolment Policy and Visitors Policy were all approved by School Council following community consultation and are now on our website.

   James Penson presented the Yr 3 and Yr 5 NAPLAN results with the outcomes to be incorporated into next year’s Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). Sally Marsh and Andrew Wood, Leading Teachers provided an update on curriculum including the spelling and writing professional learning programs run for staff in line with the AusVELS curriculum with the aim of developing shared insights into assessment across the entire school.
5. **After School Care Program**
OSH is the current provider of our After School Care Program and their contract comes up for renewal in Term 2, 2015. School Council will invite OSH and other reputable providers to participate in a competitive tender process for the program and an update will be provided in Term 4.

6. **PTA / Splash Update**
School Council approved PTA’s recommendation for money raised from the Splash Art Show to be put towards the purchase of a new klin for the art room (approx. $10,000) and art supplies (up to $2,000). School Council acknowledged the tremendous work of the Splash team lead by Jayne Campbell and the PTA team lead by Claire Tanner with other recent events including Father’s Day Breakfast & Stall (important community events), Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and the Kid’s Disco.

7. **Bendigo Bank Sponsorship & School Banking Program Update**
Kew has entered into a Referral Based Sponsorship arrangement with Bendigo Bank whereby the school will receive a financial benefit if our community utilise Bendigo Bank’s services. For example, if a member of Kew takes out a $250,000 home loan, the school will receive $1,000. Kew will also participate in the Bendigo Bank school banking program from Term 4 onwards.

We will continue to strengthen communication with the preparation of a whole of school calendar for Term 4 that includes activities, costs and volunteering commitments to support parents to plan effectively. Enjoy the term break.

Julie Coleman, School Council President

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**Kew Primary School Blog**

Ready for holidays? Two of our students had a head start on holidays this term - find out all about Max and Harry’s adventures on the blog this week.

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

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**Urgent—Donations Required for Second Hand Uniform**

Our stock of second hand uniforms is running low and we desperately need donations in all sizes particularly as we will be selling second hand uniform for the whole school transition day in December.

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**Found—an iPhone with a lime green cover was found on the oval and handed in on Monday morning.**
FATHER’S DAY & SPECIAL PERSON’S BREAKFAST

Thank you to everyone who attended the Father’s Day & Special Person’s Breakfast. It was great to see so many parents, families & friends at school very early on a weekday morning. This function is for fun & friendship rather than fundraising for the school.

Over 100 ciabattas were toasted, 230 muffins were baked and many a hot chocolate was poured ... so a huge thank you to all the volunteers who either helped in the preparation on Wednesday afternoon or who appeared bright & early at 6am on Thursday morning (or both) to make the breakfast. Special thanks to Sally Brown - who runs the canteen and designed the menu, Dem Peterson, Ali Jackson, Loraine Trist, Claire Tanner, Sue Friend, Annette Karcher, Melanie Eades & Ros McNally.

Please feel free to contact Fiona Hollingsworth (or other members of the PTA) if you have any feedback or thoughts for next year.

Just a reminder that as part of our improved communication strategies we have a Skoolbag app. Skoolbag is a fantastic tool that enhances the way we communicate with you and we have received much positive feedback. Please download the app if you haven’t already done so.

The link below provides instructions for installing the app on your device

**FATHER’S DAY AND SPECIAL PERSON’S STALL**

Thank you to all the families who supported the Father’s Day and Special Person’s Day stall last week. This year, we tried something different, with only 4 gifts available – the children still enjoyed making their choices and, hopefully, there was no doubling up between siblings!

The teachers and our volunteers on the day helped things run smoothly – thank you especially to Emma Hindhaugh, Siobhan Flynn, Claire Tanner, Stewart Waters, Alex St Clair, Dem Peterson, Midori Adachi, Pat Bohan and Belinda Stevenson. Thanks must also go to Loraine Trist, who assisted with ideas and choosing the gifts. Please feel free to contact Angela Gill (or other members of the PTA) if you have any feedback or thoughts for next year.

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**Can you spare an hour or so to help us out?**

Our Splash Art Show (17-19 October) is nearly here!

Parent volunteers are a vital ingredient in making this weekend a huge success. Please click on the following link and sign up to help out for an hour or two over the weekend.

Thank you!

http://www.splashart.com.au/#ischoolvolunteers/c246f

Monica Seamer and Justine Caldwell are putting together the fantastic KPS Student art competition and would gratefully accept any of the following items to go towards prizes for the students:

- 5 x double kids movie passes
- 3 x $20 Smiggle vouchers
- 7 x Itunes x $20 vouchers

Please contact Monica on amseamer@optusnet.com.au if you can help. Thank you.
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE INAUGURAL OPENING GALA OF

KEW PRIMARY SCHOOL’S

SPASH ART SHOW

FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER 2014
7 - 10PM

$35 /PP INCLUDES WELCOME DRINK & CANAPES
VIA TRYBOOKING.COM/FMVV

DRESS COCKTAIL
RSVP ESSENTIAL BY 10 OCTOBER

FOR MORE INFO VISIT WWW.SPLASHART.COM.AU
Chess Ideas

**Kew Primary School Chess Club, 2014**

**Term 4 commences on Friday 10**\(^{th}\) Oct

**Dates:** 10/10 – 12/12: (10 weeks)

**Time:** Friday’s 1.00pm – 1.50 p.m. – Library.

**Cost:** $105.00 (10 lessons) for the term.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If chess lessons coincide with swimming or school camp, please deduct the cost of these lessons from the total amount. Otherwise students will not receive a refund for classes missed. Students commencing after the first week do not pay for the earlier lessons.

Cheques should be made payable to “Chess Ideas” or we take payment via Visa and Mastercard. The completed form should be handed into the school office.

**PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT:**


If your child has a **medical condition** we should know about please ring our office with details.

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**Play Chess at home against the computer.**

**Go to** [www.chessideas.com.au](http://www.chessideas.com.au)** home page.**

**Click on “play chess”. It’s fun!**

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### CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 4, 2014

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Kew Community Bank® Presents
School banking to Kew Primary School

When: Friday October 10th at 3.00pm
Where: Kew Primary School Assembly

Whether it's for the latest craze in computer games, for a new bike or just for a rainy day, we all know it's never too early for our kids to start saving.

Bendigo Bank's Kew Community Bank® Branch is pleased to announce that a school banking service for children is now available through Kew Primary School.

Participants in the program will use a Bendigo Piggy Bank Passbook Account and moneybox to learn about the process and the benefits of saving.

With no account keeping fees, no transaction or government fees, no penalties and no deposit restrictions – plus a host of fun games and rewards – a Piggy Bank Passbook Account makes saving fun.

It is anticipated that school banking days will be held on a weekly basis, enabling your child to make regular deposits into his or her account. Please note, the school banking program provides a deposit service only, however, withdrawals can be made at the Kew Community Bank® Branch.

On the 10th of October at 3.00pm we will be doing a presentation to the whole school on School Banking which parents are welcome to attend. Piggy will be there handing out show bags. We will return to the school on Tuesday the 14th and Monday the 20th of October from 3.00 – 3.45pm to answer any questions parents may have and also open Piggy accounts.

If you have any questions in the meantime please contact Kew Community Bank® Branch on 03 9852 9322 or pop in for a chat at 3 Athenaeum Place, Kew (opposite Woolworths), otherwise we look forward to seeing you on the 10th of October.
Our Extra-Curricular Beginner Mandarin Program Continues in Term 4

The curriculum will consist of the following topics:

**Shopping:**
1. Ask what someone wants to buy
2. Tell someone what you want to buy
3. Ask for and state the price of an item
4. Ask for a lower price

**Time Expressions:**
1. Tell and ask for the time
2. Ask and tell if someone will be at a certain location

**Phone Conversation:**
1. Conduct basic telephone conversations
2. Inquire and tell your telephone number

**Abilities:**
1. Talk about abilities
2. Address a teacher politely.

The tuition fee is the same as term 3, that is, $96 for 8 weeks in term 4 per student. It is expected to directly deposit the fee into the school account via internet banking as follow:

**ANZ bank**

Melbourne Chinese Sec & Prim School INC
BSB 013 354
Account No. 2794 95468