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Message from Principal

Hi Everyone,

It didn’t take long for the traditional start of school hot weather days to appear!

YEAR 4 CAMP

Our Year 4’s returned from a very warm camp. Talking with them on Tuesday when I attended, highlighted how much fun they were having. For many of these students it was their first camp experience.

Camps provide our students with a wonderful opportunity to try new things and challenge them. It might be having a go on the giant swing and facing a fear of heights, working with a group of peers to complete a range of initiative activities involving leadership and teamwork or even simply being able to meet new friends or broaden a friendship group.

These opportunities are only organised thanks to the dedication and commitment of our staff and also our parents who volunteer to attend. Our staff are not paid any extra money for the countless extra hours they work (or lack of sleep!). Instead this relies on their goodwill and commitment towards our school. Many thanks to Leah Morgan, Jacki Hopkins, Ally Papoulis, Shenel Raif and Sally Macallan.

This year we were also very fortunate to have an amazing group of parents attend camp. I thank Stewart Waters, Peter Wolff, Sara Nichols, Bronwyn Rees and Martin von Wys for taking time away from their families and for their active support and assistance during the camp.

SWIMMING

Well done to Clare Connor and her team of staff and parent helpers for a wonderful House Swimming Carnival last Friday. It was a very successful day and a day that highlighted what we can achieve with good planning, organisation, teamwork and parent support (and good weather!).

A highlight amongst many was seeing the leadership and initiative of our Year 6’s. An example of this was the way they supported students to try an event and even swim down the lane with them to make sure they got to the finish line successfully.

Thank you to everyone that assisted on the day.

TERM COSTS PROCESS

Our office has been very busy with the processing of our Term 1 costs. Thank you to those that have returned these payments so quickly. A reminder that all payments need to be settled immediately.

Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due back by Friday 17th February.

Term Dates 2015

Term 1: 28 Jan to - 27 Mar
Term 2: 13 Apr - 26 Jun
Term 3: 13 Jul - 18 Sept
Term 4: 5 Oct - 18 Dec
FATHERS ASSOCIATION – BAREFOOT BOWLS

Our first Fathers Association event for 2015 is next week.
WHERE: Richmond Union Bowling Club 2 Gleadell Street, Richmond, Vic., (behind the town hall and conveniently close to the tram stop)
WHEN: Thursday 19th February 2015 6.00-9.00pm
COST: $25.00 per person Includes a Bowls Coach, Sausage Sizzle and Bowls Fee
Cold drinks at bar prices, first hour drinks are complimentary!

Register here: http://www.trybooking.com/121642

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WITH MICHAEL YMER

Today, Michael Ymer (Maths Consultant) spent time working with our staff in different classrooms across the school. This is an important part of our staff professional learning program as we continue to refine and improve the teaching and learning of mathematics. Michael will model key elements and strategies of effective maths teaching one day each term this year. He will also be presenting an evening for parents on Thursday 16th April. This will be a great opportunity to hear more about what we teach in maths and how we teach it.

KEEP THE EVENING FREE – TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY
MEET THE TEACHER EVENING & KIDSAFE CYBERSAFETY PARENT EVENING

This year we are combining our meet the teacher evening with a very special parent information evening presented by Kids Safe. A flyer outlining more information about this event will be sent home shortly.

Our ‘Meet the teacher’ evening will be very informal. All classrooms will be open from 6.00pm giving you an opportunity to pop in, say hello to your child’s teacher, ask any questions you may have and pick up some more information about the school year. The Kidsafe presentation will commence at 7pm.

Don’t forget school photos and our Peppercorn BBQ tomorrow!

Be Worthy!

James Penson
Principal
Kew Primary School
Message from Assistant Principal

Here at Kew PS, in less than a week, the students and teachers have been involved in two events that both challenged and invigorated them all. The first event was the school swimming carnival, held at the Ashburton Pool complex. Clare Connor had the event organised brilliantly so that the whole day went “swimmingly” - I just couldn’t resist that pun! The staff worked like a well-oiled machine, together with the parents, ensuring the day gave our students a wonderful experience. Congratulations must also go to our students for exhibiting our school’s CARE values in a public arena.

The second event was the Grade Four camp at Mount Evelyn, and even though the weather was hot, all the students participated in all the activities, learning a lot about themselves and their peers. When I arrived at camp there were smiles all around and lots of laughter and chatter about the giant swing, the initiatives course, the food and the swimming pool. Again, such a learning experience would not have been possible without Jaci Davis’ organisation in late 2014 and having staff as well as parents who were willing to attend this camp. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers who went - Jacki Hopkins, Leah Morgan, Ally Papoulis, Shenel Raif and Sally Macallan and parents - Sara Nichols, Bronwyn Rees, Stewart Waters, Martin Von Wyss and Peter Wolfe. It is a big ask to have teachers and parents, give up the comforts of their homes, to contribute to our students’ education and life experiences and as a school community we appreciate their willingness to be involved.

Now, for a safety issue for parents and students - a number of parents and students have been using the car park as an entry point to school, particularly in the morning. This cannot continue to happen as it places you and your children in danger as that is the entrance for the staff who drive, as well as trades people that visit Kew PS, on a regular basis. We want our parents and students to be safe at all times and I do appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

The blog is up and running again for 2015! This week I share a few (tongue-in-cheek) tips for our new Prep students.

All contributions to the school blog are welcome (and I’m more than happy to assist with images and editing). If you’ve got something you’d like to share (even simply an idea for a blog post), please drop me a line at: katrina.w@ozemail.com.au

Katrina Whelen
PTA
Peppercorn BBQ

This Friday 13th February, 5pm to 7pm!

A great opportunity for parents/carers & kids to gather to celebrate the new year at KPS!

Sausages ($2.50), soft drinks ($2), & icy poles ($1) available for purchase.

If you can help sell, cook, or smile please volunteer @

https://www.volunteersignup.org/RTLYK

Thank you to our sponsors Glenferrie Gourmet Meats and Baker’s Delight. Please support our local sponsors.
PTA news

Congratulations & thanks to those parent’s who have taken on roles on PTA (Parent/Teacher Association) for this year:

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PTA 2015 general committee members:
Loraine Trist, Susie Grabsch, Belinda Holmes, Edgar Chan, John Ling, Jayne Campbell, Stewart Waters,
Liz Ellis, Siobhan Flynn, Anna McDowall, Emma Moore, Sue Friend, Chett Beavis, Caroline Vernon,
Amanda Aitken,
Tania Lim, Irene Kemeridis, Maria Nerouppos, Gill Smith, Alicia Taylor

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm** in the School staffroom (enter and/or park in Staff park on Peel St).
Kew Primary School Fathers Association
KPSFA
Annual **Barefoot Bowls**
Night

Come along and catch up with the Dads at Kew Primary School, *New Fathers*, Grandfathers etc., particularly welcome 😊.

This is a great change to meet and network with other Fathers and meet the Principal, James Penson.

**WHEN:** Thursday 19\(^{th}\) February 2015

**TIME:**
- 6.00 to 9.00 pm Barefoot bowls
- Includes a BBQ (Sausage Sizzle)
- Cold Drinks at bar prices, First hour drinks are Complimentary!

**WHERE:** Richmond Union Bowling Club
- 2 Gleadell St, Richmond VIC 3121
- Behind the Richmond Town Hall off Bridge Rd
- +61 3 9428 1951

**COST:** $25 per person
- Includes a Bowls Coach, Sausage Sizzle and Bowls Fee.

**RSVP:**
- for details email KPSFA at - [kpsfass@gmail.com](mailto:kpsfass@gmail.com)
- Or Call/TXT
- Rodney Thomson: 0401 890 005
- Michael Senyard: 0416 076 519

To register your attendance: [http://www.trybooking.com/121642](http://www.trybooking.com/121642)
**Farewell Waffles and Peaches**

Thank you to the following families who kept our chickens well fed and happy over the summer holidays:

Peterson, Ruff, Phelan/von Wyss, Rutherford, Bradley, Sharman, Tung and Selvarajah

Sadly, Waffles and Peaches did not make it through the summer, so now there are only four KPS chooks (who are all fighting fit and healthy, thank goodness!).

A very big thank you to Lee Coleman, Maria Sweeney and Kerry Lomas who together made sure that Waffles and Peaches didn’t suffer as their days drew to an end.

Keep an eye out in the newsletter towards the end of Term 1 for information on how to sign up to look after the chickens over the school holidays or one weekend in Term 2.

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**COMMONWEALTH and BENDIGO BANK SAVERS**

Welcome back to banking for 2015. It’s time to dig out those yellow deposit wallets and put in some money every week. Remember, you can deposit as little as 50c at a time, you will still get your silver token to put towards your ten token prize.

This year’s theme is the Outer Space Savers and the prizes to choose from in Term 1 are an “E.T” DVD or a handball.

There is also a Grand Prize draw nearer the end of the year. Students who make 25 or more school banking deposits during 2015 will automatically enter the draw to win a trip to California’s Disneyland (return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for two adults and two children AND AUD$2000 spending money.

Whilst, we are not starting any new accounts with CBA, but anyone wanting to join up the school banking for 2015 and beyond please call in at the office for a Bendigo Bank application form.

Keep saving!

Nic Bradley.
Parents and Students of Kew Primary School

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER 2015 SCHOOL PHOTOS

Your school photo day was held on 13 February 2015 and all students are photographed regardless of if a pre-paid order has been received.

If you did not place an order but would like to it’s not too late to order online.

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter your school code [870 1R3 HPG]

Step 2: Enter your student’s details.

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection).

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

Please note: Online ordering is available for up to 5 days after photo day and after this time late fees will apply.

42 Greenacres Street, Bulleen VIC 3105
info@advancedlife.com.au
ABN 65 008 270 986 | www.advancedlife.com.au | 03 9852 1123
Program Update

We had a fun-filled week of activities to kick of 2015, and were very excited to welcome our Preps and new children attending our OSHClub for the first time.

The apple muffins we cooked on Tuesday and Thursday were delicious, with many children helping mix, measure and of course eat them! Several children have shown an interest in wanting to cook some recipes at home, so we now have copies of all of our recipes readily available on our Children’s Notice Board. Also on display on the Notice Board is a Sign Language chart. Some children have spent time learning how to sign their names and other common words.

The craft table was busy last week; we made monsters using recycled coloured paper, and structures out of paddle pop sticks! We also had a paper plane competition one morning, and decided that not only does it matter how you fold the paper but also matters how you throw it! Outside we played a range of games including tennis, What’s the time Mr Wolf?, parachute and cricket.

Reminders

Just a reminder that as it is Term 1, it’s time to Slip, Slop, Slap! Please make sure your child brings a hat to the OSHClub program. OSHClub has a “No hat – No outside play” policy. OSHClub provides sun cream. If your child is allergic to a particular type of sun cream please inform the Coordinator, Jacinta, at the program. We also encourage you to read our sun smart policy.

A selection of Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Jacinta
Assistant Coordinator: Lauren
Assistants: Niki, Harry
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.
Welcome to 2015!
Be prepared for an Asthma Spike

What is the February asthma spike?
'Spikes' are significant increases in asthma presentations to hospitals and emergency departments.

For children and adolescents with asthma these 'spikes' occur soon after the return to school and other education settings following the long holiday break.

Therefore, a significant 'spike' in asthma presentations and admissions to hospital for children and adolescents, experiencing severe asthma exacerbations, occur throughout the first few weeks of February.

Why does the spike occur?

While there have not been direct links established, the February 'asthma spike' is believed to be largely due to children and adolescents coming back into contact with asthma triggers in and around their school environment, that they have had time away from during the holidays. Forgetting to take their medication, (because their asthma feels better during the summer) and poor medication adherence, also places students at an increased risk of asthma attacks when exposed to triggers.

Triggers that can be encountered are:

- Respiratory viruses, such as cold and flu viruses.
- Anxiety and stress due to returning to school.
- Cleaning products that leave behind strong smells, aerosols or airborne dust.
- Dust and mould spores from poorly ventilated, or insufficiently cleaned school rooms.

What can we do to avoid asthma exacerbations in our school?

- Ensure your school has a sufficient amount of Asthma Emergency Kits. A minimum of 2 and at least one per every 300 students.
- Ensure that each kit contains in-date reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin, Aeroflo or Albuterol), 2 spacers, relief record sheet and instructions detailing the emergency procedure.
- Ensure student Asthma Care Plans are updated on an annual basis and returned to school.
- Ensure staff education and training is up to date.
- Ensure your school's Asthma Policy is current.
- Ensure staff are aware of which students in their class have asthma, and know where Asthma Emergency Kits are stored.
- Ensure all classrooms are opened, cleaned and aired out in the weeks before students return to school.

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria

www.asthma.org.au
1800 ASTHMA (278 442)

National Young People and Asthma Survey

On 29 January, Asthma Australia launched the findings of our National Young People and Asthma survey at the Sydney Theatre Company. The survey was conducted in November 2014 in Sydney, Melbourne, and Wollongong and Wollongong C.H.C in Melbourne. 633 young people aged 12-25 years across Australia completed the survey.

We felt very excited and happy when we found out that the survey was being done.

Key findings include:
- Despite 80% believing their asthma to be well controlled, a standard test revealed that 63% have poorly controlled asthma.
- 52% were busy to have a medical check up.
- 52% have missed school, work or social events due to asthma.
- 13% have interrupted sleep four or more times a week.

A new resource for primary aged students will be available in Term 1. Asthma Kids takes children on a trek with the character Chester. They collect blue balloons as they answer questions and complete tasks. The 3 videos in the package are aimed at children under 9 and these 9 and older.

Asthma Kids is aimed at all children, with key messages for children with asthma and for others who may have family or friends with asthma or just want to know more about this common condition (1 in 10 Victorian in Australia).

Check out the Asthma Australia website for the release of Asthma Kids in March.
Summer storms are becoming more frequent throughout Australia. Thunderstorms can combine heavy rain, high humidity and strong winds. A European study found there are observations in favour of the possibility that thunderstorms disturb ground-level pollen grains, bursting the pollen grains and making the allergens small enough to be inhaled into the lungs. There is also evidence that after rain and during wet conditions there are a larger amount of fungal spores in the air. These can act as a trigger for asthma symptoms.

What can you do?

- Ensure preventer medication is taken as prescribed.
- Have an up to date Asthma Care Plan.
- If your asthma gets worse during thunderstorms try to stay indoors with the windows closed.
- Always carry your reliever medication with you.

For more information on Thunderstorms and asthma please see www.asthmaaustralia.org.au
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LOST

A Samsung Galaxy S5 Phone in the Junior School Hall on Wednesday morning.

Grey/blue outer case, VICTOR ANDO on the home screen.

If found please call 0418 397 297

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