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Message from the Principal

WRITERS OF THE WEEK

I must admit, I get excited when I see the improvement and growth in our students as writers. It is certainly hard to choose a writer of the week for the newsletter. Whilst our writers for this week have both completed much longer stories, I would like to feature the terrific opening sentences they have used to capture the attention of the reader.

"Hooray, we’re here”, Thomas joyfully cried as the dusty old KIA Grand Carnival turned through the giant gates into the medieval village....

Thomas Hinks 3/4 K

It was pitch back. I felt a cold shiver scurry down my spine. The floor was so cold I had a theory I was on the ice in the Antarctic, although there was no wind, just still, just quiet, just cold...

And

I stepped into the gym of our school at recess, balls were flying everywhere. I ducked, I ran, I crawled, I swopped, it was wild!...

Ella Ruthven 5AS

Don’t forget Write Night on Wednesday 15th June at 6.30pm where we will be showcasing examples of writing.

THANK YOU ACTING PRINCIPALS

Thank you to Sally Marsh and Andrew Wood for stepping up as Acting Principals last week when Robin and I were at the Boroondara Network Conference. It is always a great learning experience for any organisation for staff to act in different positions when the opportunity arises. It is also very good to know that in our absence the school is in such capable hands. Later next term I am taking some long service leave and during one of those weeks Robin will also be absent. This will be another opportunity for Andrew and Sally to experience life in the Principal’s chair!

MESSAGE FROM THE BOROONDARA CONFERENCE

The Boroondara Network Conference was excellent. The theme was “Agile Leadership for Learning” and the key speaker was Simon Breakspear (who also presented at the conference last year). Simon is recognised internationally as a leading thinker on the future of learning and educational innovation. He is also the founder of Learn Labs, a global learning strategy and design agency.

Three key messages both Robin and I came away with are:
- Maximise learning. Less is more. Identify and articulate what the priorities are and work tirelessly on them.
- Grow expertise in others. Deepen the level of adult learning and build processes to support this learning at the level closest to the impact e.g. the classroom teacher
Cultivate team. Develop collective efficacy. The team is the basic unit of a learning organisation.

LAP-A-THON
All is set for our big lap-a-thon tomorrow and it looks like the weather will be kind to us (fingers crossed)! We will be starting at 11.45am and there will be a short briefing for parent helpers at 11.35am. Prep and Junior School students will be completing laps around the new oval while Middle and Senior School students will complete a course around the school. Each specific year level will have a designated start and check point to minimise congestion. After we finish at 12.15pm, students will stay in their check points to receive an icy pole as part of the sponsorship of this event by the Australian Fundraising group.

I hope everyone is still busy collecting sponsors and working towards those prizes! All sponsorship forms must be returned by Friday 10th June.

STUDENT SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT
I have had reports that during the before school drop off and after school pick up times, a couple of parents are tying their dog up outside the school gate. Whilst these dogs are not on school grounds they may still present a risk to students during these busy and congested times. As a dog lover myself it is great to see families walking to or from school with their pets. However I am making a request that dogs are tied up further away from the school gates to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of our community.

REVOLUTION SCHOOL - ABC TV SHOW ABOUT KAMBRYA COLLEGE
It was with great interest that I watched the first episode of Revolution School last Tuesday on the ABC. The show was riveting in so many ways. It highlighted the complexity and dynamics of school environments and the dedication, commitment and focus of DET school staff striving to improve opportunities for students. In particular the effort made to engage and support students who have a high risk of not fulfilling their potential. For me that is one of the main things that makes our DET school system so important and something we should be proud of as a DET school community. Many organisations talk about working to improve educational and social outcomes for all, not just the privileged. DET schools actually walk this talk through action. We do not selectively pick and choose our students. We are here for all students in our community.

Whilst the school featured is a high school in a different socio-economic position than our own school, I could see many parallels in both their work and our work. The show is a four part series and I look forward to the remaining episodes.

NO TOSH - CURRICULUM DAY
As you might be reading this our staff has spent the day working with Hamish from No Tosh. This is now the third time this group has worked in our school (having spent a day with the Leadership team and School Improvement Team. Our journey to re-shape inquiry learning is just commencing and I am really looking forward to seeing where we can get to over the next few years.

I will provide a short summary of the day in the newsletter next week. In the meantime, if you are interested in finding out more about what some groups are suggesting is the number one skill we need to be developing with our students, please click on the link:


See you on the track during the lap-a-thon!
James Penson
Principal
Planning is a vital aspect of any teacher’s life and here at Kew PS, all our teaching teams are given one day together to plan the curriculum they will deliver in the following term. During this planning day, teachers spend an inordinate amount of time planning curriculum that can be differentiated to cater for all students’ abilities and levels of need. Next week is the proposed planning week for this term and so the usual specialist timetable will change. Some children are able to cope with such changes quite well and others need to be reassured about this situation. If your child needs reassurance, please spend the time explaining why this is happening and that it is for one week only. Their class teachers will do the same which is another example of the home school partnership that is so important for positive student learning outcomes. The Senior Team is planning on Monday, the Preps on Tuesday, the specialists on Wednesday, middle school on Thursday and finally on Friday it will be the turn of the Junior School team to plan.

Last week James Penson and I travelled to Marysville to attend the Boroondara Principals’ Network conference from Wednesday until Friday. It was a great opportunity to spend time with colleagues, discussing educational needs and how best to implement change in our schools. Simon Breakspear was the guest speaker, with whom we had the pleasure of working at last year’s conference. His message to us this year was about change and how to bring staff along with you on this journey of change which then underpins better learning outcomes for our students. He spoke about what a Leadership Team needs to focus on when implementing change and the three areas are to maximise learning for our staff and students, grow the expertise of our teachers and to develop a team approach. A particular statement that Simon made which resonated with me was “I don’t care what you know, I care about what you are going to do with what you know”. This is a statement that we need to ask ourselves as well as our students because the future world of work will be vastly different from today’s workplace. Our students will need to be highly creative thinkers, resilient and open to new ways of looking for solutions and, above all, have the ability to work in a collaborative manner as part of a team. As a school, it is our challenge to ensure our students are collaborative learners who can be very creative thinkers and who are resilient when faced with setbacks.

Robin Grace

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**Kew Primary School Blog**

Lights, sirens, water jets - all part of a day in the classroom for our Preps!

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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**2nd volunteer needed to help out with Second Hand Uniform Shop**

Can you help out by sorting clothes and/or running the stall?

It takes just a few hours each month and hours are flexible to suit your schedule

Please contact carolinevernon@yahoo.com.au (0412 043 996)
BILLY CART LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

As Year Six leaders, we have many leadership tasks and roles to consider and take part in. Our biggest yet was the Billy Cart Leadership Program, taking place in Term one and Term two.

We were placed in teams and put in specific roles. These included Managers, Aesthetic Designers, Mechanics and Technology Directors. After constructing these billy carts and personalising them to our team, we decided as a group on a course to race them on. As teams, we decided on drivers and engines that would power our billy carts through the race. The race day was fun and gave many students opportunities to display core leadership skills. But as Leaders, we believe it was not about just the race, it was about what happened to the billy carts after. So, we put our heads together and decided to sell the billy carts and donate the money to a charity. We decided that we will sell these carefully crafted and hand created billy carts at the upcoming WRITE NIGHT were you can get together and place a bid. The profit made from this silent auction will be donated to Cancer Council.

We will be selling all of these billy carts except one billy cart which Ella B and Lana L took a step further in leadership and proposed that one should be sent to the Royal Children’s Hospital. These two girls have worked hard in creating surveys and writing a letter to the Royal Children Hospital. We hope that the billy cart will make a child’s day just that bit brighter.

If you are interested in purchasing one at the upcoming Write Night, be sure to come upstairs to Year 6 Room 3 and place a bid in the silent auction. Opening bids will start at $20. While you are up there, be sure to check out our fantastic writing.

By Arian, Lola and Emma
Kew Primary School is holding a School Run 4 Fun Program for the students as a major fundraiser this term so we do ask for your support. The event will take place on Friday 3rd June 2016. We hope to raise over $5,000 which will be added to the $30,000 we have to complete the positive play and grassed landscape area for the students.

Students have now received a poster size Superhero Sponsorship Form with a great selection of toy brands including Apple, GoPro, Razor, Star Wars, Monster High and Nerf just to name a few. This form will assist with collecting sponsorship donations on behalf of the school. You can record your fundraising goal and your preferred prize and keep track of the prizes you are entitled to based on the amount of sponsorship donations you receive. You also have the option to register for online fundraising and enter the Gold Coast Family Holiday Promotion.

**STUDENT PROFILE PAGE FOR ONLINE FUNDRAISING**
- Select Kew Primary School from the list of Groups.
- Click the Blue button and complete your details

The event will bring all year levels together for a whole of school activity to have fun whilst exercising and raising money for a good cause.

Family members are welcome to attend on Friday 3rd June from 11.30am – 12.30pm to cheer on your child.

A schedule of activities is below.

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Hope to see you there!
Sick Bay Laundry

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the sickbay laundry.

All that is required is to collect the laundry once a week, wash and dry it and return it to the school.

We will not expect you to launder items that are heavily soiled.

If interested please contact the office.

Headlice Notification

A case of headlice in Grade 1 has been reported to the office.

Please check and if necessary treat your child’s hair before returning to school.
Inter School Chess Tournament
Report

Congratulations to the following students for competing at the
Bialik Chess Tournament on Friday 27th May, 2015
Lara Aitken, Max Sagogers and Allen Liang (Grade 4)
Connor Clarke, Riley Kemke and Callum Kemke (Grade 3)
Angus Sagogers (Grade 1)

Kew Primary Chess players were excited to kick off their year of several chess
tournaments by starting at Bialik last Friday.
We had 7 players attend the Chess tournament and perform fantastically against some
very tough opposition. Connor and Angus attended their first Chess tournament and did
very well. Our top players for the day were Riley and Callum Kemke. Congratulations. We
were all very proud to have all of the players representing KPS.

Thank you to Sonia McCully-Sagogers and Dannmin Chen
for their help with transport and supervision during the day.
Go KPS chess!

If your child wants to learn Chess have them come along to the Chess Club held in the
Library on Fridays to check it out. The more the merrier! Thanks to Miss Grace for
supervision. If your child would like to compete in a Chess Tournament then you can
contact myself, Sonia: sonia@sagogers.com.au or Amanda:
amanda@metrolenss.com.au The next tournament is Wednesday 15th June at Mont
Albert Primary School.
CHESS IDEAS and CHESS VICTORIA

Invites you to participate in an

Australian Chess Federation Accredited
Primary Interschool Tournament

Wednesday 15th June 2016
Mont Albert Primary School
9.15 – 2.00
Barloa Rd, Mont Albert. Melways 46 J. Parking available in surrounding streets.

Entries
$22.00/student. Entries should be returned BY MAIL or FAX to Chess Ideas, P.O. Box 3158, Ripponlea 3185, as soon as possible as numbers are limited. Enquiries can be made on 9532-8370, or by emailing admin@chessideas.com.au. When the tournament is full it will be posted on our website www.chessideas.com.au. We will only contact you if there is a problem with your entry. If you do not hear from us your entry has been accepted. Enjoy! ONLINE PAYMENTS CAN BE DONE ON: www.chessideas.com.au

Transport
Parents are responsible for transport to and from the venue.

Lunch
Playing chess is a hungry and thirsty affair. Please bring plenty to eat and drink.

Supervision
Chess Ideas provides plenty of supervision, however it is always appreciated if schools send along a parent or teacher to help attend to their students needs.

Prizes
Medals will be awarded to the top four players from the first three schools, and to the top two individuals in the other schools. Trophies will be awarded to the top three players in the competition.

Parents should arrive by 1.15 if they wish to see the prize giving.

Format
A 7 round Swiss will be played. Each player has 15 minutes per game to complete their moves.

Medical
If your child has any medical condition we should know about, please contact us by phone BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT and provide us with full details.

Wednesday 15th June 2016. Mont Albert Tournament Entry - $22.00

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CHESS IDEAS and CHESS VICTORIA
Invites you to participate in an
Australian Chess Federation Accredited
Primary Interschool Tournament

Friday 27th July 2016
Camberwell Girls Grammar School (Girls only tournament)
9.15 – 2.00
4 Mont Albert Rd Canterbury, Melb. ref 45K8.
The entrance to the school is on Mont Albert Rd and there is limited parking available
in the surrounding streets after 9.00am. Because of parking, please try to arrive between 9.00 and 9.15.

Entries
$22.00/student. Entries must be in 5 days before a tournament. If your child is grade 1 or
under please ring the office (9532 8370) before entering.

Payment options
PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY. PLEASE PREPAY EITHER
By cheque: MAIL TO: P.O. Box 3158 Ripponlea 3185.
By c.c. either FAX: 9532 8360
ON-LINE payment www.chessideas.com.au

Transport
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Lunch
Playing chess is a hungry and thirsty affair. Please bring plenty to eat and drink.

Supervision
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Prizes
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Format
A 7 round Swiss. Each player has 15 minutes per game to complete their moves.

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### Program Update

What a great week at OshClub. The children have had the opportunity this week to explore new place spaces such as our amazing doctors area full of different x-rays, medical sheets, a play computer and even a light box (for when we need to closely examine those X-rays). The new art area has made much easier to explore creative play, with clear labels and large tables that assist in our communication skills.

On Tuesday afternoon the children from OshClub had the chance to contribute any of their own ideas to future programming, room set ups/play spaces and any particular games they're interested. The feedback was incredible and has provided the educators with so many fresh ideas for the room in the future.

In the kitchen we got creative with pastry! Fearghas, Amelia G, Euan, Tilly, Isla, Sammy, Ella, Samhith and Akira had the opportunity to use pastry and ANY ingredients they wanted to make their creations. "I loved how messy it was" said Euan and Fearghas added that he "loved how open ended the experience was."

### Next Week’s Activities

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### Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0400 394 439
Coordinator: Harriet Cousins-Palmer
Assistant: Niki, Lauren
OSHClub Head Office: 03 856 49000

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.
Sunday the 19th of June

Family Fun Day

Join us!

1pm start, Hays Paddock in Kew East.

We are a non-profit group run by Single Parents FOR Single Parents and their active kids. We offer coordinated activities all over Melbourne such as: Camps, Picnics, BBQ's, Zoo's, Parks, Movies, Sports, Beaches, Pools, Family Dinners, Parents only nights and so much more!

Melways reference is 45 J2.

Hall booked in case of bad weather.

RSVP for this event by the 17th of June

Moush
0430 504 119

info@singleparentsactivekids.org
www.singleparentsactivekids.org
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2016 AUDITIONS for THE NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

The National Boys Choir of Australia will hold auditions for boys in grades 1 and 2 on Saturday 18 June 2016. Successful boys will commence training in February 2017.

Call 9872 4480 for an appointment or email office@nationalboyschoir.com.au for further information.