**Message from the Principal**

**WRITER OF THE WEEK**

Winter – by Patrick O’Connor

The sky is black
The ground is white
Winter is coming
Just tonight
What a cold planet
I don’t see a ganet
All I see is snow
I’ve caught a cold
So I give my nose a big blow

**STUDENT/PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY**

Today I went back in time to spend a day as a student in Middle School. You can read more about my day in 3/4S in the newsletter next week. Tomorrow we welcome Miss Curry, Miss Gill and Master Liang as our Principals for Day! More about that next week as well.

**THANK YOU EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF**

Next week is National Support Staff Week and I take this opportunity to acknowledge the huge contribution that Education Support staff make to our Kew Primary School team.

Aisha Ali – who is the first point of contact at our school in the office. Aisha provides exceptional organisation and supports our school community with the extensive administrative processes we have particularly around enrolment, parent payments, hire of facilities, setting up Trybooking events and of course, the weekly newsletter.

Ruth Woolven – wears two hats at our school. Ruth provides outstanding administrative assistance and also does amazing work with our Library. As a community we should be very proud of our wonderful Library facilities and resources and this is testament to Ruth’s amazing knowledge and passion.

Faye Pattie – Our very knowledgeable Business Manager who ensures that our school finances are organised and all of the correct processes (of which there are many!) are followed. Faye also plays a significant role managing the many HR (Human Resources) functions for our busy school and staff.
Kim Del Tito & Nicole Bradley – Our First Aid Nurses who care for our ill and injured children which can be over 100 a week! Kim & Nicole do an amazing job in a very busy and demanding environment.

Sally Macallan – One of our Integration Aides who has made a huge difference to the educational opportunities for our students.

Mary Woodgate - A member of our Teacher Aide team who contributes so much to the individual students but also to the whole class she is working with.

Melissa de Melis – A member of both our Admin and Teacher Aide teams. Melissa brings a great deal of experience and knowledge and shares this with both teams.

Susanne Wright – A Teacher Aide who works tirelessly to ensure students are given every opportunity to learn and participate with their peers.

Natalie Grummitt – A very dedicated Teacher Aide who continues to make a massive impact on the quality of learning experience for individual students.

Mary Diacaris – another committed Teacher Aide who dedicates all of her energy and effort into ensuring the students she is working with are provided with the very best opportunities.

Angus Burns – we are lucky to have Angus as part of our Teacher Aide team. He adds valuable ideas to our school and supports students so effectively.

Tristan Lawler – the newest member of the Teacher Aide team who joined us earlier this year. Tristan has already proven to be a great asset to our school in the way he has established such a positive relationship with the students he supports.

Sandra Groves – DET School Psychologist. Sandra has a very important role at our school. She works with staff, students and parents to provide expert advice, recommendations and support.

Samantha Williams – DET Speech Pathologist. Sam’s contribution to students at our school reaches far beyond the amount of time she is allocated to us. We are fortunate to have such a hard working speech therapist who also guides Susanne and Natalie to implement our Speech Therapy Assistant (STA) program.

Dem Peterson – Our Canteen Manager who ensures our canteen is second to none! The menu options are amazing and we are so lucky to be able to offer such quality food choices to our students.

Sally Brown – who assists Dem to make such an amazing array of snacks and lunches for everyone.

Kevin Vu - Our ICT technician who works hard to make sure our system is working and running as effectively as possible.

Simon Deere – An often unseen but very much appreciated handyman. It has been great having Simon join our team to help look after our buildings and grounds.

All of these staff members should also be acknowledged for completing extensive professional learning outside of their work hours. This demonstrates their passion for their roles and their commitment to our school.

Thank you to all members of our Education Support team for your work to support our whole school community.
STUDENT LED HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCES
Thank you to all staff, students and parents for being part of our student led conferences last week. I have received very positive feedback about how these ran. This has been the third year we have run them and they are now an embedded part of what we do. Our teachers have also worked closely together to ensure they operate consistently within their teams and also develop sequentially from Prep through to Year 6.

PARENT TIPS & SUPPORT
As part of our Home School Partnership I have included some links to websites that contain a variety of useful resources to assist parents.

For information about how to help children deal with frightening events and media coverage of violence, conflict and terrorism:


For a range of general tips and information on a broad range of topics such as “what preps learn” and “keeping your child active” go to:


For advice sheets covering cybersafety, cyberbullying and bullying:


THANK YOU TO CLARE, ERIN & TEAM FOR HOUSE ATHLETICS
What a great event at our House Athletics Carnival last Friday. Well done to all of the students who participated so actively and energetically. There was a wonderful atmosphere amongst the students and many examples of terrific sportsmanship and our CARE values. A highlight for me was the contribution of our staff and the huge number of parent helpers who ensured all events were completed efficiently and effectively. Thank you to our PTA for organising the coffee, tea and biscuits during the day.

Of course the biggest thank you and congratulations goes to Clare Connor & Erin Rose our wonderful PE team. The quality, structure and organisation of this event highlights how lucky we are to have Clare and Erin as part of our team. This would be one of the best run House Athletics programs across all schools in our local area and beyond!

Good luck to all those students who will be selected into our Athletics team to represent our school at the District Athletics on the 26th August.

Check out some of the action from the big day on the TV display outside the office.

Be Worthy!
James Penson
Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

Throughout the year, James Penson and I have written about developing student resilience so that all our Kew Kids are equipped to face the many challenges they will encounter throughout life. Of course, as I have written in previous newsletters, some students come to school with the ability to “go with the flow” and have a sense of resilience that has been honed by family members, but others, need far more support. Some students need to be shown how they can choose to react in any given situation and not just be reactive. By this I mean they can choose to take a step back and not get caught up in the emotion of a potential conflict.

Taking my thoughts a little further I have often been taken aback when parents say to me that their child is unhappy at school or has a difficult time dealing with a certain student. As a teacher I believe this is a fantastic opportunity to talk through the issue they are having and make some suggestions as to how they could handle this situation or student. This is a direct way to develop their resilience by discussing a variety of strategies they could use. Also, discussing these thoughts with the classroom teacher is a good start so that everyone has received the same information. As well, I always ask, after listening to any students, how do they think they have contributed to the situation they find themselves now in. I follow this up with a question of how do they want to resolve such a conflict. I am not going to provide a quick fix for them but, rather, get them to work through all the issues and come up with a solution for themselves. Conflicts will naturally arise when you have so many different personalities intermingling each day, but it is how we work through these conflict issues which will provide our students with the necessary coping mechanisms and will in turn, build upon their resilience. The flip side to this is providing solutions to students and not getting them to reflect on ways to handle such situations which only short changes their chance to develop their own resilience. I hope my thoughts have provided you with some strategies you can use at home.

Following the success of the 3-way conferences and having such positive feedback either emailed or spoken about, I am pleased that parents now have a real understanding of what their children are learning and what their future learning goals are. Parents regularly relate to me tales of asking their children what they did at school today, only to be told “nothing”. I can fully understand this statement because after I get home from a long day at school I would probably answer the same way as it would just take too much energy to discuss the entire days’ events. However, try asking questions such as, “Who did you make happy today?” or “Who did you help today?” and wait for the dialogue to begin. Such questions are an excellent way to provide an insight into a child’s developing personal and interpersonal skills that are increasing gaining weight as to their importance in gaining worthwhile employment, where the emphasis is on team building and working harmoniously in a group situation. Not only will our future workforce need a quality education, but, they will also need to be emotionally intelligent, collaborative in a team situation and cooperative when listening and working with others. The development of these interpersonal skills begins in primary school and here at Kew PS, the development of all students’ personal and interpersonal skills is paramount

Robin Grace

REMINDER – YEAR 6 CANBERRA CAMP PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Year 6 parents who wish to attend the Canberra camp parent information evening next Wednesday the 17th of August from 7.00-8.00pm are reminded to return the RSVP slip with your child to Sonia or Andrew by next Monday the 15th of August.

Thanks,

Andrew & Sonia
Kew Primary School Blog

One hundred days of reading, one hundred days of writing, one hundred days of maths and one hundred days of new friends - it all adds up to one hundred days of wonderful!

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

Le français

XIVe Congrès Mondial de la Fédération Internationale des Professeurs de Français

I am delighted to report that I have recently returned from the 14th World Conference of the International Federation of French teachers: 'Français, langue ardente'. The conference was held at the University of Liège, Belgium, and included some 1500 delegates from over 130 countries. This was an invaluable opportunity to meet fellow professionals from around the world and exchange research, best practice and pedagogical innovations in the common pursuit of the teaching of French. I have certainly returned with increased knowledge and enthusiasm, including in areas of particular interest to me: games and language learning; the visual arts; songs; stories; use of the iPad; and comics and animations. I look forward to sharing my knowledge with our students.

Madame Michelle Payne.
What is it? This is an opportunity to explore the books in the library as a family and sit down and read together.

When is it? Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th} August any time between 3.30 – 5pm

There will be light refreshments – milk, water, biscuits.

All students MUST be accompanied by an adult.
**Father’s Day & Special Person’s Breakfast**

You are invited to join your child for a special breakfast, to enjoy being together, and to celebrate with other Dads and Special Persons:

Thursday 8th September from 7.30am
To be served outside canteen

Bookings available now via [https://www.trybooking.com/MMPA](https://www.trybooking.com/MMPA)
closes midnight Sun 4th Sept.

Select from a gourmet menu - you must pre-order your food, no payments on the day.

Come along and enjoy a delicious breakfast with your child.

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**If you would like to volunteer to help cook breakfast on Thursday 8th September 6am - 9am please contact Fiona.Hollingsworth@hotmail.com**

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Adults - Bacon & Egg roll & coffee $8
Kids - Bacon & egg roll & hot choc $6
Croissant, butter, jam & hot choc $6
Fruit skewers $3

Adults - Fresh coffee - coffee cart
Kids - Hot chocolate - canteen

To be served outside canteen

Book by midnight Sun 4th Sept
No late bookings this year
[https://www.trybooking.com/MMPA](https://www.trybooking.com/MMPA)
Booking confirmation required when collecting breakfast
### Program Update

What a busy week at Oshclub.

During the morning sessions we have had the opportunity to explore new relationships with some new faces and one of favourite casual educators Britt! Amelia W was super excited to have Britt join our morning sessions throughout the week!

In the afternoons we have been a bit crazy, however our new routine seems to be working effectively with many more opportunities to explore our own choices and child care activities! indoors Kvi and Sahana explored creative thinking skills as they mixed glue and glitter together before painting with the mixture!! Children were extremely excited to join forces in teams to create videos of their own story on their iPads and show their creation to their peers.

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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### Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0400 364 489
Coordinator: Harriet Cousins-Palmer
Assistants: Niki, Lauren
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.*
Headlice Notification

A case of headlice in the Prep Grades has been reported to the office.

Please check and if necessary treat your child’s hair before returning to school.

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