Diary Dates

**Oct**
- Fri 21: Milo T2 – Years 5 & 6
- Fri 21: Green Day for Peace
- Sat 22: KPS Luau
- Tue 25: School Council
- Thu 27: Step into Prep Transition
- Fri 28: Assembly

**Nov**
- Tue 1: Melbourne Cup Day
- Thu 3: iPad Parent info Evening for 2017 Year 3 Parents 6.30-7.30pm
- Fri 4: Prep Swimming
- Wed 9: Community Forum 7-8pm
- Wed 23 – Fri 25: Year 5 Camp

Message from the Principal

Each and every day I am in awe of what our students achieve. This was highlighted by our assembly last Friday. We celebrated outstanding academic success by acknowledging all of those students who were awarded a Distinction or High Distinction in each category of the University of New South Wales ICAS testing competition. We cheered those students who demonstrated outstanding sporting achievement when they represented our school at the Regional Athletics event and wish our 12/13 years of age girls relay team the very best as they move through to the State Finals this coming Monday. Good Luck to Hannah Benhassine, Emmelyn Choo-Lambropoulos, Christina Tran and Lana Roberts. Finally we laughed and learnt a few things watching a very engaging and clever movie produced by the Middle School about their Inquiry learning. Well done Kew!

Magazine for 2016

It’s that time of year again, to get your orders in for the much anticipated MAGAZINE.

The magazine is a great pictorial memento of the school year. Not only are each and every class and specialist captured but all the amazing events that have been on throughout the school year are remembered.

Get all orders in by Friday 4th November.

Orders will be made through TRYBOOKING www.trybooking.com.au/NJZR.

Note: **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED** after this date.

Regards
The Magazine Committee
Chelsea, Nat, Elizabeth & Sonia

**Term Dates 2016**
- Term 4: 3 Oct - 20 Dec

**Term Dates 2017**
- Term 1: 30 Jan - 31 Mar
- 30 Jan – Staff Start
- 31 Jan - Curriculum Day
- 1 Feb - Students Start
- Term 2: 18 Apr – 20 Jun

**GREEN DAY FOR PEACE – Friday 21st October**

Global Gardens of Peace is an Australian charity founded by Moira Kelly in 2013. The aim of this group is to plan, design and deliver natural play spaces to communities around the world that have suffered significant hardship through war or natural disaster.

Current research around the world shows that having a “green space” within a 1-3 kilometre radius of peoples homes has a significant impact on their general health. The percentage of green space is directly linked to the increased or decreased health of people, living with or without green
spaces respectively. Currently the GGOP organisation is working on completing their first project which is located in Gaza.

This Friday, our students along with those from many other schools, particularly in the Boroondara & Whitehorse Network of Schools will be raising awareness and funds for Global Gardens of Peace. The day is being led by our Year 6 Ambassadors and in particular Harry Grabsch and Hannah Benhassine who are the “Green Day for Peace” ambassadors for our school.

We encourage all students to wear green tomorrow and bring a gold coin donation towards GGOP.

HAWAIIAN NIGHT

Only a couple more sleeps until our PTA major fundraising event. Thank you to all those who have donated prizes for the games and auctions. There is always the chance to pick up a great bargain on the night and also help our school to improve our facilities with our plans to totally complete the cooling of our school with air-conditioners in the Art room and classrooms 12 and 13.

Thanks to Kerry Lomas and all of the students who have completed some wonderful joint artworks that will be auctioned on the night. There is one piece by each grade. Bidding has already started and if you can’t make the night, you can bid on the sheets next to each piece in the corridor of the main building or in the Junior School Hall. You may have to bid pretty high in advance to be the winning bid!

It is not too late to get a ticket via the Trybooking link: www.trybooking.com/MZMF

I can’t guarantee that you will rate my dancing to the Beach Boys, (especially Kokomo!) but I can guarantee a great night of fun!

2016 SCHOOL MAGAZINE ORDER

Our annual magazine is a terrific memento of the school year. Every class features on it and there are pages dedicated to some of the amazing events organised this year. To ensure that we manage the costs associated with printing, the magazine is only available by pre-ordering before Friday 4th November. We will be ordering the specific number of copies ordered. There will be no additional copies available for sale after this date.

Orders should be made through Trybooking: www.trybooking.com.au/NJZR

Many thanks to Sonia Hocking who spends countless hours co-ordinating the entire production of the magazine and ensures it looks so fantastic!

MELBOURNE CUP – OPPORTUNITY FOR LONG WEEKEND

Thank you to those parents and carers who have indicated that their child/ren will not be attending school on Monday 31st October. With a large number of students spending time with their families on this long weekend we will be running a modified program on Monday 31st October.
Next Thursday afternoon we welcome our new prep students to our school for the first of six “Step into Prep” transition sessions. I know they are excited and we are as well. This program has been implemented for a number of years now and it has certainly proven to assist our new students (and their parents!) get ready for their first day of school next year.

Our Transition program is not only focused on our new prep students. We have a range of strategies that we use to ensure all of our students feel comfortable and ready to move into their new grade each year. Just one of these is the way we operate our Kewriosity program. This term our students are working in groups that reflect our teaching team for next year. For example our current Preps are working with our Year 1’s who will both form our Junior School next year and so forth progressively up the school. This helps to build a broader level of connection which is important for the way we structure our curriculum.

FINAL CALL FOR NOTIFICATION OF STUDENTS LEAVING KPS IN 2017

Over the next couple of weeks we begin the process of building our classes for 2017. Part of this is giving our students the opportunity to select other students that they would like to have in their class next year. Whilst we try to arrange for at least one of these to be in their class we do not guarantee this. One of the reasons for this is that we have had instances of many hours spent building our classes around teacher knowledge of student needs, parent requests and student requests only to be told after completing this that a student will not be at our school next year. As you can imagine there are many layers to building a class and when one student is removed there is a domino effect. In one recent case we had to start the grade build for one area of the school all over again.

If your child is leaving our school next year please let the office know. This will save us many hours of additional work and ensure that we can build our grades in the best way for a successful 2017.

Even if you are not sure, please let me know about this possibility so that it can then be factored into my planning.

We are also at the point of confirming if we will run 21 or 22 grades next year. To help me make this decision, so that the best interest of our students can be met, I need to know how many students we will definitely have enrolled at our school at the beginning of the year.

PARENT REQUEST PROCESS FOR TRANSITION INTO 2017

As mentioned in previous newsletters, parents are able to make requests for consideration when placing their child into their 2017 class. These requests will only be accepted in writing and must be received by Friday 28th October. Please note that requests with respect to specific teachers or composite/straight classes will not be considered.

RSVP'S - COMMUNITY FORUM

FOCUS – SCHOOL REVIEW FEEDBACK

At 7pm on Wednesday 9th November, I will be hosting a Community Forum. The presentation will focus on feedback from our School Review that is being completed on the 11th and 25th October. This will be a great opportunity to hear briefly about what the school has achieved over the past 4 years and then spend more time outlining areas of future focus including re-energising our school core values. There will also be a brief outline of planning and school structures for 2017. Please note that the evening will have a different focus and content than the forums in 2014 and 2015.

Be Worthy!
James Penson
Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

It is so lovely to be back at Kew PS although I had a wonderful, wonderful holiday on the west coast of America and have many memories that will last a lifetime. Travelling overseas allows you to observe another country, experiencing a snapshot of their culture, values and compare it to your own.

I found the American people to be very helpful and incredibly friendly, going out of their way to be kind, which was a very pleasant surprise.

Of course, you cannot take the teacher out of me, even when overseas and here are some of my observations about schools in San Francisco. Inner city schools are on small allotments and the break times are split to cope with the numbers of students. Some of the play areas are on the roof spaces of buildings with high fences providing protective barriers. Students in those schools are bused to ovals for sporting activities/PE after school, with interschool sporting activities played on weekends. Interestingly, California has been in a severe drought for a number of years but those schools who are lucky enough to have spacious play areas, do have a very green grid iron oval but the cost of water is proving prohibitive and synthetic grass is now being considered by certain educational districts as a viable alternative to turf.

During this time I was surprised to read an article in the Washington Post about the state of education in the country and one glaring point that stood out was the fact that in many states of this country, corporal punishment in schools is still legal, although not all states and educational districts enact this policy. Thank goodness is all I can say!

My travels were incredibly enjoyable but it also reinforced for me that we have a great country that is innovative, where education is valued by both teachers and parents who want the best educational outcomes for our kids.

It is good to be home!

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

Who's been tinkering in the library? Find out on the blog.

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

Grade 2 Parent Information Evening – BYOD iPad Program 2017 to be held on Thursday November 3rd

Please note that in the previous newsletter, the date was incorrectly listed as Wednesday November the 2nd. A notice has gone home with a reply slip on which you can submit any questions you have about the iPad program for next year. Please return these to your child’s classroom teacher. We look forward to seeing the future Grade 3 parents at 6:30pm on Thursday the 3rd November.
Peppercorn Writing Competition

To enter: Write a narrative or poem about a place – real or imaginary

Word Limit: 300 words

Submit by: Friday 28 October

Prizes for each year level

Hand in at the office or the library

Acting Assistant Principal Report

As my time as Acting Assistant Principal has ended, it is time for me to reflect on my time in this role. I have really enjoyed this experience. It has been great to have increased opportunities to visit and spend time in other classes. The opportunity to see the school from a more global perspective has been a really rewarding experience too. A highlight for me has been my involvement in the School review day last week. To have the time and space to examine, reflect and evaluate our school’s journey over the last four years has provided a real insight into our achievements, but highlighted areas of unfinished business for us to strategically target and work towards over the next four years. What has been really reinforced in unpacking a range of data and evidence has been the passion and dedication of all our staff, both teaching and non-teaching demonstrate every day for your children and their education. With all that being said, it has been great to return to the students in 6AW and to work towards their final weeks of primary school being as memorable and rewarding as possible. I would like to acknowledge and thank all the staff for your support and patience during my time in this role, especially the office staff as they have often been the ‘go-to’ people while James and Robin have been away. I would like to also acknowledge James for his support and guidance over the last two weeks as well.

Over the next several weeks the Prep and Junior School Teachers will be completing both English and Maths Online assessments. These assessments are really important pieces of evidence and data that not only help to inform end of year reports but are also important pieces of information that are passed onto these students’ 2017 teachers as part of our student transition process.

At the other end of the school, our senior school students are working towards defending their Interschool Debating Title they won last year. The number of students ‘who tried’ out in the senior school has been excellent and has made our job, as teachers to select two teams very difficult. However, this does mean we have been able to select two very strong teams to represent Kew PS. A Year 5 and 6 team have been selected and the students have been told who is in each team. This is very exciting and no doubt our students will give all they have to defend their title.

Andrew Wood
Aloha
It’s time for a Luau
SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER
From 7.30pm until Midnight
Join in with ... 
Welcome Cocktail
Silent Auction / Class Hampers
Around the World Trivia
Beach Volleyball, Limbo & Hula Hoop Competitions
Music & Dancing

Location: KPS Gymnasium
Tickets: $25 pp
at trybooking.com/MZMF
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Before School / After School Care Program

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Program Update

OSHClub was busy this week with lots of friends, activities and new experiences! Throughout the week we explored our humanities through designing treasure maps, geography word searches and even our own history research challenge, all experiences encouraged new thinking and ways of being.

On Tuesday we all went to the gym to play a large game of dodgeball with our new balls! Both teams were fighting for the championship with Alex and Akira showing leadership in their team catching and throwing balls while the other team worked better together communicating effectively and encouraging one another.

We got connect 4 again at OSHClub and have had so much fun challenging our friends. Kieran and educator Harriet continued to VS but Kieran remained the champion. On Wednesday morning Taylor and Emma played one another in the game however they both seemed to take turns of winning.

Next week we will continue exploring the theme of board games playing cards, monopoly and connect four.

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

OSHC program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Harriet Cousins-Palmer
Assistants: Lachlan, Lauren and Britt
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.
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**Second Hand Uniform**
Next school uniform shop Thurs 27th October 3-4pm outside library
KEW PS HAWAIIAN ‘LUAU’ NIGHT FUNDRAISER
SPONSORS & DONATIONS

This Saturday night—22nd October—we have an array of generous donations from our local business and families that are on offer as silent and ‘loud’ auction items. We extend a warm Thank You to all of our Sponsors who offer these donations to help raise valuable funds for our school.

LUXURY PROPERTIES—WEEKEND GETAWAYS

Mantra Lorne 3 Night Accommodation
Valued at $884. Donated by the Coleman Family

Daylesford Weekend Luxury 2 Night Accommodation
Valued at $910. Donated by the Singleton Family

ACTION TOYS

Black 6.5” Skywalker & Black 8” Skywalker
Valued at $1,000 & $1,300 each.
Donated by the Zander Family

Three x Original FATBOY Mini BMX
Valued at $375 each.
Donated by the Zander Family
All 3 bikes are in matte black finish

CLASS ARTWORKS

Beautiful Artworks facilitated by Kerry Lomas (Art) and our own creative Kew Kids. Bidding is open now!
Artworks from each class are on display in both the Junior School Hall and Main Building Corridor.

CLASS HAMPERS

Class Hampers are being put together by our Class Reps and Family donations. Some examples on offer will be:
Smiggle Pack—Sports Balls—Wine—Activity Vouchers...
So many great donations!
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$50 credit towards Dance Tuition or an Angelina Ballerina Birthday Party at the Kew School of Dance during Term 1 or 2 in 2017.
Donated by the Kew School Of Dance
www.kewschoolofdance.com.au

3 x 2 week Group Fitness Training Vouchers.
Donated by Me Time Training

$200 Gift Voucher
Donated by Bob Stewart P/L
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www.bobstewart.com.au

Santa’s Magical Kingdom Family Pass.
Valued at $140
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www.santasmagicalkingdom.com.au

Free Climb Card and a 2for1 Card
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Voucher for a Term of Maths or English Tuition
(10 x 1 hour lessons in Term 1, 2017)
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