Message from Principal

Hi Kew,

**OVAL REDEVELOPMENT & COOLING SOLUTIONS PROJECTS**

In recent years our School Council has identified two major capital works projects that are needed at our school. These are the redevelopment of our oval and the installation of cooling solutions across the school. To facilitate the delivery of the cooling solutions program a staged approach was implemented. This was based on the extensive work and advice of the 2013 School Council. Late last year installation of air conditioning units in the Junior School building and in the Performing Arts room was completed. The cost for this was paid for predominantly through fundraising and also through DEECD funding and voluntary contributions. Blinds and other measures were also installed in the BER and other spaces. The next phase of the program is to complete the installation of air-conditioning units in the BER classrooms and other spaces. The cost for this remaining stage of the whole program is $60,000.

The oval redevelopment project will see the installation of a fully synthetic surface which includes a four lane running track. This will cover the large proportion of the oval, with natural grass and landscaping around the outside. This plan was developed through extensive community consultation under the leadership of our Buildings & Grounds Sub-Committee. The total cost will be approx. $200,000. At present we have $51,000 funds available thanks to generous donations from parents, the Bendigo Bank and a Lap-a Thon held in 2013.

I am very keen to ensure that both of these projects are delivered in the quickest possible timeline as they are both very important to our students and our school community. Feedback from staff, students and parents also highlights the high level of support for both. At our last School Council meeting I outlined a possible funding plan that would enable the air-conditioning to be installed by September of next year and the oval project to begin in Jan 2016.

This funding model requires $20,000 of fundraising money raised this year through SPLASH (note that the total raised funds was over $30,000 with some money being used to purchase a new kiln and art supplies) to be split between the two projects. This allocation of funds (approx. $10,000 to each) demonstrates to our community that the PTA and School Council value both projects and supports the considerable work of School Council this year and in previous years in developing a clear direction for both plans.

The proposed funding model also requires $20,000 of 2015 fundraising directed towards air-conditioning and then $20,000 for 2016 fundraising for the oval. Other revenue will be required to complete both projects and this will require strategic use of DEECD funds and other school funds. I outlined this in more detail to School Council.
Overall with the support of staff, School Council, our school community and DEECD we have worked hard this year to address the school’s financial position. We have also made some important decisions that will ensure we can build a strong financial platform that will enable us to further improve our facilities and programs into the future.

THANK YOU PTA

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all members of our PTA this year. It has been a very big year for our school and the support of our PTA has been enormous. There has been a wide variety of events run and all of these have added to our community financially but more significantly to our vibrant, diverse and inclusive school culture. I believe that the PTA has been instrumental in developing a positive and productive climate across our school this year. Thank you to Clare Tanner for her leadership, energy and commitment to our school and thank you to all those that supported the work of the PTA this year.

THANK YOU SCHOOL COUNCIL & SUB COMMITTEES

I would also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and thank all members of our School Council this year for their significant contribution to our school.

Thank you to Julie Coleman, Stewart Waters, Jeremy Whelen, Amanda Aitken, Emma Hindhaugh, Phil Kemke, Rachel Naylor, Antony Williams, Nikki Swartz, Robin Grace, Sally Marsh, Andrew Wood, Melissa Hayes and Faye Pattie.

As I reflect on the role and work of School Council this year I believe that much has been achieved and this can be largely attributed to the positive way in which everyone has engaged and worked with each other. We have also been fortunate to have such a varied set of skills, knowledge, experience and styles across our membership and this diversity and the way we have harnessed it, has been very powerful.

In particular, I would like to thank Julie Coleman for her leadership as School Council President. Julie has been instrumental in ensuring that all views and opinions are canvassed, that an appropriate level of discussion and thought is dedicated to each decision and that we present united and clear communications to our community post decision.

Thank you also to Ruth Woolven who has been a wonderful addition to our SC team through the provision of detailed minute taking.

Thank you also to those on School Council and other members of our school community who actively served on our Sub-committees. These committees actually do the core work of School Council and report back each meeting outlining the actions undertaken and providing a motion, action or recommendation to School Council for approval. Thank you to everyone involved with our Funding, Communications and Marketing Committee, our Buildings and Grounds Committee, our Finance Committee and our Education and Policy Committee.

SCHOOL FEES REMINDER & OFFICE CLOSE DATES

SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED FOR PAYMENTS AFTER WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Don’t forget that our school office will not be accepting payments after Wednesday December 17th. This will enable us to finish the end of year process schools are required to complete. This is also a reminder that all outstanding payments from this year must be paid for before this date. If these payments are not made then the school must use funds from next years’ budget to make up the shortfall. These are funds that have already been allocated to specific budget areas such as ICT and Literacy.

RELEASE OF GRADE INFORMATION AND 1/2 DAY TRANSITION SESSIONS

Our staff and student grade structure is now in place. This will be announced in a letter sent home with all students on Monday 8th December. A map will be attached to this letter so that students can go directly to their 2015 classroom at 8.50am on Tuesday 9th December for the first of our 2015 1/2 day transition sessions.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION 2015

A reminder that the new parent consent form for SRI as provided by the DEECD must be returned by tomorrow. The form contains information about the program including the name of the religion, agency, minutes per week, program length and cost. The new process requires parents to consent to their child participating. If the form is
Message from the Assistant Principal

Camps are always exciting times for students because they get to learn and do challenging activities in another setting, sleep in cabins with their friends, don’t wear school uniform and spend a few nights away from home. The Grade Five camp at Mount Martha, Camp Manyung, certainly fulfilled all those criteria. The bush setting and facilities are top notch and the activities are both challenging and fun. The students were able to snorkel and study marine life, learn the basics of surfing and work as a team to build a raft to hold 12 students. They got to experience the giant swing, use an electronic devise for orienteering as well as complete the tree top challenge. All these activities required the students to take themselves out of their comfort zones, to work in teams, and to be willing to "have a go." It is my pleasure to report that all students at the camp certainly rose to the occasion and fulfilled those criteria.

I must congratulate all our Grade Five students for their willingness to participate in the activities, for their positive attitudes and the way in which they behaved whilst being away from Kew PS. They were a pleasure to be with and I was extremely proud of them.

Congratulations must also go to our Grade Five teachers for the superb preparation and organisation beforehand- thank you Sally Marsh, Clio Williams and Leah Morgan. Other staff who attended and need to be thanked are Michelle Payne, Erin Willett, Jeff Farnsworth as well as Jeremy Kann, dad to Will. We too worked together as a well oiled machine and I can report we also had lots of fun and plenty of laughs as well.

Robin Grace
Dear Families,

**School Council Update**

Last week we held our last School Council meeting for the year. Given that, it is timely to thank all members of School Council for their significant contributions. In particular, I would like to recognise those members who have served their terms including Amanda Aitken (Treasurer), Nikki Schwarz, Jeremy Whelen, Sally Marsh (Leading Teacher), Emma Hindhaugh, Rachel Naylor and Melissa Hayes (Teacher).

I would also like to thank the convenors of our sub-committees including Stewart Waters (Building & Grounds), Phil Kemke (Education & Policy), Amanda Aitken (Finance), Melissa Hayes (Funding, Communication & Marketing) and Nikki Schwarz (OSH) for their leadership this year. School Council would also like to recognise the significant contribution of the PTA team lead by Claire Tanner.

The list of achievements for School Council this year has been significant and they include:

- A direction and financial plan to deliver our oval and cooling solutions;
- Formalisation of our policy and review processes with all policy requirements now in line with DEECD;
- Our financial position and processes are better understood and we have made decisions that will move us into a stronger position from this point forward;
- Our Funding, Communication & Marketing (FCM) team have developed a communication plan and grant and funding framework, and secured a number of grants, to move us to a point where we can now focus on our next important goal;
- The leadership team are sharing the curriculum and teaching and learning initiatives to strengthen the school and home partnership;
- Our PTA has a voice and role within School Council to provide alignment;
- We have ensured that OSH club and other SC responsibilities have been appropriately monitored and met.

School Council has made the decision to integrate the Funding Communication and Marketing sub-committee into other sub committees next year, rather than a separate stand-alone committee, with communication and marketing to become standing agenda items at each School Council meeting. A special thank you to those members of the school community who have served on the FCM sub-committee over the last 2 years including Janine Arantes, Leo Arantes, Jacqui Tomlins, Claire Tanner, Alex St Claire, Jeremy Whelen, Sally Marsh, Chelsea Carmichael, Kath Phelan, Antony Williams and Melissa Hayes.

**PTA / Splash Funding Update**

Further to the decision to purchase a new kiln for the art room (approx. $10,000) and art supplies (up to $2,000), the outcome from last week’s School Council meeting was to split the remaining $20,000 (approx.) from Splash across cooling solutions in the BER ($10,000) and oval redevelopment ($10,000) in line with a plan that would see cooling solutions delivered by Sept 2015 and the oval redevelopment project to commence in January 2016. Whilst this decision was not unanimous (10 for and 4 against), the majority felt that it delivered both projects in a reasonable timeframe.

**Grants Update**

The school was successful in obtaining an ANZAC Memorial Grant to restore the ANZAC memorial plaques at the school will organise a community building event around ANZAC Day in 2015.

**School Facility Hire**

School Council set the fees for 2015 for hiring out the school’s facilities (including the gym) to external parties. These were set in line with benchmarking against other schools in the area and will ensure a fair and consistent approach is applied to current and new providers whilst supporting the school to raise funds.

**Education & Policy Update**

The Education & Policy Sub Committee tabled the Assessment and Reporting Policy and this is now open to the School Community for feedback. The Advertising & Sponsorship Policy was endorsed by School Council following community consultation and is on the website.

Thank you for your support this year and I hope you enjoy a relaxing break with family and friends over the festive season.

Julie Coleman, School Council President
Kew Primary School Blog

It's almost the end of the year and I'm just hanging in there - find out what might tip me over the edge on this week's blog.

Would you like to contribute to the blog in 2015? You've got all summer to think about it :-) Please drop me a line at: katrina.w@ozemail.com.au

Katrina Whelen

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Kew Primary School Giving Tree!

Hi all, as you may know it is a KPS tradition to give back to those who aren't as fortunate as us at Christmas and have our yearly Giving Tree in association with The Salvation Army Food Drive. We are collecting until Friday 12th December. All of your generous donations can be put underneath our tree outside the office or the C.A.R.E. team will collect the donations from your class.

Donations you can make:
- Tinned foods such as tinned fruit, vegetables, fish and tuna, spaghetti and baked beans and tinned ham! Treats such as chocolate, bags of lollies, sweet biscuits and savoury biscuits. Beverages such as UHT milk, tea, coffee, Milo, cordial, soft drink and juice. Cereals and Carbohydrates such as breakfast cereals and muesli, instant noodles, two-minute noodles, instant pasta packs, rice or pasta and much more!

Thanks,
C.A.R.E. team

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Second Hand Uniform—End of Year Sale

The last second hand uniform shop of 2014 will take place on Tuesday 9th December, before school starts.
Thanks Canning for the sausages

Election Day Barbeque
Raised $2100
End panels for library shelves
Ordered
Thanks to all these great volunteers and others

Thanks Aussie Farmers Direct for the bread
Peppercorn BBQ

Friday 5th December, 5pm to 7pm
At School!

Amazing food for sale.

Beef and Polish sausages, lentil burgers, salad, middle eastern rice pudding, soft drinks & icy poles available for purchase.

https://www.volunteersignup.org/YJF7W
Thank you from PTA!

Volunteers are not paid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

THANK YOU to everyone for putting in so much effort this year! The school really appreciates the hard work and enthusiasm that you put in to every event. The PTA’s mission is to encourage parent involvement, belonging, friendships, and to support the important work of our staff and our kids. Of course, making a bit of money is important. This year it's enabled valuable educational resources to be purchased and new projects to begin soon, such as new readers/books for all levels ($8,000), IT resources ($12,000), new flags, a School Tent, Library furniture, a Kiln & art resources ($10,000), and $10,000 to Cooling Solutions for the senior school, and $10,000 to the Oval.

SPLASH $30,000
2nd Hand Uniform Shop $3,000
PTA $30,000
TOTAL: $63,000 raised (with $6,000 in our account)

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Cybertip—When did you last change your password?

We are being increasingly advised to change our passwords on a regular basis, which can be hard to manage and keep up with. One suggestion is to change your passwords every time the clocks change. Or if you’re really good, change them with every school term. Remember these golden rules to create strong passwords..........

use a combination of at least eight letters, numbers and symbols e.g &pdkr134%
Never use names, dates of birth, pet names etc as passwords
Never use a word from the dictionary
Use different passwords to access different online accounts
Don’t store passwords in a file
Don’t allow the computer to save your password.

Madame T (and the eSmart team)

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**Free Eggs!**

Would you like to look after our chickens for a week or weekend over the school holidays or one weekend in Term 1? It’s a really easy job: let them out for a run around, collect any eggs which are yours to keep, give them some food and water and also give the plants a quick water.

Please signup to help at [www.volunteersignup.org/DWRTH](http://www.volunteersignup.org/DWRTH)

Also, rather than throwing away any vegetable scraps at home, please consider adding them to our garden compost bin.

Thank you to the following wonderful families who have looked after our chickens this term: Bhargava, Phelan, Lu, Peterson, Tung, Whelen, Hall, Lim, Wales, Ogden, Wilkinson and Sagers

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**Year 4 End of Year Lunch**

Let’s get together to celebrate the end of year!

Where: Rococo (797 Glenferrie Rd, Hawthorn)

When: Wednesday December 10th at 12.30pm
RSVP by December 7th
Email Cherryl (Adèle K’s mum) at cherrylgarcia@telstra.com
Program Update

HELLO KEW PS!

Rice Paper Rolls were on the OSHClub cooking menu last week. Some children who had experience making these were able to teach their peers the ‘tricks of the trade,’ including how to make sure all the ingredients don’t explode out of the roll!

We had our last Active After School Care session of the year on Tuesday. Over 25 children participated for the full hour of fun despite the humidity, well done!

During Before School Care sessions children have been learning a new game called ‘Help’, which involves running and ‘rock-paper-scissors’. It has been wonderful to see the older children encouraging their younger peers when forming teams and learning new rules.

Please remember to inform us if your child is unwell or not attending the program for any other reason. A short text message or call on the day is very helpful to ensure the smooth running of the program. If you know prior to the day that your child will not be attending, you can adjust the details in the online booking system.

Bookings are now open for our Holiday Program which will be running from the 12th January – 29th January 2015. Please book your child into the program using our online booking system as soon as possible to ensure they do not miss out on the many fun-filled activities we have planned, including a trip to the movies, a silent disco incursion and a Hollywood theme day! Copies of the full program are available at the OSHC building.

If you have any questions or queries please call the program on 0400 394 489, alternatively feel free to drop into the program between the hours of 7:00 – 9:00am and 3:00 – 6:30pm and talk to one of our staff (Remembering that between 3:30 and 4pm is our busiest time and we might not be able to assist immediately). If you would like to book your child/ren into before or after care please log on to www.oshclub.com.au and follow the prompts to enrolling (Children MUST be enrolled to use the service).

Here are some of Next Week’s Activities:

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Parent Information

OSHClub program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Jacinta Assistants: Lauren, Niki
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.
Kew Community Bank®
Christmas Street Party

Saturday 13th December
10:00am – 12:00noon

Kew Community Bank® Branch,
Opposite Woolworths, Kew

• Free instant photos with Santa

• Colouring Competition

• Free Face Painting
Would $500 assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact your local Saver Plus Worker Aysun Acar
9426 1579 / 0407 837 426
aacar@bsl.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in your local area.
The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.
Do you want to learn Chinese after school at Kew Primary School? 
Come and join us after school for Chinese class, for Preps to Grade 6. 
Activities include singing, games, speaking and reading that will help your general conversation skills. 
The fees for 2015 were 

- $192 two terms (16 weeks) per child 
- $154 which is 20% discount for any enrolments received and paid in full before 19 Dec 2014 (last day of school). 

Payment Details: 
Melbourne Chinese Secondary and Primary School Inc 
ANZ Templestowe Lower, The Mall. 
A/C No. 013 -354-2794-95468 

Melissa Liu 
Phone: 0422 600 395 
E-mail: melbchineseschool@gmail.com 

Have Fun Learning Chinese
ENROLMENTS OPEN 2015!!

EXCITING LUNCHTIME Drama Program
AT Kew PS!!

Junior group (P-Gr2) FRIDAYS - Jnr Hall: 1.05pm-1.50pm
Senior group (Gr3-Gr6) THURSDAYS - Jnr Hall: 1.05pm-1.50pm

TO ENROL
- Or call Drama Time on 9525 9977

“Elise was so excited to tell me about the amazing fun she had and all the things that she’s going to get to do in drama.”
Parent, Ormond PS

“Eden loves her Drama class; she always comes home on Tuesdays with stories from the session.”
Parent, St Finbar’s PS Brighton

“Enrique’s confidence has increased enormously over the last few years thanks to Drama Time.”
Parent, Brighton Beach PS

Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, ukulele, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, drums, singing, cello, bass guitar, here at Kew Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2015.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333

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**Summer Holidays 2016**

**Bowling**
Tues 13 Jan & Tues 20 Jan
$12 • 10am - 2pm
Bookings essential • Spaces limited

**Swimming**
Thurs 15 Jan & Thurs 22 Jan
Free • 10am - 3pm
Bookings essential • Spaces limited

**Centre Hours**
Monday - Friday
10am - 6pm
X-Box One, Wii, Wifi, Games, Pool table, Foosball table

**Skate + Sizzle**
Wed 14 Jan & Wed 21 Jan
Free • 12pm - 3pm
Junction Skate Park •

To book a place or for more information, please call Boroondara Youth Services on 9835 7825. Level 1, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn.

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**WE WANT YOU!**

Are you interested in events planning?
Have a passion for music?
Want to host events for other young people?
Are you aged between 15-25?

The Boroondara FReeZA committee is looking for new crew members for 2015.
Meetings are weekly during the school terms.

For more information, call Catherine on 9835 7824 or e-mail catherine.andrews@boroondara.vic.gov.au

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The Boroondara FReeZA logo is shown.
THE CITY OF BOROONDARA PRESENTS
2014 SUMMERTIME CINEMA
FREE ENTRY

A Muppet Christmas Carol (G)
Saturday 6 December
Greythorn Park, North Balwyn

The Nightmare Before Christmas (G)
Saturday 13 December
Central Gardens, Hawthorn

Miracle on 34th Street (G)
Saturday 20 December
Riversdale Park, Camberwell

8pm for a sunset start.
Come early and enjoy the pre-screening entertainment!

For more information visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/summertime-cinema or contact 9278 4770