**Message from the Principal**

Hi Kew,

Last week I acknowledged all staff members for their work this year. I must apologise that I did not include Katie Braemar on the list. Katie gets a special mention this week for her wonderful work in leading the Junior School PLT as the School Management Team Leader and for her dedication to our community garden.

**GREAT NEWS**

The oval project has officially started! Yesterday temporary fencing was set up around the site and the team from TigerTurf now take control over this area for the duration of the work. Over the first few days you will see them starting to organise the levels and marking out for the work. There is also some large machinery in action as the baseworks are prepared. By starting now, Tigerturf will be able to work through the school holidays thereby minimising the time without access to the oval when school starts back in 2016. We expect that this will only be a few weeks at the start of the year.

I know that our school community is really looking forward to the new oval. It will be a very exciting day when our students can unleash themselves on it. This project has been a long time in the making. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our extensive consultation process and to the decision making and organisation of the project. The completed project will be another sign that our school is on an exciting improvement journey.

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION**

On Tuesday evening of this week we hosted our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony. This was a wonderful evening where we had the opportunity to congratulate all of our Year 6 students and acknowledge all of their achievements over the past 7 years at our school.

Our Graduating class of 2015 have had many opportunities to grow and develop their leadership this year. They have been part of an action team, a buddy and a role model for all of our students. On the night I was able to share some thoughts and advice with them. I outlined that leadership is not about a badge or a title. Leadership is about doing what is right even when that is not the easiest option, doing the right thing even when nobody is looking, doing the right thing even if it has a negative consequence for you and doing the right thing even if your friends are doing something different and over the next few years there will be lots of times like that.

The other piece of advice that I passed on was a very simple message, but a message that isn't always understood or embraced. That is that in your life you will not get everything you want, you won't succeed in absolutely everything you do and there will be times when things might get a bit tough.

I asked them to know and remember that that is normal, that this is a part of everyday life. Sometimes during these setbacks people do not know
what to do next. During these times remember the importance of being positive, resilient and above all grateful for what you do have. Remember that your experience at Kew, the friendships you have made and the love of your families will enable you to overcome the adversities you will have to face.

I also listed all those families who with the departure of their Year 6 child this year will be leaving our school community. I thank all of these families for their contribution to our school over these years.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION AWARDS 2015
A special part of our Graduation Ceremony was the presentation of awards. Here is a list of the students who were presented with an award which included a framed certificate and a $50 book voucher.

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We also presented several external awards. These included a scholarship to Kew High School which was awarded to Paris Le Lecheur and the Kooyong Student Prize. This award has been organised by our Federal Member of Parliament, Mr Josh Frydenberg. The official presentation was held last Wednesday evening and our recipients Gleda Ho and Seb Graefe attended with their families. It was a very special evening as they joined all the selected students in the schools within the Kooyong Electorate. I must admit I was a very proud principal when their names were read out and they were presented with their awards. The school also displays a shield where the winners of this award each
THANK YOU EVERYONE

I would like to take this final opportunity to acknowledge and thank all members of our school community this year for your contribution and commitment to our school.

Overall much has been achieved and this can be largely attributed to the positive way in which everyone has engaged and worked with each other. Our Kewmunity is fortunate to have such a varied set of skills, knowledge and backgrounds. This diversity and the way we have harnessed it, has been very powerful.

To this point, I wish to again pay tribute to our staff for their hard work and dedication this year. All of our staff team work incredibly hard and they contribute well beyond what is expected. The work we have achieved this year has been largely the result of the good will of our entire staff team.

Thank you also to all of our students for the way they have approached their learning in 2015. I am always impressed with the work I see our students do each day and the improvements and progress they make. Our students also make it a pleasure to come to school each day. They welcome with a big grin, they laugh and have fun, they try their best, they look after each other and they always strive to be worthy.

We will continue to work together as a team united in the aim of ensuring that all of our students are provided with the highest quality teaching and learning. Our focus is to continue to build a trusting home school partnership that can fully harness the increased confidence in our school and allow our staff team to focus on what is most important, ensuring the best outcomes for each student.

See you back in 2016 ready for another big year!

FIRST DAY BACK FOR 2016 – FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY 2016

Be Worthy!
PS – We made it!
James Penson - Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

In writing this, my final newsletter article for 2015, I just begin to smile because it has been a year of such achievements for us all - the students with their learning, the staff with their teaching and learning and the parent community with their constant ongoing support. We have altogether achieved so much and we can all be proud of our combined efforts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Kew Kids who never fail to rise to the challenges set by us all and of whom I am so very proud. To our hardworking teaching staff, thank you for all your efforts to enrich the lives of the students you teach as you have done such an amazing job. To our class based teacher aides you allow our special needs students to reach their full potential as you encourage them to try that bit harder and I am so grateful for the care and dedication you show towards them. To our amazing office staff, you are always the first faces that visitors, parents and students see and you handle each situation with such professionalism, smiling and remaining cheery no matter what the request. You make my life so much easier, often making me laugh along the way.

To our parent community you embody what a home/school partnership is all about and without your continuing support, we as a school, would not be able to achieve the results that we do. Helping in the classroom, attending excursions, camps, information nights, three-way conference reporting evenings, being on School Council, attending working bees all enrich the lives of our community and especially that of our students. So thank you for all your efforts in the many ways you show your support for Kew PS.

To James, what a year you have undertaken, overseeing and guiding us to where we are right now. You are always so calm and smiling, not matter how difficult things do become at times, you remain the consummate professional leader we all know and you do so well. To Sally and Andrew, the other members of the Leadership Team, it has been another eventful year where we have made great gains in where we want to have the school positioned, thank you for your insights, ideas and support.

To our exiting year 6 students, I wish you every success in the many secondary educational settings you will be attending and to other students leaving, I wish you well and I strongly believe that you will have gained enormously, by being a part of our community. My best wishes to you all, at whatever school you attend in the future.

On that note, I would like to wish all our community a happy festive season and a safe and relaxing holiday time. I look forward to another year at our school, Kew PS, in 2016.

Robin Grace.

Kew Primary School Blog

The Year 6 students have one last thing to say before they go...

All contributions to the school blog are welcome - 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
One of the Years 4/5 Kewriosity Groups decided that they would like to make connections with the local kindergartens. Students embarked on a book making project to present to the kinder children about Kew Primary School. They took photographs of areas around the school and wrote a simple text suitable for younger children. A small group of students made contact with the local kindergartens and on Monday ten students walked to Studley Park Kindergarten to meet the children and read the books. It was a rewarding experience and an authentic end to our Kewriosity project.

To all the wonderful helpers (parents, students & staff) in the library - many of whom I don't even see. You have shelved many books and done lots of cleaning and tidying. I may not see you but I know you have been there. I appreciate your assistance.

Huge thanks to Bethanie Clarke for bringing her creative skills and lots of time to the library. Bethanie created amazing displays, liaised with PTA and provided plenty of enthusiasm and momentum.

Have a great holiday and keep reading.

Ruth - Librarian
Last week the Year 3-6 Christmas choir visited both the Highgrove and Kew Gardens Aged care facilities. They sang a range of traditional and modern Christmas carols. The residents of both facilities were filled with Christmas joy and the children were magnificent. Two very special moments in time that brought joy to everyone. You will be able to hear the Christmas Choir at our CHRISTMAS CONCERT THIS FRIDAY AT 9.15am in the Gym.

Hoping to see you all there as all classes also have a very special song ready for you all to hear. So see you this Friday for some Christmas cheer!

Shelley Ware

Nous vous souhaitons un Joyeux Noël et une Bonne et Heureuse Année 2016.
Nous espérons que vous passerez de bonnes fêtes de fin d'année et de bonnes vacances.
Au plaisir de vous revoir en 2016!
Year 6 Graduation fun!

The year 6 children have had a wonderful time celebrating their time together as their time as students of Kew Primary comes to an end.

An amazing Graduation ceremony full of nostalgia, awards and friends celebrating together. Thank you to the parent committee who put everything together, the gym has never looked so wonderful. A very proud moment for all involved.

A trip to the Kew Pool on Tuesday with Pizza in the park, such a fun day lots of belly laughs!

Then a final excursion to Clip and Climb together. We were amazed at how brave and well they work as a team at Clip and Climb. As teachers we smiled with pride at the fact they are ready for high school and will be wonderful.

They have had a wonderful time celebrating their time together at Kew Primary. We wish them all the best and look forward to future visits to tell us about their wonderful new adventures life brings them. Enjoy!

Sonia, Andrew, Jeff and Shelley
Free Eggs!

Would you like to look after our chickens for a week 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 https://www.volunteersignup.org/4RJAC

Second hand Uniform Shop
2016
will take place
Tues 2nd February
after school

Leadership Assembly this Friday
Changing of the Guards

Year 5 parents you are invited to the end of year assembly this Friday in the gym, at 1pm. This years Year 6 leaders will be handing over the new leadership roles to the Year 5 students with their Year 6 jumpers for 2016.

So please join us to celebrate our leaders of 2016 and in thanking the Year 6 leaders for the amazing job they have done this year.

Year 5 and 6 teachers
Program Update
Here we are at our final week of OSH for 2015! It has been a fantastic year with lots of change and new exciting things! We have said goodbye to Jacinta and introduced Harriet, had a room overhaul, introduced new games and activities, had children run OSH and much much more!

Throughout the term the children have been working towards getting 6 points where a point is rewarded for acts of kindness, helpfulness or care is shown. Those children who reached 5 points got the exciting opportunity to run a day of OSHClub with a partner. Each day the pair will sit down with myself (Lauren) and discuss what activities they would like to run for the day and we talk about how we are going to do them and at what points during the afternoon. I then hand it over to the two lucky kids and they facilitate the day.

On Monday Kieran and Fearghus were our fearless leaders and decided to run Capture the Flag first and then go into making sherbert and baking brownies which were run at the same time. On Tuesday Callum and Amie were the OSHClub Captains and again we played a big game of Capture the Flag and then went onto same cricket and soccer outside and baking and decorating chocolate cake inside.

I am super excited for the rest of the week where today (Wednesday) Allison and Joseph are coordinating the day and tomorrow Ashton and Sulley are our leaders.

On Friday, as the last day of school we will be open from 1.30-6.30pm and will be starting Holiday Program on 18th January 2016.

See you next year!!

Reminders
If your child is booked to attend After School Care but other arrangements are made for their collection (such as a family member) or they leave school early due to illness etc., please call or text the program on 0400 394 409 to let us know. This avoids us having to look around the school grounds for children who aren’t actually attending ASC, and having to call parents and emergency contacts to determine the child’s actual whereabouts. We just want to know they are safe.

ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS!

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Coordinator: Harriet Assistant Coordinator: Niki, Issi
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85645040
BSC Hours: 7.00am – 8.45am ASC Hours: 3.30pm – 6.30pm
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.