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## Message from Principal

**Hi Everyone**

### MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

Don’t forget that our classrooms will be open and our teachers will be in on Tuesday 24th February from 6pm – 7pm. This is a terrific opportunity to pop in and say hello, ask questions and access all the information you need for your child’s class in 2015.

### PROTECTING KIDS ONLINE PARENT EVENING

Following our open classrooms we are running a very special parent information evening. Protecting Kids Online @ KPS will commence at 7pm on Tuesday 24th Feb 2015. This event is part of our Bully Stoppers and CARE program for 2015.

Protecting Your Kids Online presentation explains........

- The top three reasons kids use the internet.
- How technology changes the way kids communicate.
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How parents can reduce the risks and protect their kids online.

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### SCHOOL COUNCIL 2015

Congratulations and thank you to Janine Arantes, Mitul Bhargava and Rachel Naylor who have been elected onto our School Council for the next two years as parent members and Leah Morgan and Jacki Hopkins who have been elected as staff representatives. They will join our current members Julie Coleman, Stewart Waters, Phil Kemke, Antony Williams, Robin Grace and Andrew Wood for our first School Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 4th March at 7.15pm in the staffroom.

At this meeting we will elect our School Council office bearers including our School Council President and also discuss the co-opting of one more parent member to Council as we received 3 nominations and have 4 positions available. At this meeting we will also organise the membership of our sub-committees. The actual core work of our School Council is achieved via our sub-committees and we encourage parents to become involved with these each year. I will outline the role of each sub-committee and the meeting schedule after this first School Council meeting.

### STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING - MICHAEL YMER

Last Thursday was a very interesting day for our staff as they spent a double lesson observing Michael Ymer (Maths Consultant), demonstrate the elements of effective maths teaching in our classrooms. I was able to join the Junior School team in the afternoon. You would think that on a hot afternoon, maths would be the last thing students would want to do. However, the lesson was hands on and engaging for all. Michael is working...
with our staff on the idea of having one broader maths task or activity completed by all students in the class and ensuring that this task has a range of entry and exit points to accommodate the skills, knowledge and needs of all the students. In much of our teaching each day we are planning 3 or more different tasks each lesson to ensure this differentiation. An equally effective way is to devise a rich and broad single task that can be adapted readily to suit individual students. This method and style of teaching will enable us to deliver a more versatile and personalised program to our students.

Michael will return early next term for more in classroom modelling and a curriculum day with our staff. We are also organising a parent information night with him. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about how we teach maths effectively. No longer is it just the rote learning of number facts and times-tables. Our students need to understand a wide variety of maths concepts and skills and then be able to apply these effectively in a range of settings. We want our students to be effective thinkers and problem solvers in maths.

The date for this evening is Thursday 16th April. Please put it into your diaries now as it will be a very valuable session to attend.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION
I can report that we will not be running Special Religious Instruction via the Jewish Education Board this year. We only received a very small number of forms from parents indicating that they would “opt in” to the program if offered.

CALLING ALL GREEN THUMB PARENT HELPERS
There is always lots of work that needs doing around our school to keep it neat and tidy. During the year the Buildings & Grounds team will run several working bees to tackle some of the bigger jobs. If you are able to spare any time after school or on a weekend it would be much appreciated. Currently we have lots of mulching, sweeping and weeding on our to do list.

Please contact me at the school if you are able to help.

FOOTY SHOW COMES TO KEW PRIMARY
Our Year 1 and 2 students have been invited to become a star on the Nine Network’s Footy Show. The students will be interviewed about their thoughts on different players and it will be very amusing to see some of these, particularly their first reactions or responses! The vision will then be played when that particular player appears on the show. For example…if Trent Cotchin was on, he would be introduced by a clip of what the students at Kew Primary School think of him! (Take note students….any photo of a player in black and yellow is a legend, champion and star). Permission forms have been sent home and need to be returned by Monday 23rd February. The forms were quite lengthy but they form a legal requirement for such an event to take place. Filming will occur shortly after this date. It will certainly be a lot of fun!

FATHERS ASSOCIATION EVENT FOR THE MUMS, DADS & FRIENDS
We are very fortunate to have another chance to work with author Steve Biddulph who will present a session around “The Secret of Happy Children”.

When : Thursday 19th March – 7:30pm
Cost : $30
Where : Kew Primary School Gymnasium, Peel Street, Kew, 3101
Book online at: http://www.trybooking.com/GWVO

Please note that this invitation is open to all of our parents and friends. There is more information on a flyer attached to this newsletter.

Looking forward to Barefoot Bowls with the Fathers Association tonight. Another chance to wear one of my Hawaiian shirts from my collection!

Be Worthy!

James Penson
Principal
Kew Primary School
**Message from Assistant Principal**

Another busy and fruitful week has occurred at Kew PS and there is great news for our Visual Arts program that I am very excited to share with you. The Art Room has had a new kiln installed; the purchase of this kiln was made possible by the money raised from the SPLASH Art Show last year. Kerry Lomas is planning a wonderful clay modelling program for all the students which will begin in Term Two. The kiln will enable your children’s clay pieces to be fired and become more permanent treasures and family keepsakes.

Next Monday, a number of our Year three to six students will be attending the District Swimming Sports carnival, representing Kew PS. I know, along with all the teachers here at Kew PS, you will all wish them well, at this sporting event. They will be representing our school, doing their best and above all enjoying the carnival. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Clare Connor for all her hard work in putting the team together and encouraging our students to strive to do their best.

Many of you as you entered the Pakington Street gate, were aware that one of the school’s large trees opposite the Junior School, had died. It was a significant tree, registered with the National Trust. The Trust and the Boroondara Council were notified about the demise of this oak tree and dutifully came to inspect it, before we could have it removed. As it posed a safety issue for students, teachers and parents it was removed as soon as we were given permission to do so. This occurred yesterday, and while the tree will be sorely missed, the Buildings and Grounds subcommittee will be reviewing what can be planted in this vacant spot to provide shade for everyone and green up the area once more.

Robin Grace

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**Kew Primary School Blog**

Have you smelt the delicious Anzac biscuits cooking at school drop-off time? This week, Alex St Claire shares some thoughts on the school canteen (and how lucky Kew Primary is to have one).

All contributions to the school blog are welcome (and I’m more than happy to assist with images and editing). 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

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**Class Reps Required**

We are looking for parent volunteers to take up the role of class reps. This is an enjoyable and rewarding task organising social and school events for your child’s class. It is a great way to get to know other parents and children in the same class as well as help the teacher. If you feel that this is something you would like to do, maybe with another parent, please speak to your child’s teacher. Thank you.
Protecting Kids Online @ KPS, 7pm Tues 24th Feb 2015
(directly following ‘Meet the Teacher’ at 6pm)

This highly sought after presentation puts the spotlight on how parents can keep their kids safe while enjoying the benefits of technology. Whatever your concern: Predators, Cyber Bullies or Inappropriate Material, this compelling presentation will help parents understand that they don’t need to be a techie to keep their kids safe in cyberspace. Presentations are 90 minutes and include a question and answer period where participants can have a one-on-one with the presenter to dig further into what matters most to them.

If you can relate to any of the following statements, don’t miss this presentation.

- I want to understand what my kids use the Internet for.
- I am concerned for my child’s safety when they are online.
- I am committed to keeping my kids safe.
- I am confused about Instant Messaging and chat rooms.
- I don’t know what 99, LMIRL and WGP mean.
- I want to learn ways to monitor my kids internet use.
- I want to feel comfortable that my kids are protected when they are online.

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Madame T and the eSmart team
**PTA PEPPERCORN BBQ - THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA Start of Year Peppercorn BBQ last Friday night. We had lots of fun, and it was great that the rain didn’t stop us! How good it was that some, including James, recommended we set up under the gym awning which made it very comfortable when the rain came. The kids loved getting wet, and parents ‘loved’ taking home completely soaked but happy kids! A perfect night for all.

Thank you to all of you who helped make it a successful night. We cooked at least 500 sausages, and sold heaps of drinks and icy-poles. A total of $1500 was raised.

Salley Tung, Angeline Song, Emma Hindhaugh, Nikki Schwarz, Nicole Best, Loi Tran, Cate Thomson, Chrissy Franklin, Tamara Mynott, Alex St Claire, Liz Ellis, Jen Howard, Amanda Aitken, Belinda Holmes, Melanie Eades, and Dem Peterson.

HOT BBQ COOKER’S: A special thank you to Fiona Hollingsworth, Phil Kemke, Nikki Schwarz, Anna McDowall, Caroline Vernon, and Rob Hendley who cooked all the sausages & onions!

We are very grateful to our sponsors GLENFERRIE GOURMET MEATS (500 beef sausages), KEW BAKERS DELIGHT (25 loaves of bread), SAFEWAY/WOOLWORTHS (soft drinks $50). Thank you to Fatima who organised the Woolworths donation!

Please support these local businesses when you shop next :)

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**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

For families new to KPS, the **Second Hand Uniform Shop** sells pre loved uniform items (size 4-16). Run by parent volunteers, the Shop relies on donations of pre loved school uniforms when families leave KPS, or when their children outgrow their uniforms!

All items are laundered, in good condition & ready to wear! Items are $10 and under.

Sale days are once a month and dates are advertised in the newsletter. All enquiries to the office.

With thanks

Nikki McConnon
We are delighted to have **Steve Biddulph** return to Kew Primary School with...

**The Secret of Happy Children**

This funny, emotionally powerful, but above all practical talk, covers both girls and boys from birth to 21. Topics include...

How to raise children with backbone and heart.
Understanding your parenting style and what might be missing.
Soft love and firm love, and when to use which.
Discipline - it isn’t what you think.
Helping your family to slow down and be more connected.

Steve was a family psychologist for almost 30 years, and is one of the world’s best loved parenting authors. 130,000 parents in 27 countries have come along to his live talks. His books are in four million homes. Bring a friend or two, and enjoy a good night out that might even change your life.

When: Thursday 19th March – 7:30pm
Cost: $30
Where: Kew Primary School Gymnasium, Peel Street, Kew, 3101
Book online at

NB We regret that children and babies cannot be admitted to the talk.
Program Update

Last week we enjoyed getting active, participating in a range of games and sports to ensure we are looking after our physical wellbeing. Soccer, AFL and tennis were popular outside, while indoors we played ‘Duck Duck Goose’, limbo and ‘Help’.

The range of craft activities on offer has meant that our walls are starting to fill up with beautiful colourful creations! We designed and painted our own hot air balloons. We also created ‘butterfly paintings’ – discovering new patterns as we folded painted paper in half. Finger Knitting has made a big comeback this year, with lots of children spending their afternoons sharing knitting skills and experimenting with different patterns and colours. For Friday the 13th we made gooey slippery slime, and coloured in some scary monsters!

Green Thumbs – your help is needed!

We would love to start our own herb garden at OSHClub, so if you have any old pots in your own garden that you would like to donate to the program we would be very grateful.

Reminders

If your child is attending the program you must book in advance online, or for same day bookings please text or call the program so that we can add them to the roll, it is crucial that we have an accurate list of attendees prior to the start of each Before School Care and After School Care session to ensure our staff to child ratio is correct in order to maintain a fun and safe environment for all children.

A selection of Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

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Coordinator: Jacinta Assistant Coordinator: Lauren Assistants: Niki, Harry
OSHCub Head Office: 03 95649000

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 any day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
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Swinburne University are offering a free course that will assist parents, families and carers who live and work with individuals on the autism spectrum in April 2015. The course will run for 6 weeks and will be online based. Further information can be found through the link.


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