### Diary Dates

#### Nov
- **Fri 25**: Year 5 Campers return
- **Fri 25**: Assembly

#### Dec
- **Thu 1**: Final Step into Prep
- **Fri 2**: PTA Peppercorn BBQ 5pm-7pm
- **Tue 6**: Whole school transition 9am-12.30
- **Fri 9**: Assembly
- **Tue 13**: Whole school transition 9am-12.30
- **Tue 13**: Grade 6 Graduation 5.30pm
- **Tue 20**: Christmas Concert 9.15am
- **Tue 20**: Last day Term 4 Dismissal 1.30pm

### Message from the Principal

**STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING UPDATE**

Each term, our school delivers an extensive professional learning program for our staff. Recently this has included another classroom modelling session with Michael Ymer and PLT planning and PD with No Tosh. This has enabled increased skill and ability for staff to deliver an improved inquiry unit in Term 4 with students reporting much higher engagement levels through student voice feedback.

Our Staff Opinion Survey results for 2016 indicate that our professional learning program has been both well received and effective. Most pleasing to note is that the measures identified through research as key drivers for school improvement are very strong at Kew Primary and place our school in a positive position to continue our improvement agenda. These percentage endorsements are as follows:

- Collective Efficacy = 82.7% (whole school) & 88.3% (Prin/Teach)
- Collective Responsibility = 92.6% (whole school) & 95.5% (Prin/Teach)
- Staff Trust in Colleagues = 83.2% (whole school) & 92.6% (Prin/Teach)
- Collective Focus on Student Learning = 94.4% (whole school) & 93.2% (Prin/Teach)

The largest improvement in the staff survey for 2016 was Feedback. This is attributed largely to our “Observing to Learn” classroom coaching program that operated in Terms 2, 3 and 4. This involved all teachers working with a partner to observe and be observed with a specific focus on targeted teaching and differentiation.

**KPS AT ITS BEST!**

Last Friday our Year 3 and 4 students put all of their bike education skills to the test during the Middle School Bike Hike. This event saw over 140 students ride (via an indirect but very scenic route!) or walk to Hay’s Paddock and enjoy a BBQ lunch before heading back to school in the afternoon. The event and program overall required a massive amount of organisation beforehand. It also involved a huge number of parent volunteers and by my count this was over 50!
Thank you to our staff for this massive undertaking. Programs like this only operate because of the good will of staff who use large amounts of their own time to organising them. Thank you to our parent helpers for your amazing contribution. We had parents at checkpoints, riding with the groups, in support vehicles complete with trailers and of course, cooking the BBQ! Thank you also to the Boroondara Police who assisted with several road crossings as well!

Events like this highlight our wonderful extra curricula programs and more significantly showcase our amazing Kewmunity in action. None of these activities would be possible without the wonderful support of our staff, parents, carers and community members. I would challenge any school, private or State to match this level of commitment. We have so much to be proud of at our school.

Photos of the day are on display on the monitor outside the Art Room. Please take the time to have a look.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES & CELEBRATIONS
A reminder to all families that as we move into the final few weeks of the school year, many classes will be completing activities relating to Christmas.
I understand that not all families celebrate this event. If you have any concerns or if you would like more information about what each class might be doing please contact your child’s teacher or set up a time to meet with them. They will be more than happy to arrange an alternative activity or if needed make other arrangements with you so that our school can respect your own family beliefs and customs.

PEPPERCORN BBQ ON FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 5-7PM
We are seeking your assistance again to setup and help run this event. Please sign up via the following link:

https://www.volunteersignup.org/KPDD4

RELEASE OF GRADE INFORMATION AND 1/2 DAY TRANSITION SESSIONS
Our staff structure is now in place and we are making the final adjustments to classes for next year. This information will be released in a special letter sent home with all students on Monday 5th December. The letter will contain the full staff list for 2017, the name of the student’s teacher and a map of where the classrooms are located. This will assist all students to go directly to their new classroom at 8.50am on Tuesday 6th December for the first of our 2017 1/2 day transition sessions.

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA
We would like to invite all parents and carers who have assisted us in some way to a special thank you morning tea provided by the staff. This will be held on Thursday 1st December at 10.30am. Please let us know if you will be attending by contacting the office by Monday 28th November.

FAMILIES REQUIRING THEIR SCHOOL PAYMENTS TO BE SPLIT
If you require your school fees and excursion costs to be split between parents please contact the school by email to request this. Both parents will each need to send an email. This request must be received by Friday 2nd December as once the fees are on the family’s account they cannot be altered until this time next year.

Be Worthy!
James Penson - Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

Parent involvement at Kew PS has always been a very positive aspect to our school life and this was very evident at last Friday’s Bike Ed celebration ride to Hay’s Paddock. This event could only take place because parents volunteered to ride with groups of students, man checkpoints, or cook the BBQ luncheon. Prior to this day many parents had helped with the Bike Ed training activities that took place at school over a number of weeks. I would like to acknowledge all this wonderful support from our parents and to thank them for their efforts. The organisation of the Bike Ed program as well as the celebratory ride is enormous and Clare Connor and Katie Braemar need to be acknowledged for their efforts in contributing to the success of program as well as all the teachers in the middle School Team- Jacki Hopkins, Shenel Raif, Phoebe Stanmore, Patricia Incerti, Elizabeth Murray and Niall O’Brien as well as the ES teacher aide, Natalie Grummit.

Last night the middle school held a parent information evening regarding the Grade Four camp at Mount Evelyn for 2017. The dates for this camp are from Monday 6th February until Wednesday 8th February 2017. This is a great first camp for our students to start their camping experience and because it is held in the second week of Term One 2017, it was important to have a parent briefing this term. It was heartening to see so many parents attending this briefing and I would like to acknowledge the staff who contributed to the evening and they were Shenel Raif, Katie Braemar and Niall O’Brien. All of us had attended this camp over the years, myself included, and have thoroughly enjoyed the facilities and activities offered by this YMCA camp. Having the camp so early in the year ensures that the Year Four students feel special, learn to challenge themselves in unfamiliar surrounds and learn to work collaboratively in pairs and groups.

Last Monday’s weather had tragic consequences for a number of people because of the syndrome called “Thunderstorm Asthma” which, incidentally I had written about in previous newsletters. It is a timely reminder to make sure your child’s asthma plan is up to date and that their class teacher as well as the office staff are notified of any changes to these plans. Student safety is of paramount concern for all the staff who work at Kew PS and being informed ensures we are able to give the best medical treatment to any student provided we have the latest medical information.

Robin Grace
Peppercorn Writing Competition

We had 75 entries which Sally and I really enjoyed reading.

The writers of the best entries were presented with certificates and book prizes at Assembly. The best entries from this year and last year will be compiled into a Worthy Words Anthology early next year.

Congratulations to all our participants and especially our winners.

**Prep Winner** – Connor Duns
**Highly Commended** - Ted Richmond-Smith

**Year 1 Winner** – Jason Sun
**Highly Commended** – Thomas Pelosi

**Year 2 Winner** – Anya Curry
**Highly Commended** – Chloe Dwyer

**Year 3 Winner** – Joffre White
**Highly Commended** – Lucas Arantes

**Year 4 Winner** – Lara Aitken
**Highly Commended** – Vincent Karcher

**Year 5 Winner** – Oskar Von Wyss
**Highly Commended** – Fearghas Bennett

**Year 6 Winner** – Ruvina Suriyapperuma

**Senior Poetry** - Damon Webb
**Junior Poetry** – Caitlin Sun

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**Scholastic Bookclub Orders**

Last day tomorrow for Book club orders.

Christmas orders can be held at the office.
Billy Carts For Auction.

There are only 2 billy carts left for auction! There will be a silent auction for the remaining Billy carts, The Ghost Busters and the Royal Racing Force. All donated money will be going to the Royal Children's Hospital. Please donate generously. Thank you 😊

When: Auction opens, Friday 25 November
Starting time: 9am
Closes: Monday 5th December
Closing time: 3.30 with pay and pick up please
Where: viewing outside office
Questions: Please see Andrew or Sonia.
Peppercorn BBQ
Friday 2nd December
5pm to 7pm
At School, Under the Peppercorn Tree

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS/CARERS & KIDS TO CELEBRATE THE END OF THE YEAR!
Sausages, Salads, soft drinks & icypoles for sale.

THIS IS A DRY EVENT - PLEASE NO BYO

HOUSE SHIRTS

Great News!

From the beginning of 2017, the House Sport Polos will be available for purchase from Bob Stewart, High Street, Kew

Shirts are $25

All polo tops in stock at KPS are now reduced to $20 per shirt until sold out – limited sizes available – be quick!

The polos will be available after school on Thursday 1 Dec outside the Library.
**Program Update**

This week at OSHClub our goal was the learning outcome communication with the students and children communicate effectively!

What an amazing week to explore our goal, on Monday the children explored an amazing creative experience where they were asked to choose their own teams, mix with other ages and genders to create a masterpiece using a recycled box! The teams communicated so well and encouraged each other along the way “more glitter here” exclaimed James to Kieran his partner, “Let’s use the pegs as the cameras surrounding the box” added Ashton in his group. Once all the teams had finalised their project we sat down as a team and showed each other our listening ears, waiting for our turns and asking questions about one another’s projects! What a supportive learning environment we have formed!

On Tuesday afternoon we all went across to the gym to play dodgeball!!! The game encourages team work, hand eye coordination skills and persistence. The educator also decided to get involved in the game which made it extra exciting, although Lachlan did manage to get Hamish out! We ran around the gym trying to catch balls, throw balls and yelling out words of encouragement to our friends from the side lines, what a fun session!!

In the kitchen this week we became chefs making our favourite treat chocolate crinkles!! in the cooking activity we needed to measure out the ingredients, count the parts and again communicate effectively. With the educator’s assistance and having a team leader we completed the activity and they were delicious!!

As the year comes to an end we would love to see some more parent learning stories completed to capture the events of your weekend so that we can implement these ideas into the programming! Thanks again to our wonderful families who contribute to our program day in and day out!!

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 by 9am for late on the day bookings

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**Next Week’s Activities**

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**Parent Information**

OSH program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Harriet Cousins-Palmer
Assistants: Lachlan, Lauren
OSHC Club 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.
Trivia Night
Friday, 25 November 2016 from 7.00pm

EPC invites you to join us for a fun-filled evening to support our invaluable services.
North Balwyn Bowls Club
66 Southcote Avenue
Balwyn North Victoria 3104
$20 per head. Tables of 10 available
Bar Food only to keep you fueled for the night
Venue is licensed with drinks purchased at the bar
Liquor license granted 8pm to avoid missing out
Telephone: 1300 130 813

Major Raffle Prizes
Drawn on 25 November 2016

1st Prize: Dinner for two (including taxi, bell boy, wine & entertainment) at 1300 Hours - Total Value $500
2nd Prize: Package to enjoy a weekend away in Phillip Island - Total Value $300
3rd Prize: Pair of tickets to enjoy a weekend away in Phillip Island - Total Value $200
4th Prize: Pair of tickets to enjoy a weekend away in Phillip Island - Total Value $100

Other Prizes
Available on the night
- $200 Barra shark gift voucher
- $100 Eumundi Cheese gift voucher
- $50 Target gift voucher
- $50 Bunnings gift voucher
- Bottle of Glenmorangie Scotch Whisky

Saturday November 26, 12pm – 5pm

Visit www.hawthornwestps.org.au or 7/11hawthornwestPS for event details
Something for everyone at our community fair!

Kew Primary School
Special introductory offer
Children 15 years and under play for free for up to 1 hour when playing with 1 or 2 paying adults.
Practise on our driving range or play on one of our 86 courses - Pebble Beach, St. Andrews and Royal Melbourne to name a few. Or for something different, try our golf arcade games. Just mention you’re from Kew PS.
Offer valid all day Monday to Friday (finishing by 5 pm), and weekends finishing by 5 pm. Subject to availability. Advance bookings recommended. Offer ends 30.12.16.

Golf in the School Holidays
When boredom sets in, send the kids in to us where they can play golf safely under supervision (our coaches have Working with Children cards).
Two children can play for the price of 1 player for 2 hours, PLUS receive a free soft drink each. Just $55 – SAVE $25.
Up to four children can play for the price of 2 players for 2 hours. Just $85 – SAVE $40.
Offer valid 9 am - 5 pm Monday to Friday from 23 December until 30 January 2017, subject to simulator availability. Offer not valid in conjunction with any other offers, discounts or free vouchers. Advance bookings recommended.
Donations to be left in the box outside the office. If you would like to see a list of suitable items to donate please go to www.sharetthedignity.com.au