



Kew Primary School Newsletter

14th October 2009

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Diary Dates	
October	
Thurs 15	Yr 2 City Excursion 7.15pm Community Meeting Jnr Hall
Wed 21	Cultural Diversity Day—information in this newsletter
Thurs 22	Yr1 City Excursion
Fri 23	3.30pm Preloved Uniform Sale
Sun 25	CHILDREN'S WEEK - to Nov 1 Whole School Working Bee 10am—1.00pm BBQ afterwards
Mon 26	Yr 4 Excursion EcoLink
Wed 28	Yr 6 Careers Expo
Fri 30	World Teachers' Day
November	
Thurs 19	Parent Info Evening Preps 2010 parents Jnr Hall

From the Principal

Dear Families

One of the really great things about Kew Primary School is the broad mix of cultures that we have in our community. We have in excess of seventy students who were born outside Australia, and they represent over 20 different countries from around the globe.

Next Wednesday is our annual *Multi-Cultural Day*, where we celebrate this variety of cultures in our school. We encourage all the students to dress in a way that represents their cultural background, and we will be having a special day of activities with the students being placed in Prep-to Year 6 groupings for a range of educational experiences. We hope all of our students can participate fully and learn a little more about our diverse community.

Parents of Year 3 and 5 students should have received the annual NAPLAN report this week. It was sent home with each student in Year 3 or 5 – so check the bag if it hasn't yet surfaced! Initial analysis of the NAPLAN results reinforce how well our students perform in literacy and numeracy. We have a very large percentage of students performing well above expected national standards, and we were really pleased to note an increased group performance, even when state standards in some areas dipped. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the NAPLAN test report please see your child's teacher.

Don't forget the working bee on Sunday 25th October!

Graham Pratt
Principal

Canteen Roster:

Friday 16th October :Sacha Kann, Nicole Wilson, Rachel Kloss, Ruth Woolven & Sally Sutton.

Monday 19th October: Julie Coleman, Susie Clarke, Sue Stewart, Dawn Scholey & Rachel McLaughlin.

Thank you all,

Judy Osborn (Canteen Manager)

Monday Lunch Orders Only

NEW Yummy Chicken Breast crumbed served in a wholemeal roll with lettuce & tomato (mayonnaise optional)
\$3.00

Also Crumbed Chicken Breast Nuggets
3 for \$1.50
6 for \$3.00



IMPORTANT - PREP 2010 ENROLMENTS

KPS Parents: If you intend to enrol your child for next year's Prep intake please do so now! Our enrolments for next year are filling fast and we are now sending out the information for the Term 4 Transition program to next year's Preps.

We also need to have enrolments in as soon as possible to assist us with planning for 2010

If you have friends or neighbours who have not yet enrolled please let them know also that they need to attend to this now.

REMINDER

Whole School Working Bee
Sunday 25th October 2009
10:00am to 1:00pm (BBQ to follow)

If any parent would like a weekly email reminder that the newsletter is online please email the school at kew.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Subject:: *Newsletter Alert*

If you have changed your email address please give us your updated address.

Term Dates 2009

Term 4 5 October to 18 December

Term Dates 2010

Term 1 1 February to 26 March

Term 2 12 April to 25 June

Term 3 12 July to 17 September

Term 4 4 October to 17 December

October School Council Report

Last December 2008 Council President Peter Slifirski and I wrote to the Victorian Minister for Education and Secretary of the Department of Education and Early Child Development, communicating concerns raised by the School Council. part of that letter reads:

The efficacy of the education programs at KPS is under threat because of overcrowding and underfunding (play-space is 50% below recommendation for a school of 500 students according to guidelines set out by DEECD). While The Council imposed a cap of 500 students this will be breached in 2009 as the School cannot refuse entry to children living in Kew. Population statisticians tell us that the Kew population is steadily and relentlessly increasing and that, given proximity to the city and access to community amenities, facilities and services, this trend will not abate.

The School requires DEECD to act immediately to expand the School site should the Anglican (or Uniting Church) seek to divest their assets abutting (and across the road from) the school (respectively). Upon notification by the School DEECD must investigate and report on these once-in-a-generation opportunities so that DEECD can immediately purchase land and buildings that will allow the children's learning programs to diversify and develop and their learning outcomes enhanced.

The Executive and Teachers at KPS are dedicated to delivering to our children what is legislatively mandated in Victorian State Schools – free, secular, quality education programs. The School Council and its sub-committees are committed to supporting this staff and their programs. We have noted and applauded the December 2008 'Melbourne Declaration on Educational Outcomes for Young Australians', signed by all Federal and State Education Ministers, calling for teachers, parents and the broader community to emphasise student wellbeing and values. However, given that the goals which underpin the National Curriculum indicate:

- *students should graduate from school with 'a sense of self-worth' and 'personal values attributes such as honesty, resilience, empathy and respect for others',*
- *students must 'act with moral integrity' and appreciate Australia's religious and cultural diversity, governments and schools must commit to bridging the gap between rich and poor students, we wonder how we can achieve this for our children if their school is overcrowded. We can't do it on core values alone.*

There is a Community Meeting tomorrow night (Thursday October 15th) at 7:15 in the Junior School Hall to discuss development at and around the school in light of the sale of the Uniting Church's Bodalla Nursing Home (across the road from the School). As indicated in the letter above, notification of the sale of that property (and implications for Kew Primary School) has been given to DEECD in an August 2009 letter, which can be read below.

Nina Iser, Council Vice-President

To read this letter go to the link on the School Council page of the KPS website

FROM THE LRC

Term 4 – After the lovely 2 week holiday, we are still a little relaxed – and we are forgetting to return our overdue library books. Could you please assist your child to remember their library day, and pop their books in their bags. Most classes have half the class with overdue books at the moment and I would love to correct this.

Welcome to the LRC – Helen Broadbent – Replacing Emma in the LRC this term will be our 'retiring' teacher Helen Broadbent. Helen will work on Thursday and Friday with the Grade 2,3,4 students and their teachers.

Book Club – For the past 4 years the lovely Deborah Gardner (mother of Zac in Grade 6) has been running a very successful Book Club that benefits the school library as well as our community. As Zac (& Deborah) move on to High School next year, we are looking for a keen volunteer to take on this role for 2010. If you are passionate about books and could see yourself involved with the school in this way, please call me on 98538325 next Monday 19th October or Tuesday 20th October. We have a window of opportunity to train you while Deb is still running the book club and would love to get plans settled for next year.

Famous Authors visit Dymocks Camberwell – Older girls will love the opportunity to meet Maureen McCarthy (author of Flash Jack) this Thursday afternoon at 4.30 in the coffee shop next door to Dymocks in Camberwell. This is a free event.



Wonder if anyone recognises these wonderful book characters?

Children's Week Sat 24 Oct to November 1

Visit www.education.vic.gov.au/childrensweek for a selection of events taking place around the state during Children's Week.

Cultural Diversity Day

On **Wednesday 21st October**, KPS will be celebrating Cultural Diversity Day. Students will rotate through 3 different cultural activities, participate in a Parade of Nations and take part in a YOGA class in the afternoon. **Remember** to dress up in a nation of your choice, and **don't forget** to order your gelati before 17th October. The order form is available on our website.



Performing Arts News

Dance Pro

Once again over sixty boys and girls have enrolled in the lunchtime dance program for Term Four. We are starting this week.

Timetable

Year One boys and girls – Tuesday in Music Room

Year Two Girls - Tuesday in Junior Hall

Year Four boys and girls with boys from Year Two and Three – Wednesday this week but will continue on Thursdays (Junior Hall)

Year Three Girls – Thursday in Music Room

Julie Campbell Performing Arts Teacher



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS about Kew Primary

(from the Education Subcommittee)

Q: Why isn't there a curriculum day before Melbourne Cup Day this year, when there has been in the past?

A: The state government has told state schools which days must be taken as curriculum days in 2009. These were the first three days of term 1 and June 12th. For 2010 the student free/curriculum days are: 27-29 January and 11 June.

Ready Set Walk!

Walktober Walk-to-School, the highly successful VicHealth event aimed at getting more children walking to and from school, is being run again throughout Victoria on Wednesday 21st October 2009. Last year 322 primary schools across Victoria participated in the event, with over 60,000 children walking to school on the day. For more information see www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/walktober

Pupil of the Week

For:

PPR	Sofia P	Excellent reading and writing.
PBC	Whole Class	Being such kind and caring buddies to the kinder kids.
PJB/ PAD	Talei M	Making a great start to Kew Primary School.
PPD	Priscilla Y Siena M	Fabulous illustration that she made of a snail including labels. The effort she is putting into all her writing activities.
2DO	Tayla E Charlie Q	Her contributions to class discussions. Always being a considerate and caring class member.
2DM	Loc D Parth A	Greater participation in class discussions. Being well mannered and respectful to others.
2GB	Shreya R Angelina L	Sharing her excellent Maths skills with the class. Sharing her ideas during classroom discussions.
2MW	Imogen H Edward L	Showing improvement in her Maths activities on "Money". His outstanding effort at the Gateways Program on Electronics.
3PI	Billie P	Excellent understanding of 'Enviro' newspaper article.
3PT	Laura F Romy R	Being a super cooperative member of 3PT. Working extra hard on Maths activities. Excellent effort!
4NR	Ewan C	An excellent understanding of the newspaper articles he is collecting about the environment. Well done!
4SH	Valerie W Volkan O	Improvement in finishing her work on time. Enthusiasm in his research about coral.
5MH	Samantha J Jack C	Being a conscientious and caring class member. Being a polite and helpful class member.
5KB	Javier C	Producing high quality work and listening to instructions.
5KC	Sabrina D	Taking responsibility for her own learning and working hard to produce a brilliant presentation on Nepal. Well done!

Congratulations to Tom M (2DO) who ran in the 5km marathon last Sunday. Tom ran with his Mum Cait.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION
THURSDAY OCT. 15 at 7:15pm
KEW PRIMARY JUNIOR HALL

Families of Kew Primary School and the Kew community PreSchools (KPSA kinders) are invited to attend a community conversation to discuss development at the Uniting Church Bodalla Nursing Home (opposite the school).

In July the Uniting Church announced the site will shortly be sold for development. The School Council has notified the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, the Minister for Education and the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development.

This forum is facilitated by the Kew Primary School Council. Attendees include:

Kew Primary School Principal and School Councillor,
Graham Pratt

Kew PreSchool Association Enrolment Officer,
Naomi Allen

Boroondara City Council Community Development
Director, Ms Jackie Briggs

Boroondara City Councillor for Studley Ward,
Cr. Phillip Healey

KEW COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Wednesday is salad day. All salads are \$3.50 each. Please order online via *Lunch Monitors*, or by paper bag at the office before 12 midday on TUESDAYS.



No late orders accepted.

Wed October 21 – Seasonal Fruit Salad with Yoghurt. \$3.50.

Wed October 28 – Soba Noodle Salad with Chicken or Soba Noodle Salad with Tofu. \$3.50.

Orders by bag at office OR online with Lunch Monitors no later than midday on Tuesday.

Reminder, Tuesday is Sushi day. \$2.20 each. Choose from salmon, chicken teriyaki, cooked tuna or avocado. Orders by Lunch Monitors only no later than midday Monday.

Lunch Monitors is a quick and simple to use online ordering site. After ordering, please check you receive a confirmation of your order via email. If there is no confirmation then the order has not been processed and your child won't receive any lunch. Queries about ordering online or setting up an online account can be directed to Lunch Monitors on 1300 132 338 or info@lunchmonitors.com.au

KCK needs volunteers. If you are able to spare a short time on Wednesday mornings from either 9-11:30 or 11:30 -1:30 please contact Claire Raeburn on 0414 967 170 or clairetiesler@optusnet.com.au

Thank you. Miriam Eldridge

Can You Help? ...Please?

Year 6 Careers Expo

We are organising a Year 6 Careers Expo for Wednesday 28th and Friday 30th October. If you would be interested in talking to a group of students about your field of work (only about half an hour), please fill out the form below and return it to your child's classroom teacher.

We would be interested in hearing about any field of work and we can be flexible with times/dates.

Thank you in anticipation,

Arnold and Alexis, School Captains

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Name: _____

Child's Grade _____

Occupation: _____

Contact number: _____

Preferred day: (please circle)

Wednesday 28th, October

Friday 30th, October

In Your Shoes- Unwanted Footwear Collection

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In Your Shoes is an unwanted footwear collection program which aims to divert reusable shoes from landfill. Collected shoes are then redistributed to local charities and international communities so disadvantaged people might benefit.

A group of year 6 students have formed a committee to collect all unwanted but clean and wearable footwear from families at Kew Primary. What a perfect opportunity to spring-clean your wardrobe and assist disadvantaged people both locally and overseas.

So far we have collected 200 pairs of shoes! There are only two more days until the shoes are collected from Kew Primary so please send any unwanted shoes to school with your child by this Friday. A big thank-you to everyone who has donated shoes so far...a little help goes a long way!





Osh Specialist Activities, Term 4

NAME OF CHILD/REN

I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES (if there are 2 children please circle) clearly

	Activity 1	Activity 2
<u>Monday</u>	Grade 5 & 6 Awesome Monday activities for Grade 5/6. There is a separate form available from the OSH building for this activity	Wacky Science *NEC Creative fun and games with crazy experiments.
<u>Tuesday</u> which children is doing what activity PLEASE CIRCLE)	JUNIOR GOURMET COOKING Prep-grade 4 The students will be able to learn new cooking techniques and skills and will be provided with a recipe book including all the recipes they have cooked at the conclusion of term.	<u>Stretch</u> Homework group.
<u>Wednesday</u>	JUNIOR GOURMET COOKING Prep-grade 4	Summer Sports*AA Xavier will be running cricket
<u>Thursday</u>	JUNIOR GOURMET COOKING Prep-grade 4	AeroActive*AA A 7 week program teaching children a routine which will be performed with other schools in the Boroondara area. Performance date 17 th November (Separate excursion note will need to be filled in).

*AA Funded by the Australian Federal Government's Active After School Program and therefore the \$30 charge doesn't apply

*NEC NO EXTRA CHARGE (NEC) In term 1, the OSH program is not charging the extra \$30 for Stretch or yoga/Body Stretch

I understand that the charge of \$30 per activity, per term will be added to my first OSH account of term 1. I also understand that as my child is enrolled in the OSH program, they (the program) will be responsible for him/her during this period with the current enrolment form covering all medical and emergency details required for these activities.

I understand that if my child does not wish to participate at any stage throughout the term I cannot be refunded any portion of the initial \$30 payment.

Signature (Parent/Guardian)_____ Date_____

Important Information

The program aims to provide all students an opportunity to explore different activities in a safe environment, and to diversify the range of opportunities available within the OSH program. All activities will be run at Kew Primary School and are properly supervised. Classes are run by a mixture of OSH staff and external experienced instructors. These instructors have a vast knowledge of their task and work well with the students. Specialist activities change on a term by term basis. Activities run in addition to the regular OSH program. There is a \$30 charge per activity for the term (1 session per week) except where stated (for example *A.A activities). Therefore the afternoon charge for children attending specialist activities is *OSH Charges – CCB + \$30 = Total*. Any child wishing to participate in the Specialist Activities must be enrolled in the OSH Program and have completed a current 2009 enrolment form (available from the OSH building or school office.)