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Kew Primary School acknowledges the Wurundjeri people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and we pay our respects to their Elders past present and aspiring.

Diary Dates

October	
Fri 13	Boroondara Division Hot Shots
Mon 16 - Thu 19	Yr6 Camp Coonawarra
Mon 16 - Fri 20	Prep Swimming Program
Wed 25	Prep Parent/Carer Showcase
Thu 26	Division Cricket Finals
Fri 27	House Lap-a-thon
Mon 30	Yr4 Street Art Excursion
Tue 31	Yr5 Scienceworks & Planetarium Excursion

Term Dates 2023

Term 1: 27 Jan - 6 April

Term 2: 24 Apr - 23 June

Term 3: 10 July - 15 Sept

Term 4: 2 Oct - 20 Dec

Curriculum Days 2023

Term 1: Tuesday 14 March

Term 2: Monday 24 April

Term 3: Monday 24 July

Term 4: Monday 6 November

Message from the Principal

Welcome to the final term of the year at Kew Primary School. We trust that you as a family had a lovely and refreshing holiday break, and this has got you ready for an exciting term of learning to come. The final term is always busy with events and activities such as transition, graduation and end of year festivities and we hope that this will be a special time for students and families.

Our staff here at Kew Primary School do a wonderful job educating our fantastic students and we really appreciate the way our families encourage and support our KPS team. This year, World Teachers' Day is on Friday 27 October. It is an opportunity to say thank you for the incredible contributions teachers make to our community. We will recognise the passion teachers have, and how teaching has extended beyond the classroom to maintain connections through flexible learning. We will be celebrating World Teachers' Day in a number of ways on this day but as always, our staff gain so much from your positive affirmations, support and acts of kindness.

The KPS Lapathon is fast approaching, and I thought I would take this opportunity to share with everyone who is new to the school, what it is and how it works. This annual major fundraising event will take place on Friday 25th October 2023 with students running or walking laps on designated courses for both the Prep-2 and 3-6 year levels starting at about 9.15am. Parents, carers and friends are welcome to come to school and clap and cheer as the students complete laps of the circuit in their house colours. Prior to the event students (with your help and guidance) will have received sponsorships from family and friends who have agreed to financially support your child to complete laps around our school. There are prizes that have been advertised for outstanding fundraisers and of course each house is competing for the coveted Lapathon shield.

This weekend Kew Primary School will be a major polling centre

in Kew for the vote on the referendum. Of course, this will mean that many community members will come to the school and be given the opportunity to purchase sausages, cakes and other food and beverage items that support our school fundraising efforts. As a school community we are so grateful to the PTA and all the parents, carers and friends of the school who have volunteered their time to bake, cook, sell and support this program. Your efforts often go unheralded but please know that we are so appreciative of all that you do to make our Kewmmunity such a great place to be.

Finally I would like to congratulate all of those students who competed in the division athletics program yesterday. It is so wonderful that you had the opportunity to compete at such an amazing level and to also represent our school with such distinction. Our thanks go to the parents and carers who were able to go along and support the event.

Pete deWacht
Principal

Message from the Assistant Principal

Welcome back

I would like to welcome back everyone to Term 4. In talking to a number of teachers and parents this week it seems we all feel healthier...maybe a result of sleep ins, some quality time with family, or completing long awaited tasks (including the enjoyable activities such as settling down with a good book).

Students too have come back rejuvenated with stories from the holiday break. As well as sharing adventures in the yard, teachers have given opportunities in classes to connect and celebrate with their peers' vacation activities. Beyond simply sitting down to write a journal, students shared through 'turn and talk' and interviewed others to elicit information before writing about their adventures. Teachers look for any 'hook' so that the students are engaged in their learning and writing about their holidays is one of the 'hooks' used.

Camping news

I had the privilege of joining the year 5 students and staff on their camping trip to Camp Manyung in Mount Eliza in the last week of term 3. There is a great deal of administrative component to planning a camp which starts the year prior and staff are away from their family during the camp period. They do so as they understand the importance of the students building intrapersonal and interpersonal skills with their peers and teachers in a more relaxed setting.

I saw a number of students stepping out of their comfort zone, being calculated risk takers trying activities that they were initially scared of and I saw the pride on their face when they felt successful. I saw students who for the first time washed dishes, cooked a damper; some had to learn how to pack their bag.

On Monday, we will farewell our year 6 students and staff members as they head off to Camp Coonawarra which is nestled in a wonderful bush setting on the Iguana Creek in beautiful East Gippsland. Their camp is an adventure camp as well and we wish them a great time on camp.


I am very grateful for the time that our staff members dedicate to camp so that our students can experience a positive time in a more relaxed setting and continue to learn. Staff acutely feel the responsibility when they take your children on camp and are on duty for 24 hours, remain awake until every single student is asleep (which could be at around midnight). I thank our staff for their professionalism and dedication as they have every student best interest at heart.

Sunhats

A reminder that all students need to wear a broadbrim sunhat in Terms 1 and 4 as per our SunSmart policy which is saved on Compass. Baseball or peaked caps and sun visors are not considered a suitable alternative, as they do not protect the ears, cheeks or neck. If they don't have a broadbrim sunhat, they will be instructed to stay in the shelter shade, under cover in front of the library and the gym. Please ensure your child has a named broadbrim hat so that they can enjoy the outdoors during the breaks.

See you around the yard,

Peggy Mourelatos
Assistant Principal



Come Celebrate OUR Love of Poetry

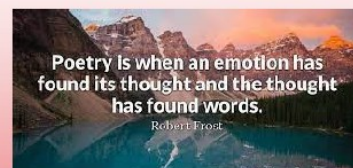
Come and celebrate our love for poetry!

We are throwing open the doors and welcoming you into the classroom to hear the students perform, recite and celebrate our love of the written word.

When: Friday 10th November.

Time: 2.30pm - 3.15pm

Where: Your child's classroom.





2023 PTA EVENTS

TERM 4

MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER TO WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER

2023 Referendum – Saturday 14th October (Volunteer spots are available on the day)

House Lap-a-thon – Friday 27th October– 9:30am to 11am (PTA run event)

Curriculum Day – Monday 6th November

Peppercorn End of Year BBQ – Friday Night 8th December – (Year 5 Parents to organise)



Reminder:

2023 KPS House Lap-a-thon – Friday 27th October

Donation link on trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLKRT>

Calling for PTA Volunteers in 2024

If you would like to volunteer and help out with the many events run by the PTA in 2024, please contact the school office (03) 9853 8325.



Notes:

Please add these dates in your diary, as events can only run if enough people volunteer to help. Event Details and 'Save the Date' reminders to follow.

Class representatives will take the lead on their year level event with year level parents being asked to help. This means you will only be asked to assist on your child's year level event.

To contact the PTA: please email the office, kew.ps@education.vic.gov.au with 'PTA' in the subject line and they will forward your email onto the appropriate PTA member.

Thank-you in advance from the Kew Primary School PTA.

Kew PS 2nd Hand Uniform SHOP!

Rain? Sunshine? Need options...

Well, come and visit the school 2nd-hand uniform shop.

Open from 3 - 4pm.

HATS / BAGS / CLOTHES all \$5 / item.

The shop is located inside the Main Building between the Gym and the front office. (Look for the clothes rack and ask one of our friendly assistants for directions.)



Donations can be delivered to the school office at any time (only school branded / Bob Stewart / PSW items please). We are always looking for volunteers.

If you are available, please come along just before 3 (no prior notice needed) and sort donations / help at the shop.

Dates:

Dates for term 4 (please note these have changed):

Term 4: Fri 20th Oct, Fri 3rd Nov, Fri 17th Nov and Fri 1st Dec

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Timetable

Tuesdays

4:10pm-4:45pm
Junior classical

4:45pm-5:30pm
Junior Jazz/Acrobatics

5:30pm-6:15pm
Inter Jazz/Hip Hop

6:15pm-7:00pm
Intermediate/Senior Classical
ext.

Contact: Jayde Coulle

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Thursdays

9:15am-9:50am(Little Darlings)
Tiny Steps combo

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darlingdstudios@gmail.com

Saturdays

9:10-9:45am-(Little Darlings)
Tiny Stars Combo

9:45am-10:45am
Sub-junior Jazz/hip hop/ballet

10:50am-11:35am
Junior Hip Hop/Contemporary

11:40am-12:25pm
Inter/Senior Jazz

12:25pm-1:25pm
Inter/Senior
Classical/Contemporary