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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	
Mon 30	Yr4 Street Art Excursion
Tue 31	Yr5 Scienceworks & Planetarium Excursion
November	
Wed 1	Yr6 Action Team Exhibition
Thu 2	Prep Community Walk
Mon 6	PUPIL FREE DAY
Fri 10	Poetry Celebration from 2:30-3:15pm
Mon 13	Yr1 Zoo Excursion
Fri 17	Yr4 Hays Paddock Bike Ride

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 a very special day on the school calendar which is World Teacher's day. This year the theme is Hats off to teachers and I would encourage everyone to go and visit the official website [World Teachers' Day - 27 October 2023 \(worldteachersday.edu.au\)](https://worldteachersday.edu.au) for a few other ideas on how to make this day special for all teachers. At Kew Primary School we like to take this time of the year to thank all of our teachers who do such an amazing job, teaching, supporting and caring for our students and their families. For anyone who had the opportunity to take on the role of home educator during the lock down period they would understand how complicated, demanding and of course rewarding the work is. You are all worth your weight in gold and on behalf of the Kewmmunity I would like to say thank you to our team and we are very proud of you!

At Kew Primary School our staff are constantly working on developing and improving our pedagogical (teaching and learning) practice and delivery of the [Victorian Curriculum](#). One of our major focus areas this year has been the development of the way we think about, plan for, deliver and evaluate the [mathematics curriculum](#). Over the coming weeks and months we will be talking more about this critical component of the curriculum and how it is evolving, however, in the meantime I would once again like to point everyone to some of the online maths resources and activities the Department of Education has on offer for you and your children through the DET [FUSE](#) portal.

The KPS Lapathon took place today with beautiful weather conditions to support our young athletes as they took to the track. It was so inspiring to see students from Prep to Year 6 making their way around the track at their own pace striving to create or beat their personal best efforts. Having the support and encouragement of so many families and friends certainly makes the event a very special one at our school. We would also like to thank all the students (and their support teams) for the effort put into the fundraising for the event. We will inform the Kewmmunity how much we raised in the coming weeks with a third of the funds raised going to one of our

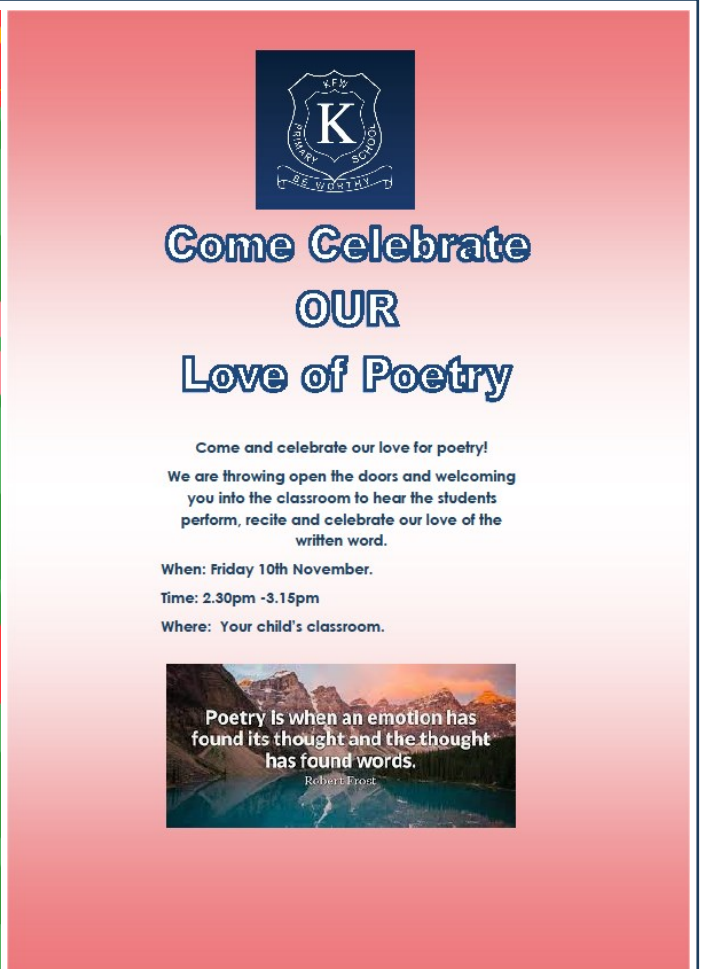
charitable partners the Victorian [Foodbank](#) who do tireless work supporting families in need.

The Lapathon certainly brings us together as a community whilst helping to raise funds for projects within the school, which this year will be the development of the outdoor environmental garden learning space. Work has begun already with the installation of the shade sails to protect our students from the sun and the installation of the gates to separate the playing and learning space from the school car park. The next stage involves a landscape garden company transforming the area, installation of garden furniture, stage area and vegetable and plant beds. Students have also begun collaboration with an indigenous artist to create a lasting mural on the water tank which will be a great feature in the space. Our gratitude goes to the School Council PTA and Buildings and Grounds teams for their tireless work making this all happen.

We are excited to share that on Tuesday 31st October 2023 at 5.30pm our Foundation (Prep) team will be running an information evening for all of the new families of Prep students who will be joining us in 2024. This is a very special time for families as they get themselves ready for the next exciting chapter in their lives and we look forward to welcoming each and everyone of them into our learning Kewmmunity. If you are aware of a family that is considering enrolling at our school in 2024 and has not yet done so, could you please encourage them to contact the school office as soon as possible.

Finally, a reminder that Monday 6th November will be a student free Curriculum Day. Whilst families have the opportunity to enjoy the long weekend together the staff here at KPS will be hard at work collecting and analysing student learning data, moderating student work and working on curriculum development.

Pete deWacht
Principal





2023 PTA EVENTS

TERM 4

MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER TO WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER

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 3rd Nov, Fri 17th Nov and Fri 1st Dec

Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children parent seminars

The Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children (VAGTC) provides free seminars to educate and support parents and carers of high-ability children. The next seminar:

[Visual Puzzles / All Age Games for the Gifted](#) - **November 14, 2023 19:30—21:00**

"Come and join us as we share our love for games, puzzles and offer some ideas that are wonderful for gifted children especially heading into holiday time! Puzzles and games provide a platform for cognitive growth by stimulating critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills. Children (and families) can strategize, plan, and adapt within the context of games and puzzles, while also fostering social interaction, encouraging communication, cooperation, and healthy competition when played with peers, family, or friends."



PROGRAM INCLUDES

- 01** 9–3pm each day
- 02** Cricket, Soccer, Netball and Basketball on offer
- 03** Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- 04** Guest appearances at selected programs



THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP!

\$234.50 for 3 days!
Offer ends November 19!



It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants

Dates

January and late December. See website for more details

LOCATIONS

Doncaster, Canterbury, Kew, Bulleen, Kew East, Hawthorn

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