



Diary Dates

Message from the Principal

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| Feb | |
| Fri 15 | Assembly - 3pm Peppercorn BBQ 5pm - 7pm |
| Wed 20 | Prep Free Day |
| Thu 21 | Prep Information Evening 6:30pm - 7:30pm |
| Tue 26 | Meet the Teacher Interviews 3:45pm - 6:00pm |
| Wed 27 | Meet the Teacher Interviews 4pm - 5:30pm Prep Free Day |
| Mar | |
| Fri 1 | Assembly - 3pm |
| Mon 11 | Labour Day Holiday (Public Holiday) |
| Thur 21 | Community CARE Day (Harmony Day) |
| Sun 24 | MCC Social Event Barefoot Bowls |
| Apr | |
| Thur 4 | Special Persons Breakfast 7:30am |
| Fri 5 | End of Term (Pupil Free Day) |

It has been a wonderful week of learning here at Kew Primary School and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, parents and staff who have made my transition into the role so enjoyable and smooth.

At Kew Primary School we are focussed on continuing to build our learning community with a clear focus on building our Vision, Values, Learning and Teaching model. Over the coming weeks and months I look forward to unpacking these central pillars of our organisation with the community but feel it is important to start with our school vision Be Worthy. As a staff we spoke at length about what it means to be a worthy member of the Kewmmunity and the word integrity kept coming to the fore with the view that it is so important to be your best no matter who is watching. As Principal, I believe in my heart that we are all worthy however, there is always opportunity to set new goals, learn new things and develop as individuals.

I had the great pleasure of attending the Grade Six information night on Tuesday this week and was overwhelmed by the number of families who were able to come along and attend the session. The information presented by the staff and students gave everyone in the room a great sense of what will be happening this year and a clear understanding of how we can work together to achieve excellent learning outcomes this year for all students. Building a strong partnership between the home and school is one of the keys to learning success and I want to thank everyone who participated in this event and made it such a success.

This Friday we are looking forward to the first Peppercorn BBQ for the year taking place. Kew PS families are encouraged to come along purchase something to eat and enjoy the company of other families on what we hope will be a lovely Melbourne afternoon. This will be your chance to catch up with old friends and make some new ones along the way. We want to thank Jen, Andrew and the rest of the team for getting this first school event up and going.

The PTA has worked really hard to create and publish a list of school events for the year. This dynamic team is very creative and aims to build community engagement as well as undertake fundraising activities that support our school programs. The PTA is going to work very closely with the Classroom Parent Representatives again this year in order that more people can be actively involved in the growth and development of our school. Please contact Belinda or one of the PTA members if you feel that this is the year that you want to get more involved in school life.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the week and we will see you on Friday night at the Peppercorn BBQ.

Pete deWacht
Principal

Term Dates 2019

Term 1: 29 Jan - 5 April
Term 2: 23 Apr - 28 Jun
Term 3: 15 Jul - 20 Sep
Term 4: 7 Oct - 20 Dec

Message from the Assistant Principal

As we are nearing the end of week three there is already so much to celebrate. The Year 4's have returned from a fabulous camping experience, Year 3-6 have competed in the House Swimming competition, the Year 6's are working on their billycarts as part of their leadership experience, Interschool Sport teams are getting ready to begin competition and of course our Preps are settling in to the routines of school. The Year 5 prep buddy program is up and running, providing support for the newest members of our Kew community and offering mentoring opportunities for our Year 5s.

The leadership group and teaching staff are planning key learning opportunities in line with the Annual Implementation Plan, for reading, writing and mathematics. We are aligning staff Professional Learning to the plan, to ensure that we achieve the best learning outcomes for your children.

In the library, Ruth is encouraging students to consider how they choose books. Do they come from browsing, looking at the covers, recommendations or research? This is an important aspect of our reading program as children need to read books (lots of them) that are Just Right. Just Right in terms of their reading and interest level.

The enrichment team is picking up children who need extra support and assistance with English, if this is not their first language.

You also may have noticed displays around the school about our school book Mr Qwerty. Classes are thinking about the concept of ideas and how all ideas are worthy and should be appreciated. There is a sense of inclusion in this picture story book; a consistent theme across our school.

Sally Marsh
Assistant Principal

Kew Primary School Blog

The school year may have just started but the Year 4s have already had time for a camp! Read about their trip to Mount Evelyn on the blog.

Want to get involved? All contributions are welcome. Please drop me a line at:

katrina.w@ozemail.com.au

Katrina Whelen



UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES

All Victorian government schools must contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. At Kew PS, we adhere to this requirement and have chosen to SMS parents/guardians, notifying of any unexplained absences prior to 9:30am. This requirement supports student safety and wellbeing. Schools need to know when and why a child is absent, and parents/carers need to know if their child is not at school. Prompt communication also promotes daily school attendance.

Parent/Guardian's responsibilities.....how can you assist! Parents and carers must notify the school of their child's absence as soon as possible, on the morning of absence by telephone, email or via COMPASS. All students arriving late to school MUST sign in at the office using the COMPASS Kiosk **before** going to class. They will be issued with an arrival slip, which needs to be given to their classroom teacher. Please note, If your child is arriving late and you as the parent/guardian are not present, the absence will not be approved and you will be asked to return to Kew PS to sign in your child. If you know your child will be away for an extended period of time you should notify the teacher of the dates.



THE PEPPERCORN BBQ

FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY
2019

5.00-7.00pm

Come and join us under the peppercorn tree for some family fun. The Peppercorn BBQ is held at the start and end of each school year. There is yummy food and drinks available for purchase. It is a fun and informal gathering in the school grounds so please come along and enjoy!

Grandparents and special friends are more than welcome to help celebrate our school KEWmunity. The PTA note that this is a dry event – please don't BYO.

THE BBQ PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR KPS PARENTS/CARERS AND CHILDREN TO CELEBRATE THE START OF ANOTHER GREAT YEAR.



KEW
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sausages

\$2.50

**Butter Chicken
with Rice**

\$6.00

Dahl with Rice

\$6.00

Soft Drink

Bottled Water

\$2.00

Icy Poles

\$1.00

IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH THE PEPPERCORN BBQ COULD YOU PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE LINK BELOW. IT'S AN EASY AND FUN WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

[VOLUNTEERSIGNUP.ORG/8XCRJ](https://volunteersignup.org/8XCRJ)

**KEW
PRIMARY
SECOND
HAND
UNIFORM
SALE**



**OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL LIBRARY
FROM 3-4:30PM**

**FEB
15TH &
22ND**

**ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM PIECES
AVAILABLE, ALL STOCK MUST GO!!**

PTA News

Thanks to everyone who came to our first meeting of the year. What a great turnout with parents of new and returning students sharing their thoughts. Extra thanks to those who couldn't make the meeting but got in touch to express interest in helping with events.

Included in the newsletter is a summary of proposed events for the year. Please put these dates in your diaries and look out for updates as details are finalised.

Belinda
PTA President

PTA EVENTS FOR THE YEAR

TERM 1:

Peppercorn Welcome BBQ – Friday Night 15th February 5-7pm

Named after the Peppercorn tree, this is a chance to meet and catch up with school families. Please see the flyers around school for further details.

Volunteers required please sign up: <https://volunteersignup.org/8XCRJ>

MCC Social Event – Sunday afternoon 24th March

(PTA to organise). We are just working with MCC on dates for a barefoot bowls event. Details to be announced soon.

Special Persons Breakfast – Thursday Morning 4th April

(Year 6 Parents to organise & assist). This is a breakfast at school to celebrate all of the special people in our students' lives so come along with mums, dads, carers, grandparents and siblings.

TERM 2:

School Disco – Friday 3rd May from 5pm

(Year 2 Parents to organise and assist). A night of fun for the students. There will be two sessions held (P-2 then 3-6) in the school gym with plenty of dancing and singing.

Mother's Day Stall – Thursday 9th May (During school)

(Year 4 to organise and assist). Students will be able to purchase something special from the school stall.

Mother's Day Social Event – Friday 10th May

(Volunteer parent organising). An opportunity for mums and carers to catch up. This will be held at an external venue and details will be announced soon.

Federal Election BBQ/Cake stall – May

(Sub-committee required). Note: Date to be confirmed by the Government.

Parent Social Movie Night – Thursday 13th June (Date dependant on movie releases).

(PTA to organise)

A night out at the cinema.

TERM 3:

Major fundraising event – *Date to be confirmed*

(Sub-committee required) This will be an exciting whole school event!

Father's Day stall – *Thursday 29th August (During School)*

(Prep parents to organise and assist). Students will be able to purchase something special from the school stall.

Father's Day social Event – *Friday 30th August*

(Year 1 Parents to organise). An opportunity for dads and carers to catch up. This will be held at an external venue.

Football Day Dress up – *Thursday 19th September (During school)*. *(Year 6 Action Team to organise)*

TERM 4:

House Lap-a-thon – *Thursday 24th October (TBC) – (During school after lunch)*

(Year 3 parents to organise and assist). A fun way to raise funds with students seeking sponsorship to walk or run as many laps as possible over a timed period. Which house will win the Lap-a-thon shield this year?

Kids Fest – *Tuesday 26th November – (During school after lunch)*. *(Year 6 Action team and staff to organise)*. An event driven by the students with each class hosting stalls or activities for the students to enjoy.

Peppercorn End of Year BBQ – *Friday Night 6th December*

(Year 5 Parents to organise and assist). Similar to the BBQ at the start of the year except this time we gather to celebrate the year.

Please add these dates to your diary, as events can only run if enough people attend.

Also keep an eye out for any updates as some details may change throughout the year.

This year we are trialling class representatives and year level parents taking the lead on organising the allocated event. Many in our community have expressed interest in helping out and this means that we can spread out the opportunities to help, and you can focus on your child(ren)'s year level event. Of course, you can volunteer for other events as well and we will need everyone's assistance with the large fundraisers.

Please email the PTA if you have any questions or ideas: kewprimarypta@yahoo.com.au or speak to Belinda Wong-Barker (PTA President) or Kate Cannard. We'd love to hear from you!



Chess Tournaments for Schools
Equipment Sale and Hire
Group and individual coaching
Special Chess Events
School Chess Club Assistance

Enquiries: info@northernstarchess.com

Chess Victoria - Primary Open Zonal Tournaments - Term 1, 2019

Northern Star Chess is proud to be conducting the following **Chess Victoria** zonal events for Primary School students. We would like to invite your school to participate in one or more events.

Northern Star Chess tournaments are individual-based events (not team-based), so there is no restrictions on the number of students attending from a school. You may have just 1 student interested, or you can bring a bus load. Emphasis is on participation and the opportunity to experience tournament conditions.

The top 30% of all students and the top 30% of girls in each tournament qualify to represent your school at the official Victorian State Final series, which are conducted by Chess Victoria in term 4.

The tournaments:

1. Tuesday 5th March - St Bridget's Primary School - Open Primary Zonal

Address: 36 Sweyn St, North Balwyn

Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

2. Tuesday 19th March - Hampton Park Primary School - Open Primary Zonal

Address: 32 Somerville Rd, Hampton Park

Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

3. Thursday 4th April - Kangaroo Ground Primary School - Open Primary Zonal

Address: Graham Road, Kangaroo ground

Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Cost: For each tournament, the cost per student is \$20. Your school collects the money and we invoice the school after the tournament.

Format:

- Individual based tournament
- Every student plays 7 games against players of similar skill, regardless of how many games they win or lose (Swiss pairing method)
- Students experience proper tournament rules
- Gold/Silver/Bronze medals awarded to various grade/year level categories
- "Star of the tournament" trophy for top scorer of the day
- Table prizes/giveaways.
- Chess Victoria State Final or Semi-final qualifications announced at the end of tournament based on results for the day.

How to register:

To avoid disappointment, please make contact as soon as possible to indicate your interest and approx. numbers (Ring Pearl on 0407 072 250 or use the Enquiries email below).

When you have more definite information, please send an email with

- Tournament (venue & date)
- Student list: including name, gender and year level
- Name of responsible adult accompanying the group
- Details of an official contact person

to: register@NorthernStarChess.com

Enquiries: info@NorthernStarChess.com

Further information: www.northernstarchess.com/Tourney_CV.html

Kew Primary School

After School Chinese Lessons

Welcome to 2019 Term 1 Afternoon Chinese Class with Melissa Liu.

Please come and join us every Monday and Tuesday at 3.30pm from Monday 4/2/2019 to 25/3/2019 (7 weeks classes \$84) and Tuesday 5/2/2019 to 26/3/2019 (8 weeks classes \$96).

Please note: No class on 11/3/2019 (Labour day).

Class Activities including singing, games, speaking and reading that will help your general conversation skills in Mandarin Chinese.

Teacher: Melissa Liu Contact: 0422 600 395

Email: melbchinesechool@gmail.com

OR Direct Deposit to:

**Melbourne Chinese Secondary and Primary School Inc
BSB 0133542794 95468 ANZ Templestowe Lower**



我們一起來學中文！
(Let's learn Chinese together!)

Melbourne Girls' College



INFORMATION SESSION & OPEN DAY

for 2020 Enrolments into Year 7

YEAR 7/2020 INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday 30 April

In the College Lyceum

Daughters' Surnames A-K Arrive 6:30pm - Finish 7:30pm

Daughters' Surnames L-Z Arrive 7:15pm - Finish 8:15pm

No registration required.

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 1 May

9:30am - 2:30pm

No registration required.

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