



## Diary Dates

## Message from the Principal

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Thur 5	The Magic of Animation Excursion - Yr 3
Fri 6	Assembly - 2:45pm
Tue 10	Policy, Education & Communication Sub-Committee Meeting - 7:15pm
Wed 11	Book Week Guest Speaker: Yr3 - Yr6
Fri 13	Yr 4 Hoop Time Book Week Performance
Tues 17	Senior School Hoop Time
Fri 20	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
Mon 23	Kew District Athletics
Thur 26	Father's Day Stall
Fri 27	Assembly - 2:45pm

It is a great feeling to have our students and staff returning to school after another challenging couple of weeks here in Victoria. I would like to personally thank all of our students who continued to do their best during the online sessions and to all of the parents and carers who supported the program. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to all of those families who continue to be affected by COVID-19 here in our state and beyond.

Kew Primary School has completed another round of remote and flexible learning as a result of the most recent lockdown that took place in Victoria from the 16<sup>th</sup> July to the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The staff did a very good job moving quickly from onsite to online learning and this is a credit to the collective planning work that the staff did prior to the lock down beginning. The school focus was on providing continuous learning programs for students in literacy, numeracy, units of inquiry and specialist programs. The learning sessions took place on MS Teams throughout the school day with students working in cohort, class and small group settings on a range of topics. Additional support was provided to students by the Enrichment, Specialist and Integration staffing teams. In addition, the school ran an onsite learning program for children of essential service workers and those deemed vulnerable under the DET guidelines.

The staff will continue to support those students who will not be able to return to school on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July due to being in quarantine beyond the scheduled return to onsite learning date. The goal will be to provide these students with learning tasks and resources and rebuild connection with peers and staff.

I just wanted to remind everyone that children under 12 years of age and students at primary school are not required to wear face masks when at school, or when attending an OSHC program. Face masks are mandatory however for all school students aged 12 or older on public transport and when in taxis or ride-share vehicles. This includes travelling to and from school on public transport or in a vehicle with others not from your household.

The 2021 3 Way Conferences scheduled for Tuesday 20th July 2021 were cancelled due to the recent lock down. The aim is to reschedule this important program to a later date when there is greater certainty about when it can be held safely.

A reminder that the next scheduled date for 2022 School Tours will be Wednesday 11th August at 10.00am for families hoping to come along and see our school at work.

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**reading**  
**challenge**  
school

### Term Dates 2021

Term 1: 28 Jan - 1 April

Term 2: 19 Apr - 25 June

Term 3: 12 July - 17 Sept

Term 4: 4 Oct - 17 Dec

Like many of you I am a big fan of the Olympics and have been enjoying many of the sporting events during this most recent lock down period. At the time of writing this article it was exciting to hear that Ariarne Titmus had just won her second gold medal in the pool in the 200-meter freestyle. Many of our students will be keen to find out more about the Olympics and in particular our Australian Olympic Team, For a whole lot of Primary School Student friendly online resources I would suggest you visit the Department of Education website [FUSE](#) for a whole lot of fantastic learning resources.

Pete deWacht  
**Principal**  
Kew Primary School

### Message from the Assistant Principal

#### REMOTE LEARNING

It has been so great to see smiley faces walk through the gate on Wednesday and it brought a smile to my face when I saw 3 students run towards each other, hugging each other and jumping in joy in a circle when they saw each other.

I echo Pete's message and thank our staff for the diligent manner in which they quickly and efficiently switched to remote learning during the lockdown. The collegiate planning, teaching and collective efficacy that occurs in our school enables a seamless transition when we have to go into lockdown.

Thank you to the families that have juggled work commitments, family and their child/ren learning during the remote learning period. I am also very thankful to our students for virtually participating in the lessons day after day. We know they prefer to be face-to-face and learn from their peers and teachers in the classroom; however, under the circumstances, they showed great resilience and adaptability.

I am also very impressed how our staff have switched back to face-to-face learning whilst still teaching the students who are impacted by the 14-day isolation. I experienced the professionalism and flexibility of the staff firsthand when I visited the year 5 teachers in action with this hybrid model: students in the classroom and students on MS Teams participating in the same lesson. We haven't had to deliver the hybrid model before since students had been able to return back to school once lockdown had been lifted and our staff have again adapted and learned on the spot.



Caitlin facilitating the students learning from home so that they can see the teachers and the instructions

Our thoughts are with those families having to self-isolate and we understand that it has not been easy. We send positive thoughts your way!

#### CONNECTING LEARNING WITH THE COMMUNITY

The Unit of Inquiry in Years 5 and 6 has an Indigenous focus this term and The Year 5 and 6 students are exploring biographies as part of their Literacy lessons. They virtually interviewed [Shelley Ware](#) so that they could write her biography and she inspired the students to follow their dreams.

Shelley was a staff member at KPS and jumps at the opportunity to connect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander History and culture into classrooms. Our Year 5 and 6 students are very fortunate to have spent time with Shelley as she has a very busy schedule and we are grateful for her time and passion.

This is what Bailey, Max M & Maxi from Year 6 said:

*"On Microsoft Teams we had a guest speaker Shelley Ware who gave the Year 5/6's a talk about her life and career. She taught us about her success, the challenges, and how to keep working on your dreams. She talked about how she won the Fujitsu Woman of the Year Award in 2019 and left us all inspired. We interviewed Shelley because our*



Unit of Inquiry is about Indigenous Australians and their culture. We are also learning about biographies, so we will be using the information Shelley gave us to write one about her”.

Have a safe end of week and weekend.

See you all around the yard.

Peggy Mourelatos

**Assistant Principal**

## WELL BEING

Since the beginning of this academic year, Kew Primary School has been embedding *Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationship (RRRR)*, a Social and Emotional Learning Program mandated by the Department of Education and Training Victoria.

The program covers eight topics: emotional literacy, personal strengths, positive coping, problem solving, stress management, help-seeking, gender and identity, and positive gender relations. Efforts to promote social and emotional skills and positive gender norms in children and young people has been shown to improve health related outcomes and subjective wellbeing. It also aims to reduce antisocial behaviours including engagement in gender-related violence.

The RRRR Program is an integral part of the weekly timetable. We refer to it as ‘Wellbeing’, as we believe it is more relatable for the students in our school. The RRRR learning materials use a range of collaborative learning strategies which in themselves, provide opportunities to develop social skills. Some examples of collaborative learning strategies used within the RRRR Program include small group problem solving, scenario-based discussions, skill development exercises, role plays and storytelling.

On our ‘Wellbeing’ board, we recently displayed work carried out by some of the classes in the ‘Personal Strengths’ topic. In 1AO, the students read two different books based on fairness and honesty, also linking with their PYP Unit of Inquiry, ‘Our family histories are shaped by culture’. In 2LB, the students drew examples of situations they demonstrate a particular personal strength. In 4DH, the students wrote about their individual personal strengths.



The RRRR Program is synonymous with our CARE Values: Community, Achievement, Resilience and Empathy. Kew Primary School recognises and appreciates individual students for their dedication to these values. At Assembly each week, there is certificates awarded to students who show commitment to these values.



Cheyenne Holmes  
CARE Team Leader

# Library News

The Library was renovated over the school holidays. Using funds from the voluntary payments to the Library and Learning Fund, the Library was repainted and then new carpet was laid. The Library is a popular space and it is now more clean, welcoming and comfortable. We look forward to inviting parents to visit when allowed.

## Before the renovation



## After the painting and then the carpet



## Ready for classes



## BOROONDARA FAMILIES

Growing Together



FREE  
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SESSION

### Families and technology: Navigating the digital world with children

7pm to 8pm, Wednesday 11 August 2021

Is technology playing a negative role in the lives of your children and family? Are you constantly facing a battleground over technology? In this free online session presented by Daniel Donahoo:

- Unpack opportunities and challenges with parenting in a world rich in technology
- Understand how to positively shape the role of technology in children's lives
- Learn different approaches and parenting techniques to technology having a positive place in the family.

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### Setting boundaries with your primary school aged child

7pm to 9pm, Thursday 9 September 2021

Setting boundaries is a healthy way for children to feel safe and secure. Join us for this two hour interactive webinar, presented by Sharon Muir from ParentZone, to discuss:

- The best ways to build positive relationships with your primary school aged child
- How to work together to develop clear boundaries
- What to do when boundaries are challenged.

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### The secrets of happy children

8pm to 9.30pm, Wednesday 27 October 2021

Steve Biddulph is a psychologist, bestselling author and one of the world's best known parent educators. Join us in watching Steve's comprehensive, entertaining and warm hearted overview of childhood from baby to adulthood, pre-filmed in front of a live audience. Steve will offer practical information and cover:

- Analysing your parenting style and how to find the right balance
- What discipline really is and how kids grow to be independent
- Building positive mental health in your family.

Tickets: \$10 per household

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