

Diary Dates

Apr	
Thur 16	Michael Ymer Parent Night
Fri 17	Pupil Free Day
Sun 19	1st Working Bee 9am-12pm
Sat 25	ANZAC Day
Tue 28	Year 6 Billy Cart Race
Thu 30	House Cross Country
May	
Fri 1	Mother's Day Lunch
Mon 4	Year 4 Swimming
Tue 5	Second Hand Uniform Shop
Thu 7	Mother's Day Stall
Fri 8	Mother's Day Raffle
Mon 18	Year 5/6 Swimming

Reminder
Pupil Free Day
tomorrow

Term Dates 2015

Term 2 - 13 Apr - 26 Jun
Term 3 - 13 Jul- 18 Sept
Term 4 - 5 Oct - 18 Dec

Message from Principal

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone was able to enjoy some family time and recharge ready for the very busy term ahead. We were lucky to have some warm weather during the holidays and it has continued into this week. Fortunately we updated our Sunsmart Policy last year to extend the time students are required to wear their hats. We are now in line with the recommended practice by having students wear hats from September through to the end of April. After all the sun doesn't know when Term 1 finishes!

KEWRIOSITY

I am excited about many events and plans this term including our Kewriosity sessions that started on Monday. I am working with the Preps and our group is using technical Lego kits to build animals that move. This is a Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) focussed group and we have ensured that there is at least one of these across all levels of the school. Thank you to Sonali Le Brocque for lending the kits we use to our school. Sonali also runs a Bricks 4 Kidz session each Thursday at lunchtime. Please see the flyer in this newsletter if your child is interested. Here is a photo of Nash with the monkey he made!



This round of Kewriosity will run for the next 4 weeks and after that we will move into our CARE program. In Terms 3 and 4 we will run another round of Kewriosity groups.

HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP EVENT

I am also looking forward to our home school partnership evening with Michael Ymer at 7pm tonight. It is not too late to attend if you haven't sent

through your RSVP. Child minding will also be available in the library. Michael worked in several classrooms today, modelling effective maths teaching and he will also be working with our staff during tomorrow's curriculum day.

Other events and activities this term include:

- History inquiries
- Year 6 Billy Cart race
- House, District & Division Cross Country
- NAPLAN testing
- Carnival Book Fair
- Maths Olympiads
- Adidas Lapathon
- School Disco

And much, much more!

ANZAC CENTENARY @ KPS

Over the holidays, as part of our Centenary of ANZAC grant, work was completed to refurbish and move the WW1 Marble memorial into a more prominent position. This memorial is now located in the corridor outside the main office.

Next Friday at 2.30pm we will be holding a special ANZAC service assembly. This will be attended by The Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, Federal Member for Kooyong and Assistant Treasurer. During this assembly, all the names contained within our special Kew Primary School Honour Book will be read out. There are over 270 of these names. As the oldest and largest school in our area it is clear to see the significant sacrifice and contribution made by our school community during this time.

If you know of a local family that may have a relative with a name in our honour book, please let them know about our service next week. I have included all the names on the back of an invitation that was sent home with students and we will also have the names displayed on our new large TV display outside the office.

Each grade will be making a wreath to lay beneath the memorial and all students will have the opportunity to walk past both the marble memorial and also the Wall of Remembrance that we are putting on display. This wall will provide all students who have had a family member or relative serve in any conflict to record their details and have these on display. Please see more details about how to add names to the Wall of Remembrance later in the newsletter. Students will also be making poppies to place near the memorial and also in our ANZAC display in the library.

A REQUEST

After school I sometimes see students walking and running with lollipops and chuppa chups in their mouths. This is potentially a very dangerous thing to do and I request that students do not eat lollipops in the yard. If these have been provided as a special treat or to celebrate a birthday, students will be asked to take them home to enjoy there!

SKOOLBAG UPDATE

Did you know that Version 3 of Skoolbag is available? It is ready for downloading at both the Apple App and Google Play Stores. This version fixes the issues with the current Android version, and also brings it up to date with the same features that have been on iPhone for some time.

There is now also a dedicated iPad version in the iPad App Store!

If you are using an earlier version of Skoolbag installed on your device, you may see this new version as an app update, and you can install it as an update. Some users may already have automatic updates switched on, in which case the app will update itself.

New Version 3 features include:

- Supports iPhone 6 and 6 Plus resolution
- Rotation/landscape view when viewing landscape on larger resolution devices.
- New interface design and content navigation improvements
- Colour coded for each school
- iPhone Version has new Accessibility mode for visual impaired users.
- iPad Version

SOMETHING OF INTEREST!

Finally, I was interested to read recently in the press that a national analysis of the NAPLAN results of nearly 3000 children found Catholic and independent students have the same educational levels as their state primary peers.

The research presented at the Australian Institute of Family Studies conference compared Grade 3 and Grade 5 NAPLAN results. Researcher Ian Moran from the University of Wollongong found that after controlling for factors like household income, health indicators and parent education level, there was no statistical difference in the academic achievement of children from similar backgrounds, regardless of which type of school they attended.

The research found that it was the children of a healthy birth weight, who grew up in higher socio-economic circumstances in homes filled with books and had mothers who didn't work long hours who performed best at NAPLAN.

This matches the research of Professor John Hattie (who I have referenced many times in newsletters and communications) who when looking at all the different factors that influence education outcomes found that 50% of what a student achieves is determined by factors outside of the school environment.

What does matter for schools is the quality of the teachers. This is the largest factor within the control of a school and Hattie measures this at 30%.

Whilst this research is very pleasing to me as a passionate advocate for our Victorian State Education system, it is also important to note that NAPLAN is just one measure of a school's performance.

A school should be judged on the whole educational experience it offers including the academic and wider curriculum programs, extra-curricular opportunities such as student leadership programs and the student engagement, personal development and wellbeing programs that support students to learn and grow as individuals and as part of a connected community.

I believe that as a whole community we should be very proud of our school and what it offers. Our staff is incredibly hard working and we have a very detailed and structured professional learning program that ensures all of our staff continues to develop and grow their skills and knowledge. Each year we make a heavy investment in our staff professional learning. Our professional learning team approach also enables a greater level of consistency across our year levels as our teachers plan and teach together in these teams.

We should also celebrate the immense contribution and involvement of our parents and wider community across all facets of our school. This parent input means that we are more than just a school, we are a Kewmunity and this sets us apart from other schools... State, Catholic and Private!

The research highlights the vital importance of our home school partnership. There are things that parents can do at home that can make as big or even more of a difference than what we can do at school. By continuing to support each other and working together we can ensure that all of our students at Kew Primary get the very best of both worlds.

See you at the working bee on Sunday...don't forget...all students that attend with a parent receive a \$5 lunch order voucher!

Be Worthy!

James Penson

Principal

Message from the Assistant Principal

Welcome back to Term Two at Kew PS. I trust you all had some quality time with family and friends during the break. I have been hearing lots of holiday stories from students across the school and it seems many movies, play dates, visits to other states as well as stays at the beach or in country Victoria were experienced by a number of the Kew families. The students seem very happy to be back and I must admit, I noticed many parents smiling at drop off time on Monday morning; some even seemed relieved that the term had started!

Our school uniform is something to be proud of so I am getting in early and requesting that you have your child's uniform named clearly so that if they should lose an item of their uniform, it can be easily returned to them. Let's make it easy for our students by marking those vests, hats, windcheaters, etc., with a permanent marker instead of the blue pen or biro as this is not permanent in any way. It will also be a great help to Nikki McConnon, a hard working parent, who does a really great job caring for our lost property. Also, please remember that Kew Kids are still required to wear their Sunsmart hats until April 30th.

This Sunday morning we will be having our first working bee at the school from 9:00 until 12:00. As always, many hands make light work so if you can spare an hour to come along and help, it would be greatly appreciated by the Buildings and Grounds Sub-committee. The jobs needing completion are the spreading of tan bark and weeding along Peel Street which is looking rather sad at the moment.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

As we return to our classrooms in Kew, one of our grade six students is having a very different school experience - in Switzerland! Find out about Owen's Swiss adventure on this week's blog.

Do you have something you'd like to share on the blog? All contributions are welcome. Please drop me a line at: katrina.w@ozemail.com.au

Katrina Whelen



2015 International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS)

Once again we will be offering ICAS as an optional assessment for students. The ICAS form was sent out to student in Year 2-6 on Tuesday. If you are interested in your child taking part please return the payment and form to your child's teacher by Friday 1st May. No late entries will be taken after this date.

Sonia Hocking

**Sibling photos -
Please collect from
the Office**



Poppy Wall in Library

Library News

ANZAC Day Poppies

All students should have received a template for making poppies for our special ANZAC wall in the library. Please leave completed poppies in the box at the office and collect more templates if you want.

Click this link for a tutorial on making poppies (thanks to Bethanie and Connor Clarke)

http://www.kewps.vic.edu.au/files/5414/2909/3922/poppy_tutorial.pdf

Premiers' Reading Challenge

Nearly 500 books have been read by Challengers so far. It's not too late to join and if you are having any problem with your login send me an email

woolven.ruth.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Family reading afternoon

On Wednesday May 6 the library will be open after school until 5.30pm for a family reading event. More details next week – put the date in your calendar.

The following article discusses some research results on the importance of reading to young.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/research/readtoyoungchild.pdf>

Discover the history of the Abbotsford Convent in French!

For the first time in history, you can tour the magnificent Abbotsford Convent and learn about the site's rich history in French – the native language of the Sisters!

In 1863, four Sisters from the Good Shepherd Order established a convent in Abbotsford. Many years on – after being saved by the community from residential development – the site has been converted into an arts, culture and education precinct.

Those familiar with French are invited to discover the diverse history of the Abbotsford Convent; from its use as a meeting point for the Kulin Nation, to its days as a convent when the Good Shepherd Sisters ran a closed monastic site for over a century, to the present day arts, culture and education community.

Gorgeous and passionate Convent tenant Delphine Laboureau-Ormancey of [French Tête à Tête](#), who has over 20 years experience teaching the language, will guide participants through the dramatic interiors, serene grounds and unrestored dormant spaces – giving insights into the different lifestyles that existed throughout the Convent's history. Make a day of it by indulging in some scrumptious food from any of the Convent's hospitality outlets or relaxing in the heritage gardens while the sun sets!

BOOK YOUR FRENCH TOUR TODAY

Saturday 9 May, 2pm | Saturday 13 June, 2pm \$15 / \$12.50 conc.

Madame T et Madame P

ANZAC Appeal

Badges and other items are available for sale from the office starting from \$2



Found

A Michael Hill watch with black strap and black watch face, a pair of black Marcs spectacles in their case and another watch with a black leather style strap and silver watch face.

If any of these items belong to you please collect from the office.

Name: (soldier's name – please delete this bracket)

Date of Service:

Conflict:

Service Provided:

Related to: (Kew child and grade- please delete this bracket)

(Please insert a photo here if you have one)

To celebrate the centenary of Gallipoli, Kew PS will be making our own Wall of Remembrance to honour those who have served in all wars/conflicts. We have provided a template for you to complete as a family to be proudly displayed outside Mr Penson's office.

Please save this document

http://www.kewps.vic.edu.au/index.php/download_file/625/151/

to your computer to enable you to type in the details and return by MONDAY 20th to the office or email to

hocking.sonia.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

No hand written replies will be accepted.

Cybersafety @ Kew PS

During term 1, all classes from Year 1 - Year 6 attended an Cybersafety Education Workshop run by Kidproof. During these sessions, students learned about safe and unsafe situations online, cyberbullying, how to recognise warning signs, online etiquette and the skills they need to make safe choices. Students then discussed their learning in class and created their own Cybersafety posters, which were entered into a Kew Primary Competition. The posters displayed an encouraging level of understanding about Cybersafety issues among our students. The winners were announced at the last assembly of term 1 with the posters projected onto the big screen.

Congratulations to the following:

Foundation winner: Sophie H

Junior School winner: Bach T

Middle School winner: Olivia K

Senior School winner: Sam T, Taiyo S, Leo D and Spencer R

Whole School overall winner: Tully S and Lana R

Well done to everyone !

Madame T and the eSmart team

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES 2015

The class representative system aims to establish and maintain a line of communication between parents and the classroom teacher, and School Council sub-committees and the parent community. Thank you to the following parent's who have taken up this class leadership role this year!

PCC	Melissa Alemis	3DP	Marnie Hardman
	Andrea Herrman		Amanda Aitken
PDM	Sonia McCully-Saggers	3EM	Maria Sweeney
PSA	Janine Arantes	4AP	Katrina Whelen
	Palingu Aponso	4LM	Jenni Elford
	Nikki Schwarz	4SR	Nikki Schwarz
	Catherine Handbury	5CW	Nikki McConnon
	Yigang Zeng	5SM	Cate Thomson
12M	Natasha Edwards	6AW	Lee Coleman
	Monica Seamer		Sonali Lebrocque
	Lisa Cumming	6JD	Amanda Aitken
1KB	Iresha Suriyapperuma		Maria Vrbovsky
1LB	Anna McDowell	6SH	Loraine Trist
2BN	Nikki Schwarz		Kate Coppock
2GP	Kath Phelen/Von Wyss		
	Salley Tung		
2MW	Filiz Yucel		
	Melanie Eades		
34J	Kath Phelen		
	Annette Karcher		
	Fiona Hollingsworth		
	Julia Hicken		

Kew Primary Mother's Day Lunch!



A beautiful lunch, well deserved...

Friday 1st May, 12-3pm

@ Hellenic Republic, 26 Cotham Road, Kew

\$77pp includes three course shared banquet with all drinks

or

\$52 for three course shared banquet with a glass of sparkling on arrival

Special dietary requirements catered for

Book now and save the date!

Prize to the Mum with the most attendees (from KPS)

Bookings can be made listing a Table Host (tables are of 10 or 12)
or by listing a class level with which to be seated.

www.trybooking.com/EMKA

For more details, email kewprimarypta@yahoo.com.au

Program Update

Holiday Program Fun!

Many children attended our Holiday Program over the past two weeks, and a great time was had by all! From dress up days to science incursions, a trip to the movies and kitchen creations – it was a very busy and enjoyable time.



The Clip N' Climb excursion was a standout. Children of all ages enjoyed climbing up and down a range of structures and walls. A big thank you to the older children who helped and supported our preps to get involved on the day – your encouragement led them to new heights (literally)!



We enjoyed two incursions during the Holiday Program. Our first was on Outer Space day where a Cosmodome was set up in the gym. We all climbed into the dome and learnt a lot about space! We also had a visit from Proactivity who ran a Little Athletics session. The children jumped over hurdles, played games and loved tug-o-war!

Holiday Program days allow for more time to work on craft projects. We had a rocket ship building competition, recycled day creations, an Easter hat parade and even made a life-size scarecrow! We also had a large group of children play a great deal of cricket out on the oval each day. It was great to see children of all ages participating and showing good teamwork.



Reminders

If your child is attending the program you must book in advance online, or for same day bookings please text or call the program so that we can add them to the roll. It is crucial that we have an accurate list of attendees prior to the start of each Before School Care and After School Care session to ensure our staff to child ratio is correct, in order to maintain a fun and safe environment for all children.



A selection of Next Week's Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	Wink Murder Octopus	Lego Building Number Soccer	Pick your colouring sheet Obstacle	Hama Beads Minute to Win It	Our Journal Night at the museum
After Care Activities	Animal Masks Relays	Banana Bread Dodgeball	Autumn Leaf Collage Basketball	Banana Bread Parachute	Oobleck Running Racs Plaster Hands

Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0400 394 489

Coordinator: Jacinta Assistant Coordinator: Lauren Assistants: Niki, Stacey

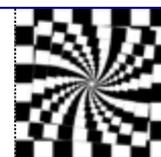
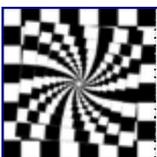
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

BSC Hours: 7:00am – 8:45am ASC Hours: 3:30pm – 6:30pm

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.



Inter School Chess Tournament Report



Congratulations to the following boys for competing at the
Canterbury Primary School Tournament :

Ethan , Xavier, Isaac and Henry (Grade 6)
Max and James (Grade 3)
Riley and Callum (Grade 2)

Our 8 intrepid chess players headed off to Canterbury Primary for another exciting day of chess.

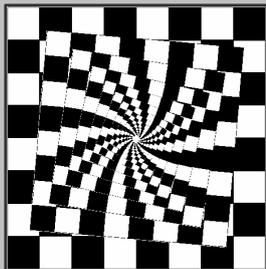
The team played very well and managed to qualify for the State Semi Finals.

Both Xavier and Henry won medals as our top scorers winning 5 out of 7 games. Well done !

Thank you to Leanne Mercer, Louise Murdoch (Sparks) and Amanda Aitken for their help with transport and supervision during the day.

Congratulations to Lara and Hana (Grade 3) who attended the tournament at Balwyn Primary last week and both won medals . Great effort!

Chess Ideas



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Kew Primary School Chess Club, 2015



Term 2 commences on Friday 17th April

Dates: 24/4 – 26/6: (10 weeks)

Time: Friday's 1.00pm – 1.50 p.m. – Library.

Cost: \$110.00 (10 lessons) for the term.

PLEASE NOTE: If chess lessons coincide with swimming or school camp, please deduct the cost of these lessons from the total amount. Otherwise students will not receive a refund for classes missed. Students commencing *after* the first week **do not pay** for the earlier lessons.

Cheques should be made payable to “Chess Ideas” or we take payment via Visa and Mastercard. The completed form should be handed into the school office.

**PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT:
www.chessideas.com.au**

If your child has a *medical condition* we should know about please ring our office with details.

*Play Chess at home against the computer.
Go to www.chessideas.com.au home page.
Click on “play chess”. It's fun!*

CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 2, 2015 (Kew Primary School)

NAME OF CHILD: _____

GRADE: _____

CONTACT PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

Ph. #: _____

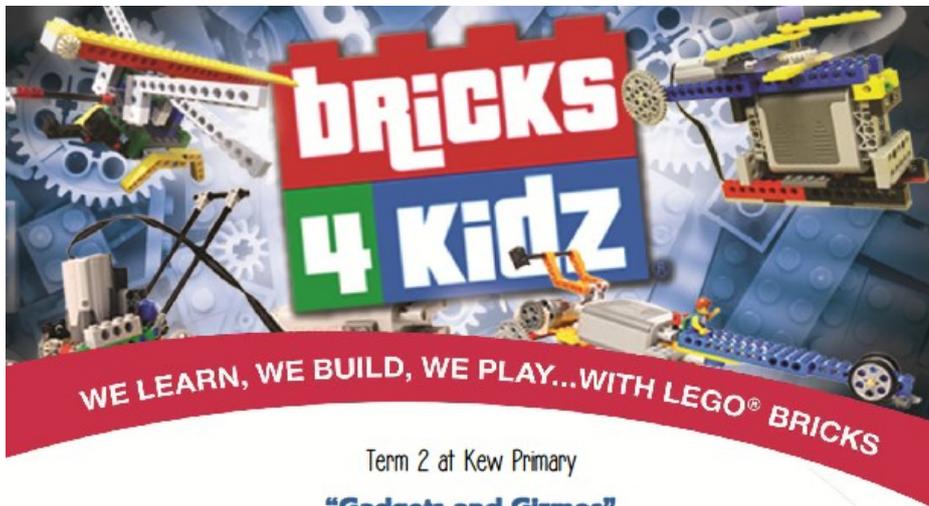
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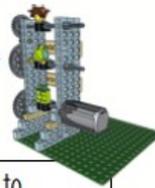
“Gadgets and Gizmos”

Bricks 4 Kidz “Lunchtime at the Library” workshops.

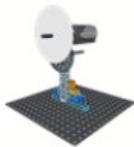
100pm at the KPS library



Students love our interactive Bricks 4 Kidz models. This unit is all about the fun of doing something with what you’ve built. From a spinning top to a spin art model, kids will love playing with their creations! There’s lots of learning through play too – understanding probability in the “3-in-a-row” game model and learning about friction and symmetry with the spinning top lesson. All participants will take home an information booklet, a certificate of participation and a LEGO minifigure at the conclusion of the unit. Don’t miss out!



To book a place for the “Gadgets and Gizmo”s workshops, go to www.bricks4kidzaustralia.com.au/boroondara



Rates and Registration:

April 23-May 14: \$32 (\$8 per class)

To register, go to

www.bricks4kidz.com.au/boroondara

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Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, ukulele, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, drums, singing, cello, bass guitar, here at Kew Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333

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