

Diary Dates

Jul	
Tue 19	Education & Policy Meeting 5pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting 6.30pm PTA 7.30pm
Wed 27	Year 6 Excursion to Skydeck
Thu 28	JS Excursion to Werribee Zoo
Fri 29	Kidsfest 1pm—3pm
Sun 31	Working Bee
Aug	
Tue 2	Year 5 Excursion to Skydeck
Thu 4	Variation to School Hours Day 9am –12pm
Thu 4	3 Way Conferences 12.30pm –7.30pm
Fri 5	House Athletics
Tue 16	Prep Excursion Botanical Gardens
Fri 19	Year 4 Hooptime
Wed 24	Whole School Performance

Term Dates 2016

Term 3: 11 Jul- 16 Sept

Term 4: 3 Oct - 20 Dec

Message from the Principal

Hi Kew and welcome back to school for the start of Term 3!

Term 3 is a very important term for schools. In fact I would consider it the time where students can make the most learning progress as their confidence continues to grow, school routines are well established and we are still well away from the energy and excitement of the end of the year.

In many ways, like the old football saying goes...the third term is the premierships term! We have taken some great steps so far this year after a positive start and this has provided a strong platform for the second semester. In footy terms they also talk about the premierships window. I would like to think that this year the KPS premierships window is about to open up! We are certainly travelling better than my beloved Tigers!

Along with our focus and commitment to reading, writing, maths and inquiry we have a jam packed calendar of events and activities this term. During busy terms like this it is vital to stay informed by reading the newsletter and checking our Skoolbag App. It is also a great idea to keep a family calendar with all of the important things listed on it. Why not encourage your child to do this as well? They could even use the calendar function on their iPad or another form of technology. This would be great preparation for high school when there are even more dates to remember such as homework and assignments.

THANK YOU GAYLE BENNETT & WELCOME NICK WHITE AND TRISTAN LAWLER

This week we say farewell and thank you to Gayle Bennett who officially retires from a full time classroom role at Kew Primary School. Gayle has been with us since 1993. She has been a wonderful team member and a very dedicated teacher in our school community. We wish her the very best for her retirement adventures but also look forward to catching up with her from time to time as a CRT in our school.

At KPS we have been very fortunate to recruit many outstanding new members to our staff team. I would like to introduce our two newest staff members who continue this tradition.

Welcome Nick White and Tristan Lawler. Nick will take over Gayle's Year 2 class. Nick officially started on the first day of this term, but he has been working in our school as a regular CRT on many occasions this year.



Tristan is joining our Education Support team and will work to assist individual students with their learning needs.



THANK YOU PTA

Many thanks to Melanie Eades, the PTA team and all of the volunteers who assisted with the BBQ on Election Day. With such a wonderful PTA team we are getting closer to our fundraising target this year enabling us to complete projects such as air-conditioning in the Art room and classrooms 12 & 13 and other works across the school.

JUNIOR ROCKERS CONCERT "TWISTED"

Late last term we started our program with the Junior Rockers group. This involves a weekly lesson or rehearsal with the very talented Tom from Junior Rockers.

The performance is entitled "Twisted" and it features a mix of nursery rhymes twisted with a selection of popular songs. The different grade levels will focus on using either "urban" or "stomp" percussion, ukuleles or rock band styles in the performances.

The concert date will be Wednesday 24th August and the venue is Renaissance Theatre at Kew High School.

Stay tuned for more detailed information about this exciting program in a separate letter to be sent home shortly.

HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Our Student Led Conferences will be held on Thursday 4th August. A separate letter has been sent home this week. This letter includes a summary of the purpose of these conferences, how they will operate and all the details you need to know to use the online booking system. If you need assistance at any stage please contact the office.

Student Led Conferences give students the opportunity to articulate and reflect on their learning. It is recognised that if our children are to be successful in the future they must be given the skills to learn how to learn. We want them to understand that learning is something they do, it is not something done to them. Strategies like three way conferencing increasingly lead students towards becoming self-directed, independent learners. Three way conferences ensure that the focus remains on the students and the critical role they have in determining their own next steps for learning.

VISITOR BADGES & PROCESS

A reminder to all parents who visit our school to help in the classrooms, canteen or in other areas, that it is a requirement to sign in and collect a visitor badge/lanyard from the office. This process is an important part of keeping our students safe at school and ensures that we know exactly who is on site at any time.

FINAL REMINDER - 2016 VISION AND VALUES REVIEW SURVEY

A final reminder that as we continue through the school review process this year, we are taking the opportunity to review the school vision and values. In this way we can make sure that the future goals, targets and improvement strategies are aligned with our vision.

If you would like to comment or provide feedback in this area, a 2016 Vision and Values survey has been set up via the following SurveyMonkey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9GDVNY2>

The link will be open until the 15th July so I would appreciate as many responses in the next day as possible.

Be Worthy!

James Penson
Principal

Message from the Assistant Principal

Welcome back to Term Three Everyone, even though it has been a rather brisk start weather-wise. I can happily report that all the students have settled back into their class routines in a most positive manner, smiles spreading across their faces when they saw their teacher and or the specialist teachers. Madame Payne is on long service leave for the first three weeks of term and has been replaced by Chantelle Bouchon. In James' newsletter article he has mentioned other new staff members that we welcome to Kew PS, Nick and Tristan, as well as replacement teachers for Diamanto and Melissa. We are fortunate that these teachers are very well known to our students and teachers alike so the transition should prove seamless. They are Anna Dalaverdis and Stefani Lambrianidis respectfully.

On Tuesday we had a whole staff meeting and a section of this meeting was designated for the teaching staff to have their anaphylaxis training updated. This updated training happens twice a year and is mandated to occur by DET as part of DET employees' duty of care. Our office staff and classroom based ES staff will also undertake this training in a fortnight's time. Here at Kew PS, we take the safety of all our students and their health issues very seriously. We currently have 13 students who can have life threatening reactions to certain allergens. It is now timely to mention that you should check with the classroom teacher if you wish to send birthday treats to school and please try to ensure that no treats contain traces of nuts. I always think it is a wise move to avoid treats that are food based if possible.

With such cold weather comes the usual onslaught of coughs and colds and our asthmatic students are particularly vulnerable. Parents, can you please make sure that if your child is asthmatic that they have an undated asthma plan and their asthma medication comes to school with them. In our First Aid room we do have extra asthma medication so no child would ever be at risk if they should suffer an asthma attack.

When I am feeling ill I know I just want to be in my own home in my own bed and that is the best medicine for most coughs and colds. This is a plea on my part to keep your children at home until they are well enough to return to school. You, like me, know how impossible it is to concentrate on anything when you are unwell and so it goes for children and their learning. If ill students come to school, not only do they infect other students but their teachers as well. This means CRTs need to be hired and try as hard as they may these CRTs cannot provide the same learning for students because they simply do not know the students as well as their own classroom teacher.

Robin Grace

Kew Primary School Blog

This week, guest blogger Penny Gibson talks about the tricky balance between promoting independence in children and making them feel secure.

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



Gymnastics in Physical Education this term

Students in Physical Education this term will participating in Gymnastics activities this term.



To ensure that the students are safe, students will be asked to follow the following rules:

Shoes and socks off (at the start of lesson)

No Jewellery / Watches / Badges

Long hair tied back

No skirts please

A more detailed explanation can be found at www.gymnastics4hire.com.au/parent-info.

When getting ready in the morning for a Physical Education lesson, could parents and carers please ensure their child will ready for the gymnastics lesson.

House Athletics - 5th August 2016

The Kew PS House Athletics Carnival at Box Hill Athletics Club, Hagenauer Reserve, Box Hill, is fast approaching and we are looking for as many parent volunteers to come along and help out during the day to ensure the carnival runs as smoothly as possible!

We would love any time you can give us on the day, whether it be morning, afternoon or the whole day. There will be tea and coffee provided, however transport is not able to be offered. Car pooling with other parents could be a great option!

Please fill out the slip below and return to your child's teacher ASAP. You will receive a notice back with your job for the day before the carnival. Thank you for your assistance

Clare Connor

I've invited you to fill out the form **Parent Helpers - KPS House Athletics - 5th August 2016**. To fill it out, visit:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MFXS_UunpJNVNgDdBcaRJ91rwWw0-Qm7Chv0Modjnxg/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link



Gymnastics
Has your child shown an interest in starting Gymnastics?
[Click here](#) to find your nearest club, and some pointers for finding the club that's right for you.
<http://www.gymnastics4hire.com.au/find-club>

Program Update

Welcome back to OSHClub everyone, we hope you're feeling rested and rejuvenated from the holidays!

First of all what a success our holiday program was with two amazing excursions including latitude where Isla managed to climb to the top of the poles or a funny comedy show that had the children laughing hysterically!

Our 'Reptile encounter' incursion developed a new interest for our scaly friends so we spent the week focusing on this topic through artwork, games and child lead experiences. Taylor featured his amazing turtle artwork on the whiteboard as our focus point of the day on Monday to inspire others learning (Well done Taylor!).

In the kitchen this week we made delicious Burcher muesli and yoghurt on Tuesday and on Thursday 'Snake in a pond' using yoghurt and Jelly. Harriet really loved the creamy yoghurt!

Next week we're very excited to extend our theme into marine life and protection. Through this topic we hope to extend children's understanding for our footprint on the environment and how we can protect all animals of the sea (even the coral in the great barrier reef is needing some saving) → We encourage any families who have some great ideas or books on this topic to please discuss these with the educators so that we can implement them into the programming ☺

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week!!!

OSHCLUB



Next Week's Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care	You're your own sea horse Chinese Walls	Sea Collage Help	Recycling word search Octopus Ball line tiggly	Identifying marine animals Chinese Walls	Ocean collage Octopus tiggly
After Care	Group artwork Number Basketball	Under the sea crafts and discussions Oval play Potato rosti	Jellyfish Sun catcher Backyard cricket Child ran activity	Paddle pop fish Fruit Salad Potato Rosti	Under the sea sailboat craft Recycling word search Child ran activity

Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0400 394 489

Coordinator: Harriet Cousins-Palmer

Assistants: Niki, Lauren

OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

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



