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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

April	
Mon 15	Term 2 Begins
Mon 22	Dental Visit Begins
Wed 24	Year 4 Mayor visit
Thur 25	ANZAC Day - Public Holiday
Mon 29	Cross Country Yr3 - Yr 6
May	
Wed 1	Crazy Chemicals Inc - Yr 5
Thur 2	Classroom Helper Course - 2:45pm
Mon 6	Yr 2 Excursion - ACMI
Tues 7	Year 1 Inquiry Incursion
Wed 8	Prep PrimeSci Incursion
Thur 9	Mother's & Special Persons' day Stall
Fri 10	Mother's & Special Person's Event
Mon 13	Education Week Begins

Term Dates 2024

Term 1: 29 Jan - 28 March

Term 2: 15 Apr - 28 June

Term 3: 15 July - 20 Sept

Term 4: 7 Oct - 20 Dec

Curriculum Days 2024

Term 1: Thursday 28 March

Term 2 Friday 7 June

Term 3: Friday 26 July (variation to school day-3 Way conference)

Term 4: Monday 4 November

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

It is wonderful to be back at school after a delightful holiday break. We trust that you were able to enjoy each other's company and feel refreshed for the new term.

Kew Primary School is very proud to be a member of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme. This week we participated in a positive review process that examined how we are developing this learning and teaching agenda at KPS as well as considering future directions for growth. On our school [website](#) there is a lot of information about the programme which includes a brochure which unpacks 10 reasons why the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) helps students to become active life long learners. The 10 reasons are:

1. It encourages students to inquire
2. Helps with understanding of a complex and inter-dependent world
3. PYP students are confident communicators
4. Learning how to learn
5. It encourages international mindedness
6. Seeing things from different perspectives
7. Students take action
8. Thinking about issues
9. It involves the whole community
10. Caring and responsible citizens.

As part of the PYP process some of our students were reflecting on what they like about KPS.

Eddie - Year 2 – It's a good school because it is sporty we have basketball courts and an oval.

Tali – Year 1 - Its nice and kind and everyone helps the school to come together.

Bella – Year 4 – It's inclusive for everybody with different learning needs.

Grace – Year 5 – Everybody gets the same sporting and academic opportunities.

Akira – Year 2 – It's a safe space for everybody to learn.

Mackenzie – Year 3 – Everyone is really friendly and the library is amazing

The development of the Junior School pathway and playground area continues this week with the area closest to the Pakington Street fence now being upgraded. The work has included laying of mud rock steps, extension of the sandpit and preparation of the new pathways, garden beds and seated areas. Please note that all bikes and scooters should be stored in the bike shed areas adjacent to the OHS Club building.

We are committed to building a strong partnership between the school and home and one of the ways this is happening is through our classroom helper program. The training session for classroom helpers will be held on Thursday May 2nd at 2.45pm for those who are interested in becoming a classroom helper.

Pete deWacht
Principal

Message from the Assistant Principal

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Term 2 and it has been so lovely to watch the children walk in with a big smile, ready to learn. Chatting with the students, I heard how wonderful the holidays have been with some connecting with nature while camping in tents, flying on a plane to Bali or Hamilton Island and having friends over for playdates. The connection built with families and friends is so crucial so that our students have a sense of belonging.

LATE ARRIVALS AND ATTENDANCE

A gentle reminder to families that there are a number of students regularly arriving late to school and lateness impacts their learning and wellbeing. I see them running in flustered and it can take them a while to settle in class so that they can be ready to learn. Running late also distracts others who are already focused in class and our students miss out on the first part of the day's activity.

Teachers start the day at 8:50am with wellbeing activities ranging from completing a wellbeing check-in to spelling words with colourful cubes to mindfulness colouring to completing their wellbeing journal and many more. The purpose for starting the day with wellbeing activities is for students to build positive connections with their teachers and peers and start the day in a positive mindset.



Those arriving at school late miss out on completing their wellbeing activities in a calm environment and might start the day already flustered. We completely understand that from time-to-time lateness is unavoidable if you got stuck in traffic or if a young baby in the household wants a sleep in. We ask that this is kept to a minimal so as not to interrupt the students' learning and students can calmly start the day.

If your child/ren arrive after 9am, they need to be accompanied by an adult to the office so that they can be signed in.

The same goes for students who are absent regularly: a child missing one day a fortnight will miss four weeks in a year, and more than a year of school by the time they reach year 10. If your child is unwell, they need to remain at home. However, regular unexplained absences will lead to gaps in the students' learning and connection with their peers. Please let your child's teacher know if you are experiencing difficulties in getting your child to school. We are here to support in any way.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week will be in week 5 this term and classrooms will be open to families on Wednesday 15th May 3:30 – 4:30pm. Families are invited to visit their child's class so that your child can share the work they have been learning.

Save the date

PSYCHOLOGIST AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

As part of our wellbeing program, we are very fortunate to have a psychologist supporting our students every second Wednesday. Having this service during school hours has helped families immensely as this is one less appointment you have to organise after school.

If you feel your child needs guidance with wellbeing, please chat to your child's classroom teacher and they can let me know. Alternatively, just call the office and ask to chat with me so that I can let you know what is required to organise for the psychologist to see your child.

See you around the yard,

Peggy Basset
Assistant Principal



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Enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2.

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