



# KEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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

May	
Thu 2	Classroom Helper Course—2:45
Mon 6	Yr 2 Excursion—ACMI
Tues 7	Yr 1 Inquiry Incursion
Wed 8	Prep PrimeSci Incursion
Thu 9	Mother's Day & Special Persons' Day Stall
Thu 9	Mother's & Special Person's Event
Mon 13	Mother's & Special Person's Event
Tues 14— Mon 27	Scholastic Book Fair
Fri 31	MND Fundraising Day

### 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 has been a very exciting week here at Kew Primary School with the students involved in a range of engaging and exciting activities. Our staff endeavor to keep families informed of what is happening in the classroom and specialist programs each week through the weekly overview sent out on Compass at the start of each week. In addition, the KPS team is always happy to schedule a time on the phone, online or in person to discuss learning and wellbeing matters with you.

At Kew Primary School we love to talk about learning and teaching and an area of the Victorian Curriculum that we spend a lot of time focusing on is numeracy. Today we had a wonderful day exploring mathematics concepts with our Kew Maths Quest taking place. Please make sure you speak to your child about the types of activities they participated in.

Developing strong numeracy skills helps our learners to:

- understand and use numbers and other mathematical ideas in everyday life
- recognise and use shape
- work out the chance of something happening
- understand the data we see in the media.

Numeracy is necessary for everyday living. From daily activities like telling the time, cooking and setting the table to more difficult tasks such as understanding mobile phone plans, planning a trip, reading a map and understanding timetables.

As children and young people move through life stages the everyday numeracy demands become more complex.

Employers see numeracy as important in the workplace.

Research shows that higher numeracy skills lead to higher levels of health and wellbeing and other benefits such as better decision making and financial independence.

The Victorian Department of Education website

[www.vic.gov.au/mathematics-and-numeracy-](http://www.vic.gov.au/mathematics-and-numeracy-home#resources-for-parents)

[home#resources-for-parents](http://www.vic.gov.au/mathematics-and-numeracy-home#resources-for-parents) from which some of the information is gathered also provides families with a whole lot of resources that you can use to help and support your children as they continue to develop and grow in the numeracy space.

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools. Please remember to log your child's absence using COMPASS early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly. For further information on the processes and procedures our school uses to record, monitor and follow-up student attendance and absence please read our Attendance Policy by logging into COMPASS and then proceed to the school documentation tab in Community and then the document can then be accessed from the drop-down policy menu.

There are times when we will need to contact you, including on the day if your child is absent and you haven't informed the school as to why. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on 9853-8325 or email [kew.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kew.ps@education.vic.gov.au) so we can update our records. Please include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change.

Finally, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank our PTA and Classroom representatives for the amazing work that they do across the school building connections, organising and running events.

Kind regards,

Pete deWacht  
Principal

## **Message from the Vice Principal**

### **OUR SPECIALISTS' PROGRAM**

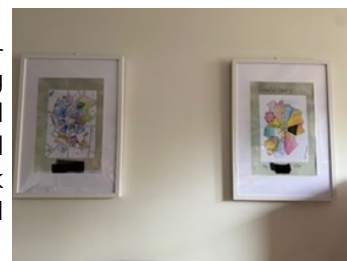
There is nothing that gives me more pleasure than watching the students engaged in their learning and having those "aha" moments. At Kew Primary School, teams plan together to develop targeted engaging activities for all students. This week, I visited the specialist classes to see them in action and watch the students become creative. Our specialist team plans together even though the curriculum area they each teach is very different.

On Monday, we held our annual House Cross Country event at Hays Paddock for our years three to six students. We were very impressed with how they displayed many of our school's CARE values, particularly *Achievement* and *Resilience*. Every student in year 3 – 6 participated, tried their best and crossed the finish line, whether they were racing for first place, striving for a personal best or supporting their peers to finish the run. I love this quote by Usaine Bolt: *"I don't compare myself to anyone. I don't think I'm anywhere near finished."* I have always told my own children to try their personal best rather than compete against others.

In the afternoon, our Prep – year 2 students participated in a rotation of activities such as an obstacle course, the noodle race etc. where they could show case their skills. I was very impressed with our young participants showing their cooperation skills. I would like to thank our year six Physical Action Team and students from 4AB for supporting and encouraging our prep – year 2 students for enthusiastically trying their best.

I would like to thank our PE teacher Scott Behm for putting these two events on. There is an enormous amount of organisation that takes place in the background that might not be as evident to families. Thank you to the parents/carers who helped on the day as events like these can't go on if we don't have enough helpers.

We have a dedicated specialist team providing students with engaging activities to cater for various interests. I visited Carla Temple in the art room during my Learning Walks and asked the students what they were learning about and why. They were able to explain the lesson, how they knew they were successful and where to go for help if needed. Every term, I rotate the students' artwork in my office. The work they produce in the art room is of such high calibre that I often get asked where I have purchased the artwork from.



The French room was buzzing with French words this week for Mother's Day or special person's day. Diana Caillier has been providing the students with the French vocabulary so that they could write a message for a special person in their life. I don't want to spoil the surprise but some lovely messages are coming your way.



I visited the Prue Boulter in the Performing Arts room and watched the children work in groups to develop a story which they will use to create a stop motion. The students were so engaged in the task that they did not even hear me walk into the room.

I would like to thank our specialist teachers for constantly looking for innovative ways to engage the students to cover their curriculum areas. It can be tricky being specialist teachers when they only see the students once a week to cover everything that they need to teach. Their professionalism and dedication are much appreciated.



### WORKING AS PART OF A COMMUNITY

Parents are a child's first teachers and primary caregivers. As parents and carers, you play a fundamental role in nurturing your child's physical, emotional, and cognitive growth. You provide love, guidance, and support, helping children navigate the challenges they encounter. Schools are here for education, providing structured learning environments and academic instructions and wellbeing support. They offer a curriculum designed to foster intellectual development, critical thinking skills, and social interaction. Teachers within schools play a significant role in facilitating learning, offering guidance, feedback, and encouragement to students.

At Kew PS, we are so privileged to have so many parents volunteer their time so that we can work as a community. There is a proverb that says that "*It takes a village to raise a child*". Home/school partnership is vital in every child's life. I see parents either helping in the classroom, at sporting events, organising events such as the Mother's Day or Special Person's Day and the list goes on. We have had a strong attendance of parents and carers for our parent helper course and we welcome any involvement you might be able to provide.

A lot of events could not proceed if we did not have a group of volunteers put their hand up to assist. I would like to thank all the class reps for providing another avenue of communication by disseminating educational and social information through the Whatsapp groups set up for each year level.



PTA organising Mother's/Special Person's Day

A big thank you to PTA for their dedication and giving up their time for organising events such as the Easter Egg Raffle, Mother's/Special Person's Day and later on in the year, lap-a-thon. A lot of events are fundraisers for our school which go back into the education of your children.

Have a lovely end of the week.

See you around the yard,

Peggy Basset

### **Second Hand Uniform Stall**

Winter school clothes too small?

Jumper abandoned somewhere?

Come and see us at the Second Hand Uniform Stall!

Every item is only \$5.

We are open 2:45—3:45 every assembly Friday.

Look for the clothes rack outside, next to the gym. Plus check out the full range inside.

The dates this term are:

10th May

24th May

21st June

Please note that we are not open 7th June (student free day).

As always, donations and volunteers welcome.

Donations can be left in the red bin outside the uniform stall room. Volunteers, please ask for details at the front office or just turn up. The stall can only continue with the help of volunteers, so if you are considering it, come along and give it a go! Its fun, chatty and casual.

Thanks,

The Uniform Team



### **Term 2—PTA Calendar of Events**

#### **Mother's Day and Special Persons' Stall**

Thursday 9th May

#### **Mother's Day and Special Person Social Evening Event**

Thursday 9th May (7-11pm)

Tickets on sale through: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1216357?>

#### **MND Fundraising Day**

Friday 31st May

#### **School Disco**

Thursday 20th June

In addition, the PTA is looking to hold a big fundraising social event in Term 3. If you would like to be a sponsor of the event or could donate an item/service for our silent auction, please contact Anna Thomas at:

[Annamthomas8@gmail.com](mailto:Annamthomas8@gmail.com)

NORTH KEW KINDERGARTEN WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME FAMILIES TO OUR

# OPEN DAY

**SATURDAY  
18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024  
9AM-11AM**

“JOIN US FOR A TOUR AND FUN ACTIVITIES!  
MEET OUR TEACHERS AND CURRENT FAMILIES!”

Ph: 9853 8294  
Website: [www.northkewkinder.org.au](http://www.northkewkinder.org.au)  
Address: 152 Pakington Street, Kew 3101  
**YOUR COMMUNITY KINDER!**

# POLYMER CLAY MUMMY & ME WORKSHOP

**THURSDAY  
09 MAY 2024  
4PM - 6PM  
\$60**

**GOSTING IS TOTAL FOR ADULT  
AND CHILD & INCLUDES  
AFTERNOON TEA**

Places are limited. Please contact centre on 9853 3126 or scan the QR code to secure your spot.

## Argyle Road

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**Integrated Kindergarten  
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**Places available for 2024!**

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Email: [admin@argyleroad.com.au](mailto:admin@argyleroad.com.au)

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# MOTHER'S DAY & SPECIAL PERSONS STALL

THURSDAY, MAY 9

The annual event is back, with a wide range of gifts for mums, grandmas, carers and others.

**ITEMS WILL BE PRICED FROM \$2 TO \$10.**

Students will be able to choose from bath bombs, handcream, candles and accessories (\$2-\$5), as well as mugs, jewellery and plants (\$5-\$10), and more.

Kids should bring cash on the day for the stall, ideally contained in a ziplock, envelope or wallet.

**PLUS...** The Mother's Day social event is on that night at the Skinny Dog Hotel.  
Book tickets now via Compass.

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*Mother's and Special  
Person's Event*

Thursday 9 May 2024

7:00 pm

Skinny Dog Hotel (upstairs)

155 High Street, Kew

*Tickets \$50*



[www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1216357?](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1216357?)

Tickets include drink on arrival and canapés

Door prizes to be won

Tickets are limited so book now!