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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kew East Primary School Council Office Bearers for 2012
At the first School Council meeting for 2012 office bearers and Subcommittee Convenors were elected and are as follows:

- School Council President: David Rehe
- Vice President: Merv Kiley
- Treasurer: Stephen Tucker
- Secretary: Andrea Phillips

School Council Subcommittee Convenors

- Finance: David Rehe
- Facilities: Mark Young
- Education: Deb Sparke
- Social & Fund Raising: Lisa Marquette
- Out of School Hours Care (OSHC): TBC

I wish to congratulate and thank all new officer bearers for taking on leadership roles within the School Council structure and look forward to working with them and the council over the next 12 months.

If any parents wish to join the Facilities, Education, OSHC or Social & Fund Raising Sub Committees please contact Convenors via the KEPS email address or speak to them directly.

Minister’s Visit
The Honourable Minister for Education, Martin Dixon was welcomed to KEPS today by the School Ambassadors (Annabelle, Ally, Hugo and Matthew), Merv Kiley (School Council Vice President), Deb Sparke and me. The Minister was also accompanied by our local state member, Minister for Crime Prevention and Corrections, the Honourable Andrew McIntosh; and the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Director, Michael De’Ath.

The purpose of the visit was to view KEPS’s facilities, particularly the classrooms and administration area. I took the opportunity to point out to our visitors that since KEPS relocation to the present Kitchener Street site in 1923 (from Strathalbyn kinder site) we have had only one other major state funded building, being the junior school hall and classrooms in 1929. The current staffroom and old music centre (now all but demolished and the current site of the new multipurpose federally funded building) were paid with local KEPS or community funds.
The school is well and truly due for a major upgrade which should consider new capital works to add further permanent classrooms and refurbish old classrooms to make them bigger in accordance with the latest building schedule sizes of 80sq.metres.

Kristy Davis’s class, 4KD, took the opportunity to use their English writing skills of persuasive text, to share some reasons as to why we should receive funding from the State Government. I was very proud of their efforts and writing skills that these students displayed today. It was also an opportunity to make their learning authentic, giving a real life purpose for persuasive text.

**Student Leadership**

At last Monday’s assembly, our student school leaders including the School Ambassadors, House & Music Captains and House & Music Vice Captains and Junior School Council members were presented with their leadership badges by Pearl Lin Yap and Alex Napolitano, school captains from Kew High School.

These and other leadership roles are in line with our Student Leadership Policy which outlines the importance of providing students with opportunities to develop leadership skills. Some qualities and skills which can be developed as a result of taking on a leadership position include:

- building positive relationships and working productively with others in a team environment;
- taking on responsibility with integrity and honesty;
- appreciating and respecting diversity in others’ opinions, skills and abilities and to embrace and value these differences;
- having high expectations of self and others, always striving for your personal best while encouraging others to also achieve their best;
- showing compassion and empathy towards others;
- having a vision for what you want to achieve and planning to make that vision a reality in concert with others;
- being optimistic and persevering to ensure tasks are followed through to their conclusion;
- being active, reflective contributors, capable of responding effectively;
- earning respect from others through their actions; and
- using life experiences as opportunities for future learning.

The following leaders were presented with leadership badges:

**School Ambassadors**: Ally Mannix, Annabelle Davey, Mathew Hunter-Scott and Hugo Miric.

**House Captains and Vice Captains**

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**Music Captains**: Momoka Yoshida and Julian Trecate

**Music Vice captains**: Olivia Walkinshaw and Josh Maccarone

**Junior School Council**

4RJ Will Cameron *(President)*, Emma Sanders, 4LR Lauren Kelly *(Vice President)*, Jack Hall, Che Parisi, 4CM, Hunter Zezula, Marissa Di Marzio, 4JH, Jacqueline Waters, Declan Arnot, 4KD Jesse Bianco, Grace Perry, 3BC
It is anticipated that ELFs (Environmental Leaders of the Future) will be announced before the end of Term 1. These positions have been held over due to a staff review of student environment related activities available at KEPS. Eric and Richard are currently working on a new ELFs role statement outlining the expectations of this role. More information will be published when this review has been completed.

Student Leadership Day
Fifteen senior student leaders (4 Ambassadors, 10 House and Music Captains and the JSC President) from KEPS were given an opportunity, funded by the school, to attend a full day leadership course at the Melbourne Convention Centre. This annual student leadership event attracts primary school aged students from all over Victoria. Students are taken through various aspects of leadership including tips on how to enhance their public speaking. The School Ambassadors will provide a report on this day in the next newsletter.

Helen Fotheringham
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Primary School Nursing Program
Catherine Pataki, a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, will be attending the school during Term 2 to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents’ consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Parents are invited to visit or telephone the visiting primary school nurse if there are any general child health issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the visiting primary school nurse is 0412 161 472.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a referral form that is available at the school office. This completed referral form needs to be returned to the school office.

Traffic Concerns and Safety
It seems that this is an ongoing issue for us at KEPS. Despite our many efforts, we still have families who are displaying dangerous road practices in our boundary streets, putting students and others at risk.

During peak hours, there are cars double parked whilst students are getting in or out of cars, there are students who run between cars to cross the road and students who are constantly being dropped off in inappropriate places.

I think we can all appreciate the difficulty of parking close to drop off and pick times around schools, but at KEPS you only need to drive a street or two back to find a very safe place to park or to drop off children.

The real concern here is for the safety of our students. Imagine the grief which could be caused all for the sake of making a hasty, careless decision just to save time. Please consider the safety of your child and of others when using the streets around KEPS.

Deb Sparke
Assistant Principal
Hi my name is Ally Mannix and I’m one of the four Ambassadors for 2012. At the last assembly of 2011, hearing my name being called out, I had mixed emotions. Over the holidays, getting closer to my first assembly I was nervous and when the day came I was shaking a lot. Through this role I hope to develop my public speaking and organisational skills ready for my future.

I have represented the school in cross country, athletics, hoop time and I participate in the Concert Band, playing the clarinet. I’ve been at KEPS since prep and I’m looking forward to my last year. The things I’m looking forward to most are the Canberra Camp, getting to know my prep buddy, year 6 hoodies, Amazing Race and making the most of my friendships before we all go off to high school.

Ally Mannix

Hi my name is Annabelle, this is my 7th year at KEPS and I have enjoyed every moment of it. I am so proud to be an Ambassador and I know I will enjoy every meeting, assembly, tour, service and much, much more! I was so nervous and excited during the holidays and I couldn’t wait until school started so that I could get up at the front of assembly and read out the awards. Now that I have done it for a few weeks, I am feeling confident already!

Some other leadership roles I have had during my past years at KEPS are playing the Anthem at assembly, being a flag monitor, being a JSC Rep and I have been in the school band.

Outside of school I do activities such as piano, tennis (I am in a competition team) netball, drama and sailing.

What I want to get out of this role, is public speaking, feeling more confident in front of audiences and being a planner, not a ‘last-minuter’.

Annabelle Davey
Hello, my name is Hugo and I have been at KEPS since Prep. As a Prep right through to the end of Year 5, I have been sitting in awe at assemblies hoping that one day I could be School Ambassador. I was honoured to be appointed to the role. When Lachie Bangs read my name out at the final assembly for 2011 there were many emotions within me, such as, pride, happiness, curiosity to see what the role would bring and nervous anticipation.

Over my schooling time I have participated in many activities including Hoop Time, the band program, the Tournament of Minds competition and so on. In the role of school Ambassador I wish to develop my team working skills, become a more confident public speaker and be a good role model to others. KEPS is a great school and a great place to be. I look forward to offering my ideas to help the entire KEPS community.

Hugo Miric

Hi everyone, my name is Matthew and I am really excited to be a 2012 Ambassador. When I heard my name called out at assembly, I was excited but also nervous for what lay ahead. I have been at KEPS for 6 years and I am starting my seventh year after enjoying every single day.

Last year I had many achievements such as being part of Tournament of Minds, going to the Melbourne School Bands Festival, Junior School Council representative, district athletics and district cross-country. This year I hope to improve my public speaking and microphone skills and listen to every single student, no matter how small.

Matthew Hunter-Scott

TEACHING AND LEARNING NEWS

Learning Portfolios

Welcome to all new families at KEPS this year. In addition to the written reports provided each semester, an important component of reporting to parents on students’ learning is the use of learning portfolios which contain individually developed learning goals and work samples.
**Learning Goals**

Already teachers have been working with students in the classroom helping to identify areas of improvement, as well as strategies designed to help improve your child's learning.

Over the next few weeks all goals will be sent home. Referring to the goals in an ongoing manner in the classroom forms an important part of the process, so after reading through each of the goals, we ask that parents sign each one, and then return them to their child’s teacher by the end of this term.

Eric McCann  
Leading Teacher - Teaching & Learning AIP & ICT

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Term 1 Sports Dates**
- Friday 17 February - weekly Interschool sport starts  
- Wednesday 28 March - Level 4 Interschool Gala Day

**Division Swimming**

Last Thursday 1 March we had nine students representing our school and district at the Boroondara Division Swimming Carnival. The results are listed below.

- **Girls 10** 50 m free relay - 1st (by a few body lengths) - Sarah, Katie, Marlee and Wakana  
- **Girls 10** 50 m free - Wakana 1st, Katie 4th  
- **Boys 10** 50 m free - Taiga 1st  
- **Girls 10** 50 m back - Katie 4th  
- **Girls 12/13** 50 m back - Bethany 4th  
- **Boys 12/13** 50 m back - Bailey 5th  
- **Girls 12/13** 50 m breast - Momoka 4th  
- **Boys 12/13** 50 m breast - Matthew 4th  
- **Girls 10** 50 m fly - Wakana 1st  
- **Boys 10** 50 m fly - Taiga 1st  
- **Girls 12/13** 50 m fly - Momoka 3rd  

Girls medley relay – 5th Bethany, Momoka, Wakana, Katie

All first and second place winners go through to the Eastern Metropolitan Region Championships at Kilsyth Pool on 16 March. This means Wakana, Taiga, Katie, Marlee and Sarah will go.

A big thank you to all the parents who took students to the event. By all reports the students represented the school fantastically well. Special thanks go to Jenny Hunter who recorded all the results and passed these on. Thanks Jenny!

**State Team Trials**

We have more than 20 year 6 students participating in the district stage of State Team Trials this week in four different sports: Soccer, Football, Basketball and Netball. Good luck to all the students participating in this, we look forward to hearing about your progress.

Sam Bishop  
Physical Education Coordinator

**MUSIC NEWS**

**Singing and Dancing Opportunities in 2012**

The Australian Youth Choir and the Australian Youth Dance Theatre not only give young people the opportunity to develop their skills within the Performing arts under expert guidance, but the chance to make new friends and perform
in exciting concerts. The kids work as a team, develop lifelong friendships and have great fun. Visit their website to find out more about the programs at www.niypaa.com.au.

Glenys Randell
Music

PARENT CATCH UPS
Welcome drinks with parents of 2RB & 2GC
You might know that 2RB and 2GC are located next door and share an adjoining door. So given that both classes will be working together through the year, we thought it would be great for the parents to get to know one another too! Sarah (Charlotte's mum) has kindly offered her home to hold an informal get together for parents.
Details are:
- Friday 23 March 2012
- 8pm – 10pm
- Sarah's home
- Please bring some nibbles to share and your choice of drinks

RSVP Monday 19 March to Georgie Slade on 0438 565 774 or georginaslade@iprimus.com.au.
(Invites have also been sent home via the children)

We hope you can make it!
Georgie Slade (Elena’s mum, 2GC class rep)

2CH Parents Morning Tea
Parents of 2CH, please meet us for morning tea at The Bean Thief (773 High Street, Kew East), Friday 9 March, after morning drop off.
Monika Perrone
0413 567 006

4KD Morning Tea
Parents and Carers are invited to join me at The Bean Thief this Thursday 8 March after school drop off where I have a table booked under my name at the back of the cafe. I hope you can join me.
Michelle Cortis
Class Rep (Bethany Smith’s mum)

2GC Catch Up
Parents of 2GC, please meet for morning tea, Friday 16 March 9.00am (after drop off) at Grazings.
Diana

2RH Morning Tea
Parents of 2RH are invited to meet at Grazings on Wednesday 14 March, after drop off (9.15am).

Hope to see you there!
Tanya and Caroline
OSHC ACTIVITIES  
**Term 1 Week 7** 13/3/12 – 16/3/12  
Outdoor games: Sports activities, tennis  
Craft Activities: Woodwork

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**FREE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

**How do I raise a Resilient Child? - the 32 skills that build resilience**

**Wednesday 21 March 2012**

**Time**: 7.30pm-9.00pm  
**Location**: Brighton Grammar, Robert Sanderson Centenary Centre, entrance on St Andrews St, Brighton  
**Cost**: Nil (A gold coin donation to The Fred Hollows Foundation is warmly welcomed)  
**Facilitator**: Melissa Anderson – Counsellor, Pharmacist and Educator  
**Bookings**: 9596 8814 or info@shineacademy.com.au
THE LITTLE LEO'S BABY AND CHILDREN'S MARKET

The Little Leo's Baby and Children's Market is being held at the Box Hill Town Hall on Saturday 10 March, from 9am to 2pm. Handmade and new clothes, accessories, toys, books, manchester, children's entertainment and a BBQ. All proceeds go to the Blackburn North Lions Club so please come and show your support.

LOVE YA FOOTY
KEW EAST PRIMARY FOOTY CLINIC

Join former AFL Richmond Captain and accredited coach, Tony Free and others from The Kew Rovers FC for a light hearted Q & A discussion on why all children should play sport. The clinic includes:

- Supervised Training Drills
- Handball & Longest Kicking Competition
- Lots of giveaways & prizes to be won

See you on the basketball area Wednesday 14 March at lunch time 1.05pm to 1.45pm and remember, playing sport is about having fun, not just how good you are!

Footnote: Kew Rovers was established in 1971 by Father Kevin Nicholson who at the time was the Parish Priest @ Sacred Heart, Kew and still plays in the distinctive royal blue and white sash Guernsey introduced by Father Nicholson 40 years ago.
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Saturday March 17
1pm - 8pm

Closing with
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At 7:45pm

For further information or to purchase Ride Wristbands Call the
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www.bpark.vic.edu.au