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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Level 4 Camp
One hundred and fourteen Level 4 students excitedly departed KEPS yesterday morning at 7.30am, and made their way by bus, to Canberra. Staff and students arrived safety at about 5.40pm. Today students visited the Australian Institute of Sport, the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, the Electoral Education Centre, the High Court, the National Capital Exhibition and the Green Machine at CSIRO. What a day they have had! Daily updates will be available to parents on the school website.

2012 Pupil Free Days
School Council has endorsed the remaining 2 pupil free days for 2012 and these are to be held on:
- Friday 20 April (School organisational climate with Roger Dingle); and
- Friday 1 June (Writing/Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling with Deb Sukarna)

These dates have been dependent on the availability of consultants and they must be taken in either Term 1 or 2.

Kew Festival
Just a reminder that KEPS will be once again participating in the Kew Festival grand parade this Saturday 24 March, 2012. This year’s theme is ‘kewmunity’. Students marching in this year’s parade are asked to assemble at 10.00am, in the park behind Dunning & Sons Wood yard, near the Harp junction (corner of Harp, High and Valerie Streets), East Kew. The parade march will commence at 10.30am and will travel down High Street and turn into Victoria Park, concluding in front of the main stage (near the corner of High Street and Adeney Ave. Before students disperse, we will be seated briefly for the ‘Acknowledgement of Country’ ceremony. Students may be collected after this brief ceremony.

Mathletics
All parents will be provided with information on Mathletics this week from Di Terrill-Wynne (Maths Leader). Students will receive a login and password so that they can access Mathletics both at school and from home before the end of term. Students will be entitled to use Mathletics until March 2013, having paid a special whole school price in the Term 1 planners. Further information will be provided after the holidays as this program is commenced in class. It is envisaged that students will be set individualised class work and homework, to further enable students to work at their level of maths development. This is certainly an exciting opportunity for both students and staff, to use a high quality maths resource to further enhance the teaching and student achievement in Maths at KEPS.
Kitchener Street Entry/Exit
Due to road safety concerns expressed by many parents over a long period of time, particularly when dropping off and picking up students in Kitchener Street, the Boroondara Council has decided to restrict entry into Kitchener Street on school days. The Boroondara Council has conducted a lengthy consultation process which commenced in October last year and culminated in the surveying of residents in Windella and Kitchener Streets. As a result of support from both the school and local residents, it is anticipated that at the commencement of Term 2, there will be a ‘no entry’ into Kitchener Street at the Windella end, effective from 8.30am to 9.30am and 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

Kitchener Street will remain a two way street and residents will be able to still drive down the street both ways even in this time period. However, the restriction does not allow motorists to enter against the ‘no enter’ sign at the designated times. This in effect will restrict other traffic from entering Kitchener Street from the Windella Street end at the busiest times when students are most vulnerable. ‘No enter’ signs will be erected by the Boroondara Council for a trial period in the next 4 weeks.

I will inform parents through the newsletter when these ‘no enter’ signs are erected.

Helen Fotheringham
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Head Lice
Unfortunately we are seeing head lice outbreaks in various classes throughout the school.

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice and given the chance, head lice move from head to head without discrimination.

- Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects.
- Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown.
- People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice.
- Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

Finding head lice
Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

- **Step 1**
  Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.
- **Step 2**
  Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.
- **Step 3**
  Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
- **Step 4**
  Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
- **Step 5**
  Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times
- If lice or eggs are found, the child’s hair should be treated.
- Head lice eggs are small (the size of a pinhead) and oval. A live egg will 'pop' when squashed between fingernails.

When we become aware that a student does have head lice we request that parents commence treatment immediately. DEECD policy states that ‘Children may return to school after treatment has commenced’. There is no need to exclude students from school, but there is an expectation that treatment will be carried out.

Treatment choices

Chemical
Treat and comb to remove the head lice and eggs; and repeat in 7 days
Non-chemical
Use conditioner and comb to remove the head lice and eggs; and repeat every 2 days until no live lice have been found for 10 days.

Please remain vigilant by frequently checking your child or children for head lice. If you are having difficulties with successfully eradicating head lice, please contact either Jacqui or Lisa for further advice.

Assembly Etiquette
We are very fortunate with the gym to be able to accommodate many people during our assemblies. It has been pointed out however, that there are many parents who are standing towards the front of the assembly area causing the students to be distracted by looking for mum and dad and often waving to them. This is particularly distracting during our National Anthem. There have also been some toddlers that seem to struggle with the need to remain quiet and focussed and we request that, should this occur, little ones are taken out of the gym to reduce the noise. Assemblies are often run by student leaders and this is disconcerting for them as well as giving our younger students the wrong message about how to behave when in an audience. Your support with this is appreciated and will greatly assist with the smooth running of our weekly assemblies so that they can be enjoyed by all.

Deb Sparke
Assistant Principal

TRANSITION TO YEAR 7
Parents of Year 6 students will receive information and an Application for Enrolment (Year 7) on April 20. This form is to be completed and returned to this school by May 18.

All Year 6 students will need to have one of these forms completed. The enrolment form requests that parents indicate their preference for state secondary schools or indicate that their child will be attending a private secondary school.

Information about state secondary school Open Days & Information Sessions will be placed in the KEPS newsletter as it comes to hand but parents should check the secondary school websites for information about these events.

Melbourne Girls’ College Open Day & Information Sessions
MGC is running information sessions in the College Lyceum on Monday 16 April. There are two sessions:
Daughters’ Surnames A-K Arrive 7.00pm – Finish 8.00pm
Daughters’ Surnames L-Z Arrive 7.45pm – Finish 8.45pm

Open Day is Wednesday 2 May 9:30am – 2:30pm

Camberwell High School Open Night
Camberwell High School is having an Open Night on Tuesday 24 April between 6:30-8:30pm. All prospective students and parents are welcome. The school will also host tours on various dates during the year. For further information contact the Administration Office and/or check their website: www.camhigh.vic.edu.au.

Please contact Richard Jefferies if you have any queries regarding Year 7 Transition.

Richard Jefferies
Transition Coordinator

JSC FUNDRAISER
Students from JSC have organised a sports dress-up day for Friday 30 March. Students can dress up as their favourite sporting personality or in any sport of their choice. It will be appreciated if students donated a gold coin on the day.

All money raised will be sent to our sponsor child, Edwin who lives in Ecuador.
Belinda Crebbin and Mirella Erzetic
LIBRARY NEWS

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge 2012
For Year 1 and 2 students, parents can help them record their books online. To make it easier for the younger students, a common password has been assigned to all students as shown below.

Recording Books Online
- Click on Student Login
- Username: Child’s first and last name in lowercase with no spaces e.g. tinayap
- Password for Year 1 & 2 students: keweast1

If you have any problem logging in, please tell your class teacher or come and see me in the Library on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Meet the Author – Jacqueline Harvey
If you like to read Jacqueline Harvey’s books, she will be presenting her latest book Alice-Miranda in New York at 5 pm on Wednesday 21 March 2012 at Ebony Quill Café, The Well Shopping Centre (next to Dymocks Camberwell). Bookings are essential by Tuesday 20 March 2012 by calling Dymocks 9882 0032 or sending an email to camberwell@dymocks.com.au.

The Big Read 2012
In association with The Wheeler Centre and the State Library of Victoria, The Big Read will be held at 11am in the State Library’s Cowen Gallery, as part of the annual Children’s Book Festival on Sunday 25 March 2012. All are welcome to join in the celebration of families reading together in this National Year of Reading. Details and free registration can be found on http://bigread.cbca.org.au.

Happy reading!
Tina Yap

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Welcome BBQ Thanks and Well Done, Level 4
Just to a thank you for everyone that lent a hand at the BBQ. Level 4 has certainly shown us they know how to say welcome to all KEPS families. There were many who came forward on the night which was great but unfortunately that means I don't have your names to thank you all. Those that rostered on in advance did a sterling job so A BIG thank you. The bar ran smoothly in spite of the absence of the piccolos!
Thanks to: Donna Cameron, Peta Dempster, Michelle Patterson, De Fraser, Justine Reid, Sarah Eastwood, Kristina Wearing and Sharon Smith.

The jams, preserves and craft stall was well stocked with a retrospective of crafts dating back to 2006 - but the jams were all fresh from 2011 and were snapped up. The craft crew were subtle but highly effective sales women and I saw some big bags of craft leaving with a few families. Thanks to Michelle Cortis, Michele Hore, Anita Talwar and Jackie Anderson.

The raffle was well supported with the prizes of the Aussie Farmers Fruit and Veg Family Boxes, and the Joyce & Sons meat trays highly sought, however the real prize was the Kew East Pharmacy box which was our mystery prize. Special thanks to the Level 4 students for their sales along with and Val Hempenstall and Melissa.

The soft drink stand was never quiet and Tam Wraith did a great job organising the Level 4 students and families to help, including: Jarvis and Rebecca Halfpenny, Zaki and Jenny Browning, Fern and Helen Corney, Aston and Natasha Key, Jacqueline Waters, Isabella Dixon and Fiona Van Arkadie, Bailey Wraith, Matthew Hunter-Scott, Tara and Tracey Daicos, Declan and Sam Arnot, Will Nicholson and Anita Talwar, Sam and Andrew Port.

Then there was the BBQ and food. Hot work for a day of 35 degrees so a special thanks to Marcus Halfpenny and Stuart Smith. Serving up all those sausages, burgers and Red Emperor rice paper rolls were many, but those rostered
on before were: Dot Kulig, Geraldine Lennon, Marisa Brazzale, Susie Rachloff, Angela Wirth, Stacy Sanders, Louise Rehe, Lyndall Hunter and Paul Katsieris.

Clean up and set up we roped many of you in to help and a special thanks to Jacqueline and Catherine Waters, Ria Pollock and Deborah Woodrup.

We have raised over $3000 and in the next newsletter we will be able to confirm how that money will support our children after School Council have given the official tick first.

**Future Events**

On that same issue, the next newsletter we will publish the official events for 2012 and what we hope to raise funds for. The good news is that this year we will see the return of a Parent Dinner. Justine Reid and a team of expert party organisers are just confirming dates and venues so stay tuned!

Lisa Marquette  
Social Fundraising Convenor

**KEW EAST BASKETBALL CLUB**

New Boys Team Starting Term 2  
Do you have a son born in 2002 interested in starting basketball? We are organising a new team to enter in the new Winter Competition, commencing Term 2.

Training is one hour per week after school – day/time yet to be organised, and games are typically on a Saturday morning at a local stadium.

If you are interested, please call:  
Paula Davey 9853 0568 / 0413 624 029 or  
Tracey Daicos 9857 8801 / 0411 090 012 or email pauladavey@iprimus.com.au

Entries close this week, so you would need to contact us straight away.

Paula & Tracey

**PARENT CATCH UPS**

Level 3NK Parents Morning Tea  
Please note that the date has changed to **Thursday 22 March** for the 3NK catch up. Please meet us after morning drop off at The Bean Thief, 773 High Street, Kew East. We hope this change in day has not been an inconvenience.

*We look forward to meeting all who can make it.*  
Angela (Stephen's Mum) and Monika (Lucera's Mum)

1TW Morning Tea  
Parents and carers of 1TW are invited to a catch up morning tea on Friday 23 March at ‘Grazings’ (High St, Kew East) straight after school drop-off.

*Hope to see you there!*  
Carolyn, Michelle, Natasha & Voula

2MG and 3EM Catch Up  
Parents and Carers of 2MG and 3EM are invited to morning tea after drop-off at The Bean Thief, High St East Kew on Friday 23 March.

*Hope to see you there.*  
Jackie Anderson 2MG (0421 128 840) and Maria Butler 3EM (0437 332 067)

4RJ Catch Up  
Parents of 4RJ, please join us for coffee on Friday 23 March at Grazings after drop off.
1LA Parents & Carers Morning Tea
We are catching up at The Boulevard Restaurant/Cafe in Kew (3 Walmer Street - off Studley Park Road, near Xavier College) after school drop-off on Wednesday 21 March. There is ample parking and a grassy area for young ones to run around.

*If you'd like a ride from school, speak to:*
Tam Wraith (0418 395 344) or Joanne van Ravenswaaij (0425 713 493)

3BC Morning Tea
Parents and Carers of 3BC are invited to morning tea after drop off on Wednesday 21 March. I have booked a table at the Bean Thief under “Amanda”.

*Hope to see you there.*
Amanda Gonzales

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. (Invites have also been sent home via the children)

Details are:
- Friday 23 March
- 8pm – 10pm
- Sarah’s home
- Please bring some nibbles to share and your choice of drinks

*We hope you can make it!*
Georgie Slade (Elena’s mum 2GC class rep) 0438 565 774

3EL Class Dinner
All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to join us for 3EL’s class dinner. This will be a great opportunity to meet & catch up with everyone in a more relaxed environment than the mad scramble of drop off & pick up at school! Hope you can join us for what promises to be a fantastic night out.

- Saychol Thai Restaurant
- 229 High St, Kew
- 9859 7788
- Thursday 3 May at 7pm
- Set banquet menu of $40 per person (3 entreés/5 mains to share)

BYO wine only

Please RSVP to: Jane Bowman (janebowman@netspace.net.au or 0414 597 363) by Friday 27 April. Please advise Jane of any allergies or special requirements when you RSVP.

*Looking forward to seeing you all there!*
Josie Upfield, Celina Lange-Pirrie, Jane Bowman & Andrew Green

4CM Parents’ Catch-Up
Term 1 has flown by. We’d love you to come along for a quick catch-up with other parents at Grazing Cafe, 713 High Street East Kew, on **Thursday 29 March 2012** after morning drop-off.

*Hope to see you there.*
Jenny Browning & Kris Mourtikas
OSHC ACTIVITIES
Term 1 Week 9  26/3/12 – 30/3/12
Outdoor games: Sports activities, tennis
Craft Activities: Woodwork

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Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students

Girls and boys aged 15-18 from Italy, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Japan, Brazil, Sweden and Austria are hoping to come here to study for 5 or 10 months from July this year but need a willing volunteer family to host and welcome them. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03) 9758 4279 and let me know of your interest.

Klaus Schumann
WEP Community Coordinator

Kew Occasional Care
Has limited vacancies for 2012

Session times are
Monday - Friday 9am - 2pm with limited 4 hour sessions
Monday to Thursday
9.00am - 1.00pm

Friday's are a 3+ Activity Group

Kew Occasional Care
Rear 21 Strathalbyn Street
East Kew, 3102

Enquiries:
Audette - 9859 6459

Kew Comets Auskick 2012

Venue: Victoria Park Kew. We welcome boys and girls to participate in Auskick. Please visit www.aflauskick.com and register online now (accepting online payments only). Registration day is 21 April 8.30am – 10.00am 2012. Official program commences 28 April 9.00 – 10.00am. We look forward to seeing you there.
KEPS Mothers Day Lunch

It was such good fun ... let's do it all again!

Friday 11 May, 2012

St Katherine's

26 Cotham Road, Kew
from midday

$72.50

Sparkling on arrival
Selection of Main Courses with Red & White Wines
followed by Selection of Desserts & Coffee

Surprise Guest Speaker.

Current and past KEPS Mums only please.

All RSVP is via TryBooking at the following link

www.trybooking.com/NNB

Your Class Rep may be organising a table or feel free to organise your own table.
Alternatively, just book for yourself, and we will pair you on an appropriate class table,
or a shared class table. There are tables of 12 or 14 available.

Please advise us of any special dietary restrictions with your booking.

Numbers are limited - so please book early - and strictly by 30 April.

Any remaining seats after this date will be released for friends.

Queries to Donna Cameron 0409 662 238

OUT TO LUNCH
Pre-order the new 2012|2013 Entertainment™ Books today to receive over $170 in additional offers!

We are pleased to announce that we'll be selling the new 2012 | 2013 Greater Melbourne Entertainment™ Books as a fund-raiser for Kew East Primary School Entertainment™ Books are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best restaurants, cafes, hotel accommodation, attractions and activities.

The new Book is only $65, and you'll receive $15,000 worth of valuable offers until 1st June 2013. So you can choose what you want to do and when you want to do it.

Plus, the good news is that $13 of your Book purchase goes towards our fund-raising!

Here are just some of the valuable offers in the new Book!

...plus there are hundreds more! Take a look at our virtual book
Pre-order your Book now and you’ll receive extra value...
Pay for your new Greater Melbourne Entertainment™
Book before 4 April 2012 and you’ll receive Bonus Offers*, valued at over $170, which you can use immediately!

*Whilst stocks last. There are 3 versions of the bonus offers.

Enlarge to view offers*

ORDER YOUR NEW BOOK ONLINE NOW

Or contact us to order your Book:

Kew East Primary School

Contact: Lisa Marquette
Phone: 0414478328

Email: lisamarquette@optusnet.com.au
Calling all young musicians:
We invite all brass, woodwind and percussion players to play with us in:

The John Mallinson Youth Band (≈ AMEB 4-6)
or the Wilf Dyason Wind Ensemble (≈ AMEB 2-3)

Time: every Saturday afternoon
Venue: Mt Waverley Secondary College Melways 61 F11
Web site http://www.ybp.org.au

MEET US; HEAR US
Email: melaniebennetts@optusnet.com.au

SealPony presents its popular soccer program. SealPony Soccer is a developmental & participation program that introduces boys and girls aged between 5-10 to the game of football (soccer). It focuses on teaching the basic skills.

This is a perfect opportunity for children to keep physically fit and develop skills required to play the world’s most popular game.

SealPony Benefits
* Learn the skills of soccer
* Fun games & activities
* Great giveaways
* Meet new friends
* Achievement awards

Note: As this is a popular program and places are limited, enrol quickly to ensure a place for this season.
For more information call Joe:
Mobile: 0415-388-028
E-mail: jyamen@optusnet.com.au

Venue: James Street Reserve
Time: Every Sunday Morning
Starting Date: 22nd of April 2012
Finishing Date: 1st of July 2012
Registration Date:
Saturday 10 am - 11 am
14th of April 2012
Address: James Street Reserve
Heidelberg Heights 3081
Cnr James, Alfred & St. Hellier Street
North Balwyn Baseball Club

Junior Come and Try Days
Saturday 17 March & Saturday 24 March 2012
10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Myrtle Park, Gildan Street, North Balwyn (MacLeay Park precinct)  Mel Ref: 46 B4

Boys and Girls aged 8 to 17 are invited to come and try Baseball.

Coaching sessions + opportunities to bat and field. No experience or equipment necessary.

North Balwyn Baseball Club is celebrating its 75th year in 2012. The club has male and female junior players aged 8 to 17 across all levels with junior and senior teams playing each week.

For more information contact:
Rod Jackson (Juniors Coordinator) 0400 935 429
Jude Barling (Juniors Secretary) 0429 041 788

www.northbalwyn.baseball.com.au  E: northbalwynbc@yahoo.com