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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Council Elections
As part of the School Council election process, I formally declare that the following nominations are duly elected to the school council: Merv Kiley, Stacy Sanders, Mark Young, Stacey Grant, Daniel Miric (Parent members) Deb Sparke and Richard Jefferies (DEECD members). No election was required as the number of vacancies equalled the same number of nominations. Five of seven newly elected members have been returned to council for another term, whilst we welcome Stacey Grant, Daniel Miric and Richard Jefferies as new school councillors. All newly elected members (2012) will serve 2 years on council while existing members have one more year to serve in their term.

The 2012 School Council consists of the following members:

Parents
- Stacy Sanders
- Stacey Grant
- Merv Kiley
- Mark Young
- Daniel Miric
- Andrea Phillips
- Stephen Tucker
- David Rehe
- Lisa Marquette

Staff
- Deb Sparke
- Richard Jefferies
- Eric McCann
- Di Terrill-Wynne

Executive Officer
- Helen Fotheringham

The first School Council meeting will take place this Wednesday 22 February, where new office bearers (President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary) and subcommittee convenors will be elected for 2012.

School Council Subcommittee and Project Teams
Parents and staff not elected to School Council still have numerous opportunities to help shape and develop school policies; and to assist with the implementation of various initiatives for 2012, through the subcommittee and project team structure. Currently, our School Council subcommittees consist of Facilities, Education, Social & Fundraising, Finance and Out of Schools Hour Care (OSHC). Project teams are linked to the subcommittee structure. In the case of the Facilities School Council Subcommittee, it has a project team called the ‘Green Team’, which consists of a group of parents and staff who work on sustainability issues and initiatives. In Social & Fundraising Subcommittee, there are also project teams. There is more detailed information on these project teams in this week’s newsletter which has been prepared by volunteer parents.
If you are interested in joining any of these subcommittees or project teams please make contact with either the Convener (names will be published next newsletter) of the various committees.

At the end of 2011, we lost a significant number of older families who have made a magnificent contribution over the last few years. It is very important and vital for our school community, to continually replenish our pool of volunteer parents so that we may be able to maintain our vibrant school community.

This is a wonderful opportunity to assist the school and is another avenue to meet and network with other parents in our school community. It is also an opportunity to model community service to your children. Research would also suggest, that children who have parents actively involved in or interested in their child’s school, will benefit through greater engagement in their learning and have a positive impact on their attitude towards school and their achievement.

**Student leadership Presentation**
Presentation of student leadership badges to School, Ambassadors, House Captains and Vice Captains, Music Captains and Vice Captains and Junior School Council members will take place on Monday 27 February at Monday morning assembly. Presentation of ELFs will be at a later date in Term 1.

The Principal of Kew HS, Clare Entwistle and her 2012 school captains, Pearl Lin Yap and Alex Napolitano will be our guests. Alex and Pearl will present badges to our 2012 KEPS leaders.

**Working Bee**
On Sunday 19 February we held our first whole school working bee. We had a fantastic response from many parents who attended Sunday morning to complete a list of extensive jobs which had accumulated over the summer break.

Jobs completed included weeding in the front of the school, along all school boundaries (Kitchener, Windella and Beresford), both within and outside the boundary fence and around school buildings; cleaning of troughs and drains pits, sweeping up of leaves and bark, weeding of the vegie patch and Habitat Haven, blowing clean the junior playground area, pruning of shrubs along the fence lines and inside the school grounds and spreading of mulch onto the garden beds at the front of the school. No doubt, you will have noticed a much tidier playground and garden if you have been in the school today or yesterday. Thanks must go to the following families for their commitment to keeping our playground in the best possible condition: Faranda, Wallace, McCann, Mastras, Hilton, Silver, Cronin, Young, Huang, Christopoulos, Upfield, Chen, Maccarrone, Davis, Hazeldine, Chan, Port, Sanders, Nelson, Hall, de Graaff, Grant, Akkerman, Bruce, Kim, Hale, Findlay, Comrie, Ruljancich, Moloney, Comer, Beardmore, Johnson, Hunter-Scott, Bleby, Bain, Sugar, Ristic, Moulton, Lee, Anderson, Ghantous, Young, Gebert, Belford, Reddaway and McCardel.

It was also wonderful to see many new families at their first working bee. Well done everyone, you should be very proud of your efforts!!

**Welcome BBQ**
We look forward to seeing as many families as possible on Friday night (24 February) at our Welcome BBQ. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with old faces and meet new parents who have recently joined our school community. Lisa Marquette (Social & Fundraising Convener) has worked closely with Level 4 parents to ensure that this evening is a success. Sausages, rice paper rolls and drinks will be sold.

The staff and I look forward to seeing you.

**Harp Road High Street Intersection**
Late last year, I indicated that Vic roads had approved and funded a crossing supervisor for the Harp Road/High Street intersection for the 2011/12 financial year. I recently made inquiries to the Boroondara Council and reminded them it has been some 8 months since this funding had been made and yet they are still to staff the crossing. It would appear that they are having difficulties in finding persons to ‘man’ all their crossings.

So if there is anyone wanting part-time work or know of any retired person or otherwise who might be willing to seek employment as a crossing supervisor, please contact me or the Boroondara Council.
**Parent Complaints**

From time to time it is inevitable that parents will raise issues in relation to school processes or incidents that may have involved their children’s wellbeing and or academic progress at KEPS. It is important that such issues are raised and we welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns.

Depending on the seriousness of the issue, parents generally are encouraged to raise issues in the first instance with class teachers and in more concerning cases, with Deb or me. In any case, I would encourage parents to raise issues either in person, or through written correspondence (letter or email) or via phone so that we can discuss and respond to your concerns.

I would respectfully request that parents do not raise issues in anonymously written letters as it denies the right of reply or an opportunity to share facts that may not be obvious. I have the view that complaints should not be seen as a negative but rather an opportunity to listen to parents and in many cases, as a result, improve our practices and processes.

Helen Fotheringham
Principal

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**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**Class Reps**

Thank you to all of those parents who have replied to taking on the role of Class Rep for 2012. At the time of writing this piece, we have had a very positive response with most classes having at least one representative. However, there are still two classes who do not have a Class Rep yet. The classes still without reps are: 1TW and 3BH.

If you have a child in either of these classes and are able to assist as a Class Rep, could you please complete the relevant form and forward it to the office. If you require a new form, please see Courtney and she will happily provide you with one.

**Religious Instruction**

As with other years, the Religious Instruction program will begin in March for students in Levels 2 – 4. As of March 5, participating students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have their 25 minutes session on a Monday afternoon, whilst the Level 2 students will begin on Wednesday 7 March, also in the afternoon.

Students who do not participate in this program will remain with other students from the same level and continue with their regular class program.

Deb Sparke
Assistant Principal

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Term 1 Sports Dates**

- Friday 17 February - weekly Interschool Sport starts
- Wednesday 28 March - Level 4 Interschool Gala Day

**Interschool Sport - 17 February**

Last Friday was our first interschool sport game of the year. All students played fantastically and showed terrific sportsmanship against Kew Primary School. A big thank you to all the parents and teachers that coached/umpired!

Below are the results:

**Rounders**

- Senior Kew 25 def KEPS 18
- Social KEPS 27 def Kew 17

**Teeball**

- Senior Kew 13 def KEPS 6
- Social KEPS 27 def Kew 15

**Volleyball**

- Senior KEPS 21 def Kew 5
- Social KEPS 21 def Kew 15

**Bat Tennis**

- Senior KEPS 7 def Kew 6
- Social Kew 32 def KEPS 22
Kanga
Girls KEPS 118 def Kew 65
Mixed 1(still trying to find out scores from Kew)
Boys KEPS 136 def Kew 88
Mixed Kanga 2 had to play Teeball and won 28 vs 12

A reminder to students and parents to check the Level 4 sports noticeboard on Wednesday afternoon each week. This is located between 4RJ and 4JH’s rooms by Wednesday afternoon. There will be a fixture and bus list placed there every week.

District Swimming Carnival
On Monday 20 February the Kew District Swimming Carnival was held at Bialik College. We had 24 students participate in the event. All students did a tremendous job and showed great skill and determination in their efforts.

Participants
10 Year Olds
Katie Hunter Scott, Wakana Yoshida, Marlee Lange Pirrie, Amber Wraith, Yasmin Culnane, Sarah Wallace, Jennifer Han, Taiga Yoshida, Harry Rice, Callum Traverso and Noah Montague.

11 Year Olds
Katrina Appleton, Lucas Bateman, Tom Cameron, Josh Maccarone, Sam Pope and Eric He.

12 Year Olds
Bethany Smith, Ruby Martin, Bailey Wraith, Hamish Wallace, Will Cameron and Matthew Hunter Scott
A list of the official placegetters will be placed in the next newsletter.

A big thank you to all parents who transported students to and from the event. Their support throughout the carnival was fantastic as well!!!!

Sam Bishop
Physical Education Coordinator

CHESS CLUB 2012
Could all students interested in joining Chess Club please see Mirella for an enrolment form. There will be a fee of approximately $65, however, this may vary depending on the number of students interested in joining.

There are limited places so acceptance will be based on when enrolments and payments are received.

Thank you.
Mirella Erzetic

BAND NEWS
Social Band This Thursday Lunchtime
This Thursday marks the first rehearsal for Social Band 2012! It is important that all band members bring their instruments and books and meet Ken in the music centre at 1.00pm Thursday.
Lunch Orders
As we only have limited time for rehearsal and lunch orders can arrive late, band members are asked to bring their lunch on their specific band day.

We know it's not always possible, but this way more food ends up in your stomach than in your instrument.

See you in band!
Ken Gardner
Band Coordinator
LIBRARY

Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge 2012

The Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge (VPRC) is for all Victorian students from Prep to Year 10. The VPRC begins in February and ends around August/September. The Library would like to encourage children to read by asking them to take part in the VPRC on a voluntary basis.

Each class teacher has been asked to provide a list of students who will be interested to take part in the Challenge. It will be good if parents do get involved and encourage your child to take part in the Challenge. You can find out more information about the VPRC from the website http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/.

Students must keep a record of the titles and authors of books they have read. They can log in using their username and password which I will give to each child participating so that they can enter it into the database.

For the younger students in Prep to Year 2, parents will have to help with the data entry but I am also happy to assist if they give me their named record log. I would appreciate if it these are given to me on a regular basis instead of waiting till the end of the Challenge.

_The Age_ is publishing the official book list on Sunday 26 February, 2012.

Happy reading!
Tina Yap
Librarian

WELCOME BBQ FRIDAY NIGHT 5.30-7.30PM

Looks like a hot sunny day on Friday - perfect for our BBQ! Don't forget to grab the family for a fun catch up.

We have delicious food on offer:

- Sausage on bread - $2.50  
- Beef patties on bread - $4.00  
- Rice paper rolls From Red Emperor - $4.00 pack of 2 get in quick they sell out fast!  
- Big range of soft drinks - $2.00  
- Water - $1.50  
- Wine by the glass - $4.00  
- Beer - $4.00  
- Chutney Chick goodies - from $4.00 per jar

Raffle prizes include family Fruit and Veg Packs donated by Aussie Farmers Direct, Meat tray donated by Joyce & Sons. Tickets will be $3.00 each, 5 for $5.00 and 10 for $10.00.

We invite any of our young musicians to bring along their instrument and entertain the crowd. We know many of the students were busking over Christmas so we would love to see you perform. It will be low key and low pressure so if you feel like getting up and playing please let us know by Friday morning so we can give every performer a time to play.

_We still need more volunteers to help with set up and also cooking the BBQ and selling food!_ We know that amongst the Dads there are a few of you that can't resist the attraction of a pair of tongs and fetching apron - so _please_ volunteer to take a brief 15 minute shift on the food stand.

Looking forward to seeing ALL of you there! Want to volunteer?
Email lisamarquette@optusnet.com.au,
Stacy Sanders - smsanders@bigpond.com

Lisa Marquette
Fundraising Coordinator
CHRISTIAN R.E. TEACHERS NEEDED AT KEW EAST PRIMARY
Do you love talking to children about the big (and small) questions of life? CRE (Christian Religious Education) could be for you or someone you know.

At Kew East Primary School we are looking for volunteers to teach 25 min. classes on Monday or Wednesday afternoon and join our friendly and supportive team. We currently have 2 vacancies in our Year 5/6 and Prep classes. Relief teachers, to cover ad-hoc classes when regular teachers are away on holidays or due to illness, are also needed.

All teacher training, on-going accreditation, class material, teacher lesson plans and curriculum are provided by Access (Australian Council for Christian Education in Schools) and approved by the Victorian Ministry of Education. This voluntary work is a real joy, as we share with children in their reflections on the world around them and their place in it.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Eunice Blanchard on 9888 5827.

Eunice Blanchard
CRE Co-Coordinator

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS
Do you have a free hour – once a week; once a fortnight or once a month? Your local community is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to residents in our local community in Kew or Hawthorn.

A couple of KEPS Mums currently do a shift together once a fortnight – but we are in need of some more help. Rounds take approximately one hour and run Monday to Friday mornings.

If you can help us out, please phone Boroondara Council's Food Services Coordinator, Jill Moylan, on 9278 4777.

KEW EAST BASKETBALL CLUB
New Teams
The Winter season of the Kew East Basketball Club commences in Term 2, 2012; and runs over Term 2 & Term 3.

Should you be considering entering a new team into the competition, now is the time to act and get organised to take advantage of the early bird registration.

You should also note that uniforms can take up to 8 weeks from the date of ordering.

The age groups in the Winter competition are U10s; U12s; U14s; U16s; and U18s.

To play in the Under 10 age group; a player must not turn the age of 10 before 31 December 2012, and so on for U12; U14 etc. It is helpful for the team going forward – to have all of your team members born in the same year.

An information sheet for new teams can be downloaded from www.kebc.sportingpulse.net. For further information, please contact the Boys or Girls Team Coordinators:

Donna Cameron
Girls Team Coordinator
decameron@iinet.net.au
0409 662238

Dorothy Kulig
Boys Team Coordinator
mipandduk@optusnet.com.au
0414 606667
OSHC ACTIVITIES
Term 1 Week 5 27/2/12 – 2/3/12
Outdoor games: Basketball, Tennis, Downball
Craft Activities: Polygon construction

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LOOKING FOR A KINDERGARTEN SPOT IN KEW?

Davis Street Kindergarten and Glass Street Kindergarten both have places available in their four-year-old kindergarten program.

For more details, contact the Kew Pre School Association on mob. 0434 810 669 or visit www.kpsa.org.au

Glass Street Kindergarten
Limited vacancies in
4-5YO Green Group
Tuesdays, 1.00pm-4.00pm
Wednesdays 8.45am-3.00pm
Fridays 8.45am-12noon.

“A magical journey of learning awaits each child, through inspiring, creative spaces”

Interested?
Please contact Miriam at KPSA-0434 810 669

16 Glass Street. Kew East Victoria 3102
Email: glass.st.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au
Web: www.glass-street-kinder.org.au
KEPS has a high level of parent input in many aspects of school operation. The result is a vibrant and active school community that encourages student learning and engagement, and helps foster strong and lasting connections between parents, teachers and students.

KEPS parents are drawn from all walks of life and bring with them a broad range of skills, passions, opportunity and contacts. KEPS aims to cater for this diversity by providing volunteer opportunities for parents in a range of areas, including the classroom, administration, social and fundraising. Some of these roles require a regular commitment, others a concerted effort once a year. Some are on an ‘as needed’ basis.

The aim of this information sheet is to provide you with a complete picture of the volunteer opportunities on offer at KEPS. We hope this will give you a good idea of the way the KEPS community works and help you decide where and how you can best assist. If you want to volunteer for any of these roles or groups, or just want to know more about them, please contact the coordinator noted on the leaflet.

Remember, no matter what the level of your commitment - stacking chairs, baking a cake, or coordinating an entire event - all of it is vital in ensuring KEPS is able to continue providing students and their families with a positive, supportive and socially fulfilling primary school experience.
Becoming an elected member of the school council is a great way to become involved in our school! All government schools in Victoria have a school council. Their role, broadly speaking, is to establish, develop and oversee the direction and vision of the school. Areas covered by the school council include strategic planning, policy development, budgets and financial expenditure, maintenance of the school grounds and facilities, and fundraising for school related purposes.

The school council consists of teacher and parent representatives. Parent representatives are elected and are required to serve on the council for a minimum of two years. School Council currently meets at least twice per term on Wednesdays at 7.30pm – 9.30pm. KEPS school community members are welcome to attend these open meetings.

If you find the thought of being elected to school council a little daunting, or feel unsure of your ability to commit to a long-term position, don’t worry, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved in smaller ways through the many school council subcommittees. **Membership of these subcommittees is open to all parents and does not require election to school council.**

Each of the following subcommittees is convened by an elected school councillor or teacher representative. Subcommittee meetings are usually held on a Wednesday and dates and times are communicated via the KEPS newsletter.

**Education**

The Education Subcommittee is made up of KEPS teaching staff and parents from the school community. We meet monthly during term time on a Wednesday at 5.15pm.

Our role is to review policies relating to KEPS, organise parent forums and generally deal with issues regarding the current educational curriculum. The Education Subcommittee welcomes any parents that are interested in participating and assisting KEPS to further develop the quality of education at the School and strengthen the link between students and the parent community.

To find out more about this subcommittee contact Andrea Phillips on mimibland@hotmail.com or Deb Sparke (Convenor) on kew.east.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Facilities**

The Facilities Subcommittee determines maintenance requirements and makes recommendations to the School Council on improvements to the school buildings and grounds. It is also responsible for coordinating the school community working bees which are spread throughout the year and always conclude with a BBQ!

The Facilities Subcommittee is currently working on the creation and planting of a new garden along Windella Street, the extension of the existing vegetable garden to enable disabled access, and assistance with the expansion of the habitat haven around the oval. Past projects include the creation of a master plan to assist with school maintenance, and successful applications for grants from school projects.

The students really value the contribution parents make to our facilities. If you want to make your ‘mark’ at KEPS, we would love to hear from you. Contact Mark Young (Convenor) on marknvoula@bigpond.com or Mandy Thomson on mandythomson@hotmail.com.
Finance

The Finance Subcommittee is responsible for developing the annual budget and recommending it to council for approval. It also monitors and reports back to council on issues such as progress against the budget, risk minimisation controls, investment status and investment policy. Other roles include assisting with completion of school tenders, reviewing the annual audited financial statement and auditor's report, and assisting with follow-up where appropriate.

This subcommittee is usually make up of the School Council President, Treasurer, Business Manager and Principal.

Convenor: Stephen Tucker

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

This subcommittee ensures the OSHC is running effectively and efficiently, and meets relevant standards and regulations.

Convenor: To be confirmed

Social & Fundraising

This subcommittee is responsible for developing, implementing and coordinating fundraising projects and social events in order to provide opportunities for parents and children to network with other families, raise money for worthwhile school causes and have fun while doing so!

This year we are in need of a few new faces on the committee as many of our good ideas people have moved on to high school, and it isn't a carnival year! So if you can spare a few hours a month please think of joining in. Meetings are monthly and held at a time convenient for the participants, and the more volunteers, the less work for the individuals involved. This is a great way to get to know families across the school and to meet the students - you'll love it. We are also very keen to have fathers’ input so we can ensure we have events and activities that involve the men of KEPS.

A calendar of events has been established for 2012 and can be found at the back of this leaflet. We are looking for volunteers to help co-ordinate these events and if you have some fresh ideas for new events we would love to hear from you!

NEW Social & Fundraising(S&F) Special Project Group – Social Engagement

During the past year, the S&F Subcommittee has been aware of concerns within our school community as parents see the pressures that children face in high school and indeed primary school to fit in to the peer group with the latest clothes, toys and gadgets and are concerned that growing up in an affluent and safe community such as East Kew, our children are unaware that this is not the reality of everyone lives. We are often asked:

- What we as a school do for others?
- Do we donate to less fortunate communities?
- How do we get involved in or community?

There is a desire amongst many KEPS families to ensure that their children have opportunities to understand what doing something for others really means – it is not just the gold coin donation because you get to wear jeans or fancy dress but that giving something of yourself, not just money is important to living in and building a good society.

This project group is passionate about exploring and implementing programs for KEPS students to gain greater awareness of their responsibilities as global citizens and contribute to the local and wider community. We aim to have a more holistic approach to student fundraising and integrating national and global social justice issues with the school curriculum. We plan to arrange speakers to present to
the school. We are also considering ways our students could be involved in our wider community, such as performing music for nursing home residents and other community groups.

If you have any suggestions or would like to be involved in this new and exciting school initiative, contact Joanne van Ravenswaaij on 042 571 3493; joannevr@optusnet.com.au

Social and Fundraising Convenor: Lisa Marquette Ph: 0414 478 328 Email: lisamarquette@optusnet.com.au

Class Representatives

Each year parents are encouraged to volunteer as the parent representative of their child’s class. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet and network with other class parents and across the school. The class representative’s role is to help build social capital among families by promoting parental participation in the classroom, in the school and at social gatherings. This includes supporting new and existing families to the school, providing opportunities for class parents to meet and connect (eg. morning teas, class dinners), liaising with the class teacher, and assisting in the organisation of certain social and fundraising opportunities.

There are usually two (or three) parents per class sharing class representative responsibilities. Please let your class teacher know if you are interested in volunteering for this role.

FOKE (Families of East Kew)

If you would like to help out with school events on a more informal basis, then FOKE (Families of Kew East) is a good place to start. The school can not make the contact details of parents available to other parents without their consent so FOLK is a parent initiative where by you can make limited contact details available to the school community.

FOKE is a network of school parents who are keen to assist the school community and stay ‘in the loop’, but to do so within a less formal volunteer structure. FOKE aims to provide a pool of parents available to help out, on an ad hoc basis, with the school’s many social and fundraising ventures. This may include helping set up or pack up for a specific activity, making phone calls or deliveries, or serving at a stall. Being a part of the FOKE network requires no regular meeting commitment. Contact is made via group emails requesting assistance.

FOKE is the key to success of our events in 2011

If you would like to be part of FOKE contact Stacy Sanders on smsanders@bigpond.com

The Green Team

The Green Team aims to promote and implement environmentally sustainable practices at KEPS. The team is comprised of teachers and parents, and meets twice a term. Sustainability issues and initiatives identified during these meetings are reported back to the principal and Facilities Committee.

Amongst other things, the team is responsible for organising KEPS’ annual Earth Hour school picnic, supporting the student Environment Club, maintaining KEPS’ CERES 4 Star accreditation requirements, liaising with the Boroondara Schools Sustainability network, and submitting grant applications.

Some major achievements include the installation and monitoring of solar panels on the Junior School building roof and the establishment of the Habitat Haven on the Kitchener Street end of the school oval.

If you would like to know more about The Green Team please email Val Hempenstall on hempenstall.valerie.v@edumail.vic.gov.au.
Second Hand Uniform Shop

The second hand uniform shop sells quality used school uniform items donated by KEPS parents. The shop is open from 3.15 to 3.45pm every Tuesday in Term 1, and then fortnightly for the rest of the year. It operates from the right hand side front windows of the Junior School Hall.

The shop is run by KEPS parents, who are responsible for receiving, sorting, pricing and selling items. Parent helpers only need to be available when the shop is open.

If you are interested in helping out, contact Karen Tuttleby on 0409 598 451 or 9859 8451 or email her on karen.tuttleby@optusnet.com.au.

Classroom Assistance

Parent involvement at KEPS in not only highly valued but is greatly encouraged. Whilst we recognise that parent involvement will differ from family to family due to availability, offering assistance within the class or school program is a wonderful way to build and maintain close relationships and partnerships.

Some of the ways you can become involved include:

- PMP (Perceptual Motor Program) – Prep
- Assisting with literacy programs, reading and writing, as well as maths class programs – (teachers will initiate this with parents as necessary)
- Helping in the library with tasks such as shelving, etc
- Through our sport program including interschool sport and special events such as swimming competition, Athletics Day, Hooptime.
- Excursions when extra assistance is required (again teachers will request if necessary)
- Incursions – by attending if the class program has a visitor to the school and more hands are required
- During school special events like Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls

Teachers will let parents know how and when help is needed. During Term 1, many classes are still settling, but during Terms 2, 3 and 4 keep an eye in your level newsletters to see what opportunities arise.

Parents, caregivers and grandparents are all very welcome to participate at KEPS to work with us to make this a great school for all our students.
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