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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 council: Andrea Phillips, Lisa Marquette, Stephen Tucker, David Rehe (Parent members), Di Terrill-Wyne and Eric McCann (DEECD members). No election was required as the number of vacancies equalled the same number of nominations. Five of six newly elected members have been returned to council for another term, whilst we welcome Di Terrill-Wyne as a new school councillor. Newly elected members will serve 2 years on council while existing members have one more year to serve in their term.

The 2011 School Council consists of the following members:

Parents:
Stacy Sanders
Colin Harris
Merv Kiley
Simon Berridge
Andrea Phillips
Stephen Tucker
David Rehe
Lisa Marquette
Mark Young

Staff:
Deb Sparke
Genevieve Cleary
Di Terrill-Wyne
Eric McCann

Executive Officer:
Helen Fotheringham

The first school council meeting will take place on Wednesday 23 February 2011 where new office bearers (President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary) and subcommittee convenors will be elected for 2011.

School Council Subcommittee and Project Teams

Parents and staff not elected to School Council still have numerous opportunities to help shape and develop school polices; and to assist with the implementation of various initiatives for 2011, through the subcommittee and project team structure. Currently, our school council subcommittees consist of, Facilities, Education, Social & Fund Raising, 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 2011, we anticipate that we will have various social and fund raising project teams linked to the Social Fund Raising Subcommittee. Such project teams will be linked to smaller social and or fundraising activities such as Mother’s & Father’s Day Stalls.

If you are interested in joining any of these subcommittees or project teams please make contact with either me or the Convenor (names will be published next newsletter) of the various committees. This is a wonderful opportunity to assist the school and is another avenue to meet and network with other parents in our school community.
Working Bee
On Sunday 20 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, spreading of mulch near the junior sand pit, weeding in front of the school, along the length of Kitchener Street, both within and along the boundary fence and around school buildings; moving of an old water tank and installing it in the front garden on a newly constructed base of crushed rock, cleaning of troughs and drain pits, sweeping up of leaves and bark, weeding of the ‘vegie’ patch, blowing clean the junior playground area and the oval synthi turf, pruning of shrubs along the fence lines and moving of soil and rubbish from the Habitat Haven.

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 and staff for their commitment to keeping our playground in the best possible condition: Savell, Lee (Irene), Ollington-Scammell, Rehe, Rigg, Van Ravenswaaij, Bruce, Andreasen, Doufas, McCordel, Chen (Brazzale), Roberts, Weibenga, Cairns, de Graaff, Noffs, Luke, Heppell, Ross, Anderson (Petersen), Whitehead, Harris, Crawford, Palamara, Wirth, Nicholson, McCann, Findlay (Tulloch), Eisler, Nelson, Verosaari, Davies, Mannix, Farrawell, Grant, Gow, Wallace, Barham, Bowman, Gebert, Nguyen, Bangs, Perrone, and Young; and staff members Kristy, Celeste and Eric.

KEPS 2011 Carnival
Yes it is carnival year at KEPS! We have set the date as Saturday 12 November 2011 and much ground work has already been completed in Term 4 2010. Connie Barnes has once again accepted the role as Carnival Coordinator and thanks to many parents, we have a good number of leaders in place.

Next newsletter, Connie will be publishing the names of various leaders who will be looking for helpers in their teams. Deb Sparke and I will be liaising with Connie and her carnival leaders on a regular basis to ensure that we meet various timelines.

At this point I would encourage parents to choose a team of interest and make contact with the leader of that team to offer your assistance. The carnival, whilst a major fund raiser, is also a greatly valued school community event and as such, needs the support of our parents not only on the day but in the lead up organisation. Connie and I both look forward to your anticipated support for this year's carnival. 'Many hands make light work!'

Helen Fotheringham
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Meet the Teacher
Thank you to those Level 2 – 4 families who attended the ‘Meet the Teacher’ sessions last week. The feedback from classroom teachers has been that the information shared by parents to teachers about students will greatly enhance our ability to cater for our learners.

Whilst this is a great opportunity to communicate with teachers, please remember that this is not the only opportunity. If, during the course of the term or semester, you have questions or information about your child, do not wait until mid year to raise this.

Teachers will happily make appointment times with parents to discuss issues as they arise. Simply approach the teacher you wish to see and ask for a time to meet, giving them an idea of what the issue might be.

Teachers are not always available right before school or at the end of the day as they require preparation time and have meetings to attend. However, with sufficient notice, such times during the week can be negotiated depending on the commitments of the individual teacher.

So please ensure that any concerns are dealt with promptly to prevent them becoming large concerns.

Welcome Picnic
Remember, this Friday evening is a chance to catch up with other families and staff as we hold our community picnic. Bring a rug or chairs, some nibbles or dinner and socialise with us over a cold drink and some entertainment.

Please note that this is a licensed event meaning we will be selling drinks including beer, wine, water and soft drinks. All proceeds raised from the sales of drinks will go towards our fundraising activities for 2011. As our liquor licence only permits the sales of alcohol until 7.30 pm, we will cease selling at this time and will not be able to extend beyond this.

Class Reps
We are currently finalising the Class Reps list and hope to be able to publish the names of all Class Reps in our next newsletter (which is in 2 weeks time as next week is a bulletin).
Class Reps are those parents who have volunteered to take on this role and have completed and handed in a form to the office. There is no limit on the number of reps a class may have. Classes with multiple reps will find they can share the responsibilities and the ‘load’. Presently there are a few classes who have no reps at all. If this is the case, class teachers may begin to approach parents who may be able to assist. However, if you feel you are able to help, please do not wait to be asked. We would love to have you on board.

If you require a new form, please see Courtney in the office. We would like to have all forms in by Friday 25 February.

Deb Sparke
Assistant Principal

OSHC ACTIVITIES

Term 1 Week 5 28/2/11 – 4/3/11

Craft Activities for the week are: Sewing – Pencil Case or Purse

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SPORTS NEWS

Sports Term Dates
• Friday 4 March weekly Interschool sport starts (Full fixture to be released next week)
• Friday 1 April Level 4 Interschool Gala Day
• Note all dates are subject to change

Coles Sports equipment
I am pleased to announce that we have received most of our sports equipment from the sports for schools program. Thanks to all your fantastic efforts for collecting heaps of vouchers. In total we had 29 100 points to spend on sports equipment. With these points we were able to get the following sports equipment.

• Primary school volleyball set
• Set of size 5 basketballs
• 5 Nerf balls
• 3 sets of beanbags
• Small manual portable score board
• Set of stop watches

A big thank you must go out to all families that collected vouchers and donated them to our school.

District Swimming Results
Kew East Primary School students from Year 4, 5 and 6 competed in Kew District Swimming Carnival on Monday 21 February at Bialik College. We had 19 students compete in the carnival. Each student put in 100% effort and should be very proud of themselves. The results are listed below. Some categories had two heats and the number of students in each race varied.

10 year old girls
Nicola Xenos (freestyle 2nd, breaststroke 5th), Melanie Han (freestyle 4th, backstroke 4th), Katrina Appleton (freestyle 5th, backstroke 5th).

10 Year old boys
freestyle relay 2nd. Team members, Josh Maccorone, Lucas Bateman, Sam Pope and Ben Hazeldine.
Josh Maccorone (freestyle 3rd, breaststroke 2nd,), Lucas Bateman (freestyle 4th, freestyle relay 2nd), Sam Pope (freestyle 7th),
Tom Cameron (freestyle 8th), Eric He (freestyle 6th, breaststroke 3rd) and Ben Hazeldine (freestyle 5th,)

11 Year old girls
Momoka Yoshida (freestyle 1st, backstroke 6th) and Tiia Verosaari (backstroke 1st, butterfly 2nd)

11 Year old boys
freestyle relay 2nd. Team members, Bailey Wraith, Julian Trecate, Hamish Wallace and Hamilton Crouch.
Hamish Wallace (freestyle 3rd, backstroke 2nd) Bailey Wraith (freestyle 4th) Julian Trecate (freestyle 5th, backstroke 4th) Hamilton Crouch (freestyle 3rd, butterfly 3rd) and Will Cameron (freestyle 5th, breaststroke 4th)

12 Year old girls
Julia Rigg (freestyle 3rd, backstroke 5th) and Selina Appleton (backstroke 4th, breaststroke 4th)

Boys medley relay 6th. Team members Oscar Reid, Bailey Wraith, Hamish Wallace and Hamilton Crouch.
Girls medley relay. Momoka Yoshida, Tiia Verosaari, Julia Rigg and Selina Appleton

Congratulations to Tiia for progressing to the next level for backstroke.
A big thank you to all parents for their support and to Carolyn Crouch for helping transport to Bialik College.

**Local Sports News**

Some of our level 3 students competed for Kew Little Athletics in the State Relay Championships on last Sunday. Amber Wraith and Callum Traverso competed in the under 9’s mixed relay team. They were 3rd in their heat and just missed the finals. They placed 10th overall out of 24 teams. Lucas Bateman also participated in a relay team. Congratulations to all.

Sam Bishop  
PE Teacher

**GREEN TEAM NEWS**  
**Kew East Primary School joins local Teacher Environment Network**

Kew East Primary School has become an active member of the Boroondara Teacher Environment Network. Network meetings are supported by the City of Boroondara and are held once a term. Meetings are rotated between participating schools. These meetings provide an opportunity for schools from across Boroondara to learn from the experience of others, share ideas, network and advance their schools sustainability programs. If you have any questions about the Teacher Environment Network, contact Valerie Hempenstall, Kew East Primary ph: 9859 2903 or Jenny Bicknell, Sustainability Education Officer, City of Boroondara ph: 9278 4444.

**Free Beginner's Guide to Backyard Chooks - Wednesday 23 February 6.30pm - 9.30pm**

Chatham Primary School, a member of the local Environment Network of schools, is hosting a special sustainability workshop for the community in conjunction with the City of Boroondara on Wednesday 23 February.

Maria Ciavarella from Bulleen Art and Garden nursery will present a two hour workshop on keeping chickens at home. Maria is an expert on backyard chooks and her presentation, which begins at 7.30pm covers selection of chickens, coops and runs, feeding your chickens, caring for your chooks and more. A special tour of Chatham Primary School's chicken hutch and program will begin at 6.30pm. This is a free event and light organic refreshments will be provided.

**Date:** Wednesday 23 February  
**Time:** 6.30pm - 9.30pm  
**Location:** Chatham Primary School, Weybridge St, Surrey Hills 3127  
**Cost:** Free

**Registration:** The City of Boroondara is managing bookings for this event and asks you to register online at [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/living-for-our-future](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/living-for-our-future) or by calling Andrea Lomdahl on 9278 4889.

Val Hempenstall  
Green Team Coordinator

**CHESS CLUB**

Chess club will begin in Term 2. The classes will take place on Wednesdays at lunchtime. The cost will be approximately $60.00 for the term. All students interested please see Mirella before 18 March.

Mirella Erzetic  
Chess Coordinator

**FAMILY LIFE**

Every year Kew East offers Family Life sessions where students obtain accurate, age – appropriate information about sexuality. A person’s sexual learning begins before they are old enough to be aware of it and is most strongly influenced by the values and attitudes learned in the family.

The programs are VELS appropriate, cost effective and engage parents. The program has received excellent feedback from schools, parents and students. Take this opportunity to participate in the program with your child in a familiar relaxed environment.

Mirella Erzetic  
Student Wellbeing

**WORLD GREATEST SHAVE – LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION**

Every March thousands of people shave, colour and wax their hair to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. Four students from KEPS are participating in the event this year which runs from 10-12 March 2011. Isabella and Ruby (4LR) are making the ultimate sacrifice of shaving their heads and Ally (4JQ) and Tess (2CP) will be colouring their hair. For further information or to donate to this cause please refer to the website [www.worldsgreatestshave.com](http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com)
A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
Family Life will conduct a Sexuality Education Program on Thursday, March 3, 2011

Family Life programs support parents to help their children learn about aspects of human sexuality. These entertaining and valuable sessions are not to be missed.

**Session 1: Body Basics**
- Recommended for Years 1 & 2
- Discussion about different types of families
- Male and female differences
- Names of body parts
- Pregnancy and birth

**Session 2: Where Did I Come From?**
- Recommended for Years 3 & 4
- Discussion about family relationships
- Male and female body similarities and differences
- Conception
- Foetal development and birth

**Session 3: Puberty Clues**
- Recommended for Years 5 & 6
- Helps prepare young people and families for the physical changes of puberty
- Discussion about emotional changes of puberty
- Periods and sperm production are explained

**Where:** Kew East Primary School
**When:** Thursday, March 3, 2011

Admission per family for:-
1 Session - $20.00  2 Sessions - $25.00  3 Sessions - $30.00

Family Name________________________ We will be attending

Cash or cheque payable to Family Life

www.familylifevictoria.org.au
Dear Parents,

Hopefully by now you are all aware that **Saturday 19 March** is the day of our community’s Kew Festival Grand Parade. This festival and its Grand Parade is a wonderful and very important opportunity for us to showcase the outstanding nature of both our school and our students!

The parade only requires an hour of our time and hence we are hopeful that all of our students will be able to participate as a whole school.

We have put a great deal of effort into ensuring our Kew East Primary School entry in this year’s Grand Parade is a highly successful one. The theme for this year’s parade is “Carnival” and we have chosen student-made carnival masks as our focus. Our idea aims to demonstrate how 450 KEPS kids can carnival with the best of them!

All KEPS students have made or are in the middle of making their own carnival mask to wear in the Parade. These art pieces will be created by the students at school, under the expert guidance of our wonderful Art specialist, Renee Ferris and as part of the Art Program. The plan is to have our Year 6 students march hand-in-hand with their little buddies on the day (very cute!).

Specific details regarding meeting places, exact times, collection points, etc will come home in another notice soon but right now we need each student to indicate their commitment to participate by completing the form below.

Please complete the tear-off slip below and return to your classroom teacher no later than Friday 4 March.

We look forward to seeing you all on the day!

Di Terrill-Wynne & Renee Ferris
Kew Festival Coordinators

**P.S**  We are asking all our students to dress in the brightest colours that they can on the day. The more mixing and matching of colours the better!

Please complete and return to school by Friday 4 March.

**Kew Festival Grand Parade**

Student’s name: ................................................................................................................................. Class ................................

☐ Yes, my child will be participating in the Grand Parade on Saturday 13 March

☐ No, my child will not be participating in the Grand Parade

Parent’s Signature: .........................................................................................................................
Kew High School - 2011 School Tours

Tours for parents of prospective 2012 year 7 students will commence in term 1. These tours will operate weekly and commence at 9.30 am. Bookings are essential and should be made via the general office.

**Term 1 Tours:** Please ring 9859 8652 to reserve your place. Tours depart from the General Office at 9.30 sharp.

- Wed Feb 23
- Wed Mar 2
- Wed Mar 9

**Term 1 Tours:** Please ring 9859 8652 to reserve your place. Tours depart from the General Office at 9.30 sharp.

- Wed Mar 16
- Wed Mar 23
- Wed Mar 30

Please note that tours are not available at any other times.

**Parent Information Evening**

A Parent Information Evening for prospective 2012 year 7 students will be held on Wednesday 11th May at 7.00pm in the Renaissance Theatre.

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**Worried you’ve missed out on 4 yr old kindergarten?**

J.J. McMahon has limited vacancies. Our highly qualified and experienced staff will nurture your child, encourage him or her to excel and welcome you to our friendly community kindergarten.

For enquiries please ring us 98173624 or just visit us at 16A Argyle Rd Kew.

Discover the magic oak tree in our large, delightful playground! www.jjmcmahon.org.au
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING BRD 027 KEW EAST
The next meeting of Region 4 Division 2 Inc will be held on Thursday 3 March at 7.30pm at Uniting Church Meeting Room, 142 Normanby Road. The guest speaker is Johann Rajaratnam, Manager Strategic Planning, City of Boroondara. Councillor Brad Miles will also be in attendance to talk to and answer questions on Bellevue Ward matters as well as general Boroondara topics. Please RSVP to Betty 9859 5958.
KEW EAST BASKETBALL CLUB
NEW TEAMS

The Winter season of the Kew East Basketball Club commences in Term 2, 2011; and runs over Terms 2 & 3.

Should you be considering entering a new team into the competition, now is the time to start liaising with your prospective team members, and getting organised. Uniforms can take up to 8 weeks from the ordering date.

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 2011, 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.

For further information and to request an information sheet for entering a team into the competition please contact our New Teams Coordinator:

Karen Adams: 0400 079 804   email: kadams10@bigpond.net.au

Basketball Beginner Hoops

For any children interested in learning about basketball but too young to commence playing, there is a Beginner Hoops Program which runs at Kew High School on Mondays from 4-5pm on a school term basis. The program is facilitated by Hannah Lowe who has many years of experience with kids and basketball. The program involves introductory skills based games and activities that are ideally suited to boys and girls aged up to 8 years. You can contact Karen at the details above for further information.

NEW GIRLS TEAMS STARTING TERM 2

Do you have a daughter born in 2003 interested in starting basketball? We are organising one or two new teams to enter in the new Winter Competition, commencing in Term 2. Training is one hour per week after school – daytime yet to be organised and games are typically on a Saturday morning at a local stadium.

If you are interested, please contact Donna Cameron on 0409 662 238 or email decameron@iinet.net.au

Kew Auskick 2011- Venue: Victoria Park Kew. We welcome boys and girls to participate in Auskick, Saturday mornings 9:00am – 10.00am commencing 2nd April 2011. Please visit www.aflauskick.com and register online now. We look forward to seeing you.

Winter Season Basketball

The Ivanhoe Knights registration day for winter season is this Saturday 26 February 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Banksia Secondary College, Banksia Street, Ivanhoe, Melways 31, E4. Grades 2-4 are a good starting age for this team sport. No previous basketball experience is necessary for prospective players of any age.

A free clinic for girls in grades 2-4 who haven’t played basketball before is being run from 8:50 – 9:50 am on the Saturday morning. Must register by email to attend clinic.

Full details and info: www.ivanhoeknights.org
Phone: 0422 642 103
Be Your Best, Join Girl Guide!
Guides are young girls and young women from all cultures, faiths and traditions aged 5 to 17. The program is structured so that your daughter gets to spend time with girls her own age. There is plenty of scope to take on a leading role – from running a game to planning the whole meeting. Whatever your daughter chooses to explore in the world of Guiding, it’s all about doing her best. Trained Volunteer Leaders co-ordinate meetings with the girls. Please direct all enquires to the contact details listed below.

Enquires:
Email: eastmetro@guidesvic.org.au
Ph 03 98081470

KEW COMETS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
2011 Season Registrations

CALLING ALL COMETS
Kew Junior Football Club – ‘The Comets’ would like to announce that after an extremely successful 2010 season, during which we had 400+ registered players, fielded 17 teams, had 6 finals contenders and won 3 premierships, registrations for the 2011 season ARE NOW OPEN.
On-line player registrations are once again available by visiting www.kewcomets.org.au. The on-line method of payment provides convenience for parents and guardians and assists the club with streamlining registration procedures. The teams for 2011 will cover the following age groups: U9 (Tackers), U10, U 11, U12, U13, U14, U15 and Colts (16-17yo).
Conveniently located at Victoria Park on High St, we encourage you to be part of our successful, family oriented club and help build the Kew Comets tradition.
We look forward to welcoming new and current players and families in 2011.
For further information, please contact Judy Bourke, club secretary on: 0422 005 975
WE’RE THE MIGHTY KEW ROVERS!
C’MON, JOIN OUR TEAM IN 2011.

Don’t miss our “join your team mates” family BBQ with competitions, give aways and prizes.

Sunday 20th March, 3 – 6 pm at the new Stradbroke Park, Kew.

Join up today for 2011 and complete your registration online at: kewrovers.com.au

Kew Rovers Football Club provides:
AFL Auskick Centre for boys and girls 4 year old and upwards.
Kew Rovers teams from Under 9 - 18 year olds (min of 7 years) including all youth Girls and Colts teams.
New playing surface and club rooms.
Alliance with AFL club North Melbourne Kangaroos.
AFL Accredited Coaches & Trainers.
An emphasis on having fun, fitness & family.

All enquires contact: secretary@kewrovers.com.au

Congratulations Dan!

Former Kew Rower Dan Hannebery: current NAB AFL Rising Star and Sydney Swan. Living the dream!!!