FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back to School

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all members of the KEPS community to the 2011 school year. A special welcome to all new students and their families into our school community, particularly our 79 Preps who commenced their first day of school today, following family interviews with their class teacher.

The school year officially commenced for staff on the 1 February 2011, although in preparation for the commencement of the 2011 school year, office staff have been back since the 24 January. Many teaching staff were also in, setting up their classrooms prior to our professional learning days. All staff participated in 3 professional learning days (1-3 February 2011), of which Deb will expand on more, in her section of the newsletter.

Congratulations to everyone for a smooth start to the 2011 school year. All students have settled in well and the 2010 Step Up Transition Program has enabled children to move to their new classrooms feeling very positive and supported. Given that students have only had one day in their new classes on Friday we decided to hold our first assembly on Monday 14 February. This will give students a few more days to establish a routine and settle in to their new classes.

Whilst I am sure many of us enjoyed our holidays with families, our thoughts are with all those families in Queensland and country Victoria who were subject to extensive flooding of their homes and in many cases their livelihoods. On top of that, many families in Queensland and beyond (torrential rain affected areas as a result of Yasi) suffered yet again at the hands of nature. Dorothea Mackellar’s poem, ‘My Country’, certainly comes to mind in its description of our unique continent and country with all its extremes. Our thoughts are with all families and friends affected by these weather related events. In the coming weeks, it is our hope that KEPS community may participate in a fund raising activity to support people who have suffered from these devastating events over the past few weeks.

Staff News

I would also like to welcome 4 new teachers and a ‘returned’ teacher to our staff for 2011. Firstly, Celeste Pettinella (Level 2) and Kristy Davis (Level 4) will take up their first teaching appointments at KEPS. We all wish Celeste and Kristy not only a fulfilling year professionally and personally at KEPS but the beginning of a wonderful career in teaching. If their enthusiasm is anything to go by, I am sure they will make outstanding teachers. Our other 2 new staff members are Joanne Hawker (Level 4) and Belinda Crebbin (Level 3), who have both transferred from other schools to join us at KEPS. Both Joanne and Belinda add additional experience to our staff having taught for a number of years. Finally, we welcome Kristen Keena, formally McIntyre, (Level 1) back to KEPS following the birth of her son, Jake, some 13 months ago. Kristen will be sharing a Level 1 class with Pam Hart, with Pam teaching the first 4 days of the week and Kristen teaching on Fridays. Many of you no doubt will remember Kristen as a Level 2 teacher in 2009.
All new staff will be introduced at the first assembly on Monday 14 February 2011.

Preps 2011
Today we welcomed 79 new Preps in 4 classes on their first day of school at KEPS. I am pleased to report that all students settled in extremely well, which can be attributed to the Prep teachers (Di Terrill-Wynne, Emily Thompson, Liz Allardice, Pam Hart and Kristen Keena) and other staff who were on hand to assist when needed. Many of our Prep parents took advantage of staying on for a short time, mingling with other parents and having a cuppa.

2011 Teaching Teams
Level 1  *Liz Allardice, Di Terrill-Wynne, Pam Hart/Kristen Keena and Emily Thompson
Level 2  *Elsbeth Landby, Celeste Pettinella, Liz Hughes, Genevieve Cleary and Rob Bennett
Level 3  *Niki Kariotis, Megan Kimber, Becky Evans, Belinda Crebbin and Eric McCann
Level 4  *Richard Jefferies, Jenny Quigley, Cathy Macdonald, Kristy Davis, Joanne Hawker and Lisa Richards.

*Team leaders
2011 Specialist Team
Physical Education & Sport          Sam Bishop
Performing Arts                    Val Hempenstall (Level 1&2) and
                                        Glenys Randall (Level 3&4)
LOTE Italian                       Mirella Erzetic
Visual Arts                        Renee Ferris

Support
Evelyn McKibbin                   Literacy and ESL support

Second Hand Uniform Shop
The second hand uniform shop will be open every Wednesday at 3.15pm in Term 1. The shop operates from the junior school hall from the right hand side front windows (Level 2 class end of hall).

New baby arrival!
Congratulations are in order for Ken Gardner (brass tutor and KEPS Band leader) and his wife Nicole, who are the proud parents of their first child, Eve. On behalf of the KEPS community we wish Ken all the best in his new role of fatherhood.

2010 Student Awards
At our final assembly last year, 2 awards were announced for Year 6 students. Firstly, the Sinclair/Williams Award was presented to a very worthy winner in Dana Pettit. This award is presented at the end of each year to a Year 6 student who has attended Kew East PS for most of their primary education and who has been involved in a wide range of school activities. Dana participated in school sports, the concert band and was a junior school council representative. Dana was also a student who led by example being a great role model for her peers.

The second award was the Kew High School scholarship which is awarded to a student who has worked hard to achieve maximum potential in academic achievement and who has contributed to the school by displaying leadership. The successful student for 2010 was Peter Couvalias. Pete was a school ambassador, and a keen sportsperson, being captain of the 2010 KEPS football team; and a past member of the social band and junior school council. Pete is also a fine example of a KEPS student who lived the KEPS 4 values.

Congratulations to both Dana and Pete!

Student Ambassador Awards for 2011
At the final assembly we also announced the KEPS Student Ambassadors for 2011. The new ambassadors are: Emma DeGraaff, Emma Barham, Will Harris and Lachie Bangs.

Emma D, Emma B, Lachie and Will are to be congratulated for their selection as the new senior student leaders of KEPS. The selection of these students was as a result of a rigorous selection process where they submitted an expression of interest and then participated in a short interview with the Level 4 leader (Richard), Deb and me. All staff had considerable input into the shortlisting of students for the interview process. An official presentation of badges will take place in mid Term 1 2011 at Monday assembly.

School Council Membership
Becoming a School Council member is an excellent way to become involved in our school. Much of the work of school council is achieved through the following subcommittees of, Facilities, Education, Finance, Out of School Hours and Social & Fund Raising. School council currently meets at least twice per term on Wednesdays and community members are welcome to attend these open meetings. Subcommittee meetings are also usually held on a Wednesday and dates and times are communicated via the newsletter.

**School Council Elections 2011**
The Notice of Election and call for nominations for School Council is attached to this newsletter. Interested members of the Kew East PS community are asked to consider nominating for vacancies on school council for the next two year period. A parent information sheet on school council elections has also been included in this week’s newsletter.

Nomination forms are available from the office. These must be lodged by 4.00 pm on **Tuesday 15 February 2011**. In nominating for school council elections, this may be via self nomination or getting someone in your category of nomination to nominate you. In the event that an election is required, it will be conducted on 22 February, with the ballot closing 4.00 pm Wednesday 1 March 2011.

**The current term of School Council ends for the following members:** David Rehe, Stephen Tucker, Andrea Phillips and Lisa Marquette (parents), Elsbeth Landby and Eric McCann (DEECD).

**Continuing members who still have one year to serve on council are:** Simon Berridge, Stacy Saunders, Colin Harris, Merv Kiley and Mark Young (parent members), Genevieve Cleary and Deb Sparke (DEECD members).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2010 School Council members and members of the subcommittees for their commitment to KEPS. Your time and effort has been very much appreciated.

If you are interested in becoming a School Councillor but are not sure of the commitment or what is required please speak to a current member of School Council listed above or to me personally.

**Parent Payments**
A reminder that parent payments for essential educational items, voluntary contributions, library and building trusts are due by the 28 February 2011. The school has bulk ordered student essential items and classroom consumables which we are required to pay for in February. Your attention to these payments will be greatly appreciated and will allow us to realise our 2011 planned budget to support a rich learning environment for all our students.

**Notices**
Every family should have received a pack (envelope) of notices today. Given that there were so many notices, the office staff has packaged them up in an envelope. You should have received notices on:

- Working Bee
- Parent Payments
- Photograph permission form
- Class Representative
- Class contact list details
- Meet the Teacher Interviews
- Newsletter email contacts

Many of these notices will require you to return information to the office so your immediate attention to these requests would be much appreciated.

**Facilities Update**
**Working Bee Sunday 20 February 2011**
Our first working bee for 2011 will be held on Sunday 20 February and will be a whole school effort involving all levels. A working bee flyer has been attached to the newsletter and a hard copy will also be sent home today, listing a number of jobs requiring our attention. After the long holiday break we are keen to restore our playground back to mint condition. I look forward to seeing many of you there, if only for a short time. The working bee is from 10.00am to 1.00pm concluding with a BBQ at 12.00pm. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to be involved in caring for our school grounds and an opportunity to meet other KEPS parents. Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated.

**BER Facility Update**
You will have noticed the new building is almost complete. The inside is basically finished with some very minor works to be done. The outside has some grounds work and rendering plus a general cleanup still to be completed. We are hoping the builder will move their temporary site office/lunchrooms offsite in the next week or two and initial handover will happen by the end of the month. A “defect period” then commences to fix all the little things before true completion and final handover which we are hoping will be about mid March. Whenever this occurs, we will hold our first assembly in the main hall and allow everyone to have a wander around afterwards. Stay tuned to the newsletter for exactly when this will be. An official opening is planned for Monday 2 May 2011 during our assembly time.

Other facility works completed during the holidays included:

- carpeting of 6 rooms in the senior building;
- painting in various rooms as part of our cyclical painting program;
- installation of 2 new air conditioners to replaced old ones in 2 portables (Genevieve and Rob’s rooms);
- new blinds on the east side of 3 portables (Genevieve, Rob and last year’s LOTE room). New blinds have also been ordered for the west side of the Level 4 portable (Lisa and Kristy’s rooms);
- 2 new school signs installed on the corner of Windella and Kitchener Streets and Beresford St;
- roofing repairs and replacement of spouting on the junior and senior buildings; and
- new fencing around the whole perimeter of the school commencing on Monday 14 February.

Funding was successfully sought from DEECD in 2010 in relation to the works completed or about to be completed for the roofing, spouting replacement, fencing and carpet. In fact over the last 2 years, we have received additional funding of $200 000 for maintenance and refurbishment of KEPS facilities.

Once the BER project is completed we intend to seek state government funding for a major upgrade of all classrooms and administration area which is long overdue for the KEPS community.

School Signage
You may also have noticed some new school signage on Beresford St, and on the corner of Windella & Kitchener Sts. Darren Montague (KEPS parent) from Luke Signs designed and manufactured the signs for us. We are also expecting a new school fence to go up in the next few weeks and Darren will then attach numbered signs to each gate. On Sunday, Darren, Hugh Bruce, Mark Young, Nic Brian and David Rehe spent a few hours on Sunday digging through clay and tree roots to install the main signs. The signs certainly look great quality and enhance the school’s appearance. Many thanks for the hard work of these KEPS dads!

Concreting
Lastly, we need to get some minor concreting done in a couple of places so if anyone knows a concreter, could you please contact me or leave details at the office.

I apologise for the length of my newsletter section but there has been a lot happening over the last 8 weeks and I like to keep all parents informed as much as possible.

Helen Fotheringham
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

First Curriculum Days 2011
The first 3 curriculum days of the official school year for staff where extremely productive. Many staff were in prior to the February 1, busy setting up their classrooms and preparing resources, but the real work began during our curriculum days.

Day one got us off to a great start with Helen Fotheringham setting the scene for our work this year and reviewing our School Strategic Plan (2010 – 2013) and focussing on the actions for 2011 in our Annual Implementation Plan.

Day Two saw all teaching staff work with Coby Beatson, educational consultant who works with Karen Green (presenter at our 2010 parent forum on ‘Thinking Curriculum’). During this day teachers were introduced to ‘Interact’, a program which assists with curriculum design. This allowed all levels and specialists, to plan units of work for term 1 based on the big concept of ‘Identity’. The Interact program centres on differentiating curriculum to cater for the learning needs and styles of all students within the class. Challenging, but very rewarding work.
Our final day saw planning continue with English and Maths units, designed to enhance not only the Identity unit, but the delivery of these programs by teachers.

All staff highly value the opportunity to work with colleagues and share the expertise amongst teachers across the school. Time to really discuss at length what constitutes excellent teaching and learning practice is difficult to find and therefore these first 3 days were put to very good use and have provided us with a great start to 2011.

Meet the Teacher
For parents in Levels 2 – 4, today you will receive your ‘Meet the Teacher’ request form. This is an opportunity for you to meet this year’s teacher/s and view their 2011 classroom.

Please note that this is your chance to tell the teacher about your child and provide information which may assist your child’s learning and social adjustment to the new year. Obviously with it being so early in the school year, teachers will not be commenting on student progress at this time.

Please fill in your preferred times and return to school as soon as possible. This will allow teachers to get your appointment time back to you by Monday of next week.

Welcome Picnic
On 25 February, the school community invites all families and staff to come along to our “Welcome Picnic”. Children will be entertained with fun activities, whilst parents can relax and enjoy the company of other school community members. The event will be held at the KEPS Junior School Playground at 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Music will be provided by Tim Warmington and you will need to BYO Picnic rugs or chairs, nibbles and food. Assorted drinks will be available for adults and children.

School Hours and Expectations of Attendance
School begins promptly at 9.00am and concludes at 3.30pm.

The beginning of the school day is a very important time for students. Those who are here a few minutes before the bell goes, then are able to get themselves to line with their peers without feeling rushed or flustered. If students are arriving late to line or to class, this can cause them embarrassment and some distress. Please ensure that your child has the best start to the day by being punctual. The yard is supervised from 8.45am which is an ideal time to arrive.

Ensuring regular attendance is another important habit to instil in your child. Research shows that children who regularly arrive late to school or who regularly stay home from school continue with these poor habits later in life. As adults these habits can greatly impact on success.

Students who do attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better academic results, have fewer social issues and feel more connected to their peers and school community.

If students do require time off school, please notify the school via letter or phone call as to the reason for their absence.

Any student who is late to school (that is arrives after their class has already entered their classroom) needs to report to the office with their parent to receive a late pass which is then taken to the class teacher. If a student arrives without a parent, they are still required to get a late pass. This assists us to monitor student attendance and punctuality.

Collection of Students During School Hours
In accordance with DEECD guidelines, students can be collected from school by their parents (subject to any specific court orders) or by a person who has been authorised by parents to pick up their child.

Schools have been recently advised by DEECD, that the identity of the person who is taking the student from the school now needs to be confirmed. This will be done by sighting suitable photo identification such as a drivers licence.

These measures are in place to ensure students safety and we appreciate your cooperation with this.

SunSmart
A reminder that KEPS is a SunSmart school. As such, students are required to wear broad brimmed hats or legionnaires hats (available at Bob Stewart) when outside during terms 1 and 4. Students who do not have hats will sit in designated shade areas in either the junior or senior school ground. This ‘No hat No play’ policy is designed to encourage students to remember to bring their hats to school and remember to wear them outside at break times.

Please reinforce this message at home and ensure that your child’s hat is clearly named so that it can be easily returned if lost.
Hot Days
On days of extreme heat we do operate a hot day timetable. This involves the students remaining inside during the hottest part of the school day. A hot day timetable will be called by the Principal or the Assistant Principal when heat becomes an issue.

Deb Sparke
Assistant Principal

2011 EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
Attached to this week’s Newsletter is information relating to the payment of the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2011 for eligible parents. To determine if you are eligible for this allowance, please read the attached information, and if you qualify come in to the office to collect /complete an application form. The closing date for applications to be returned to the school office is Monday 28 February.

Roz Lambert
Business Manager

LIBRARY NEWS
Kew East Primary School has a well resourced Library located in the Senior School. Each class is allocated a library lesson each week. The class teachers are responsible for bringing their class to the Library to borrow and return books, to research or have some quiet reading time.

Library bags
It is recommended that all children who wish to borrow books from the Library must have a named library bag. This is to help reduce the loss of library books as well as to protect them from being damaged.

To ensure that the children do not miss out on borrowing just because they have forgotten their library bag, there are spare library bags. These bags will only be on loan to the child and must be returned to the Library. If you have any bags you do not want, please donate them to the Library.

Overdue books
Children who has more than one overdue book or books that are very overdue may not be allowed to borrow. So, I would like to remind those children who still have overdue books from last year to return them as soon as possible so that they can start borrowing.

This year, I will be in the Library on Wednesdays and Fridays. Parents are welcome to come in to the Library with their children before and after school on these two days.

Welcome back!
Tina Yap
Library Technician

SPORTS TERM DATES
• Wednesday 23 Feb - District swimming carnival (Further information to be given out shortly)
• Friday 4 March - Weekly Interschool sport starts
• Friday 1 April - Level 4 Interschool Gala Day

Note: all dates are subject to change

A note will be given out on Friday 11 February regarding Interschool sport.
BAND NEWS
Welcome back!
Tutes and band will be starting from next week, **Tuesday 15 February**. Timetables will be up by next week but there will be some changes for 2011.

**Tuesday**
The big change this year is **ALL clarinet / saxophone tutes will be on Tuesday for Concert and Social band members**. Percussion and Concert Band tutes for Brass and Flute will still take place this day as well as Concert Band rehearsal. If you were in Social Band last year, this is your rehearsal day.

**Thursday**
This is Social Band’s day. If you were a beginner last year, your first rehearsal and tute will be **Thursday 17 February**. This means Concert Band Clarinets/Saxophones will need their instruments Tuesday and Thursday.

**Flute Players**
You will have a new tutor this year in Jillian Norton. Make her feel welcome next Tuesday.

**Hire Agreements/Band Contract**
These will be going out today and must be in by **Friday 11 February to ROZ**. Please make sure you sign and return the Band Contract to ensure a complete, smooth running band for semester one.

See you next week!!
Ken Gardner
Band Co-ordinator

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2010 SCHOOL AMBASSADOR REFLECTIONS

**Pete**
My role as a school ambassador has been a very fun experience. I enjoyed whenever I got a task to do that involved getting things organised and going around to classes to get kids to help us out in something that we were doing.
I most enjoyed the school photo day when we got to go around to most classes and tell them that it was time for their photo. I have enjoyed every part of the role and am really thankful that I got to improve my public speaking by speaking at every assembly. When I first started speaking at assembly I was very nervous but now I’m very confident.
I would also like to give thanks to the students and teachers because they supported us whenever something happened and I remember whenever after assembly my friends would come up to me and say if I was too loud and so they helped me work on it.
I would like to give my biggest thanks Miss Fotheringham and Mrs Sparke because they taught me everything about time management such as getting our speeches done on time. Also in knowing them, this allowed me to grow to in confidence with everything we did and also to take pride in everything.
I would like to end by saying good luck to the 2011 school ambassadors and have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

**Romme**
My role as one of the school ambassadors has been a fantastic and helpful experience that will help me throughout the rest of my life. I would like to give an absolute thanks to all my friends and peers and the staff for supporting me all year.
I would also like to give a very big thanks to Ms Fotheringham and Mrs Sparke for teaching me everything from time management to public speaking. These skills will help me throughout high school and more.
At my first assembly as an ambassador I was really nervous but my confidence has grown so much this year, so thank you to everyone that has helped me achieve that.
Good luck to next year’s ambassadors. I know you guys will do a really great job and enjoy the experience a lot.
Finally I would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Tiffany**
It has been a joy and an honour being one of the ambassadors for my school Kew East Primary School for 2010. I have learnt so much!
One very useful thing that I learnt from Ms Fotheringham is ‘YOU ARE EITHER A LAST MINUTER OR A PLANNER’ and that we should always be planners. It takes a bit of work to become a planner but I realise now that the extra responsibilities that you have help you to be a better leader and a better role model for the school.
Being an ambassador has taught me many other useful things for the future such as being a more confident person, to always be respectful of others and to have fun with everything I do. I have really enjoyed the best year of my primary school years and it’s sad to say goodbye to all the great friends and teachers I have met.
A big thankyou to all the wonderful, supportive and inspiring teachers at our school and of course to the great students here at K.E.P.S. Good luck to the ambassadors for 2011.
And a word of advice "don’t worry guys you will get less nervous as the year progresses and you will have heaps of fun!

Harry
This year, I have had the privilege to be one of the four school ambassadors. It has been a tremendous year, rich in both learning and fun.
The Ambassador role has been fantastic for my self-confidence and public speaking skills. I found it was very nerve-racking at the start of the year, standing up there in front of the whole school, but I got more and more used to it and I really started enjoying it.
Of course, I couldn’t have achieved any of this without the help of Ms Fotheringham and Mrs Sparke, who helped us through the entire year, and encouraged us to plan ahead and be organised. The job was made so much easier with them helping with any problems you may have.
I would also like to thank the teachers and students for their support and understanding throughout this year.
One thing that really stands out in my memory of this year is the school photo day. It was a challenge to our responsibility and independence because we were largely responsible for fetching the classes and we had to keep the day running as smoothly as we could. We were given a list and together we had to decide who had to go when, because of specialist classes taking certain classes out of different time frames. I want to encourage all of the students at KEPS to try for Ambassador because you never know if you might get picked, and there is no harm in trying and it would also a life-changing experience for you.
I would like to wish the 2011 Ambassadors my congratulations and everyone a safe summer break. Thank you.
School Council Elections 2011

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

- **A mandated elected DEECD employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.
**Remember**

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

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**SCHEDULE 4    NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of **KEW EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4 pm on **TUESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2011**.

The ballot will close at 4 pm on **TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2011**.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Helen Fotheringham

Principal
Education Maintenance Allowance information for 2011

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1 February 2011) which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (18 July 2011).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 28 February 2011 for the first instalment and 5 August 2011 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of $230 for primary students and $460 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2011 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

**Payment Amounts**

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will form the basis for calculating the amount payable to parents and schools.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2011 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 28 February 2011 and prior to or on 5 August 2011, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

**Contact:** School Office for application form and further information.
**KEW EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2011**

**Canteen days are Tuesday & Thursday**

Lunch orders to be marked on the front of a bag large enough to hold the food and drink ordered. The bag should be clearly written with the orders and prices on the bag. Money should be enclosed and wrapped in foil so as to comply with health regulations. **IF YOU REQUIRE A BAG, PLEASE INCLUDE AN EXTRA 10 CENTS.**

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**Triathlon Victoria Kids Open Day**

Now is the time to get ready for the upcoming Weetbix Tryathlon or to join one of the many junior clubs. Triathlon Victoria is running Free Open Days designed for 7 - 15 year olds to learn and improve your triathlon skills.

Affiliated coaches will be presenting these days.

To register for this free event in your area, please visit [www.trivic.org.au](http://www.trivic.org.au). There is a limited number of spots available at each site so don't delay.

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The Open Days dates are

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