



KEW EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Term 3 Week 7	Term 3 Week 8
Wed 26 Level 4 Rooky's Finance Meeting – 6.30pm School Council Meeting – 7.30pm Level 1 Teddy Bear's Sleepover – 6.00pm to 7.30pm	Tues 1 Father's Day Stall in the OSHCare Building Fri 4 District Athletics at Bill Stewart Athletics Track

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT NEWS

Principal Selection Process

Kew East Primary School has seen a lot of change during the last twelve months in both the classroom and administration areas. The most significant of these to date has the appointment of Ms Helen Fotheringham to the role of Acting Principal following the departure of Mandy Dunn.

You may remember that upon Helen's appointment in September 2008, she was employed for an agreed period of four terms (one year). This allowed the school to have both experienced and continuous, senior representation during our very important and recently completed review period.

I am writing to all parents to inform you of the processes regarding the position of principal that shall shortly be underway. As per the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) guidelines, correct protocol requires that the position of School Principal be declared vacant at the end of Term 3 / early Term 4, and applications from qualified parties called for.

It will be responsibility of the new appointee to implement recommendations based on the findings of the School Review Report and deliver successful outcomes for all of our children. Our aim will be to appoint someone whose skills and vision equip them to best move our school forward into the new decade.

School Council will initiate the appointment process by advertising the position in early October. An elected selection panel consisting of a DEECD representative as well as parent and staff representatives will select a shortlist of suitably qualified and experienced applicants and then undertake the interview process.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, all members of School Council, including myself, can be contacted via the School Office.

Simon Berridge
School Council President

FROM THE PRINCIPAL / ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

KEPS Student Concert band

Congratulations to the KEPS student concert band, on their amazing performance at the Melbourne School Bands' Festival, held at Blackwood Hall, Monash University last Tuesday morning. The adjudicators were so impressed with the band's performance that they awarded KEPS a gold award which is the highest honour in the competition.

In addition, our concert band was invited back to perform on Saturday night at Blackwood Hall. Both the gold award and the invitation to play on Saturday night were an immense honour and an indication of just how impressive our students performed. I also received feedback from a KEPS parent who indicated that the band's performance was also outstanding off the stage as it was on. Our concert band members have certainly made us very proud of them and what fantastic ambassadors they are for our school.

Also thanks to Georgie and the music tutors (Erica, Kristen, Rosie and Ken) for the work they have put in with tutorial lessons and practise. Congratulations to everyone!

Harp Road/High Street Intersection

Thank you to all the parents who responded to the article in the last newsletter in relation to students crossing at the Harp Road/High Street intersection. I received significant number of emails and letters which have indicated that some 30 students from KEPS either use or would use this intersection if a crossing supervisor was employed by the City of Boroondara Council. Clearly, there are sufficient student numbers for KEP School Council to write and request the City of Boroondara to consider the appointment of a crossing supervisor. I will report any future progress on this issue in future newsletters.

Windella Avenue School Crossing

Last Thursday it was reported to me that an alleged parent from KEPS, driving a black 4WD, drove through the crossing while Mary (crossing supervisor) and 2 of our parents with a 4 ½ year old were still only just over halfway across the road. Not only is this illegal but it was an extremely dangerous action. Can I please appeal to all parents to take care when driving and parking near the school. Unlike flashing pedestrian crossings, it is an offence to drive through a school crossing when the flags are out and if people are still on any part of the crossing. I am aware many parents are probably rushing off to other commitments but no appointment is worth a fatality on one of our crossings. Please everyone, take care of and be aware of all our community members.

Prep Enrolments 2010

Just a quick reminder that enrolments for next year's Prep classes close on Monday 31 August 2009. If you haven't enrolled or know of someone who hasn't enrolled please call into the office to enrol or let others know that they need to enrol this week. After the Monday 31 August 2009 we need to consider Prep numbers and whether we can accept any students from outside our neighbourhood area. Your neighbourhood school is defined as the closest school to where you live, as measured on a Melways.

KEPS has a ceiling enrolment of 525 students and families living outside the area are not guaranteed an enrolment at KEPS. All families living within the neighbourhood area will be accepted but they must enrol so we can determine how many students from outside our area can be accepted for 2010. Naturally we would like to inform parents outside our neighbourhood area as soon as possible after the Monday 31 August 2009 so they know if they have been successful or whether they need to make other arrangement to enrol at another school.

Parent Opinion Survey 2009

Seventy – two parents have been randomly selected from our computer records to complete this year's Parent Opinion Survey. The parent survey is conducted by the Department Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) annually so that schools can collect data to inform them of areas which can be improved. The survey data can also be used to reaffirm areas that we are working well in. If you have been a parent selected to complete this survey, can I encourage you to please complete it as we greatly valued your input. The return of all surveys is also important to ensure we have a statistically valid response rate.

All surveys are confidential and are returned to the school in a sealed envelope with your child's name on a tear off tag. The tag is torn off so that we can identify what families have returned survey BUT the survey itself remains sealed in the envelope and is NOT opened at the school. In fact, the sealed envelopes are collected by a DEECD employed contractor who collates the responses and provides an aggregate KEPS response to DEECD. The school then receives the final aggregate data in late October 2009 from DEECD. This data is then shared with School Council and staff so that improvement strategies can be developed and implemented over the next year. Remember your responses are anonymous and your input is representative of parents at KEPS for 2009.

Level 2 Working Bee

Many thanks to all the Level 2 families who turned out to our working bee on Sunday 9 August 2009. Although the morning was problematic with rain and strong winds, this still did not deter some 24 Level 2 families and their children. The rain held off for most of the morning enabling us to complete many jobs such as: painting of student seating, spreading of additional mulch in the junior playground area around the sand pit and under the Cyprus trees; weeding and general clean up in the front of the Junior school; cleaning of the junior and senior synthi turf areas; cleaning of drinking troughs; and the sweeping up of decomposed leaves on the school boundary fence line. During the morning we also test 'drove' our new equipment being the petrol driven vacuum on the synthi turf and our high powered blower. Both these pieces of equipment enabled us to clear areas much quicker than we have been able to do so in the past.

Thank you to the following families for their fantastic support:

Palamara, Findlay, Thomson, Montague, Walkinshaw, Anderson, Eigenraam, Degraaff, Moloney, Culhane, Berridge, Rehe, Bruce, Wallace, Littlefield, Bowman, Christopoulos, Lennon, Grant, Lange – Pierre, Nicholson, Pappas, McCann, Kiley, Hazeldine. Special thanks to David Rehe, Facilities Convenor, for organising the morning and to staff members, Evelyn McKibbin (organising the barbeque goodies) and to Roz Lambert for her support prior to the working bee morning.

Solar Energy Panels

Last week we were informed that we had been successful in obtaining a Federal Government grant of \$55 000 to install solar energy panels on to the junior hall roof. This combined with the state grant of \$15 000, will see \$70 000 worth of solar panels installed in the near future.

This initiative was commenced by the Green Team late last year, with state and federal government applications being written by Lynn Frakes (Coordinator of the project), Deb Sugar, Cassie Hall and Val Hempenstall; and quotes for the installation sought by Mick Nolan. The Green Team which consists of both parents and staff are to be congratulated on driving this initiative and clearly their persistence and hard work has paid off handsomely for our school and the environment. Special thanks to Lynn Frakes who spent many hours coordinating this project. This is a great example of what we can achieve as a school community working in partnership with parents, staff and students. Congratulations to the Green Team!

Staffing Update

Cathy Uliana commenced Long Service Leave on Monday 24 August 2009 and will return to work on the 23 November 2009. Mr Bob Regan will be replacing Cathy in Level 4 while she is overseas with her husband. Bob has worked at KEPS in various roles and replaced Eric McCann last year while he was in Japan. We welcome Bob back and wish him well in Level 4 over the next few weeks.

Neasa Sweeney, our school nurse is taking leave for family reasons, commencing today and will return in 2 weeks time on the 11 September 2009. Sonja Lavery will replace Neasa while she is on leave.

Helen Fotheringham
PRINCIPAL

PE NEWS

KEPS Athletics Day

The KEPS Athletics Day was held on Friday 14 August at the Box Hill Athletics Track. It was a fantastic day with all the students representing their houses really well. It was great to see all the students putting in the best efforts and supporting each other throughout the day

A big thank you to the staff and all the parents that helped out on the day, everyone's help was greatly appreciated and ensured the day was a great success.

The District Athletics will be held next Friday 4 September at Bill Stewart Athletics Track. Trials for the team are currently being held and more information will go home to those students attending later in the week.

Australian Gymnastic Championships

Congratulations to Jaime Moss and Emma Curry who competed at the Australian Gymnastic championships in Brisbane.

Jaime competed in the Rhythmic Gymnastics and won a gold medal in the team event and a silver medal in the Individual All Around. These performances earned Jaime a place on the Australian team which will compete in New Zealand in the September holidays.

Emma finished 10th in the Individual All Around, her best events where the Vault where she won a silver medal and the Floor where she finished 4th. Emma attended a national training camp after the championships and is a part of Team Future.

Well done to both girls on such fantastic achievements and good luck for the future

Cheers

Rob Olsen - Physical Education Coordinator

CARNIVAL NEWS

Just a reminder to keep the donations coming, the boxes have been looking pretty empty lately. Victoria coffee beans are on sale at Safeway this week, very cheap, please make sure you buy beans and not ground coffee. Also chocolate blocks are on sale this week at Safeway as well.

Stay tuned for the regular carnival newsletter that will be coming out soon.

Thanks
Connie Barnes

New & Pre-loved Carnival Stall

Donations wanted of items that are new or in very good condition. Also needed: Bubble wrap, large boxes and batteries sizes AAA & mainly AA. We have received a few donations of toys that feature radio, flashing lights, sounds, music and movement but all need batteries to show these features and to be able to sell them at a good price. Thank you to everyone who has already donated items. Your support is appreciated.

Also, due to shortage of space and for safety reasons, please do not leave items for this stall in the office. For collection and location of drop off, please contact:

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Thank you for your help,
Grace Dimopoulos

MUSIC NEWS

Dates to Remember Term 3 2009

Monday 31 August – Level 3 Singers	Wednesday 2 September – OXFAM CAA Concert Social & Concert Bands
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Melbourne School Bands Festival

Congratulations Concert Band on your *GOLD AWARD* for 2009. You are very talented players as demonstrated in your last three performances at assembly, Melbourne School Bands Festival Competition Tuesday and again at the Festival Finale on Saturday evening. Our students performed in the Junior Concert Band Section. There were 58 schools in this section, 55 secondary schools and only 3 primary schools (including us). I am so VERY, VERY proud of you. I am sure your tutors will be too. Fantastic job everyone ☺

C.A.A. Concert Blackburn High School

This concert will take place on the evening of Wednesday 2 September, at the Beaumont Hall, Blackburn High School Hall, from 7.00pm-9.00pm. The address is corner Springfield and Williams Roads, Blackburn Melways reference 47 K7. Information notices will be sent home with students. The performers involved will be Social Band and Concert Band. This event supports OXFAM with their help for the less fortunate around the world, in particular: Indigenous Australian Families, Chronic Malnutrition in East Timor, and the OXFAM Africa Food Crisis Appeal. Tickets are on sale from the Music Centre this week. Please forward ticket orders to Georgie – not your class teacher. Thanks.

Level 3 Singers at the C.A.A Concert

Due to a lack of numbers, the Level Three Singers will not be performing at this event this time.

Just making noise? We're making music!
Georgie Greenwood

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week Celebration

The Children's Book Council will be celebrating the 2009 Children's Book Week on Sunday 23 August from 11.00am to 3.00pm at Abbotsford Convent, 1 St. Heliers Street, Abbotsford, Victoria 3067.

There will be crafts, face painting, competitions, lucky dip, badge making, illustrator's studio, storytelling, silent auction, raffle, sausage sizzle, bookshop and dress up prize. Fun for the whole family!

Scholastic Children's Book Sale

Scholastic Book Fairs would like to invite the school community to enjoy the fabulous bargains at their Mid-Year Children's Book Sale! There are thousands of great titles on sale with all stock discounted up to 90%.

When : Thursday 10 September & Friday 11 September 2009
9.00am – 6.00pm
Where : Scholastic Warehouse
9-11 Northern Road, West Heidelberg, Vic. 3081

O.S.H.C. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Term 3 Week 8 31/08/09 – 04/09/09

- **Outdoor Games all week** (weather permitting)
- **Free Choice Craft, Reading, Plat with Friends Dress Ups**
- **Board Games & Jigsaw Puzzles all week**
- **Craft Activity for the week** – Making things for Dads Day – Letter/Business Card Holder / Badges etc.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Soccer Dads Day	Hockey Cooking	Dads Day	Fencing	Dads Day

Before & After School Care Staff

Kew East Primary School Out Of Hours Care Program (OSHC) Certificate 111/IV or Diploma qualified staff required for our Before and After School Programs. We would like you to start as soon as possible. We are seeking talented individuals who are committed to providing quality care for children and activities which promote active participation, enhance self esteem and deliver positive experiences in a safe and secure environment.

Program Hours: Before School Care - *7.00am to 9.00am Monday to Friday (*during school term*)
After School Care - *3.00pm to 6.15pm Monday to Friday (*during school term*)
**Hours of work negotiable. Some administration work may also be available*

Requirements: Fun loving, enthusiastic and energetic, preferably qualified in Childcare, experience desirable, first aid certification an advantage, Working with Children Check essential.

If finding a job that offers flexibility and true work life balance is appealing, we'd love to hear from you.

Please send your resume to OSHC Kew East Primary School, 35 Kitchener Street Kew East 3102 or email to toone.di.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENTS

New Grade 2 Boys Basketball Team - We are seeking four Grade 2 boys to make up a new Kew East Basketball Team to commence playing in Term 4. We have four confirmed boys and need another three to four to make up the team. If you are interested – please call as soon as possible so we can organise early bird registration by 21 August. Patricia - 0434 960861 or Donna 0409 662238.

Lost Scooter - On Friday afternoon 21 August JiWeon Lee left her scooter at school and it disappeared! It is a silver scooter with pink handles and is labelled with JiWeon's name underneath. If you have seen this scooter, please let the office or Kate Brommeyer know. Thank you.

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