



KEW EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY	Term 3, Week 2
Term 3, Week 1	Mon 20 L2 Singers @ Assembly
Mon 13 Students Return to School	Tues 21 School Photo's – Catch up photo's
Wed 15 Green Team Meeting - 5.30pm	Wed 22 L3 Hooptime
L3 Camp Information Night – 6.30pm to 7.00pm	Parent/Teacher Meetings L1-3 – 3.45pm to 8.00pm
Thurs 16 L2 Excursion to Scienceworks	Partnership Meetings L4 – 3.45pm to 8.00pm
Fri 17 Reports & Portfolios go home	Thus 23 Prep 2010 #3 Tour – 2.00pm to 2.45pm
	Parent/Teacher Meetings L1-3 – 3.45pm to 5.15pm
	Partnership Meetings L4 – 3.45pm to 5.15pm
	Robyn Treyvaud, Parent Forum – 7.30pm to 9.00pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL / ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to the commencement of Term 3. I hope everyone had an enjoyable term break and that many of you were able to have the opportunity to share in some special moments over the last 2 weeks with your children. I know before the holidays many students and staff including me had caught one of the many nasty bugs doing the rounds. I hope everyone has recovered but we will all need to be vigilant throughout the remainder of winter and the spring, as I am sure we have not seen the end of these cold and flu like symptoms. Neasa Sweeney, our school nurse, will keep us updated with any departmental advice on this front, throughout the term.

Newsletter Distribution

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we will be going fully electronic with our newsletter distribution from the commencement of this term. The newsletter will be emailed to all parents who have provided an email address and in addition, a copy will be placed on the school website. For those parents who have not visited our school website, you will now see we have a special newsletter page which allows for easy access to the current and past newsletters. The school website address is: www.keps.edu.vic.au.

School Website

Following a call via the newsletter, to our parents with Dreamweaver website software experience, I am happy to say we had a number of responses and as a result we have accepted the services of Nicolette Lee, parent of Grace Lee. We are indebted to Nicolette as her expertise has been responsible for the revamping of the newsletter page on our website. Many thanks Nicki! Future additions planned for the website include a student leadership page which the ambassadors are working on and a School Council page.

Facilities

If you were passing the school anytime during the holidays you would have noticed a hive of facility activity, particularly around the junior hall area. This work included, replacement of the old boiler heating system throughout the junior hall and adjoining classrooms with new efficient gas heaters. In the hall area 6 new gas burners have been placed high up on the walls which again will be more efficient and warmer than our past antiquated heating system.

The roof on the junior hall was also high pressure spray cleaned and many broken tiles were replacement. Gutters and new pointing was also completed on the roof which should prevent any future water leaks in the hall. The pergola outside the junior hall has also been extended on the west end and additional covering has been extended out from the junior hall to provide protection for parents and students from inclement weather. Finally the junior hall boys' toilet ceiling has been repaired after a plumbing mishap in late term 1 this year. I apologise for the length of time it took us to repair the ceiling but we had a somewhat protracted discussion with the plumber's insurance company. I am pleased to say that the dispute was settled favourably and we were able to complete the work during the holiday break.

Other exciting news during the holidays, relates to the Building Education Revolution, (Federal Government initiative to stimulate the economy) and in particular the Primary 21 Project where most primary schools will have a new library or gymnastic facility built. In our case, you will recall that we have submitted plans for a new gymnasium and refurbishment of the existing music facility. I am pleased to say we have met with departmental facility staff and they have given their approval for the \$3 million project to go ahead. At this stage we don't know the exact extent we will be able to extend the existing music centre until final costs have been determined following a tendering process to engage a builder in term 3 2009. But I can say with certainty that we will be gaining a new gym and we will refurbish parts of the existing music centre. However, if costs have escalated since our initial plans were submitted in term 1 2009, we may be in danger of losing the proposed upper floor above the existing music centre.

**HELEN FOTHERINGHAM
PRINCIPAL**

Parent Forum for planning purposes

A reminder that we need an indication of how many parents will be attending this forum on Tuesday 23 June. Kate in the office has already received many replies, but if you are intending on coming and have not yet replied could you please do so by Friday 17 July. At this stage we think we will be able to cater for all who wish to attend, but with limited space your cooperation with this is needed. We will be sending home a information sheet regarding this evening tonight

Social Evening

Our Social and Fundraising Committee have put together a fun social night for Saturday 25 June here at KEPS in the Junior School Hall. As the event is now less than 2 weeks away and there is catering involved, could we please request final numbers and payment by Friday 17 July.

This is a great opportunity for parents at KEPS to strengthen the relationships with other families and continue to build on the wonderful sense of community which is so unique to KEPS. The night should be a real hoot, so if you are free please support this event and have a bit of fun.

Reports and Parent/Teacher / Partnership Meetings

Students reports will be sent home this Friday in preparation for interviews and partnership meetings which will be held on Wednesday 22 July between 3.45pm and 8.00pm and Thursday 23 July between 3.45pm and 5.15pm. Times for these meetings will be included in with the reports.

**DEB SPARKE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

CARNIVAL NEWS

Carnival day is going to be a great day filled with great stalls, rides, competitions, raffles and so much more. But we need help! Coming home tonight is the Carnival Stall allocation list and a full donations list. Also if you can help with securing silent and loud auction items, sponsorship and of course donating items please contact Connie Barnes on 0409 029 848 or via email at cbarnes@aiet.com.au or Julia Pope on 0434 542 901 or via email at julia_pop@optusnet.com.au.

Donations wanted! - New & Pre-loved Carnival Stall

If you have anything that that you no longer want or need and is new or in as new condition please donate them to the KEPS carnival New & Pre-loved stall. Please Contact Grace Dimopoulos for Collection or Drop off on Phone: 9859 4390 Mobile: 0425798400 or email gracedim@dodo.com.au.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The second hand uniform shop will be open again on Wednesday 22 July from 3.15pm to 3.45pm. Once again this term we will be open every second week. Looking forward to seeing you then.

MUSIC NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 3 2009

Monday 20 July – Level 2 Singers Monday 20 July 9.30am Aust Youth Choir Auditions Monday 3 August – Social Band Monday 10 August – Marimba Group	Monday 17 August – Concert Band Thursday 18 August – Melbourne School Bands Festival Monday 31 August – Level 3 Singers Monday 7 December – SOIREE 2009
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Semester 2 Band Fees

Band fees for the remainder of 2009 are due on or before next Monday 20 July. Please forward your payments to the Music Centre with the purple forms provided. Keep any attached receipts from Semester 1 for your records. If you have already paid at the general office – thanks for being so organised. Just write PAID AT OFFICE, attach a copy of the receipt and send the purple form to me in the Music Centre. I need to keep the purple forms for archives for seven years, so PLEASE PLEASE send them back. Thanks everyone.

Australian Youth Choir

Students wishing to audition for the Australian Youth Choir will remain after assembly next week for their auditions. If you would like to practice your singing for this occasion then the National Anthem, Happy Birthday and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star are all good options. Good luck to everyone who wishes to try out.

<u>AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHOIR</u>
My child _____ in class _____ Would like to be considered for the above choir.
Signed _____

Tutes and Band

A reminder to parents and students that Concert Band lessons and rehearsals and all Percussion lessons will be on Tuesdays for the remainder of the year. Social Band lessons and rehearsals will be on Thursdays. Thank you.

Level 3 Music Classes

This term we will be exploring some dance and movement as one of the aspects covered in our classes. May I please ask that female students wear track suit pants on their Music class day. Alternatively, bike shorts or leggings underneath skirts or dresses would also be appropriate. Thanks.

REMINDER – PARENT'S SOCIAL DINNER

Don't miss out! Tickets only available until Friday 17 July to Parent's Social Dinner on Saturday 25 July 2009 at 7:00pm. Please join us for a fun, informal evening with other KEPS parents. Two course buffet provided. Please BYO drinks. If anyone is available to help the Social Committee with last minute preparations, please call Stacy on 9859 8829 or Sarah at 0401056226.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library – Children's Book Week 2009

Date: Saturday 22 August to Friday 28 August 2009

Theme: Book Safari

In Term 3, the Library we will be celebrating the 2009 Children's Book Week. **The shortlisted books** will be on display in the Library but they will only be available for loan after Friday 28 August 2009. The awards will be announced and presented on Friday 21 August 2009.

On Friday 24 July 2009, we have invited **Terry Denton** to come and speak to the children in three sessions. He is an author as well as an illustrator. He has written more than twenty children's books himself and collaborated on countless more with some of Australia's most popular children's authors. A display of some of his books available in our Library is also on display in the Library.

We will also be having our annual **Book Fair** from Monday 3 August to Thursday 6 August 2009 at 3.00pm – 4.00pm This will be in the Library.

Welcome back and we encourage both parents and children to drop in to the Library not only to borrow and return books but also to come and look at our Book Week displays.

Happy Reading!
Val and Tina

O.S.H.C. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Term 3 Week 2 20/07/09 – 24/07/09

Monday	Parachute Games Decorating Eye Masks Indoor Games
Tuesday	Soccer Knitting Parachute Games
Wednesday	Bootcamp Activities Making Jumping Jack Monkeys Wool Pom Poms

Thursday	Sitdown Volleyball Creating Greeting Cards Peg Magnets
Friday	Ball Games Cooking Decorating Photo Frames

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