



## NEWSLETTER

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>JULY</b>	<b>AUGUST</b>
<b>Term 3, Week 3</b>	<b>Term 3, Week 4</b>
Wed 29 L4 Excursion to Gallery Finance Meeting – 6.30pm School Council Meeting – 7.30pm	Mon 03 – Thurs 16 <i>BOOK FAIR in Library 3pm – 4pm</i> Tues 04 ICAS English Testing Wed 05 L1 Scienceworks Excursion 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Shop Open – 3.15pm to 3.45pm Thurs 06 L4 Sexuality Education Session #1 Fri 07 Prep Tour #3 – 9.45am to 10.30am

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL / ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

#### **Staffing**

Deb Sparke, Assistant Principal is on Long Service Leave for the next 2 weeks and Eric McCann will be Acting Assistant Principal until Deb returns on the 10 August 2009. We wish Deb well on her Central Australian experience.

#### **Digital Citizenship**

“Digital Citizenship is about building safe places and communities, how to manage personal information, being internet savvy, using your online presence to grow and shape your world in a safe, creative way and inspiring others to do the same.”

Robyn Treyvaud conducted a Cybersafety forum last Thursday evening at KEPS. Parents and staff attended a most successful and informative session and Robyn left us with some key messages to ponder.

- Keeping a balanced view in relation to the use of digital technologies
- Developing responsible, ethical and resilient digital citizens
- The need for a strategic and sustainable response which engages the student voice

Robyn encourages parents to make time to talk to their children about what they do online. She emphasised that it is never too early to start as children are online at very young ages, often at pre-school, so as soon as parents show an interest in their children’s online lives, the more normal speaking about it will be. She reiterated that it is important to establish a list of rules and guidelines for online use and to observe children’s behaviour, particularly excessive use, secrecy, hiding or withdrawal which can indicate other underlying issues.

Robyn defined Cyberbullying as, “....when someone repeatedly misuses their power to try to hurt, scare, or exclude another person. It can be done by one person, or a group in ways which upset the student’s body, piece of mind, property, reputation or social life.....using electronic means.”

She reminded us that we cannot keep the internet completely safe and because of this we must build children’s resilience to the materials to which they may be exposed so that they have the confidence and skills to navigate these new media waters more safely. Although primary students have limited access to the internet at school we are conscious of the need for stringent processes to keep our students safe. However, Robyn made the point that many students are accessing the internet out of school hours and it is imperative that parents are aware of what

their children are doing. She suggested parents share their experiences with other parents in order to increase the visibility of any online issues, especially for parents of adolescents.

Robyn finished by alerting us to the fact that the internet and other digital media are part of our children's lives and will continue to be a part of their lives. There are no easy answers. As parents and teachers we need to remain vigilant, open and supportive of our children as they increasingly access many digital forms of technology such as phones and the internet.

FYI a copy of Robyn's the notes will be available on our school website under the "Downloads" heading and will also be attached to the email with this week's newsletter.

### **Scooter Racks**

I neglected to mention in the last newsletter that during the holidays, another facility project completed, was the new scooter racks. The new racks are located between the administration offices and the OHSC building. This project was initiated by parents and the Facilities Subcommittee of School Council has ensured this project has come to fruition.

### **Yard Supervision**

A reminder to parents and students that the school ground is not supervised until 8.45am – 9.00am in the mornings, and from 3.30pm – 3.40pm in the afternoon. Students are only supposed to come to school in those times. To maintain student safety, please either arrange to have them looked after in our wonderful Out of School Hours facility, or make sure they arrive at school only during the supervised times.

### **KEPS Social Night**

Congratulations to Stacy Sanders (Convenor, Social and Fund Raising Subcommittee, School Council) in initiating and organising, what I have heard, was a wonderful success last Saturday night, where some 65 parents attended a KEPS social function in the form of a dinner in the Junior Hall. I also heard the hall was not recognisable after many decorations, (see photo), had been added to ensure a dinner ambience was captured. Well done to Stacy and her band of helpers. Also thanks to Sarah Dalton for such fantastic decorations!

**HELEN FOTHERINGHAM**  
**PRINCIPAL**

**ERIC MCCANN**  
**ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

### **FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER**

#### **Education Maintenance Allowance Instalment Two**

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who have chosen the EFT payment option on their application form at the start of the year.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Any parent/guardian wishing to change from a cheque payment to an EFT payment will need to submit a new application form to the school for processing. Applications close on **7 August 2009**.

Parents/guardians who have chosen the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Further information can be obtained from: [www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm)

**Contact:** School Office for application form and further information

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

The second hand uniform shop will be open again on Wednesday 5 August from 3.15pm to 3.45pm. Once again this term we will be open every second week. Looking forward to seeing you then.

## **KEPS SOCIAL NIGHT**

Wow what a great night on Saturday! The junior school hall was transformed with lanterns and candles as KEPS parents enjoyed great food, games, socialising and lots of dancing. We hope all the parents that came had as good a time as we did. The Social Committee wanted to thank those that helped set up and clean up: Tash Keys, Anna Horne, Donna Cameron and Rosemary Nolan. Thanks also to Native for the flowers, Shamrock Glazing for the glass tops and Susi Wright for her MC duties. Kudos to Sarah Dalton for her vision and creativity in decorating the hall and special thanks to Bruce Findlay for sharing his expertise and music – the crowd loved it! Here's looking forward to next year!



Stacy Sanders

## **CARNIVAL NEWS**

We are currently trying to secure donation items for the silent and loud auctions and sponsorship for the carnival. If you can help or know of anyone we should contact please let us know? We could also use some help following up the donations letters that were recently sent out to local businesses. Please contact Connie if you could spare some time to help. We should have some storage space available next week, so if you have been holding onto those slabs of soft drink, books, or wine please bring them into the office next week.

Remember to keep those weekly donation items. All classes should now have a donations box in their room. It's going to be a great carnival!!

## **DONATIONS WANTED!**

### **New & Pre-loved Carnival Stall**

If you have anything 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. Thank you to those who have already donate items. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please Contact Grace Dimopoulos for Collection or Drop off Phone: 9859 4390 Mobile: 0425798400 or Email at: [gracedim@dodo.com.au](mailto:gracedim@dodo.com.au).

## **KEPS ANAPHYLAXIS AWARENESS MONTH**

Next month (August) will be Anaphylaxis awareness month at KEPS. Please look out for information posters around the school the school. Colourful pencils will be also available to buy at recess throughout the month. One of our Level 4 students will be speaking at assembly on Monday to explain all.

## **MUSIC NEWS**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 3 2009**

Monday 3 August – Social Band Monday 10 August – Marimba Group Monday 17 August – Concert Band	<b>Thursday 18 August – Melbourne School Bands Festival</b> 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 One 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.

## **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.

## **Melbourne School Bands Festival**

Indemnity forms (yellow) were sent home last week and Photo order forms were handed out in Concert Band today. Please return these to GEORGIE IN THE MUSIC CENTRE no later than 4 August. Please be prompt in returning your forms as I need to confirm numbers for the buses by 10 August. Thanks, much appreciated.

## **PE NEWS**

### **State Cross Country Championship**

Well done to Max Dreher and Sam Landby who participated in the State Cross Country Championships which were held at Bundoora Park last Friday. Max and Sam both ran very well in physical races that were run on a wet course. Max finished 56<sup>th</sup> overall and Sam finished in the Top 100.

A fantastic effort by both students who represented KEPS so well, against students from all other schools across the state. Congratulations on running such fantastic races and good luck for the future.

### **Level 3 Hooptime**

On Wednesday 22 July, some of the grade 4 boys and girls went to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic centre (MCAS). First of all we had to come to school at eight o'clock: we left school to go to MSAC at 8:10am. When we got there we went with our coaches to the grand stand, to put our bags away. The teams were the Rookies A, Rookies B, Future Stars A, Future Stars B, All Star Girls and All Star Boys! All the teams did so well especially the last game. It was the grand final for the future All Star B's. Everyone from Kew East was watching the game. It went to 2nd over time and the Future All Star B's won 11 – 9 it was the highlight of the day. Everyone at Hooptime had a GREAT day.

By Dean, Joe, Dean, Monique and Katy 3B

Thanks to all the parents who assisted on the day and well done to all the students for putting in such a fantastic effort and representing KEPS so well.

### **KEPS Athletics Day**

The KEPS Athletics Day will be held on Friday 14 August and the Box Hill Athletics Track in Elgars Rd, Box Hill. Permission forms and more information will be going home with students in the coming weeks.

### **VIC Golf Championships**

The 2009 Victorian Primary School Golf Championships are being at the beginning of Term 3. If any students from Level 4 are interested in participating please come and see me at school for some more information.

### **Melbourne Victory Fan Fest – This Sunday @ Luna Park!**

Melbourne Victory invites all Victorian Primary School Soccer Association players and their families and friends to attend the 2009/10 Melbourne Victory Fan Fest will take place at Luna Park from 9am to 11am this Sunday!

The Fan Fest will be an exciting day for all Melbourne Victory members and supporters, with all Melbourne Victory players in attendance and a host of exciting activities and free rides on offer.

Cheers

Rob Olsen - Physical Education Coordinator

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **Book Donations**

The Library would like to acknowledge and thank the Traverso family for their constant generosity. They have donated many new books to the KEPS Library since Callum started in Prep last year.

This time they have donated an autographed copy of the book, "Secrets of Deltora". They also donated nine talking books or audio books which will be very useful in the classrooms.

### **Carnival Book Fair**

We will be hosting a Carnival Book Fair again this year to celebrate Book Week 2009. The posters will be put up around the school and pamphlets will be sent home with the children this week.

The selection of books at our Book Fair will include a wide range of quality books from the best Australian and overseas authors and illustrators. The price of each book has been discounted and rounded.

Our school benefits by receiving a generous commission in the form of books or cash. In addition, Carnival donates 5 cents for every book sold, to an educational project overseen by World Vision. The Australian Government also support the project with a generous \$300 for every \$100 raised at the Book Fair.

Our Book Fair selling times will be:

<b>Date :</b>	<b>Monday 3 August – Thursday 6 August 2009</b>
<b>Time :</b>	<b>3.00am – 4.00 pm</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>KEPS Library</b>

Hope to see you at the Fair!  
Val and Tina

### **O.S.H.C. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Term 3 Week 4**      **03/08/09 – 07/08/09**

- **Outdoor Games all week** (weather permitting)
- **Board Games & Jigsaw Puzzles all week**
  - **Craft Activities for the week are:**
    - **Dream Catchers**
    - **Pora Pora People**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Soccer	Hockey	Pizza Making	Bootcamp Games	Fencing/Cooking

### **CLASS GATHERINGS**

**Class 3K** - Parents and Carers are invited to join me for morning tea at Funky Fillings for a catch up after school drop off on Wednesday 5 August. Hope to see you there, Michelle Cortis - Class Representative.

**3B Parents** – All parents/carers/siblings are invited to a morning coffee and catch up at Funky Fillings on Tuesday 11 August at 9.15am. Looking forward to seeing you there, Gereldine & Jenny

### **4KB, 3S & 3M Movie Morning – Thursday**

Parents and carers are invited to come and see the film "My Sister's Keeper" at the Palace Balwyn Cinemas on Thursday 30 July, first morning session advertised (time not available at time of newsletter, please refer to [www.palacecinemas.com.au](http://www.palacecinemas.com.au)). We'll meet in the foyer about 10 – 15 minutes prior to session time. Hope you can join us. 4KB, 3S and 3M Class Reps.

### **COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**Anglicare** – This winter Anglicare Victoria is call on all community groups in your area to support foster care by spreading the message about the need for more carers. We've targeted your area because your community has a shortage of available foster families to meet the needs of vulnerable children and young people. We're holding an information session on the Friday 7 August at the Phyllis Hore Room at Kew Library for anyone who would like to find out more about volunteering and fostering. For more information please call 1300 889 335 or email at [fostercare.eastern@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:fostercare.eastern@anglicarevic.org.au).