



# KEW EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER	OCTOBER
Term 4 Week 1	Term 4 Week 2
Wed 7-9 Level 3 Camp	Tues 13 Zone Athletics Level 3&4
	Wed 14 L2 Melbourne Excursion
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Shop Open – 3.15pm to 3.45pm
	Thurs 15 L1 Swimming Program - 9.30am to 11.45am
	Fri 16 L1 Swimming Program - 9.30am to 11.45am
	Sun 18 Working Bee Level 3



## CARNIVAL REMINDER

Saturday 21 November 2009

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL / ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

#### **Welcome Back**

Welcome to the commencement of the last term of the 2009 school year. I trust that everyone had an enjoyable time over the last 2 weeks, having the opportunity to spend some additional quality time with your children. Given the numerous natural disasters of the tsunami in Samoa, earthquakes in Indonesia and Papua, and the typhoon in the Philippines, it certainly hits home just how lucky we are living in Australia. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those families affected by these tragedies.

#### **2010 Planning**

It is hard to believe that I have now been at KEPS for 1 year to the day, having commenced on 6 October 2008. My time at KEPS has been extremely busy but rewarding and energising. I would like to thank all students, staff and parents who have supported me in my role as principal. I feel as if I have been here for much longer than 12 months and I have no doubt this can be attributed to being so readily accepted by the KEPS community.

I am looking forward to a busy Term 4, having commenced budgetary and staffing arrangements for 2010. The School Strategic Plan (2010-2013) will also be completed in Term 4, along with the 2010 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) which will set out our priority actions in the areas of English, Maths and teaching and learning for 2010.

#### **Student Placement Reminder**

During Term 4, teachers will be allocating students to classes for 2010. If parents have any special requests for student placement, based on the needs of their child, please put this in writing to me or Deb Sparke by Friday 9 October 2010. These requests will be considered but I cannot guarantee that all requests can be accommodated.

#### **NAPLAN 2009 Year 3 & 5**

In May 2010, national literacy and numeracy tests were administered to all year 3 & 5 students. We have now received the individual student NAPLAN reports. These reports will be sent home next Wednesday 14 October 2010 in sealed envelopes, addressed to parents.

These reports will provide parents with their child's individual results of testing in the areas of Reading, Writing, language conventions (grammar, punctuation, spelling) and Numeracy (number, measurement, chance & data and

space). The reports will also show you how your child is performing compared to other Australian students, the national average score on the NAPLAN tests and the range of achievement for the middle 60% of students in Australia.

Staff will also be analysing aggregate school data for Year 3 and 5 in these learning areas so as to reflect on these areas taught in the curriculum and in doing so, identify students' strengths and areas for improvement.

All reports will come with an explanation of how to interpret the NAPLAN Report. If you have any queries about the NAPLAN report please contact your child's teacher.

### **Level 3 Camp**

One hundred and fifty-seven Level 3 students are off to camp Rumbug in the Foster area of Gippsland this Wednesday for 3 days. I will be travelling down to the camp on Thursday and look forward to spending the day with students and staff.

### **HELEN FOTHERINGHAM PRINCIPAL**

#### **Student Attendance**

KEPS overall has very good student attendance. When a student is absent, most families supply the school with a valid reason for the absence in writing. The possible implications for a student's progress if multiple absences are recorded are obvious. It may not be as obvious to parents though that lateness can also impede a student's achievement. When students are late to school they require time from teachers to have the morning's activities individually relayed to them. Other students will have already commenced work and the late student does not reap the benefit of hearing the introduction to a lesson, topic, concept or the other student's responses. They often experience feelings of shyness and embarrassment at walking in late and can feel unsettled. Teachers do their best to alleviate these feelings, but they are natural and often accentuated in children. With this in mind, we are therefore asking you to review your morning routines to ensure that your child or children are not placed in this situation. All students should be in line and ready to proceed to their classroom by the final bell at 9.00am. Most parents are very conscientious with this issue, but we do still have several students who are regularly late. Apart from the disruption to their start to the day and that of the rest of the class, it also sets children up to develop poor habits which can become very difficult to break later in life.

#### **SunSmart**

As a SunSmart school, students are required to wear a broad brimmed school hat during terms 1 and 4 each year. We are fortunate to have extra shade in the senior school now, however, whether students plan to play in the shade or not they are still required to wear a hat. Please support us in protecting your child/ren by providing the correct hat and encourage wearing it to and from school as well as during sport and recess breaks.

#### **English Online Interviews**

The DEECD has introduced the English Online Interview which is designed to give teachers valuable information about students and their literacy progress in years Prep – 2. The interview is administered by classroom teachers and will be conducted during early term 4 each year. From next year, the 2010 Prep students will also undertake an initial form of the interview in term 1. Class teachers will be released to implement some parts of the interviews whilst other sections will make up part of the normal class program. The results will inform their class teaching. This is similar to the Early Years Numeracy Interview which schools have been using for several years.

### **DEB SPARKE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

## **CARNIVAL NEWS**

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

More donations needed!

Items wanted:

Glassware, crockery, jewellery, pottery, sporting goods, artwork, leather goods (e.g. bags, wallets, belts), toys, games, puzzles, hats, clothing (only new or in as new condition), photo frames, prints, picture frames, manchester, nursery items.

Batteries: We have a few toys that require batteries to display their features e.g. sound, music and movement. Sizes needed mainly AA and AAA.

For collection or drop off please contact Grace Dimopoulos

Ph: 98594390

Mob: 0425798400

E: [gracedim@dodo.com.au](mailto:gracedim@dodo.com.au)

For safety reasons, please don't just leave in the office.

Thank you to all the K.E.P.S. families who have generously donated goods.

## **JSC FUNDRAISER**

### **Future Day**

Thank you to everyone who supported the JSC fundraiser last term. The school raised \$494.75 and collected many, many large bags of shoes. Kids off the Kerb were very grateful for our shoe effort. We will let you know where the money raised will be donated to. Great job everyone!!

Thank you so much to the KEPS community for your continued support of fundraisers run by Junior School Council.

Megan Kimber

Cathy Macdonald

Junior School Council

## **MUSIC NEWS**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4 2009**

Monday 16 November – Level 2 Singers Monday 23 November – Social Band Monday 30 November – Level 2 Singers Monday 7 December – Concert Band	<b>Monday 7 December – SOIREE 200</b> 7.30pm MLC Music Auditorium, Barker Rd Kew Rehearsal in Junior School Hall all day. Social Band, Concert Band L4 Marimba & L3 Singers will all perform at KEPS Soiree.
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### **Band Tutes Term 4**

Tutes will be held in the following spaces this term....please keep for future reference.

Percussion – ESL room off the Junior School Hall.

Clarinets and Saxophones – Loft room opposite 3M's room in the top level of the Level Three Building

Brass Tuesday – Reading Recovery Room.

Brass Thursday – Out of School Hours Care Room.

Flutes Tuesday - Out of School Hours Care Room.

Flutes Thursday - ESL room off the Junior School Hall.

Tutes times are displayed on the Noticeboard outside the new "Music Office" Corridor Space in the Level Three Building, on the side of the filing cabinet in the Music Storage area in the junior School Hall and are emailed regularly to class teachers.

Just making noise? We're making music!

Georgie Greenwood.

## **WALKTOBER**

### **Walk-to-School Day is coming up**

Mark Wednesday 21 October in your calendars as our school will be taking part in the state wide Walktober Walk-to-School event. This event gives children, parents, school teachers and community leaders an opportunity to be part of a global event as we celebrate the many benefits of walking as a part of International Walk-to-School Month. In 2008, millions of walkers from around the world walked to school together all hoping to create communities that are safe places to walk.

### **Supporting your child to be safe on the road**

In primary school, children become more independent in their travel – as pedestrians and cyclists. Parents/carers can help them prepare for increased independence by providing plenty of practical supervised experience in using the road safely and by modelling safe road use. Your children learn by watching what you do!

## **MATHLETICS AND SPELLODROME**

Last term, some classes in the school trialled Mathletics and Spellodrome as part of Literacy and Numeracy Week. Since then, I have had a lot of queries from parents and students regarding further use of the programs. So, in response to this, I would like to let parents know that these two great programs are available for purchase for home use. All you need to do, if you would like your child to have easy access from home for 12 months, is contact customer service at [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au) and purchase a new home licence. Just follow the link labelled 'Purchase'. The cost is \$99 a year for unlimited use.

Hope this helps – and have fun!

Cathy Macdonald  
Maths Coordinator

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

Term 4 Week 1

05/10/09 – 09/10/09

- **Outdoor Games all week** (*weather permitting*)
- **Board Games & Jigsaw Puzzles all week**
- **Craft Activities for the week are:**
  - *Paper Mache*
  - *Pencil Holders*

<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	<b><i>Friday</i></b>
Bat Tennis	Cooking Play Dough	Talent Quest Skipping	Pizza Making Basketball	Pizzas Play dough

## **CLASS GATHERINGS**

**1TW** – are invited to a dinner being organised for parents in 1TW, for the first week of Term 4. On Wednesday 7 October, 7.30pm at Della Nonna Ristorante, 844 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn. To RSVP please contact Marisa Brazzale on her email: [marisabrazzale@iprimus.com.au](mailto:marisabrazzale@iprimus.com.au) or phone 0413 308 407. Hope to see you there.

## **COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**St Pauls Strawberry Fair** – will be held on Saturday 24 October from 9.00am to 2.00pm on the corner of Hale St & Windella Ave (Mel Ref 45 G3). Bring family and friends along to enjoy the excellent fare available. Listen to musicians from the Boroondara Brass whilst browsing through stalls of trash and treasure, home made goods, quality second hand jewellery, children's books and toys, craft, plants, children's activities, jumping castle and much, much more. Hope to see you there.

**Nanny Required** – 2 afternoons per week. Applicants must have a licence and a car. For more information please call Russell on 0422 001 166.

**Share Your Thoughts on Parenting** - Share your thoughts and ideas about parenting and programs to support parents, as part of a project conducted by the Parenting and Family Support Clinic (PFSC) at the University of Queensland. We are looking for parents of a 2-10 year old child to complete a survey and view some short videos about parenting programs P. The study is available online at: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/engagement>. Alternatively if you reside in the Brisbane metropolitan area, you can complete the study at the PFSC by contacting Faye Nitschke (Email: [faye.nitschke@uqconnect.edu.au](mailto:faye.nitschke@uqconnect.edu.au) or Ph: 07 3365 7307).