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## COMING EVENTS

Aug	Mon	17	Yr 7 Camp Group 1 <b>QNetwork meeting</b> 7 – 8 pm Staff Room
	Wed	19	Yr7 Camp Group 2
	Thu	20	<b>Yr 8 Sport</b>
	Mon	24	School Council – 7.00pm
	Thu	27	<b>Immunisations</b>
	Fri	28	Ski Day
	Mon	31	<b>District Athletics</b>
Sept	Tue	1	Yr12 Parent Info. 7-00pm <b>Chaplaincy Meeting – 6:45pm</b>
	Wed	2	Yr 7 Sport
	Mon	14	<b>VCE Performing Arts –</b> <b>7:00pm</b>
	Thu	17	Parent Teacher Interviews 3:50pm to 6.50pm

significance for the Kew community.

The first Dr Bruce Robinson, a physician and parenting author, spoke about the correlation between a lack of a father or father figure and the involvement of children in drugs, crime, violence and lack of motivation in learning. He was partly inspired by his work with dying lung cancer patients who had regretted not spending enough time with their children. He pointed out that teachers spend approximately 3 minutes per child per week if you divide their time by the number of students they see. Parents on the other hand have the capacity to offer 100 times this. It is therefore obvious that the parent role has a far greater opportunity to make a difference and impact on students. He urged schools to facilitate more parent education in this regard and has a CD and books around the topic: *fathering from the fast lane* and *daughters and their dads*. He urged fathers to go on Dad dates with their children, making the time for them. He also talked about the need for fathers to tell their children regularly that they loved them. His talk was thought provoking and I mention it in order to spark discussion in your homes.

The second speaker was Bruce Dixon, Director Ideaslab and Co founder of *Anytime Anywhere Learning Foundation*. The main theme of his discourse was *Are we ready?* He was simply making the point that teachers and schools need to be ready for the ICT innovations to come. He spoke of You Tube and Facebook and urged us to look at how these can be used in school to engage students. If we are simply replacing the pen and paper with a computer we are failing our students. We are actually currently reviewing our policies, protocols and processes in relation to ICT, phones, Ipods, google, facebook Youtube and the like. Our professional learning this year has focused on the use of ICT in teacher pedagogy. This term we are sharing our learnings in staff forums.

### Visit by our Regional Network leader Jeremy Beard, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Jeremy spent time with student leaders, our leading teachers and staff. He wandered around the school, visited classes, attended a general school assembly and spoke at the staff meeting. His comments were extremely positive. He spoke of the welcoming culture and noted that students feel connected. He stated that on his walks and visits to classes teachers were engaged with students in conversations and partners in the learning process. It is always helpful to have an objective viewpoint presented from someone outside the school and the ideas for improvement in relation to our environment suggested by Jeremy provided food for thought.

### Professional Learning:

During the year I am involved and engaged in professional learning of significance to me as an educational leader and the school.

### Uniform reminders:

- Blazers and Winter uniform continue to be compulsory for term 3. The blazer should be worn from the lockers to the home and from home to the lockers.
- Students may come to school in **full PE uniform** – black tracksuit pants (no leggings) school top and windproof jacket only if they have PE in period 1.
- **Full PE uniform** may be worn home if the student has PE in period 5
- Windproof jackets are only to be worn with PE uniform.

### Educational support week:

We recognise the amazing contribution that our Educational support staff make to the school. Kew High school could not function so efficiently without them. They include the personnel in our office who provide the welcome face and answer your enquiries, follow up absences, manage school finances and ensure teacher absences are filled; those assisting in the Library, the Science rooms, the Home Economics rooms; those in the information technology area who ensure our computer system is first class; those supporting students in the classrooms; and of course, last but not least, those working around the school to ensure the grounds and facilities are well maintained. We are grateful to them all.

### Eastern Metropolitan regional Principals' meeting:

At the Principals' forum I recently attended there were two interesting and informative speakers who had



## KEW HIGH SCHOOL

### INFORMATION NIGHT

**For parents with students in Year  
12 this year  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009  
7 p.m.  
Senior Centre**

We **strongly encourage** you to attend this information session. Issues covered will relate to supporting your student through the many stages encountered at the end of the year and preparing for the transition to a new environment in 2010.

#### Find out:

- **How the ATAR (ENTER) is calculated**
- **What does a *cut off* score mean**
- **How do you change course preferences**
- **What is involved with the Student Contribution Amount (the old HECS)**
- **What support is available through Centrelink**
- **Under what conditions would my student be eligible for Special Provision**
- **What Scholarships are available**

*Robyn Dunn, Marion Last, Danny Tamburrini,  
Laura Walsh & Dianne Keage*

### Access Ministries Annual Chaplaincy Dinner 2009

- Date: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2009
- Location: The New Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Ctr. South Warf
- Time: 6:30pm Pre Dinner Drinks  
7:00pm Gala Dinner
- Key Speakers: Andrew Frost, CEO Fortescue Metals Group Rev. Tim Costello AO, CEO World Vision Australia.
- RSVP: Register Online at:  
[www.accessministries.org.au](http://www.accessministries.org.au)  
or call Lyn Whaley- 9804 0733  
Email:  
whaley@accessministries.org.au

- On August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> I attended a professional learning forum in the city related to the project on Workforce reform. As indicated earlier I am working with three Principals to trial some inventive approaches to our workforce structures and protocols. We are researching the possibility of organising some ICT professional learning for the Principal teams to ensure they have the capacity as educational leaders to make informed decisions in relation to ICT and pedagogy.
- On August 14<sup>th</sup> all Principals from the Eastern Region are requested to attend at Etihad stadium. The focus again will be on classroom practice
- I will also be away on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August as I will be in Canberra for a forum on Engage with Asia.
- During the week prior I will be attending the Boroondara network conference at Cape Schanck. The program organised largely by our network leader, Jeremy Beard, will focus on educational leadership and improving teacher capacity. This is also the focus for our leadership team at Kew and our discussion so far has revolved around the strategies, resources and processes to be put in place this year and in 2010. The Conference provides an opportunity to network and discuss what is happening in other schools.
- I have also been working with Dianne Beever from Doncaster Secondary College through the Eleanor Davis program. Dianne spent 8 days at Kew HS shadowing me as a mentor and taking the opportunity to discuss leadership.

Clare Entwisle  
Principal

## Chaplaincy News

Please note the following dates for your diary.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September** Chaplaincy Committee Meeting  
6:45pm

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September** EXO day – lunch time free festival for students

Exo Day short for "Life is excellent" is a free lunchtime festival which consists of a free BBQ, giveaways, rides and a band. The purpose of Exo day is to inspire students to have hope that no matter what circumstances they're in right now life can be better, and that they were born for a reason. Exo day is supported by Kew High School Chaplaincy and sponsored by Bridge Church Richmond. The Festival is coordinated by Nick Coombs who runs the weekly program held at the school called RAW energy. Nick has worked with a team of students from Kew High School to plan the lunch time festival. Watch the school bulletin for more information about this great festival.

Term 4:

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** Chaplaincy Committee Meeting  
6:45pm

*For more information about School Chaplaincy check out the school web page under Community.*

*Rosemary Carter*  
**School Chaplain**



### Network Meeting

Another month has flown by and yup - it's that time again. If you missed the last meeting here's another opportunity to catch-up on the latest Network discussions. Same time, same place – see you there.

**Monday 17 August**

**7.00 - 8.30pm**

**Staff Room**

### Mailing list

If you would like to receive regular updates on activities and meetings via our emailing list simply forward your contact details to Veronica Eaton at

[veronica.glattauer@csiro.au](mailto:veronica.glattauer@csiro.au)

### Crackerjack!

Limber up those Lumbricals and stretch out Sartorius – it's barefoot bowling time at Kew! Yes that's right our social event for Semester 2 will involve the gentle *thwack* of bowl on jack. The details will soon be finalized so keep watching this space, and be sure to secure your place in what promises to be a fun evening for all.



### Careers Needed

#### *Waverley Emergency Adolescent Care*

WEAC is looking for adults who are interested in volunteering their time, space and support to Adolescents aged between 12-18yrs.

Your care and support may be required for an evening, a weekend, short or long term. Training is provided however Police checks and Working with Children Checks are required. There is a generous tax-free monetary reimbursement as well as 24 hour support.

#### Our Objectives:

- To nurture the effectiveness of alternative families providing the appropriate, healthy environment to adolescents who would otherwise be at risk in their natural family environment.
- To provide post care for vulnerable young people

Your help is needed to give these young people a place to call home. If you believe you may be able to help please contact: **Sue O'Connor** at WEAC on **9563 2275** or [sue@weac.org.au](mailto:sue@weac.org.au)

### Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust

#### Scholarships for Children of Veterans intending Tertiary Studies in 2010

In 2010 the Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust are expecting to give financial assistance for up to 65 students under many different scholarship schemes. All schemes help the selected children in need of the Australian veteran community with the costs of tertiary education.

To receive an application form register interest on **1800 620 361**. Children and grandchildren of Vietnam veterans should do so now, as should any others who believe that they are eligible. If not sure then call and ask about it. Applications close on **31 October** each year.

AVCAT PO Box K978  
Haymarket, NSW 1240

Fax: 02 9281 9164 Email: [vvt@accsoft.com.au](mailto:vvt@accsoft.com.au)  
Web: [www.accsoft.com.au/~vvt](http://www.accsoft.com.au/~vvt)

### HOMESTAY FOR KEW HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

*Have you thought about becoming a Homestay family?*

Becoming a Homestay family can provide you with a valuable opportunity to gain international knowledge and cross cultural experience, by hosting overseas students who are studying here at Kew High School. Benefits in providing a Homestay for an international student include:

- Gaining a broader view of the world
- Encouraging and supporting second language learning
- Experience of another culture and appreciation for cultural diversity
- Development of long-term friendships between your family and the overseas family




***There are also financial benefits in hosting an international student.***

The students enter the school at Year 10 level and you will be providing them with support for their academic study and general wellbeing, as well as being sensitive to the difficulties they may face in adjusting to an English language environment and of different lifestyles. Homestay is a rich and rewarding experience for both host families and students. Single people, retired couples, couples with or without their own children can all become a Homestay family.

**If you are interested and would like more information, please contact:**

**Daveen Valentine at Kew High School: 9859 8652 or email [daveen.valentine@kew.vic.edu.au](mailto:daveen.valentine@kew.vic.edu.au)**

## Maths Homework Club 2009

<b>Monday</b> Before School 8:00 to 8:50 am By Appointment Mr Wayne Rickard	<b>Wednesday</b> Before School 8:00 to 8:50 am Room 1 Ms Robyn Dunn	<b>Thursday</b> Before School 8:00 to 8:50 am Room 1 Ms Sophie Prior	<b>Friday</b> Before School 8:00 to 8:50 am Room 1 Ms Wayne Rickard
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Persistence</b></p> <p>These students stick to a task until it is completed. They don't give up easily.</p> 		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Striving For Accuracy and Precision</b></p> <p>These students take pride in their work and have a desire for accuracy.</p> 	

## Maths Update For Years 7 to 12

	Topic	Assessment work being undertake on Current Topic	Approximate Due Date for Assessment Work
<b>Year 7</b>	Measurement Data	Test on Measurement Problem Solving – School Camp Project	Week 2/3 Week 3  Week 5/6
<b>Year 8</b>	3D Space	Project- 5 cube houses	Week 4-6
<b>Year 9</b>	Measurement	Test Project	Week 5 Week 5/6
<b>Year 10</b>	Trigonometry Measurement	Test	Week 3
<b>Year 10 GMF</b>	Geometry	Application Task Test	Week 2 Week 6
<b>Yr 11 Maths Method</b>	Functions & Relations	Test	Week 4
<b>General Maths Specialist</b>	Vectors	Test	Week 3
<b>General Maths Further</b>	Trigonometry	Test	Week 3
<b>Year 12 Maths Methods</b>	Matrices Probability	Analysis Task- Calculus	Week 3
<b>Further Maths</b>	Linear Programming Networks	Analysis Task – Graphs & Relations	Week 4
<b>Specialist Maths</b>	Kinematics	Test	Week 4

# 养育子女研讨会

## Parenting Seminars

甘彼和聯合教會 ( SCUC ) 的青年和家庭服務組(YAFS), 將提出一系列的養育子女研討會。本研討會將提供英語與漢語的解釋。它將涵蓋以下主題：

1. 在 8 月 26 日-婚姻和家庭活動-彼此增強了解;
2. 在 9 月 2 日-鼓勵你的孩子和青少年的增強適應能力;
3. 在 9 月 9 日-養育你的孩子 - 問與答;
4. 在 09 月 16 日-支持你的孩子的發展教育成就。

我們的演講嘉賓將是 Ms Suzie Endrey , 一位很受歡迎的並擁有豐富經驗的教育心理學家。她曾服務於一些當地的學校和機構。目前, 她是 Balwyn High School 博文中學的心理學家, 並在 Kinglake 一帶協助其他家庭。同時作為兩個成年孩子的母親, 她也感到無比幸福。

日期: 8 月 26 日, 9 月 2 日, 9 月 9 日, 2009 年 9 月 16 日

時間: 晚上七時至晚上九時

地點: SCUC Hall at 910 Toorak Road, South Camberwell (Park and Toorak Road 轉角- Melway Map 59 J5)

費用: 每個家庭為整個系列\$ 28 或 每節\$8。將提供咖啡、茶和簡單茶點;

報名日期: 由 09 年 8 月 19 日的第一次研討會開始, 然後每個以下研討會的一個星期之前。

查詢及報名: Mimi Chow 周談秀芳女士 (廣東話) , 電話: 04 25 749 615 或 Edmund Chow 周偉文先生 (普通話) 電話: 0425 749 198 , 電子郵件: [tamchow@gmail.com](mailto:tamchow@gmail.com) ; YAFS 網址: <http://yafs.org.au>

請注意這些研討會只供家長參與學習交流的。如果需要兒童方面的託管請於報名時提出, 我們將給予考慮。

## Parenting Seminars

Youth and Family Services of the South Camberwell Uniting Church (SCUC) will be presenting a series of parenting seminars. The seminars will be presented in English with Mandarin interpretation. It will cover the following topics:

1. On 26 Aug - **Marriage and family enrichment – understanding each other**
2. On 2 Sep - **Encouraging your children and adolescence to be resilient**
3. On 9 Sep - **Parenting your children – Question & Answer**
4. On 16 Sep - **Supporting your children's educational attainments.**

Our guest speaker will be Ms Suzie Endrey an Educational Psychologist. She has worked in a number of schools and organisations locally. At the present time, she is the Psychologist at Balwyn High School and assisting families in Kinglake. She herself feels blessed to be the mother of two young adults.

Ms Endrey is a highly popular psychologist and has a wealth of knowledge and experience with the Chinese and Asian Communities.

**Date:** 26 August, 2 September, 9 September, 16 September 2009

**Time:** 7pm to 9pm

**Venue:** SCUC Hall at 910 Toorak Road, South Camberwell (corner of Park and Toorak Road - Melway Map 59 J5)

**Cost:** \$28 per family for the whole series or \$8 per session. Tea, coffee and light supper will be provided

**Enrolment:** by 19/08/09 for the first seminar then one week before each for the following seminars.

**Enquires & Enrolment :** Please contact Mimi Chow 0425 749 615 (Mandarin and Cantonese) or Edmund Chow 0425 749 198 Email: [tamchow@gmail.com](mailto:tamchow@gmail.com); YAFS Website: [www.YAFS.org.au](http://www.YAFS.org.au)

**Please note these sessions are for parents. Child minding will be available on request.**

## Camberwell High School's annual AGV James Lecture

This year we are privileged to have as our presenter Dr Paul Sinclair, Mgr. of the Australian Conservation Foundation for Healthy Rivers, Oceans and Country Campaign. His presentation is titled "One fine day – how Australians can restore their natural environment, tackle climate change and feel better"

**When:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 7:30pm

**Where:** The Assembly Hall

To book phone: **9836 0555** – to assist with catering and seating numbers.

## Homework Help at the Hawthorn Library

*Need some help with your homework?*

The Homework Help Program is available to students attending secondary school or upper primary school – for free!

Volunteer tutors with teaching qualifications can assist students with assignments, essays and other tasks set by classroom teachers. Help is provided either on-on-one or in a small group. The program is held at Hawthorn Library and operates Tuesday afternoon during school terms from 3:30pm – 6:00pm.

To attend please contact the Boroondara Library Service and register your interest.

Ph: 9278 4666

## Host Families Needed for Exchange Students

We are hoping that you and your family are interested in the idea of choosing an exchange student to come and live with you for a half, one or even two semesters. Sharing your lifestyle with a 15-18 year old girl or boy from Italy, Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Japan, Brazil... So if you can afford one extra at mealtimes, which is almost the only cost to you, have a spare bed and wish to make an overseas friend, possibly for life, I'd be very pleased to hear from you - (03)9758-4279.

Yours sincerely,  
Klaus Schumann  
**WEP Community Coordinator**

## The Asthma Foundation

**National Asthma Week**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Free ask the expert On-Line Forum and Helpline

National Asthma Week is here and the Asthma Foundation of Victoria want to provide you access to highly regarded asthma experts. We will be providing you the opportunity to ask your asthma related questions from the comfort of your own home.

To ask questions simply visit [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au) or call 1800 645 130 between the hours of **6pm and 9pm on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September**. Prof. Susan Sawyer an expert in paediatric asthma and Fellow in respiratory medicine and allergy. Dr. Andrew Gillman will be available between 6pm-9pm on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September to provide you with an expert opinion on asthma related questions.

To order an Asthma Resource Pack or for further information visit the website or

Email: [nationalasthmaweek@asthma.org.au](mailto:nationalasthmaweek@asthma.org.au) or call 1800 645 130

## Bjorn Again and The New Romantics are fundraising for Kew Primary School

**When:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2009

**Where:** Abbotsford Convent, Rosina Auditorium

**Time:** 8:00pm - 12:30am

**Cost:** \$65 (includes finger food)

Enjoy an evening of live music and great entertainment. Tickets are limited and all proceeds go to Kew Primary School.

To purchase tickets go to [www.kewps.vic.edu.au](http://www.kewps.vic.edu.au)

## Parent Opinion Surveys

The use of opinion data to monitor school performance is a very important step towards making our school the best it can possibly be. In recent years, we have conducted annual and anonymous opinion surveys for staff, children and parents and use the information gained to drive school improvements. Around **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August**, 200 randomly selected families will receive a parent opinion survey in the post and we ask that these families return the completed surveys to school by **Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. Your assistance with the survey is greatly appreciated.