From The Principal

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

(Henry Ford)

This term there has been a focus on Kew High School through the ages: the coming together in 1963 and the establishment of solid foundations, keeping the community striving over the 50 years and working together to build a unique school with a positive culture, progressing, developing, improving to achieve the success we have while also having a clear vision where future cooperation will enable further outstanding achievements.

On the school front, there was much activity as the Year 8 students engaged in their Q8 collaborative project based learning. The students worked to design and construct a display showing the lives of Kew High Students for a particular decade over the past 50 years. They conducted research, at times in our local neighbourhood, with their focus on a hot topic such as architecture, pop culture, sport and recreation, food, careers and learning, art, technology and inventions. The driving question was, how have events of your set decade impacted upon the school, your avatar student and the culture of learning at Kew High School.

It has been a lively time with past students and staff, former Principals and School Councillors and leaders coming together to remember how it was, reminisce, tell their stories, walk our corridors, share anecdotes, celebrate the milestones, reflect on their input and influence, contribute to our historical records, link us to interesting alumni and donate memorabilia to our archives and recognise those past students who have amazing credentials and noteworthy accomplishments.

Past and present students provided impressive pieces for the art show. The concert highlighted past and present students with a hint of nostalgia as they entertained with renditions from previous school productions.

On this strong foundation and building on this legacy Kew High School confidently moves forward ready to make an equally significant stamp on the next 50 years.

Clare Entwisle

3in6 Hits Kew High again

The film competition, now known as the VITTA Challenge, but more commonly known to the students as 3in6, hit Kew High school on Friday 24 May. And boy did it strike! Over 80 students were involved in the competition this year. This was more students than any other year the school has been involved in the competition. Incredible!

The students had six hours to write, shoot, act and edit a short film using a door and including the slogan, ICT: Start here, go anywhere! By the end of the day, a total of 18 films had been made. The judges selected one film for the Junior secondary and one for the senior secondary category to compete in the competition. At the end of term certificates were awarded to the best films within the school.

Students who received certificates in the Junior Secondary category were Amy Ho, Aishabella Sheikh, Jasmine Page, Bea Hennessy, Karlisha Hurley, Grace Gallagher, Claire Bailey, Maddy Lammiman, Eleni Babusku, Melanie Tzimas and Emily Kokkinis.

In the Senior Secondary category certificates were awarded to Hasitha Bandara, Josh Chiodo, Riccardo Maurizi, Matthew Soundias, Laurence Neumann, Gyles Whytcross, Ryo Kearney, Max O’Callaghan and Aidan Tai-Jones.

The junior school entry came third in the overall competition. Bea Hennessy, Karlisha Hurley and Grace Gallagher were presented with their certificate and an $80 gift voucher to JB Hi Fi at the ICT expo at the State Library. Congratulations!

It was once again wonderful to see students of all year levels work cooperatively and creatively to make films. A great learning experience for everyone involved.

Danny Gesundheit
Media Coordinator
We were fortunate to be selected to attend Snowy River School for Student Leadership for the whole of Term 1. We were taught many valuable skills for our future but also many everyday skills. As a part of the curriculum we had to come up with a CLP (Community Learning Project) which is a project to benefit our community. As a group we agreed that we would like to have an impact on our school, and after a lot of exposure to the Indigenous culture at Snowy River, we came up with our final idea for our CLP, an indigenous garden.

We were very fortunate as we received a generous donation of $1,000 from Rotary, to put towards our Project. For our own fundraising, we sold raffle tickets to students and teachers for our Winter Warmer Hamper.

The aim of our project was to improve the appearance of the gardens near the gym, and also raise awareness of Aboriginal culture as they are the traditional owners of this land. With the help of Mr Phillip Naughton, the grounds keeper, we drew up plans and selected plants. All six of us, Ms Lynch, Mr Naughton and Mr Ed Brown from Rotary, put on our gardening gloves and put our plan into action. We are looking forward to promoting awareness of Aboriginal culture further and watching our garden grow over our years at Kew High School, allowing all of our peers to enjoy the way it brightens up the yard.

Overall, our CLP has been a success and a great way to conclude our amazing experience at Snowy River School. All six of us are extremely thankful to Mr Naughton for all his help, guidance and experience in the area of plants and gardening, also the commitment he has shown to our project. We would also like to thank Rotary, as their contribution was very generous and much appreciated. Finally, we would like to thank our Assistant Principal, Ms Lynch. She has been a great mentor for all of us and has gone out of her way to guide and support us throughout the project.

Alpine School is on again in Term 4 of 2014. Six Year 9 students (this year’s Year 8s) will ultimately be selected. We urge you to try out for it, as it is an amazing experience.

Holly Tsalikidis, Sara Bruce, Tiger Hongmung, Josephine Lake, Ben Maher and Andrew Papathanassiou

Friday morning teas, provided by Kew High School staff for their colleagues, are one of the highlights of the week for the school’s teachers and support staff. If a tea is named as The Biggest Morning Tea, it immediately raises expectations of Masterchef standards and tables groaning with tasty delights. Former staff member Cathie Volpe, who sadly passed away in August 2012, was known as a wonderful organiser of The Biggest Morning Tea and successfully raised thousands of dollars for the Cancer Council of Australia. This year, in memory of Cathie and in support of those staff and their families affected by cancer, another Biggest Morning Tea was held. Thanks to the generosity of teachers and support staff, we raised $1,200 for the Cancer Council.

Anne Chomiak
A Note from Musicland

Term 3 has kept us all busy down here in Musicland. There have been a number of high quality performances, including: the Advanced Guitar Ensemble participating at The Unleash the Best competition held at the Iwaki Auditorium, Swing Band and solo performances at our General Assemblies and a variety of other excursions including The Chinese Ensemble at Federation Square playing for a Taiwanese function.

One of the highlights for the Music staff was the 50th Anniversary Concert of Kew High School. I had much pleasure in contacting our ex-students in order to organise them in coming to play at this event. It was heartening to see so many of our ex-students still involved and enjoying music making, either as a career path or serious hobby.

The night was a very uplifting and emotional one for all involved. The second part of the concert featured ex-students, from the more distant past, performing hits from musicals which had been staged over the years. Vicky Annakis, one of our parents who went to Kew High School, coordinated and organised the second half which was also a great hit.

Next term we will be involved in the preparations, and performances, for Presentation Night, Q UP - our annual concert and Bennetts Lane Jazz Night as well as Music Camp - the sequel.

I look forward to seeing you at our many performances.

Judy Bartosy
Director of Music

Year 7 Positivity and Resilience Day

On Wednesday 7 August all Year 7 students participated in our Positivity and Resilience Day here at school. They were involved in three different, engaging activities throughout the day and also enjoyed a lunch provided by the school.

Our guest speaker, Hugh Van Cuylenburg, from the Resilience Project entertained the students with a presentation about time he spent in India playing cricket and teaching in a remote school. Despite extreme adversity such as poverty, poor living conditions, lack of nutrition and for some no family support, he was amazed by the general happiness, optimism and gratitude shown by most for what they do actually have. He was struck by the comparison with our privileged life style in Australia yet the prevalence of unhappiness, depression and anxiety in our society. The message being we can all lead happier more fulfilled lives if we can be grateful for what we have, focus on the good things and not the bad, show kindness and empathy to others and have an optimistic outlook.

The students also watched a Theatre performance by Full On Theatre called Escape from Worryville. This highlighted that if we reach out to others when they are having difficulties we can help them develop resilience and overcome their problems.

Our third event was an activity-based session facilitated by their Peer Support Leaders. Students brainstormed all the positive aspects of Kew High School and ways that we could make our community even better. They then created a video, digital poster or power point presentation to portray this.

We received much positive feedback from the students regarding their experiences.

Faye Harding
Student Wellbeing Coordinator
In May this year, students of French and Japanese took part in a language game called Language Perfect. This game is designed to help students learn new vocabulary. A total of 1054 schools took part in Australia, New Zealand and Overseas. Kew High School placed eighteenth overall in the world. However we came fourth for French in Australia out of 534 schools and Japanese came eighteenth out of 775 schools.

We want to congratulate all students who took part. There are two students who really excelled by achieving over 10,000 points to win an Elite Award: Rahaf Almeiki and Yanni Andrinopoulos.

While Rahaf Almeiki of year 9 won the top prize of an iPod mini, prizes were also awarded to the other top six students:

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French students took part in the annual Berthe Mouchette Poetry Competition run by the Alliance Francaise de Melbourne. Students had to learn a French poem off by heart and then recite it in front of an examiner from the Alliance. It was an excellent turn out with 125 students across Year 7 to 10 taking part in the competition in May. Congratulations to the nine students who achieved a perfect score to go on to the final round.

The finalists were: Zoe Austen, Ruby Craven, Kate O’Dwyer, Madeleine Grant and Lello Youssef (Year 7), Pia Benedetti Vallenari and Todd Dhima (Year 8), Cary Douros (Year 9), Taras Rego (Year 10).

Year 11 students have a longer conversation time and discuss the poem in French after reciting it. Year 12 students prepare and discuss a topic, rather than a poem. Congratulations to finalists, Ayisha Alush-Jaggs (Year 10) in the Year 11 category, and Kate McCooey (Year 12).
Year 9 Camp
Greetings from the Chaplain

Term 3 has been a fun filled time at Kew High School. There have been many exciting events and programs involving chaplaincy.

Exo Day – Friday 13 September was Exo day; Exo means Life is excellent. Exo day was an event run by the Empire team from Bridge Church Richmond. The event took place in the quad during lunch time and included free food, music and rides. The event was funded by Bridge Church, Chaplaincy and Student Wellbeing. Thanks, Bridge Church for an excellent event.

Lunch Time Programs – This term Ben Hewitt and Andrew Kitchen have been back at Kew running the Mustard program. Mustard is a free, voluntary program that any student can attend on Tuesday lunch times in M1. At Mustard they play games, eat food and discuss the tough issues of life including social justice and religion. On Friday lunch times Marissa Karagiorgos and her team from Bridge Church Richmond continued to run fun games and activities called Empire in the Basement Gallery. Marissa has gone back to University and says farewell for next term. Thanks for all your hard work.

Chaplaincy Second-hand Book and Uniform Shop – The shop is overflowing with clothing stock. We all love a bargain so drop into the shop Tuesdays 12:20 – 1:10pm and you will find a huge supply of stock. Before you rush out and buy that new jumper you can send your child to the shop and our parent volunteers will help them find any needed uniform from our large supply. Items can be put on hold for up to two weeks; payment can be made by cheque, cash, credit or EFTPOS. It couldn’t be easier to sort out uniforms and text books for your child at up to half the price of purchasing items new.

Chaplaincy Fundraising – Did you know that the Kew High School Chaplaincy does not receive Federal government funding? Each year the Chaplaincy Committee and the School raise all of the funds to pay for the Chaplaincy program. Thanks to the commitment of a wonderful group of volunteers each year the Chaplaincy Committee raises over $38000. But it’s not easy; you can help by volunteering to assist in the second-hand uniform and book shop where the commissions collected support chaplaincy. You can get involved in the Chaplaincy committee or simply support the fundraising events held each term. This term we joined the Kew Bakers Delight Dough Raiser Program. When you shop at Bakers Delight in Kew you simply mention Kew High School at the beginning of your purchase and Bakers Delight Kew will donate a percentage of the purchase back to the Kew High School Chaplaincy.

Rosemary Carter
School Chaplain

Year 11 Formal

Friday, 16 August, the year 11s had their formal at San Remo in Fitzroy. Everyone was dressed up gloriously. The girls wore dazzling dresses and the boys looked handsome in their smart suits. It was exciting and we enjoyed dressing-up.

The dance floor was packed with people and the teachers had really good dancing moves. It was a fantastic event and we had a lot of fun.

Lots of awesome memories will be taken from the night.

Sayuri Williams and Nialla Riazi Year 11
This year’s Victorian Schools Cup Volleyball tournament was played on Friday 26 to Sunday 28 July. The tournament was held at the State Volleyball Centre which had 17 courts running with games scheduled from 8am to 8pm and some games not finishing until after 11pm. Although it was a long weekend, it was also a successful one for the Kew High School volleyball teams. Unfortunately we didn’t win any Gold Medals this year but we came very close in all the finals.

- U14 boys Gold team - Silver
- U14 boys Maroon team - Bronze
- U14 girls Gold team – Fourth
- U14 girls Maroon team – Fifth
- U15 boys team – Bronze
- U15 girls team – Silver
- U16 girls team – Silver
- U17 boys team – Fifth
- U17 girls team – Silver
- Open boys – Fourth

VCAA Plain English Speaking Award
Ella Cehun and Cristina Wells represented Kew High in the VCAA Plain English Speaking award regional final, with Cristina placing runner up with her speech on political correctness. Both girls presented excellent speeches demonstrating social awareness.

Elaine Doyle
Public Speaking Coordinator