



# KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Four Week 3

Tuesday 29th October 2019

### Important Dates & Notes

**PSSA This Friday**  
Please visit our  
website for  
locations

**Assembly Monday**  
Yes

**Yrs3 6 Swim  
School**  
Mon 11th Nov-Fri  
22nd Nov

**K-2 Swim School**  
Mon 25th Nov-  
Fri 6th Dec

### Term Dates 2019

Term 4  
14/10/19—18/12/19

**Last day for  
students**

Wednesday  
18th Dec 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **KINDERGARTEN 2020 ORIENTATION SESSION TWO – FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER**

Many thanks to everyone who donated a plate of food or assisted with the uniform sales at last week's orientation. It was a very busy morning and your support was invaluable.

The morning tea was very much appreciated and I thank parents, in anticipation, for the donation of food for this week's orientation.

### **AFL SKILLS COACHING**

Any students from Kindergarten to Year Six who would like to join the AFL skills coaching workshops at our school on Monday afternoons can still register. The workshops will take place straight after school on the grass behind the assembly hall.

Details about the registration process and cost can be found at: [play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)

Students who participate in the coaching sessions will receive an AFL ball, footy cards and learn lots of new skills.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November Kent Road Public School will hold a performance afternoon for all students from Kindergarten - Year Six. More details will be announced in coming weeks as the final details are confirmed.

**Be sure to keep the date free - it is sure to be an evening of memorable performances!**

### **PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL**

In addition to students not being allowed to stand on top of the princess castle, I ask parents to reinforce with their children that it is not ok for students to stand on the picnic tables. This is where children sit to eat their morning tea and lunches.

Parents must actively supervise their children in the playground after they have been dismissed at the end of the school day.

### **GROUP SPORT PHOTOS HAVE ARRIVED**

All sports photos are now displayed at the administration office.

These may be ordered:

\* online - at [www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au) using the online order code **19S1907EL40K**

\* or you can pick up an envelope for your order from the school office.

**Orders due by 18th November**

### **STAFF NEWS**

Best wishes to Mrs Brooks who commences maternity leave on Friday .  
We wish her all the best for the safe arrival of her baby.

**ASSEMBLY**

Our next assembly will be held on Monday afternoon starting at 2.45pm in the assembly hall.

Congratulations also to the following students who were awarded class merit certificates at yesterday's assembly.

KC	Rayna	Writing an interesting recount about her weekend
KH	Isha	Being an engaged learner during literacy groups
KL	Isaac Y	Improvement in his retell of a story
KS	Lianna	Writing an exciting fairytale with full stops and capital letters
KK	Olivia W	Trying her best when counting backwards from 30
KJ	Hamid	For his enthusiastic approach in maths
1C	Andy G	Using interesting language during creative writing
1G	Maya	For taking pride in her work and completing it to a high standard
1L	Kasper	Writing an interesting and funny story about a hand stuck in a window
1N	Ashwin	Showing kindness in the playground and in class
1S	Milan	Writing interesting sentences using adjectives
1B	Annabelle	Being an engaged learner during literacy groups
2C	Ellie	For creating an amazing seahorse artwork
2W	Keira	Accurate calculation of fractions
2H	Mia G	Sharing ideas during guided reading
2S	Sam	Settling well into his new class
2R	Zabrina	Writing descriptive and dramatic narratives
3L	Aidan	Working well collaboratively during STEM lessons
3G	Amber	Being an engaged learner in Maths lessons
3M	Ethan Y	Always giving his best at school
3B	Farida	Engaged learner in all lessons
4C	Derrick	Detailed modelling in building a solar panel on Makers Empire
4D	Nakita	Her kindness and consideration towards others
4H	Fantha	Settling into her new class so well
4V	Lachlan	Great design thinking during STEM lessons
5T	Aniyaa	Creative and imaginative poetry
5G	Jake	For showing a great understanding of figurative language
5S	Jayden	For writing creative and imaginative poetry
5P	Daniel	Consistently participating in all class discussions
6B	Jerry	Enthusiastically listening and engaging in activities during the Canberra Excursion
6R	Futa	His enthusiasm and participation on the Canberra excursion
6W	Mira	Engagement and enthusiasm during our Canberra Excursion

Kindergarten have been busy learning about fairy tales. We have even started to make up our own characters and fairy tales. Some of the characters are Sun Tiger, Toilet Man, Spider Girl. Here are some photos of our wonderful writing.

**KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

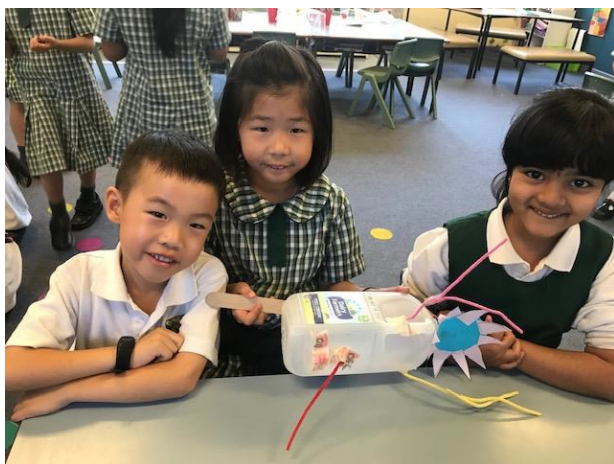
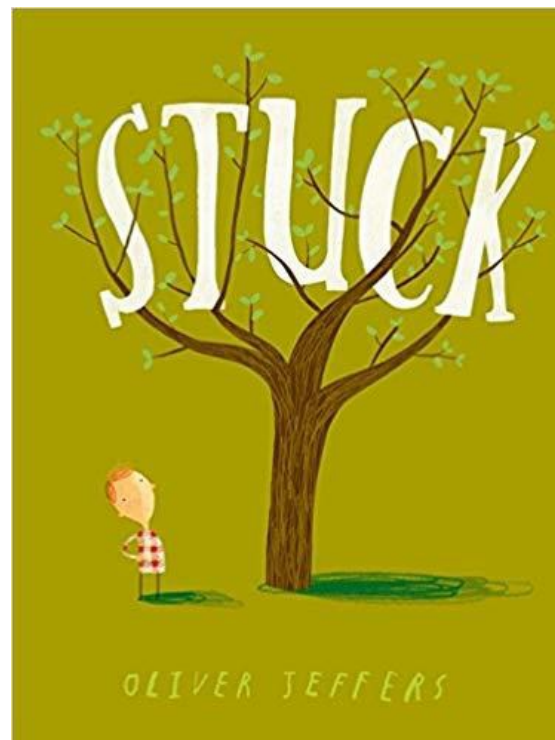


We have also created some beautiful artwork based on some of the fairy tales we have read. Our favourite story so far is the Three Little Pigs.

**KINDERGARTEN NEWS**



Last week, 1C read the book "Stuck" by Oliver Jeffers. In the book, a young boy gets his kite stuck in a tree and decides to try to get it out by throwing various objects at it. He throws his shoe then it too gets stuck! He throws his other shoe - stuck! So, he throws a door, an orang-utan, a boat and even a whale but they all get stuck in the tree too! In the end, he finally throws a saw up into the tree which knocks his kite down. Everything else is left in the tree though!



1C's task was to design something that could collect all the objects and animals from the tree safely and easily. We first planned our designs in groups and wrote a list of materials we will need. During the build we used recycled materials as well as play dough, pipe cleaners, cardboard, cups, straws, pom poms and tape. Here are our creations



Term 4 is off to a flying start!

The term began with our Geography presentations.



Each class created their own country using the skills we learnt about other countries. We decided on our country's name, the flora and fauna that are native to our country, food, sport and so much more! Each class was able to view and present their country to the other classes. Every presentation was so exciting and creative!



We have also enjoyed learning new cricket skills this week for sport. We have focused on throwing, catching and running. We used our aiming skills to knock down stumps using cricket balls and played a game of catching tennis. Then we practiced running to stumps with a bat and quickly returning a ball with a fast pass.

We are very excited to learnt so much more about cricket and to practice our skills.



## Year 6 Excursion to Canberra

Last Wednesday, students in Year 6 arrived at school early to attend their excursion to Canberra. Our first stop was in Goulburn for morning tea where students explored the gardens, played games and had their recess before returning to the bus bound for Canberra.



Arriving in Canberra at 12.30pm, we had a quick lunch stop outside Parliament House before our first attraction visit. After passing through the security entrance, we were led through the foyer of Parliament House to a meeting with our Federal Member for Bennelong, Mr John Alexander. He spoke about his career and answered questions put forward about current political situations by our students. Following this, we listened in on the sitting House of Representatives before visiting the Senate and discussing the role and features of each house. We then lined up for a chance to view Question Time where students were engaged while watching the lively questions without notice.



After a snack at hospitality and a viewing of the Lego Parliament House exhibit, we returned to the bus and drove to the Mount Ainslie Lookout. This allowed students to view Canberra from the lookout and see the following day's destinations of the War Memorial, Questacon and the National Museum from above.

After viewing Canberra from the lookout, we travelled to our accommodation at the Ibis Eagle Hawk Resort where we split into cabins before enjoying dinner, trivia games and a Beatles singalong.



Another early start on Thursday was the beginning of an action packed and very full day with four attractions visited. Arriving promptly at the War Memorial, we explored the outdoor monuments before attending our guided tours of the exhibits for the *We Will Remember Them* program. Students visited the Roll of Honour, Hall of Memory, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and various galleries within the Memorial including the G for George multimedia show. Our student leaders, Dominic, Nikkita, Joohee and Josh, led a wreath laying ceremony while students reflected on the efforts of our soldiers and remembered the sacrifice of all ANZACs for Australia. We were also fortunate to have a presentation from an Australian veteran who shared his story as well as war experiences of other members of his family.



We then excitedly boarded the bus for our short trip to Questacon. Many students enjoyed the free fall where they climbed a staircase to an exciting drop of about 6 metres onto a slide. Science experiments, building activities and light, sound and tactile galleries provided the chance for students to explore scientific ideas in a hands-on and interactive way.





We continued on to the National Museum of Australia where we participated in both a guided tour through the *Meet the People* program and a self-guided exploration of the galleries, allowing students to engage with many parts of the museum.



We returned to our accommodation for dinner before we were back on the bus and headed to the Australian National Botanic Gardens. A night tour searching for traces of animal life within the gardens provided glimpses of kangaroos, tawny frogmouths, possums, frogs, lizards and a variety of other wildlife. After an exciting, educational and tiring day, we returned to our cabins for a good night's sleep.

During our final morning we visited the Electoral Education Centre to learn about voting in Australia before strolling through the rose gardens opposite Old Parliament House. We waved goodbye to Canberra after a lunch break outside Questacon and were back on the bus bound for Sydney.



The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government has contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. This rebate has already been deducted, reducing the total cost charged.

Our Year 6 students are to be commended for representing Kent Road so well during the excursion. There were many comments about students' respectful behaviour, curious questions and insightful responses, which contributed to creating a very enjoyable camp experience for all





## Week 3 iPlay News

### Ways you can help your child be active.

- Be an active role model and have a positive attitude to being active.
- Encourage active play in the backyard, going for a fast walk, dancing to music, riding a bike or more vigorous activities like running and swimming.
- Make time to be active as a family – walk with your children to the local park and kick a ball, play chase or tag games, or walk the dog.
- Plan ahead and schedule a regular time for physical activity with your children.
- Help your kids ‘play active’ by buying presents that encourage physical activity such as balls, bats, skipping ropes, trampoline or other active equipment.
- Make sure your children have the opportunity to be active after school and on the weekends – either through active play or organised sport. Talk to your child about what activities they would prefer to do. Encourage your child to try a variety of activities so that they can find one or more they enjoy and want to continue with.
- Park further away from your destination (such as school, sport or the shops) and walk the rest of the way.
- Keep a football, frisbee, jump rope, scooters or bat and ball in your car at all times.
- Limit the amount of time your children are allowed to spend watching TV, using the internet and playing consoles.
- Plan family holidays or weekends with a view to being active, e.g. somewhere near the beach or where there are good walks to do. Remember to take bikes, tennis rackets, balls and other equipment.

**Kindy orientations on Fridays**

Thanks for everyone who has volunteered to help at the kindy orientations. **Please meet at the back of the school hall.**

	Shift	Helper 1	Helper 2	Helper 3	Helper 4	Helper 5	Helper 6	Helper 7
Week 2	8:30 - 9:15am	Kate	Debbie	Naomi				
1st November	10:30 - 11:30	Kate	Debbie	Fran	Kris	Ching	Robyn	Christy
Week 3	8:30 - 9:15am	Kate	Eva U.	Naomi				
8th November	10:30 - 11:30	Kate	Eva U.	Fran	Kris	Ching	Robyn	

**Exchanges** - If you need to exchange items but can't get to the shop on Mondays, just leave the items with a note at the office. We will then exchange the items and deliver to your child's teacher on the next Monday or Thursday.

If you have any questions or if you would like to help out in the shop then just email us at [krpsuni-formshop@gmail.com](mailto:krpsuni-formshop@gmail.com).

**MONDAY – shop open at 8:45 – 9:30**

MONDAYS	8:30 - 10am				
04/Nov/19	Week 4	Kate	Naomi	Emily	Shammi
11/Nov/19	Week 5	Kate	Anne	Yang	Shammi
18/Nov/19	Week 6	Kate	Naomi	Anastasia	Shammi
25/Nov/19	Week 7	Kate	Jing	Emily	
02/Dec/19	Week 8	Kate	Naomi	Yang	
09/Dec/19	Week 9	Kate	Anne	Anastasia	
16/Dec/19	Week 10	Kate	Naomi		

**THURSDAYS – shop not open, order packing only**

THURSDAYS	9 - 10:30am			
31/Oct/19	Week 3	Fran	Eiman	Esther
07/Nov/19	Week 4	Fran	May	Julia
14/Nov/19	Week 5	Fran	Eiman	<b>Help Needed</b>
21/Nov/19	Week 6	Fran	May	Keiko
28/Nov/19	Week 7	Fran	Eiman	Esther
05/Dec/19	Week 8	Fran	May	Julia
12/Dec/19	Week 9	Fran	Eiman	



## Register Now!

### Kent Road PS (After School) Auskick Centre

Monday's, Nov 28th - Dec 25th, 3:20-4:20pm

For \$51, boys and girls aged 5 to 12 receive:

- The best 4 week introduction into the world of Australian Football
  - Fun games and activities led by qualified AFL staff
- An awesome Auskick fun pack! Includes football, pump, footy cards and a Bluetooth Speaker

REGISTER NOW visit [play.afl](http://play.afl) - search "Kent Road" in the suburb and select "Kent Road PS (After School) Auskick Centre"

Contact Holly- [holly.graham@afl.com.au](mailto:holly.graham@afl.com.au) or 0426 688 554

Visit [play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



**Primary**  
ETHICS

## Volunteers Needed

*Could you be an ethics teacher for Kent Public School?*

We are **urgently** seeking volunteers so that classes can continue next year. Ethics classes run during the school year as an alternative to non-scripture on Tuesdays from 10.40-11.10am for K-Y2 and 11.30-12 for Y3-Y6.

Ethics teachers receive full training and lesson materials from Primary Ethics.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence.

If being a Primary Ethics teacher appeals to you and you are keen to get involved to ensure your child continues the program, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) or contact Swee Goh, Ryde Regional Manager at [ryde-region@primaryethics.com.au](mailto:ryde-region@primaryethics.com.au) or 0418 480 833.

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