



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term One Week 9

Wednesday 27th March 2019

**Important
Dates &
Notes**

PSSA This Friday
Please visit our
website for
locations

Assembly This Friday
Yrs K—2 9.10am
In K-1 playground

**School Banking
This Monday**

**Yr 4 Sydney Walking
Tour Excursion**
Thur 28 March

**Yr 1 Schoolhouse
Excursion**
Mon 1st April
1C, 1S, 1N
Tue 2nd April
1B, 1G, 1L

**Yr3 Overnight
Excursion**
Wed 3 April—Thur 4
April

**Yr 5 Antarctic
Inursion**
Thur 4th April

**Easter Egg Raffle and
Hat Parade**
Tue 9 April

**Yr 2 Zoo Snooze
Overnight Excursion**
Wed 10 April—
Thur 11 April
2W & 2S & 2R (half
the class)
Thur 11 April—
Fri 12 April
2C & 2H & 2R
(half the class)

**Yr 6 Field of Mars
Excursion**
Wed 10 April

Dear Parents and Carers

ASSEMBLIES

This Friday morning, 29th March, there will be a Kindergarten-Year Two assembly **under the blue shade sail in the K-1 playground. The assembly hall is not available for assemblies as work has commenced to extend the building.**

Parents are welcome to attend.

If it is raining the assembly will be postponed.

YEAR FOUR EXCURSION

Our Year Four students are greatly looking forward to their excursion tomorrow, Thursday 28th March, which will have them explore The Rocks in the city. I am sure they will enjoy their day out and learn a lot from the experience.

STUDENT BANKING - MONDAYS

Student banking day is now Monday. Students are asked to drop off their deposit books at the front office on Mondays.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY – CODING

In Term Two, students in Years 1-6 who are interested will be able to join after school coding workshops. Information about the workshops and the link to enrol is available at:

<https://www.code4fun.com.au/krps>

(Please be aware there are a few places left for the second coding session. The first session is fully booked.)

SCHOOL FEES INVOICE

Student invoices for school fees were issued to students today. Parents may choose to pay these fees in cash, cheque or credit card. An online payment option is available through our website www.kentroadpublicschool.com.au, in the payment section.

We are happy to accept payment for fees in instalments or the full payment. Many thanks in anticipation!

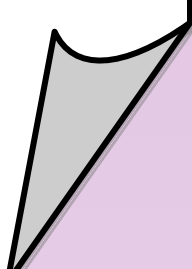
HARMONY WEEK

What a fabulous performance by the '100% Hope Choir' at our Harmony Day celebrations last Thursday.

The twelve choir members, students from Uganda, shared their inspirational stories of hope, their dreams and their strong belief in never giving up. The purpose of their tour in Australia is to raise enough funds to build a classroom for their Year Four students. At the moment they have no classroom.

I was very touched by the stories told by the students in the Hope Choir and also by the response of our Kent Road students. Many of our students left the performance asking how we could help.

I watched the choir and I watched the reactions of our students to their performance. How wonderful it would be if we all shared their very positive attitude to never give up and always have hope.









Kent Road Celebrates Harmony Day

Last Thursday our school became a sea of orange as the students celebrated Harmony Day. Many classes completed activities throughout the week that helped to reinforce the message of acceptance and respect to everyone regardless of your race or colour.

The 100% Hope Choir entertained the students in the hall with both traditional and modern Ugandan music and dance. Their message of not giving up in life and resilience was a reoccurring theme of their performance. It was an inspiring performance from children who had faced some very difficult times in their own lives, many having lost parents or found themselves living in a homeless situation.

After speaking to many of the Kent Road students after the performance I know it was greatly enjoyed with many students reflecting on how lucky they have been in their own lives.

Ms F Hamilton



HARMONY DAY



HARMONY DAY



At last week's 3-6 assembly, students learnt about the new yellow bins which have been introduced for students to recycle plastic bottles and lids and aluminum cans. Thank you SRC members for helping to keep our playground clean and our environment sustainable.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded a class merit award:

3B	Shreehi	Fantastic effort in her descriptive writing
3G	Kayden	His interesting contributions to class discussions
3L	Kyce	Demonstrating excellent behavior in the classroom
3M	Arvind	Creating a 'New Trick' narrative with excellent descriptive language
4C	India	Being a caring student and showing kindness to others
4D	Louis	For his excellent contributions in class and his responsible attitude
4H	Molly	An excellent caricature sketch and having a wonderful attitude to learning
4V	Jamin	Sophisticated language in his persuasive writing
5G	Alex	His thoughtful reasoning during class discussions
5P	Jim	Excellent contributions to a class discussion about Global Warming
5S	Raiyan	Being a compassionate and highly engaged learner
5T	Ibrahim	A positive attitude to, and immense effort in, all classwork leading to great leaps in his learning
6B	Bailey	Being engaged during tasks and taking pride in her work
6R	Adam	For his consistent effort to ensure his work is presented neatly and of a high standard
6W	Wooju	Showing care and precision in all art lessons

Denise Minifie

Principal

2019 KENT ROAD CLASS CONTACT LISTS

Our 2019 Class Parents have begun sending out introduction letters outlining their role and asking if you would like to be included in your Class Contact List for 2019. The Class Contact List is shared only within your child(ren)'s specific class, and is an effective way for our school, teachers and Class Parents to easily keep you informed of school and class events via email communication. For this reason, it would be wonderful if we could get as many parents/carers as possible to take part in this list! Please be reassured that your privacy is taken very seriously and you have the option to provide your details only to the Class Parent for communication purposes, but not have it shared with the rest of the class.

Thank you!

Kindergarten News

In our English Unit 'This is me' Kindergarten have been learning about the five senses. Our eyes help us see, our ears let us hear, our hands help us feel, our noses let us smell, and our tongues help us taste things.

KC had so much fun learning about taste buds and how they help us taste different things: sweet, sour, salty and bitter.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS



This grape is sweet!



Ugghh this lemon is so sour!



This dark chocolate is bitter!



This cracker tastes salty!

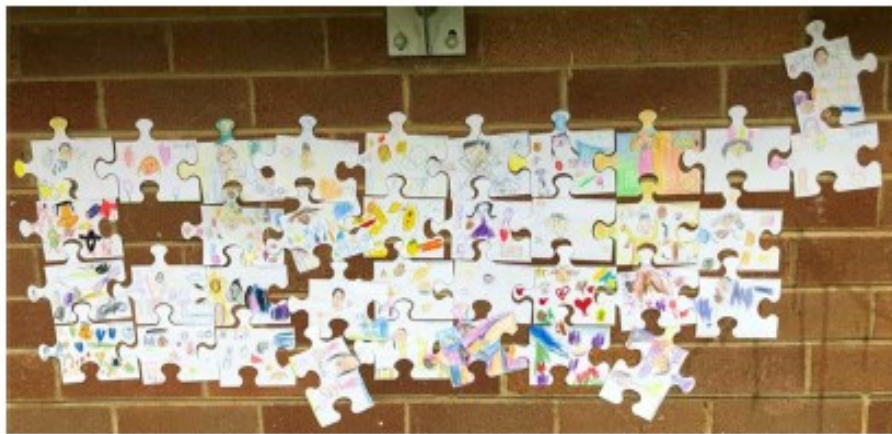
Kindergarten also did some fun craft activities to celebrate our diversity during Harmony Week.



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This term students in Year One have been exploring how materials can be changed and combined. Students have learnt about the characteristics and properties of a range of materials through investigations, experiments and STEM tasks.

1S and 1C have had a lot of fun creating different things by bending, stretching, scrunching, ripping, cutting and finding ways to connect pieces **without** using glue or tape! We did a lot of testing and realised we had to change our designs to use the most suitable materials!

DRIVING QUESTION

How could we design the structure of a house without using tape or glue?

It was a tricky challenge but we used our Growth Mindset to never give up!



"I used playdough to hold the match-stick structure"
- Aylin



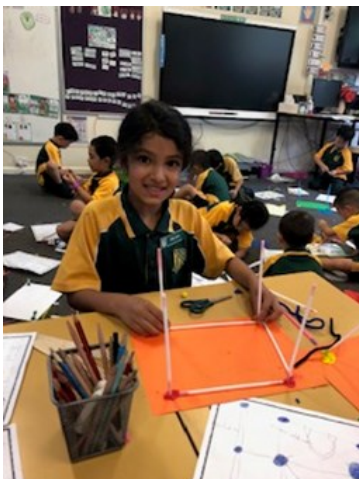
"I used playdough to join the straws to make the roof of my house"
- Milan



"I used playdough to connect the straws together to make a cube shape. I found it tricky when you had to connect the straws in the corners."
- Safa



"I used playdough to hold thin pop sticks then I cut strips of paper and connected them to make walls."
- Tasya



"I used playdough to hold up my pop sticks for the walls of my house"-
Hassan



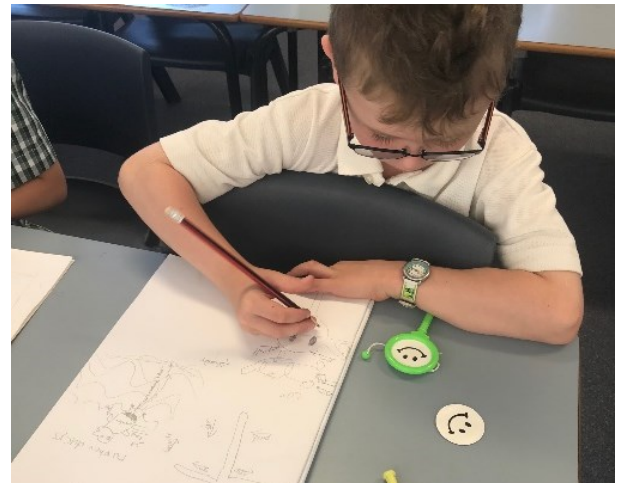
Our first area of study in Science and Technology is *Forces*. We are exploring how forces produce and stop movement in objects. We are also learning how to represent our ideas in Science recording experiments with words and diagrams.

2R carefully observed some toys to see what forces act when they are still, move, and stop. In groups, we discussed our ideas and drew on our background knowledge to decide what forces were acting. Many students noted how energy was transformed and used by the toys.

We recorded our ideas using diagram with labels and vectors (arrows with direction and length representing the direction and strength of the forces). A lot of questions were recorded for future experiments too!

We are really looking forward to finding out more about forces like gravity, buoyancy, air resistance and friction.

YEAR TWO NEWS



Year Three are crazy about SiMiLeS!

Year Three have been learning to include more descriptive language into their writing. Inspired by Roald Dahl, Year Three have been experimenting with fun similes. We include similes in our writing to make it more engaging for the reader. A simile is a figure of speech involving the comparison of one thing with another thing of a different kind, using the words like or as. Here are some fun similes 3L included into their writing about stormy weather.

'In the storm you could hear thunder like a whip crack' - By Rafael

'The weather was as cold as Antarctica' - By Shriya

'The clouds were as dark as tar' - By Aloise

'The sun was going behind the clouds like it was playing hide and seek' - By Harper'

The rain came down like a cheetah it was so fast' - By Xavier

'The storm was banging like a monster' - By Isaac

'The lightning smashed the floor like hulk' - By Kyce

What is iPLAY?

iPLAY is a school-based program conducted by Australian Catholic University and the University of Newcastle and is funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council and NSW Department of Education. iPLAY aims to promote children's physical activity through implementing a whole-school approach.

iPLAY involves 6 key components:

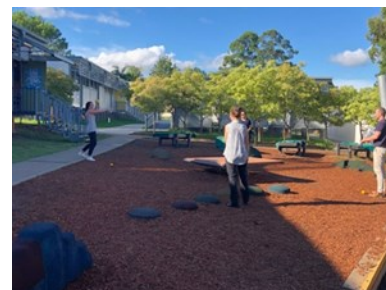
- Quality physical education and school sport
- Classroom movement breaks
- Physically active homework
- Active playgrounds
- Community physical activity links
- Parent/caregiver engagement



Over the next four school terms a section will be dedicated to iPLAY in our school newsletter. This section will have information and ideas for promoting physical activity and fundamental movement skill development in children.

iPLAY at Kent Road Public School So Far

This week teachers participated in an iPLAY training session. During the session teachers participated in a practical component. This required team work and good throwing and catching skills. Teachers were asked to create their own aiming game using different objects around the playground. Here is how they went...



EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT FOR PHONICS HERO



At Kent Road Public School we are teaching early reading and spelling using phonics. We have secured an **exclusive 80% discount** for our school parents who wish to subscribe to Phonics Hero to reinforce what we have taught in the classroom.

For use at home or school, your child's Phonics Hero license will give them access to over 850 fun phonics games, which will help to grow a strong and confident reader and speller. Plus you, as parents, get access to videos, reporting and tips! The account can be used on computers, iPads and compatible Android tablets.

Parents who purchase the account directly through Phonics Hero would normally pay \$100 for a full year's subscription, however through us you can get it for just **\$20 – that's a huge 80% discount!**

To register simply go to: www.phonicshero.com/krps and follow the instructions on screen.

If you have any questions or need any help with getting setup the best idea is to contact Phonics Hero directly on: info@phonicshero.com or 02 8599 2821.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Chauntal Gwynne

Assistant Principal



EASTER RAFFLE

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Parents are asked to donate a chocolate Easter Egg for the school's first fundraiser of the year. Donations can be left at the front office. The eggs will be wrapped into gift baskets and some lucky families will win a basket of eggs in the raffle draw on Tuesday 9th April 2019.

Students have been given a set of raffle tickets. We ask each family to sell as many tickets as possible. Please return the money and ticket information to the front office. And if you are able to sell more than one book of tickets there will be more available, just ask Mrs Silsby.

The funds raised will be used to purchase school equipment.

RIDE SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY- FRIDAY 23RD MARCH

National Ride2School Day is held around Australia in March every year. It provides an opportunity for students to try riding, walking, skating or scooting to school as well as celebrating the regular walkers and riders.

Kent Road Public School is encouraging students to ride their bike to school next Friday for National Ride2School Day.

Students who ride or walk to school contribute to their minimum physical activity level of 60 minutes per day. They are also more focused and ready to learn compared to those who are driven to school.

So put your helmet on and jump on your bike, to get involved with **Ride2School Day on Friday 23rd of May!**



Safe riding tips

- Always wear an approved **bicycle helmet**, properly fitted and fastened
- Always **obey the road rules**, including traffic lights, stop signs and give way signs
- Allow pedestrians a metre of space on **shared paths**, where possible.
- Ride in a predictable manner so that other road users do not have to react suddenly to your movements
- **Give hand signals** when changing lanes or turning left or right
- Make yourself visible by wearing bright, light or reflective clothing
- Plan your route using quieter streets, bicycle paths or **shared paths**
- Always be in control of your bicycle. It is an offence to ride with both hands off the handlebars, feet off the pedals or to carry anything that prevents you from having control.

Children between 10 and 12 should ride away from busy roads.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

The Kent Road Uniform Shop is **open every Monday from 8.45am until 9.30am** and our online shop is open anytime - <http://kentroadpublicschoolpcassociationuniformshop.vendecommerce.com>. You can also find the shop via the school website.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out in the shop. If you have some free time on Monday or Thursday mornings, please email us at krpsuniformshop@gmail.com. We would love to meet you.

Special \$10 winter tunics – size 14 and 16 only

We are overstocked with size 14 and size 16 winter tunics so they are now on sale for \$10 instead of the usual \$50. You can purchase them for \$10 either in the store on Mondays or online anytime.

Exchanges

You can exchange any new items with the tags still on. Either:

Come to the shop on Mondays or

Avoid the queue and leave the items with a note at the office and we will swap the sizes and deliver to your child's teacher on either the Monday or Thursday.

Out of Stock Items

Girls long pants - size 6 and size 10 – not expected until the end of April as we are looking for a new supplier

Any questions just email us at krpsuniformshop@gmail.com.

MONDAYS

25/Mar/19	Week 9	Kate	Naomi	Yang	Emily
01/Apr/19	Week 10	Kate	Delilah	Francesca	Anastasia
08/Apr/19	Week 11	Kate	Naomi	Eva L.	Yang

THURSDAYS – shop not open, order packing only

28/Mar/19	Week 9	Fran	Lisa T.	Eiman
04/Apr/19	Week 10	Fran	May	Eva U.
11/Apr/19	Week 11	Fran	Liyan	Eiman



CODING FOR KIDS

TERM 2, 2019

Y1 - Y6 STUDENTS, Kent Road Public School

LEARN TO CODE AND BUILD YOUR OWN ONLINE PROJECTS WITH CODE4FUN

Year 1 to Year 6 students are welcome to join. STEM focused programs - students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills by learning to code.

- Kent Road Public School
4H Classroom
- Every Wednesday, 1 May - 3 July (10 weeks)
NEW COURSE: Scratch Beginners Level 1
Y1 - Y3 Beginner students 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm
- Every Wednesday, 1 May - 3 July (10 weeks)
NEW COURSE: Scratch Beginners Level 1
Y4 - Y6 Beginner students 4:25 pm - 5:25 pm
- Laptops are provided
- \$220 per student per term

ENROL NOW: www.code4fun.com.au/krps
If you have any questions email us at Info@code4fun.com.au or call 0452 525 453.
Check out our website at www.code4fun.com.au for more details about our school.



CENTRAL EASTWOOD RUGBY UNION



REGISTER NOW FOR 2019 at: <https://www.centraleastwoodrugby.com/>

Come and join us for fun and fitness up over Winter at Central Eastwood Rugby Club. Our junior club is local and family orientated that welcomes kids from 6 to 16 years old -Girls and Boys: U6s to 7s- no tackle, U8s to 12's- modified rules.

\$100 Active Kids Voucher Applies

Registration for the season is now open and can be accessed via the link:
<https://www.centraleastwoodrugby.com/registration-2019.html>