



# KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Two Week 1

Tuesday 30th April 2019

**Important  
Dates &  
Notes**

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

**NO Assembly This  
Friday**

**School Banking  
This Monday**

**Yr 4 Overnight  
Excursion**  
**Mon 13th May-Wed  
15th May**

**Yr 5 Field of Mars  
Excursion**  
**Thur 23rd May**

### **Term Dates 2019**

Term 2  
30/04/19—05/07/19

Term 3  
23/07/19—27/09/19

Term 4  
14/10/19—18/12/19

Last day for students  
Wednesday  
18th December 2019

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Welcome back to Term Two. I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing break and the beautiful Sydney weather. Students can look forward to a fabulous term with a number of new initiatives to commence.

### **PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS**

Starting tomorrow, class teachers will commence parent meetings tomorrow. These meetings will provide an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress and interests.

Please check our website or your booking confirmation email for where the interviews will be held

### **NEW PROGRAM – STRONG MINDS**

Kent Road PS will be implementing a wellbeing program called 'Strong Minds'. It is a whole school approach to wellbeing for all children from K-6, staff and parents.

Strong Minds is based on developing twenty- four scientifically validated character strengths. Everyone has these strengths in varying degrees, and they change and develop over time. Some of our strengths are more prominent, and these are referred to as our 'signature strengths'. Research into character indicates that when we know and apply our top five signature strengths our wellbeing improves. Signature strengths have also been found to be positively associated with academic performance, motivation and effort (Lounsbury, Fisher, Levy, & Welsh, 2009).

The Strong Minds team will conduct staff and parent training this term. The student lessons will be delivered by the classroom teacher as part of the Health & Physical Education curriculum.

### **Strong Minds is an initiative to build resilience.**

If you are interested, you can find out your top strengths by completing the free VIA Survey at: <https://www.viacharacter.org/survey/account/register>. This website also provides an explanation of each strength and suggestions for putting these strengths into practice.

We encourage you to discuss these character strengths with your child and look for examples of when they put their own unique strengths into practice. The students will also be very interested to know what your signature strengths are. These types of discussions can help to build relationships, self-esteem, and promote strengths based language within our school community.

You might also like to challenge yourself and your family to use a strength in a new way or focus on a different strength each week.

**Parents are invited to attend the Parent Information Session on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7-8pm in the assembly hall.**

**BUILDING UPDATE**

Demolition of buildings has concluded. Work is underway on the staff carpark. The extension of the assembly hall is underway, as is the construction of the new library.

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- Next week our Year Six student leaders will travel to outback NSW towns of Mildura, Wentworth, Pomona and Mungo to visit schools, meet our country cousins and participate in leadership activities.
- In Week Three Year Four students will travel to Morisset for their overnight excursion.

The school's cross country carnival will be held on Tuesday 21st May across the road at ELS Hall Park. Students are encouraged to do some running training in anticipation.

**STUDENT BANKING - MONDAYS**

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

**ASSEMBLY**

On the last day of Term One, there was an assembly for students in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two. Year One students Felix, Beau, Paridhi, Maya and Zoe did a fabulous job hosting the assembly.

Congratulations to the Gold Medal recipients: Siwon, Hannah, Laura, William S and Owen.

Congratulations also to the following students who received a class merit award:

Congratulations to the following Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two students who were awarded a class merit award:

KC	Annika	Writing interesting sentences with sight words
KH	Zachary	Trying his best in all learning areas
KJ	Brandon	His understanding of segmenting and blending
KK	Mitchell	For showing confidence when learning single sounds
KL	Scarlett	Progress in her knowledge of sounds
KS	Rona	Always trying her best
1B	Cynthia	For excellent improvement in reading
1C	Naomi	For being a kind and caring class member
1G	Rowan	For excellent results in Mathematics
1L	Asvitha	For always trying her best in Literacy groups
1N	Jasper	For increased confidence and enthusiastic participation in class
1S	Ethan	Writing an interesting comparison about the present and the past
2R	Daniel	Being a responsible Zoo-snoozer
2S	Nathan	Being very responsible at the Zoo Snooze
2W	Daniel	Improved detail in Writing

**SCOPE IT LESSONS**

During Term 2 all students in Years 3-6 will participate in a weekly technology lesson presented by SCOPE IT. The lessons will provide students opportunities examine how digital systems share information and transmit instructions. Students collect a variety of data in different formats. Software is used to calculate on data, which can then be represented for an audience, and used to solve problems. Students design solutions to problems using algorithms. With visual programming, students create sequences instructions and branching algorithm with user input.

The school will cover the cost of the first two lessons. The remainder of the lessons will cost \$6.00 per week, or \$48.00. Payment can be made at the front office or on line, either in full or weekly.

There will be a program for Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two students next term.

*Denise Minifie*

Principal

**RURAL AID FOR OUR FARMERS**

You may remember that last year we collected money at our musicals to help buy bales of hay for our farmers during the terrible drought.

I am sure we are all aware that our farming communities are still doing it tough with continued crippling drought in many parts of NSW and Victoria and shocking floods in Queensland that killed a huge amount of stock.

The Department of Education is supporting 'Adopt a Farmer' initiative that will see many schools including the students at Kent Road Public School bring in a gold icon donation next **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

Part of this campaign is making contact with farmers through a secure website and our SRC will be writing letters to them over the next few weeks.

All the money collected by Kent Road Public School will be sent directly to Rural Aid - Adopt a Farmer. We very much hope as many students as possible can support this campaign and bring a gold icon donation to school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May to help our farmers.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Ms F Hamilton

Deputy Principal

# ANZAC DAY



It was a beautiful clear morning as about 20 students from Kent Road Public School gathered at 6.30 am near the oval North Ryde RSL with Ms Hamilton and Mr Harrison to march in their Anzac Day dawn service. Our school leaders Dominic, Morgan, Holly, Daniel, Michael, Harry and Joshua represented our school and held the school banner as we marched to the rose garden at North Ryde RSL. Here, we listened, as local organisations spoke and remembered the many people who have been touched by war in our community. Dominic, Holly and Morgan then laid a wreath on behalf of Kent Road Public School.

Ms Fiona Hamilton



Kent Road Students getting ready for the Anzac Day march as the sun rises.



LEST WE  
FORGET





Dominic, Holly and Morgan prepare to lay the wreath.



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## **AFTER SCHOOL BOOTCAMP FOR KIDS**

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\$12 per class

LITTLE ROCKETS YEAR 3

WILD CATS YEAR 4

NITRO NINJAS YEAR 5

DYNAMITES YEAR 6

### **SMALL CLASSES**

**CONFIDENCE - STRENGTH - AGILITY  
FRIENDSHIPS - MOTIVATION - HEALTH**

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**TO BOOK A CLASS AT YOUR SCHOOL**

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