



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Two Week 2

Tuesday 7th May 2019

**Important
Dates &
Notes**

PSSA This Friday
Please visit our
website for
locations

**NO Assembly This
Friday**

**School Banking
This Monday**

**Gold Coin Donation
For Rural Aid
Wed 8th May**

**Mothers Day Stall
Wed 8th May**

**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

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent-teacher meetings will continue this week. 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

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Best wishes to all Kent Road mums for a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday.

Students are invited to bring \$5.00 tomorrow, Wednesday 8th May, to buy a gift for their mum, grandmother, aunt or significant person in their lives.

Thank you to Kris and the P&C's events team for organising the mother's day stall.

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 20th May at 7-8pm in the assembly hall.**

STUDENT BANKING - MONDAYS

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

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

PLEASE BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION TOMORROW**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 8th 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 8th May to help our farmers.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Ms F Hamilton

Deputy Principal

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

This week in Kindergarten we have been busy learning to write short sentences, creating beautiful artworks for our Mum's and hanging out with our buddies.



This term, Kindergarten will be having three open mornings/ afternoons. You are invited to attend these sessions which give you the opportunity to engage in fun activities with your child in the classroom, get to know your child's teacher, and meet other parents from the class.

Each session will be followed by a morning tea or afternoon tea.

The dates and times for each of these sessions are as follows:

Week 2 – Friday 10th May 9:15-10am followed by morning tea

Week 3 – Friday 17th May 2:15-3pm followed by afternoon tea

Week 4 – Friday 24th May 9:15-10am followed by morning tea

There will be different activities for you to participate in with your child each week.

We are looking forward to seeing you there. All family members are welcome to attend.

Kind regards,

Miss Hossack, Miss Lindsay, Miss Spence, Miss Hughes, Miss Chan and Miss Kim



THE ZOOSNOOZ

On the 11th and 12th April, Year Two set off on an autumn evening to Taronga Park Zoo for our annual ZooSnooz. The sun began to set just as we arrived. We set off on our night safari looking at many animals. The exciting part was setting up our sleeping bags in the tents. Little did we know the seals would be noisier than Year Two as we tried to sleep.

Our evening lesson included a diamond python and a shingle back lizard. The guides love Kent Road for their good behaviour, as do the animals. The meerkats fancied us, the goats loved us feeding them and the tigers calmly slept through our excitement. Once again the seals performed their clever tricks and the bird show was spectacular. We had the best time ever! You can see more photos on display outside the classrooms.

We had a great time!!!



The goats were so cute



The goats were so cute



It's more comfortable than my own bed



ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE: Walking together to and from school

Walking to and from school with your child helps ease traffic congestion, reduces your carbon footprint, promotes physical activity and provides a talking point about road safety. The Roads and Maritime Services website has more information on active transport.

When you walk with your child, talk about safe behaviour. Always demonstrate correct pedestrian behaviour. The best way you can help your child to be a safe pedestrian is to:

- give them lots of supervised practice with you or another trusted adult.
- talk with and teach your child about being alert in a road environment.
- always hold your child's hand.
- explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross the road.
- point out dangers, such as vehicles coming out of driveways.
- use pedestrian crossings and traffic lights correctly.
- teach your child to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road.
- talk with them about everything they need to think about to keep safe when walking.
- explain why they should look and listen before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.
- talk with your child and reinforce **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road together
 - **STOP!** one step back from the kerb.
 - **LOOK!** continuously look both ways.
 - **LISTEN!** for the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

Walking together also helps you to observe if older children are ready to cross the road independently.

At school, your child will learn about road safety as part of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. Help them learn the pedestrian safety messages by using them and sharing them whenever you are out and about.

Students in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1

- Hold a grown-up's hand when
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in the car park

Students in Stage 2

- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road
- Use a safe place to cross the road

Students in Stage 3

- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road
- Use a safe place to cross the road



Mother's Day Stall

Wednesday 8th May

**All gifts are \$5
and come in a gift bag**

Our annual Mother's Day Stall is being held this coming Wednesday on the 8th May throughout the morning.

This event provides a fun opportunity for your child to go shopping at school and purchase something special for their Mother, Grandmother or Carer.

There is a broad range of gifts on sale. Each gift is \$5 & will come in a gift bag.

Please make sure to give your child money so they can participate on the day.

The stall will be held at school and class teachers will bring the students down to shop during the morning.

Many thanks,
Kent Road P&C Events Team

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 a link on the school website.

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 in store on Mondays or online.

Out of Stock Items - Girls long pants - size 6 – we expect to have these back in stock by 15th May. As soon as we get them in we will pack all the backorders that are outstanding.

Any questions or if you can help on any of the days highlighted below, just email us at krpsuniformshop@gmail.com.

MONDAY – shop open at 8:45 – 9:30

06/May/19	Week 2	Kate	Naomi	Eva L.	Yang
13/May/19	Week 3	Kate	Delilah	Francesca	Anastasia
20/May/19	Week 4	Kate	Naomi	Eva L.	Jing
27/May/19	Week 5	Kate	Delilah	Francesca	Emily
03/Jun/19	Week 6	Kate	Naomi	Eva L.	Yang
10/Jun/19	Week 7	PUBLIC HOLIDAY-CLOSED			
17/Jun/19	Week 8	Kate	Delilah	Francesca	Anastasia
24/Jun/19	Week 9	Kate	Naomi	Eva L.	Jing
01/Jul/19	Week 10	Kate	Delilah	Francesca	Emily

THURSDAYS – shop not open, order packing only

09/May/19	Week 2	Fran	Liyan	Eiman
16/May/19	Week 3	Fran	Help Needed	Esther
23/May/19	Week 4	Fran	May	Lisa P.
30/May/19	Week 5	Fran	Liyan	Eiman
06/Jun/19	Week 6	Fran	Help Needed	Esther
13/Jun/19	Week 7	Fran	May	Eva U.
20/Jun/19	Week 8	Fran	Liyan	Eiman
27/Jun/19	Week 9	Fran	Help Needed	Esther
04/Jul/19	Week 10	Fran	May	Eva U.

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