



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Three Week 4

Tuesday 13th August 2019

Important Dates & Notes

PSSA This Friday

Please visit our
website for
locations

School Banking This Monday

Assembly Friday
Yes
3-6 Assembly

Kindergarten

Excursion

Calmsley Hill
Fri 16th August

Band Camp

Sat 17th and Sun
18th September

School Photos

11th and 13th
September

Year 5 Overnight

Excursion

Mon 16th Sept-
Wed 18th Sept

Year 6 Overnight

Excursion

Wed 23rd Oct-
Fri 25th Oct

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

BAND CAMP

This Saturday and Sunday students in our three School Bands will be participating in our annual Band Camp where they will have the opportunity to develop their musical and performance skills.

Many thanks to Miss Lee, the Band committee parents and the teachers involved in organising this wonderful event. I am greatly looking forward to Sunday's concert when our students will demonstrate their newly acquired skills.

NEW CRICKET NETS

You may have noticed some construction has started at the lower end of the grass area behind the assembly hall. Mr Harrison has been successful in applying for funding from Cricket NSW to build new cricket nets for our students. Cricket NSW will provide half of the funds and our P&C will fund the remainder of the costs. Many thanks to our hard working P&C.

We are hopeful the cricket nets will be completed by the end of term.

ZONE ATHLETICS

Good luck to all Kent Road students who have qualified for the Zone Athletics Carnival next Tuesday. I am sure they will give their best effort and represent the school well.

PSSA GRAND FINALS

Best wishes also to the teams who have qualified for this week's PSSA Grand Finals, Senior Girls Soccer, Senior B AFL and Senior B Netball. Our students have not only competed strongly throughout the season but have also consistently demonstrated fair play and good sportsmanship.

I also congratulate the teams who reached the Semi Finals, Junior Girls Soccer, Senior A AFL and Junior B AFL. Though not successful in their games last week they consistently demonstrated skill and their competitive spirit to reach this level in a hard-fought competition.

Thank you to our teachers who give up their lunch breaks to coach these teams.

Parents are welcome to attend the Grand Finals at Meadowbank Park on Friday. It is timely to remind everyone that under the PSSA Code of Conduct everyone in attendance is expected to model appropriate support for all teams and their coaches to encourage and recognise positive competition and fair play.

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY STUDENT TEACHER SITE VISITS

Kent Road Public School will be hosting students enrolled in an Initial Teacher Education program with the Department of Educational Studies at Macquarie University. Students have an opportunity to visit and observe how students learn in an early childhood, primary and secondary setting as part of their first year unit in Semester 2: Learning and Development: An Introduction for Educators. Three visits have been organised for **Monday 12th August, 26th August and 9th September**. The students will observe some of the K-6 classes

K-6 WALKATHON

What a lovely day for the school's annual walkathon on Thursday. Thank you to Miss Hahn and the Walkathon committee for organising this fundraising event.

There are lots and lots of great prizes which will be awarded to the highest fundraiser in each class and the family which raises the most funds. And the class which collectively raises the most funds will win a free excursion!

KINDERGARTEN VISIT THE FARM

On Friday Kindergarten students will visit Calmsley Hill Farm as part of their unit of work on animals. I am sure they will have a wonderful time learning about the animals and farm life.

Students need to be at school by 9.05am, wearing sports uniform with their morning tea and lunch in a small backpack or drawstring bag.

Please do not place canteen lunch orders on Friday for Kindergarten students.

Denise Minifie

Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS 11th and 13th September

School photos (individual sibling and class groups) will be taken on Wednesday 11th September and sport team photos on Friday 13th September. Students will be advised if it is winter or summer uniform closer to the date. Sports uniform will be worn on the Friday.

Payment must be made before Wednesday 11th September. **Online payments are paid directly to The School Photographer website and not to the school's online payment website.**

Visit The School Photographer website www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and follow the prompts.

Please write your receipt number in the space provided.

If you would like to arrange an sibling photo, please see the office for an envelope.

Due to the PSSA Grand Finals this Friday, the PSSA buses will be leaving at 11.15am - this week only.

Congratulations to the following Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two students who were awarded a class merit award at last Friday's K-2 assembly:

KC	Evie	Confidently sharing her ideas in Science
KH	Lachlan	For writing an excellent description of a dragon
KJ	Hamsika	Writing an excellent recount
KK	Virika	Showing initiative in Writing
KL	Stella	Improvement in Reading
KS	Jasmine	For writing interesting sentences about her weekend
1B	Jiyoan	For great contributions to all class discussions
1C	Saihaan	Increased confidence during class discussions
1G	Dash	Being engaged in Maths
1L	Inez	For creating a fantastic presentation on Scratch Junior
1N	Jasmine	For showing great insight into the capital cities of Australia
1S	Jeremy	For being a kind and caring friend to others
2C	Lucas	For engaged learning during Mathematics
2H	Jakob	For writing a fantastic Indigenous story
2R	Tiki	Experimenting with persuasive techniques in Writing
2S	Will	For his commitment to his learning
2W	Mason	Great contributions to discussions

KINDERGARTEN 2020 and SCHOOL BOUNDARY CHANGES

With the new primary school in Smalls Road opening next year, there have been a number of boundary changes for all local schools which may result in some families no longer being classified as in area for Kent Road.

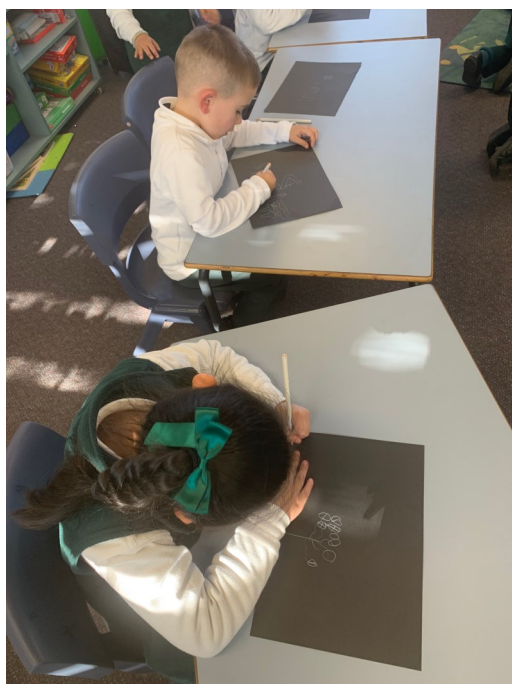
For families who already have a child attending Kent Road there will be no change, that is, no child will be required to move to a new school if they are already enrolled.

In order to assist the school with planning for 2020, I strongly urge parents with children starting Kindergarten next year to submit an application form as soon as possible.

Enrolment forms are available at the front office, or from our website.

NAIDOC WEEK

Kent Road celebrated NAIDOC week in week 3. Kindergarten learned about the local Indigenous culture and were able to learn about and draw Indigenous symbols to create a story.



WALK-A-THON

Last Thursday, Kent Road went over to the ELS ovals for our walk-a-thon. Kindergarten had a fantastic time walking and chatting with their classmates as they walked around the ELS park course. They also enjoyed a delicious ice block at the end of the day.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RIBBONS

During last weeks Assembly, many students received ribbons for their impressive athleticism they showed at the 2019 Kindergarten and Year One Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to those who won ribbons for first, second and third place in the running races and athletics activities.



NAIDOC Week in Year 1

YEAR ONE NEWS



Last week 1N and 1L looked into Indigenous symbols and what they meant. We learnt that different artworks told different stories and we even tried to make our own!

We also went outside to make some sculptures based on the symbols and various animal designs. We started off using small sticks and leaves to make the longer lines but we soon discovered different materials that we could use. Some of us used grass, and some of us used rocks and dirt.



It was very interesting to learn about how the Indigenous people of Australia use art to tell their stories and to help each other learn.

WALKATHON 2019

Last Thursday 8th August, the entire school journeyed across the road to ELS Park for our annual Walkathon.

All students enthusiastically walked around the course. It was a fun and active day out! Take a look at some of the highlights!



WALKATHON 2019

We've done all the hard work walking around ELS Park and now it's time to start bringing in your money. There are some fantastic prizes up for grabs and the winning class will be rewarded with a fantastic day of fun!

Let's see how much money we can raise towards buying new equipment and resources for our school. Feel free to continue raising money until.

Friday 30th August.



Early Years of School

Starting school means lots of changes for you and your child. It is crucial to plan and talk about safe travel to and from school with your child.

Starting school probably means your child will see themselves as a “big kid.” They may even want to travel to school by themselves, with friends or siblings. However, your young child is still developing many of the skills they need to be safe in a road traffic environment.

Until your child is **at least 8 years old**, hold their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road

Up until **at least 10 years old**, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road. If a hand isn't available they should hold an arm, bag, clothes or the pram.

In the early years of your child's schooling, there are many road safety considerations for you to think about.

The route to and from school may be unfamiliar

Plan a safe route together and practise walking it on weekends or school holidays. As you walk together, talk about all the things you are doing to keep you both safe.

Most journeys to and from school are in peak hours

Roads are full of people and vehicles. The roads around schools are busy places and can make the journey to school hazardous. Always closely and actively supervise your child. Hold hands together when walking on the footpath and crossing the road. You should do this until they are **at least ten years old**.

The beginning and end of the school day can be hectic

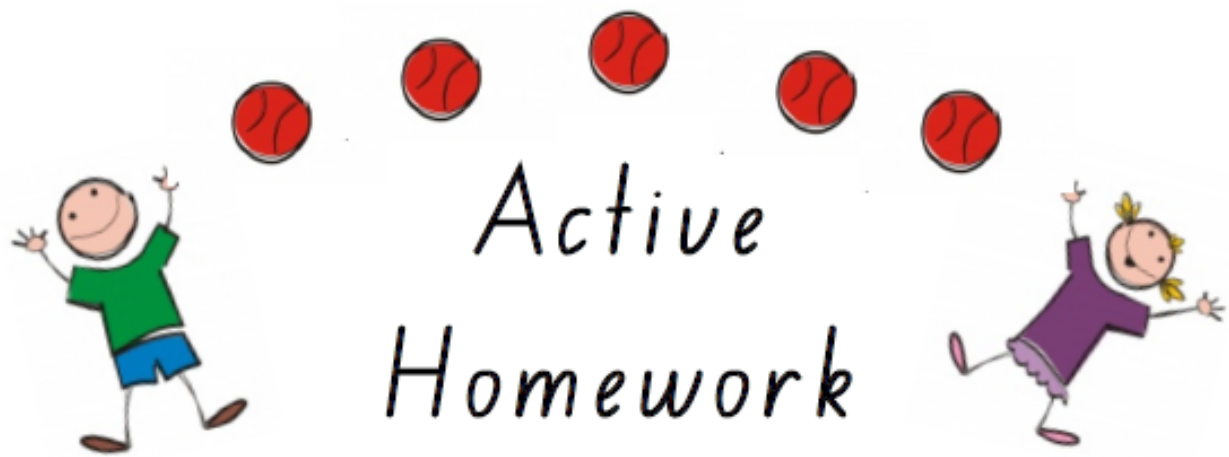
Entering or leaving the school can be a source of great excitement or even stress! Your child may not be focused on their own safety. Arrange a safe place to meet inside the school grounds or on the school side of the road. Never call your child across the road.

Using and sharing pedestrian road safety messages

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.

Hold a grown-up's hand when you're:

- on the footpath
- in a carpark
- crossing the road



What is Active Homework?

Active Homework is similar to other homework. Active homework is an optional piece of homework that can be completed at home. It requires elements of physical activity.

Each week K-2 students and 3-6 students will be given a piece of Active Homework.

Active Homework Activity Week 4

K-2

Quick feet

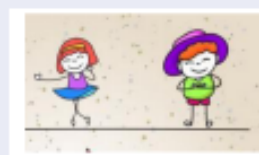
- Staying in one spot, run as quick as you possibly can for as long as you can. Pump your arms forward and back to help you!



3-6

Line Jumps

- Start by standing with two feet on one side of a flat line. Then bend your knees and jump with both feet together, landing on the other side of the line. Keep repeating. As you get used to the exercise try going quicker/ jumping higher.



UNIFORM SHOP

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 krpsuniformshop@gmail.com.

Size 16 winter tunics still only \$10.

Out of Stock Items:

- Gloves – we will have no more stock until October

MONDAY – shop open at 8:45 – 9:30

19/Aug/19	Week 5	Kate	Naomi	Emily	
26/Aug/19	Week 6	Kate	Yang	Eva L.	
02/Sep/19	Week 7	Kate	Naomi	Anastasia	
09/Sep/19	Week 8	Kate	Jing	Eva L.	
16/Sep/19	Week 9	Kate	Naomi	Emily	Help Needed
23/Sep/19	Week 10	Kate	Jing	Help Needed	Help Needed

THURSDAYS – shop not open, order packing only

15/Aug/19	Week 4	Fran	May	Eva U.
22/Aug/19	Week 5	Fran	Joanne	Eiman
29/Aug/19	Week 6	Fran	Esther	Lisa P.
05/Sep/19	Week 7	Fran	May	Eiman
12/Sep/19	Week 8	Fran	Julia	Eva U.
19/Sep/19	Week 9	Fran	Esther	Eiman
26/Sep/19	Week 10	Fran	May	Julia

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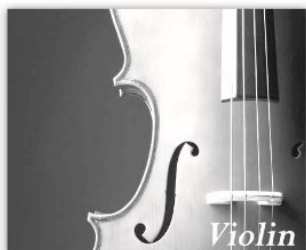


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