



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Four Week 4

Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Important Dates & Notes

PSSA This Friday

Please visit our website for locations

Unfortunately parents are not permitted to attend

Yr 3 Incursion Science Animated

Tue 17th—Wed
18th Nov

Yr 6 Excursion Wed 2nd—Thur 3rd Dec

K-6 Swim
Scheme
**Is cancelled
this year due
to Covid-19**

Dear Kent Road Parents and Carers,
STUDENTS WHO ARE UNWELL

Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste, and loss of smell), **even mild symptoms, should not be at school.**

For people who are unwell with respiratory symptoms, **a negative COVID-19 test result must be received and sighted by the school.**

Parents who choose to not allow their child to undertake a COVID test or provide the school with a negative COVID-19 test result, must keep their child home from school for 10 days.

REQUEST FROM THE KENT ROAD P&C

KRPS P&C is calling out for a volunteer in our school community to audit our P&C books before the next AGM, in term 1, week 3, 2021.

We need someone with experience in bookkeeping, accounting or Treasury roles. The KRPS P&C financial year ends 31 December each year. This year the P&C financial activities have been limited due to COVID 19, which means the auditing task is far from complex. If you are able to offer your services or know of someone who might be able to do so, please contact Eva Urban at kentroadpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

We really appreciate your assistance.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2021

I ask parents whose child is not returning to Kent Road in 2021 to email the school, so that we can make plans for next year's classes. This does not mean your child will lose your place should your circumstances change, only that I can begin to look at potential class organisation.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Parents of students in Year Five who would like their child to be considered for Selective High School in 2022 are advised applications will close next Monday, 16th November 2020. **You must apply before the closing date.**

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address), at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

OC TEST

Parents of students in Year Four who have applied for their child to undertake the OC Test, are advised that as a result of the most recent advice from NSW Health, the Opportunity Class Placement Test has been rescheduled to **18 November 2020**. Tests will be administered in the students' own schools, that is, Kent Road PS students will undertake the test at our school.

KINDERGARTEN 2021 ORIENTATION

Last week's Kindergarten Orientation sessions provided us an opportunity to welcome children who will start school in 2021. As you can see from the smiling faces below, the children had fun making masks whilst getting to know teachers and making some new friends.



We will have our second week of orientation next week on Monday 9th, Wednesday 11th and Friday 13th.

Parents who have submitted an enrolment application for their child to start Kindergarten in 2021 are invited to go the school's website to book two orientation sessions for their child. Parents will also find lots of useful information about the transition to school on our website.

Parent zoom meetings for 2021 Kindergarten parents will continue each Tuesday at 10.30am. The link has been emailed to parents who have enrolled their child.

These sessions will provide parents the chance to ask questions about the transition to school process.

Denise Minifie

Principal



NAIDOC WEEK

Always Was, Always Will Be. recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

Next week our Year Six students will show their leadership skills when they become the teachers when we celebrate NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week.

Year Six have undertaken extensive research to prepare lessons for students in Kindergarten – Year Six, in the areas of Aboriginal history, culture and achievements.

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We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country.

This country was criss-crossed by generations of brilliant Nations.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.

Australia has the world's oldest oral stories. The First Peoples engraved the world's first maps, made the earliest paintings of ceremony and invented unique technologies. We built and engineered structures - structures on Earth - predating well-known sites such as the Egyptian Pyramids and Stonehenge.

Our adaptation and intimate knowledge of Country enabled us to endure climate change, catastrophic droughts and rising sea levels.

Always Was, Always Will Be. acknowledges that hundreds of Nations and our cultures covered this continent. All were managing the land - the biggest estate on earth - to sustainably provide for their future.

Through ingenious land management systems like fire stick farming we transformed the harshest habitable continent into a land of bounty.

NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European contact whether in 1770 or 1606 - with the arrival of the Dutch on the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula.

The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples.

Our coastal Nations watched and interacted with at least 36 contacts made by Europeans prior to 1770. Many of them resulting in the charting of the northern, western and southern coastlines – of our lands and our waters.

For us, this nation's story began at the dawn of time.

NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations.

It's about seeing, hearing and learning the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country - which is Australian history. We want all Australians to celebrate that we have the oldest continuing cultures on the planet and to recognise that our sovereignty was never ceded.

Always Was, Always Will Be.

This term in English, Kindergarten have been studying a different Fairy-tale each week. Each Fairy-tale studied is incorporated into sequencing activities, drama activities, writing and art throughout the week.



KJ have wonderful imaginations which is very evident in their crazy characters.

This week we are developing skills in creating our own fairy-tale characters and using a rich vocabulary and adjectives to describe them. They are focusing on describing what the character looks like, what they wear, what their personality is and where they live.



Safari Day

Taronga Zoo visited Kent Road this week and brought in some amazing animals. The kindergarten students enjoyed learning interesting facts about each animal

Meet Philamina the stick insect. She smells with her antennae and lays 5-6 eggs a day!



Meet Dally the Chaco tortoise. His parents came from a jungle in South America! Tortoises retract their neck and heads into their shell to protect them from predators!



Meet Gibby the spotted python. He lives in little caves and likes to eat bats!

Meet Marimar the shingle-back lizard. She likes to eat snails, slugs and strawberries!



Meet Fred the ring-tailed possum. He is a nocturnal animal, which means he is active at night.



Meet Farly the white-lipped tree frog. Her name is Farly because she jumps FAR. Tree frogs use special muscles in their eyes to push food down into their tummy!



Kindergarten had a fun-filled safari day. We pretended to be animals in Drama, we made an animal mask in Art and created a "Who am I?" animal booklet in Writing.



Beichen

Who am I?



It has yellow fur and
a curly mane around
its face. It has sharp
pointy teeth for eating
It has a strong
roar and it is the
King of the jungle.

Answer: I am a lion.

Year 4 Field of Mars Incursion

Last Monday, Year 4 students participated in the Field of Mars '*Documentary in a Day*' incursion at school. After learning about filming techniques, camera angles, documentary features and how to plan a short documentary, students worked collaboratively in groups to research, storyboard and script their short films. This involved choosing a documentary topic, such as animal habitats, invertebrates or phasmids, and using database apps and Field of Mars published ebooks to research their topic for important information to include.



Following the planning phase, Year 4 were introduced to the filming tools of tripods to assist their filming and microphones which attached to their iPad and ensured their voices were heard when filming. Students were then guided by their storyboards to go out into the playground and become cinematographers and produce their documentaries.



Year 4 spent the final part of the day editing their films by cutting and sequencing their videos, editing their B roll footage, adding backing music, recording voice overs and inserting picture in picture features with each group successfully producing a final documentary. Well done Year 4!



DAMAGED OR TORN LIBRARY BOOKS

Dear Parents.

If you notice that a library book your child has borrowed is damaged or has torn pages inside, **please return it to the library staff for repair, with a note attached.** Special book repair tape, that doesn't discolour over time like sticky tape does, is used in all repairs. Please do not attempt to repair the damage yourselves.

Kind Regards,

The Kent Road Library Team

Australian Mathematics Competition Results

A few months ago, 104 students at Kent Road PS took part in the Australian Maths Trust's **Australian Maths Competition** and the results are in.

We had some excellent results in our first year of open participation in this competition. A summary of our school results and notable individual performances are below.

1 High Distinction**12 Distinctions****41 Credits**

Congratulations to Christian C (Year 4) for achieving a **High Distinction** and the '**Best in School**' certificate awarded to the student with the school's highest standardised score.

Distinctions

- ☆ Jacob A (Year 3)
- ☆ Zhan R (Year 4)
- ☆ Oscar P (Year 4)
- ☆ Luca O (Year 4)
- ☆ Senon I (Year 4)
- ☆ Pieter H (Year 4)
- ☆ Aland P (Year 5)
- ☆ Liam C (Year 6)
- ☆ Cindy J (Year 6)
- ☆ Alexander N (Year 6)
- ☆ Wasi R (Year 6)
- ☆ Brendan W (Year 6)

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this competition and we look forward to offering it again in 2021.

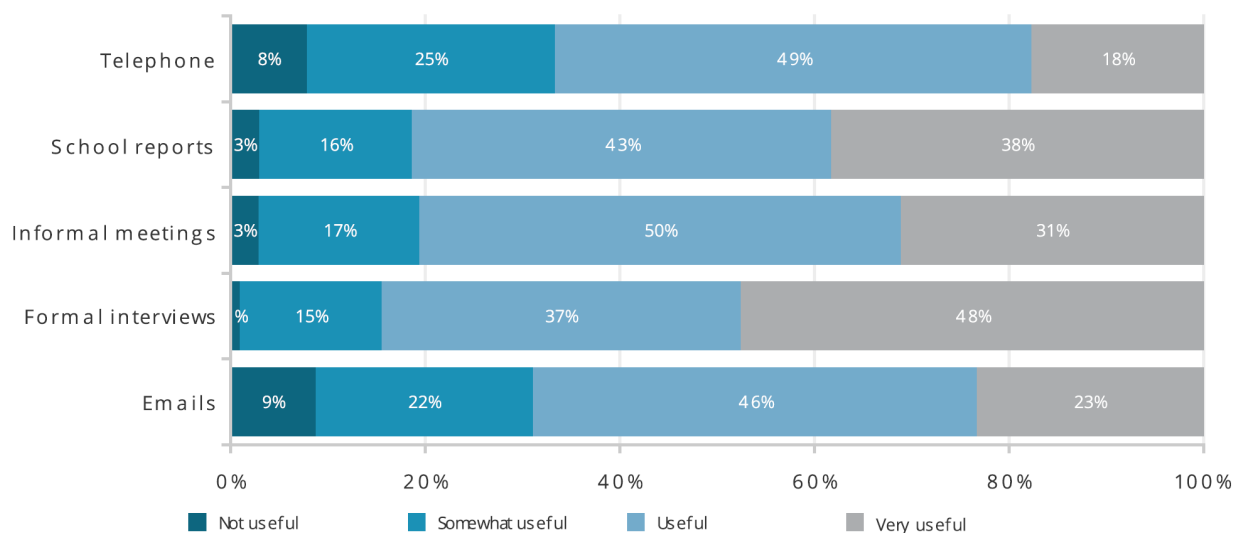
Tell Them From Me' Parent Survey

Thank you to all the parents who completed the Tell Them From Me Parent Survey. We pleased to have received 109 responses this year. We are aiming to run the survey again next year with even more responses.

The information that is provided through this survey is very informative and helps the school plan for the future. We are in the early stages of evaluating the responses but some preliminary data around communication with parents can be viewed below.

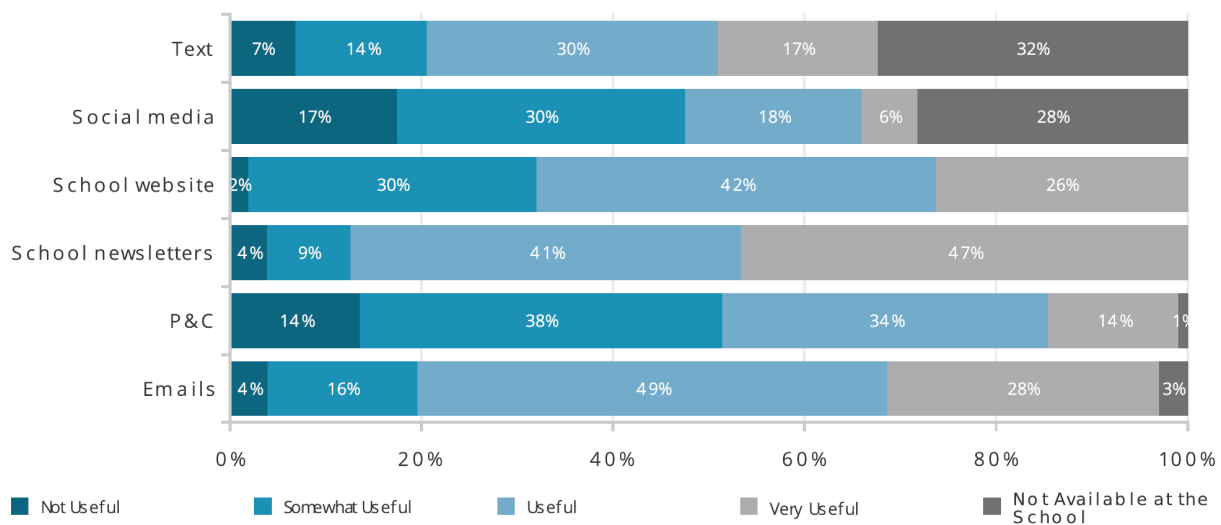
Useful communication types at school

Please tell us how useful you think the following types of communication are when discussing your child with the school.



Useful communication about school news

Please tell us how useful you think the following types of communication are for finding out news about the school.



NSU YOUTH

SUMMER LEAGUE

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 8-14

MONDAYS 5:30PM - 6:30PM
ELS HALL 3 (LOWER GRASS FIELDS)

30 NOV - 21
DEC (FREE)
CHRISTMAS
BREAK
8 FEB - 29
MAR (PAID)



THIS IS A LEAGUE TO INTRODUCE KIDS WHO ARE NEW TO ULTIMATE FRISBEE AND KIDS WHO HAVE PLAYED BEFORE TO BECOME THE NEXT SUPERSTARS OF THIS GENERATION. THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE A MIX OF LESSONS AND GAMES FOR KIDS AGED 8-14.

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YOUTH@NSU.COM.AU

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
VISIT WWW.NSU.ORG.AU

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LEAGUE FOR YOUR CHILD



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