



# KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Four Week 10

Tuesday 15th December 2020

### Important Dates & Notes

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Dear Kent Road Parents and Carers,

We have reached the final week of the 2020 school year, with the last day of school for students being tomorrow, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. **Tomorrow is a mufti day – students can wear casual clothes, no uniform required!**

I apologise for the interruption to our weekly newsletters this term. Over the past month all staff have been staying late and arriving early to pack up the school in preparation for the move into our new buildings. It has been a very time consuming task and I am very grateful to all staff for their help with this. Excitingly, everything is on track for us to be in the new classrooms for the start of the 2021 school year. The classrooms are being fitted out this week with five semitrailer loads of new furniture.

I would like to thank every member of the Kent Road school community for the support you have provided to teachers and staff as we negotiated our way through this very different and difficult year. Our teachers have shown remarkable resilience and initiative in adapting their programs to meet the changing circumstances we have found ourselves in since March.

Our students have experienced a once in a lifetime (hopefully) event that has changed the world, how we live and how learning is delivered. I am very proud of the effort students have applied throughout this disrupted year. Our data indicates students have made great progress.

Thank you to the Kent Road Parents and Citizens Association, led by Eva and the executive team. In a year in which P&C activities were largely put on hold it was great to have the positive support of our P&C.

To the parents and families who are moving on to high school and other schools, our sincere thanks for your support over the years. I wish you all the best in your new schools and in the future.

I am looking forward to 2021 and I wish everyone good health, happiness and success in the new year.

### CLASS PARTIES

Due to the restrictions regarding the sharing of food, we will not be able to hold class parties this year. Instead we will have a **MUFTI DAY** tomorrow to mark the last day of term, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Students may wear appropriate casual clothes.

### CANTEEN CLOSED

As advised last week, the school canteen has closed for 2020, and will re-open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. The canteen operators are looking forward to moving into the new school canteen over the coming weeks.

**RETURNING TO SCHOOL IN 2021**

The covid guidelines are constantly changing however I expect we will start the school year with similar procedures for drop off and pick up as this year, that is, students will be met at the gates by teachers and senior students and will be walked into the playground. At this stage the arrangements will be:

- Students in Years 1-6 will return to school on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January**.
  - **Students should wear sports uniform.**
  - Students can enter the school through any gate. There will soon be a map issued by Schools Infrastructure, showing the gates and paths into the school on our website for parents and students to reference.
  - Students in Year One and Year Two in 2021 will assemble under the blue shade sail in front of KL/2S.
  - Students in Years 3-5 in 2021 will assemble on the lower grass area behind the library.
  - There will be no canteen orders on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January.
  - For pick up, parents will be required to wait at the gates as per the current arrangements. Students in Year One and Year Two will be collected from the blue shade sail area.
- Students in Years 3-5 will be directed to leave via the same gate as they have in 2020.
 

Please be aware there may be some construction work continuing when school returns to finish the landscaping and the removal of demountable classrooms. If there are further changes parents will be advised via the skoolbag app, the school website and through class parents.
- Kindergarten 2021 students will commence on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.
  - Parents will be advised of the process for day one via email.

**2021 STUDENT LEADERS**

Last week the 2021 student leaders were inducted to their roles. Congratulations to the following students:

<b>SCHOOL CAPTAINS</b>	Benjamin D and India
<b>VICE CAPTAINS</b>	Finn and Olivia
<b>PREFECTS</b>	Nathaniel, Derrick, Matthew, Tyra, Chelsea, Evelyn

A big thank you to our outgoing leaders for everything they have achieved as student leaders in 2020. You have been an enthusiastic and reliable group who has always been willing to help. Best wishes for your future leadership opportunities.

**LAST DAY of TERM FOUR and VACATION CARE ARRANGEMENTS**

As mentioned above, the last day of school for students is tomorrow, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Teachers will participate in professional learning on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December in preparation for 2021.

From 17<sup>th</sup> December, removalists will be on the school grounds to relocate resources and furniture, and to empty all demountable buildings in preparation for their removal in January.

## VACATION CARE RELOCATING

As the removal of the demountable buildings in January will require cranes and trucks to enter the school grounds, our January vacation care will be held at Smalls Road Public School. Information regarding the vacation care arrangements can be found on the Primary OSH Care website, or parents can contact Luke at the Kent Road OSH for information.

I am very grateful to Mrs Gibbons, principal of Smalls Road Public School, for allowing Kent Road students to attend vacation care at Smalls Road, as this will ensure the safety of our students and speed up the removal of the demountable buildings.

## UNIFORM SHOP

On behalf of the school community, I would like to express my gratitude to Kate, Fran and the team of volunteers who have volunteered their time to pack and sell the school uniform to our new Kindergarten families, as well as their tireless commitment to fill orders each week throughout the year. This year has been particularly difficult, with no face to face sales being permitted for many months. Our uniform shop volunteers have continued to give up their time to ensure uniform items are available.

As Kate and Fran are finishing at Kent Road this year and I would like to thank them both for their support over the past years, and wish them both all the very best for the future.

I encourage parents to do a 'stocktake' of their child's uniform to determine if they will need new clothing items next year. Parents are encouraged to order items online as soon as possible. Orders will be packed and sent home with your child.

## GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Congratulations to all recent Gold Medal recipients. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded their gold medals recently at the assembly after earning 72 green cards for their wonderful effort in class, and respectful and responsible behaviour.

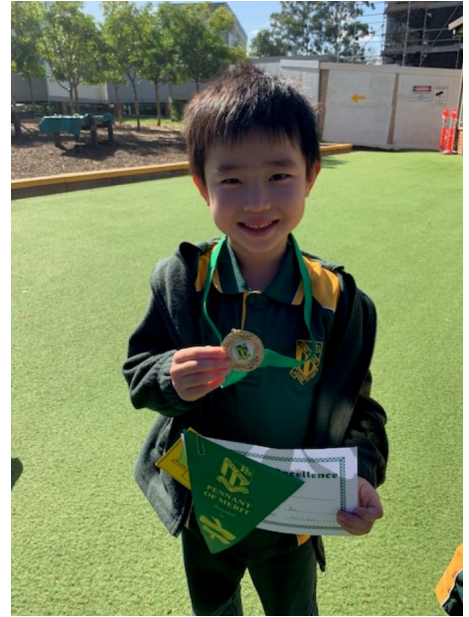
☆ Emily	1S	☆ Liana	1S	☆ Flora	1F	☆ Pranay	1IK
☆ Eason	1S	☆ Eason	1S	☆ Evelyn L	1F	☆ Jasmine	1H
☆ Geoffrey	1V	☆ Rona	1H	☆ Evelyn M	1F	☆ Arin	1K
☆ Mara	1H	☆ Linda	1H	☆ Aylin	2C	☆ Rowan	2C
☆ Sia	2S	☆ Gabriella	2P	☆ Akira	4C	☆ Andrew	6B











**CLASS MERIT CERTIFICATES**

Congratulations also to the following students who received a class merit certificate for their engaged learning, respectful behavior and showing responsibility at school.

Charlie	KH	For being a kind, considerate and friendly class member
Austin	KC	For being a focused and responsible learner
Hanika	KL	For an excellent recount of the Princess and the Pea
Olivia	KS	For having outstanding expression when playing a character during readers theatre
Moses	KF	For always being an engaged learner in all areas
Seeana	KJ	For showing confidence and enthusiasm during literacy rotations
Bogdan	KK	For being an engaged learner in all areas
Carly	1H	For showing leadership and persistence
Oliver L	1K	Engagement in literacy activities
Olivia	1V	Designing a wonderful poster for her landmark in geography
Emily	1IK	For an excellent story about the lighthouse keeper
Scarlett	1IK	For her positive attitude towards all areas of learning
Nadvi	1S	Being such an engaged learner
Ethan	2H	For writing a very persuasive piece of writing explaining why hotels are better than camping
Ryan	2P	Presenting an interesting book report on the novel Wonder
Asvitha	2C	Always being an engaged learner in maths
Kaira	2CH	Wonderful persuasive writing about staying in a hotel
Zoe	2I	Always being an engaged and kind learner
Erin	2S	Her outstanding attitude towards her learning
Hannah	3C	Always being an engaged learner
Amina	3J	Demonstrating resilience and enthusiasm during her first term at Kent Road
Laura	3M	Super use of mime during Drama sessions
Justine	3G	For creating an excellent haiku poem
Jenna	3L	Always being kind to others and being an engaged learner
Akira	4C	Excellent achievement in Maths
Brooklyn	4R	Using consistently joined handwriting
Gloria	4B	Engagement and effort in all learning areas
Hunayn	4K	Excellent engagement in all class discussions
Ben	5S	For displaying creativity during poetry lessons
Ashira	5W	Positive and enthusiastic attitude towards all learning tasks
Manha	5L	Being a responsible, caring and trustworthy class member
Ariella	5M	Huge growth in respectful and mature behaviour
Patrik	6W	A highly creative poem about a red panda's journey
Simone	6B	Her effective use of figurative language
Emily	6P	For being a responsible and engaged learner
Dominic S	6N	His meticulous care in visual arts



What a challenging year its been!!!

Christmas is well and truly in the air.

Coxs Road Mall is once again holding a **SHOP & WIN CHRISTMAS CASH GIVEAWAY**, you are invited to enter for a chance to win.

Details are attached. Competition starts Monday 23rd November - Saturday 19th Dec.

We are **NOT** asking entrants to be present at the draw this year, but rather watch live stream on our Facebook page. Winners will be notified.

Happy Shopping everyone and good luck in the draw.

**Spend \$20 or more at Cox's Road Mall to enter.**  
**The more you shop, the more chances to win.**

**Shop to Win**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$1000 Cash**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$2500 Cash**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$500 Worth of shopping vouchers**

**COX'S ROAD MALL NORTH RYDE**  
203 - 213 Cox's Rd  
NORTH RYDE  
9888 9901

**OPEN 7 DAYS**  
**FREE PARKING**

**Entry details:**  
Write your name on the back of your purchase docket of \$20 or over from any store in the mall and place it in the barrel provided.  
The more you shop, the more chances you have of winning.  
Terms and conditions apply.

**Competition starts 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 at 9am**  
**Last ticket entry 1.15pm, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
**Prizes drawn 1.30pm, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**The draw will be live streamed on Facebook and winners notified.**

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