



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term One Week 2

Tuesday 4th February 2020

Important
Dates &
Notes

Yrs 3 - 6 Swim
Carnival
Ryde Aquatic
Centre
Thur 5th March-

CORONAVIRUS

As of 1st February, all travellers arriving out of mainland China (not just Hubei Province) must self-isolate for a period of 14 days from the time they leave mainland China.

Parents who have questions about their child returning to school are asked to email or phone the school for information.

Public Health Information Hotline

Parents should call the Public Health Information Hotline in the event of an emergency or incident affecting the public on 1800 004 599.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to new Kent Road families and all families returning to Kent Road in 2020.

Sunday 2nd February marked the 60th anniversary of the opening of our school. Kent Road Public School looks very different to how it looked in 1960, and it will undergo a massive transformation in 2020. These are very exciting times!

To all Kent Road students, families and staff, past and present I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy year in the year our school celebrates its 60th birthday.
Happy Birthday Kent Road!

BUILDING UPDATE

Currently the builders are working to complete the new toilet block near the Year Five and Six classrooms, start the roof over the new sports court and finish digging the footprint for the new buildings.

The new school library is being filled with fabulous books and will be ready for use next week hopefully.

MEET THE TEAM

I would also like to welcome all new and returning members of staff in 2020. We have a wonderful team of enthusiastic, caring and innovative teachers, welcoming administrative staff and energetic support officers who are very excited to provide a wonderful range of learning experiences for our students.

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| Miss Jessie Hossack | Assistant Principal (relieving) KH | Mrs Alison Sarti | Leader Year One;1S |
| Miss Belinda Lanning | KL | Mr Daniel Vogels | 1V |
| Miss Rebecca Chan | KC | Miss Imogen Kennett | 1K |
| Miss Jacqui Hughes | KJ | Miss Nancy Krug | 1K |
| Miss Tamara Spence | KS | Miss Abby Fisher | 1F |
| Miss Theresa Kim | KK | Miss Natalie Hendry | 1H |
| Miss Rebeka Field | KF | Mrs Emily Cleasby | Year One Support |
| Miss Emily Duignan | K Support | | |
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| Mrs Miriam Prins | Leader Year Two; 2P | Miss Jo Lyes | Leader Year Three; 3L |
| Miss Katy Houze | 2H | Miss Shannen Josling | 3J |
| Miss Tara Cramp | 2C | Miss Caitlin Lindsay | 3C |
| Mrs Libby Wilkes | Support 2CH | Miss Gabby McKenna | 3G |
| Miss Brittani Stevenson | 2S | Mr Paul McGhee | 3M |
| Miss Stefanie Ison | 2I | Miss Diane Hine | Support Year Three |
| Mrs Kasia Couch | Support Year Two | | |
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| Miss Amy Brasier | Leader Year Four; 4B | Miss Kathryn Sheridan | Leader Year Five; 5S |
| Miss Jane Choi | 4C | Mrs Jess Mitchell | 5M |
| Miss Amber Rogers | 4R | Miss Phoebe Lau | 5L |
| Miss Renee Khodeir | 4K | Mrs Lani Woodley | 5W |
| Miss Sinead McCarthy | Support Year Four | Ms Rhonda Russom Mrs Kerrie Durrant | Support Year Five |
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| Miss Nayeree Basmajian | Assistant Principal; 6B | Mrs Margot Russell | Library |
| Miss Joy Nettleton | 6N | Mrs Susan Duyvestyn | Library |
| Miss Charlotte Whitworth | 6W | Mrs Jen Stevenson | Library |
| Mr Geoff Perez | 6P | | |
| Ms Annalissa Roy | Support Year Six | Mrs Jenny Rule | Learning Support |
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| Miss Rachel Lee | Music K-2 | Mrs Davina Kite | ESL |
| Miss Nadia Koeferl | Music 3-6 | Mrs Kelly Tennant | ESL |
| | | Mrs Supriya Nadesan | ESL |
| Mrs Sevan Alexanian | School Learning Support Officer | Mrs Edwina McGhee | ESL |
| Mrs Corinne Stevens | School Learning Support Officer | Mrs Diana Johnson | ESL |
| Mrs Ros Griffin | School Learning Support Officer | | |
| Miss Ciara Ronquillo | School Learning Support Officer | Mrs Gail Unsworth | School Admin Manager |
| Miss Neilab Osman | School Learning Support Officer | Mrs Karen Silsby | School Admin Officer |
| Miss Lauren King | School Learning Support Officer | Mrs Jenny Kiss | School Admin Officer |
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| Mrs Tracy Ryman | Senior Psychologist Education | Mrs Michelle Parsons | School Admin Officer - Library |
| Mrs Chauntal Gwynne | Instructional Leader Literacy K-6 | Mr Shaun Parsons | General Assistant |
| Ms Fiona Hamilton | Deputy Principal | Mr Brett Shai-Hee | General Assistant |
| Mr Ben Harrison | Deputy Principal | | |
| Ms Denise Minifie | Principal | | |

DRAMA TOOLBOX - KINDERGARTEN and YEAR ONE

Throughout Term One students in Kindergarten and Year One will participate in a five week program presented by The Drama Toolbox.

The aim for this program is for students to develop self-awareness and to build resilience. Yesterday's focus message was when something goes wrong or if we encounter a problem then we should **STOP, THINK, BREATHE.**

All Year One classes and KH, KF, KJ and KS have commenced the program. The remaining Kindergarten classes KC, KK and KL will start their weekly lessons in March.

Students in Year Two will participate in a one-off Drama lesson presented by the Drama Toolbox, focussing on narrative writing later this month.

These Year One students loved their first lesson yesterday!



FOOTSTEPS DANCE K-6

Footsteps Dance company will be presenting dance lessons for all classes K-6 each Tuesday and Wednesday this term. Years Five and Six attended today. Kindergarten – Year Four will attend tomorrow.

The cost of the dance lessons will be added to the term invoice which will be sent home in coming weeks.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school newsletter is published **electronically** every Tuesday, through our school website which can be found at <https://kentroad-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> and also through our school app. Parents who have a smart phone are able to download the app for free. Simply search the App store for Kent Road Public School. As well as receiving the newsletter, parents will receive updates and alerts about events affecting their child's grade.

A paper copy is available at the front office for parents who do not have access to an electronic version of the newsletter. (This week's newsletter has been issued to Kindergarten and new parents in paper format but from **next week will only be sent out electronically.**)

BEST START ASSESSMENT

Kindergarten students are currently undertaking the annual Best Start assessment with their class teacher whilst one of our support teachers teaches the class.

The test is not a pass/fail test and **absolutely no preparation is required.** The Best Start assessment is designed to provide class teachers an understanding of the range of literacy and numeracy skills children bring to school with them, and to enable the teachers to group the students accordingly.

Once the assessment of each child is completed, and teachers have entered the necessary data, a computer generated report will be provided to parents.

Should parents have any questions regarding the Best Start Assessment please speak to your child's teacher.

Summer PSSA School Try-Outs

Try-outs for the summer PSSA season began on Friday Week 1. There will be more try-outs this Friday. Some teams may also have additional try-outs during lunch breaks until teams are finalised. Students will be informed at school when these try-outs will be taking place.

Teams will only be finalised before the first game and once all students have had an opportunity to try-out for the school teams. Once finalised those students selected to represent Kent Road PS will receive an information and permission note.

Below is a list of the summer PSSA sports Kent Road Public School will be entering into the upcoming competitions.

Newcombe Ball/Volleyball (Years 3 -6)

Cricket (Years 3-6)

T-ball (Years 3 and 4)

Softball (Years 5 and 6)

Girls and boys are welcome to try out for any of the listed sports within their age division.

If you have any questions about PSSA sport please speak with your child's class teacher.

Special Religious Education

Special Religious Education (SRE)/ Scripture classes begin in **Week 4 on Tuesday, 18th February 2020**. SRE/Scripture classes are 30 minutes long and enable your child to attend religious instruction in the Scripture of your choice. Students in Years 1 – 6 will attend the same class as they did previously in 2019. If you would like to change the class that your student attends please contact the school office on 02 9878 2884 or kentroad-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Could you be an ethics teacher for Kent Road?

We are seeking volunteers so that we can provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two day workshop and online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available on **Tuesday** each week. Please contact Rachel at lil_rael@hotmail.com



EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT FOR PHONICS HERO

At Kent Road Public School we are teaching early reading and spelling using phonics. We have secured an **exclusive 80% discount** for our school parents who wish to subscribe to Phonics Hero to reinforce what we have taught in the classroom.

For use at home or school, your child's Phonics Hero license will give them access to over 850 fun phonics games, which will help to grow a strong and confident reader and speller. Plus you, as parents, get access to videos, reporting and tips! The account can be used on computers, iPads and compatible Android tablets.

Parents who purchase the account directly through Phonics Hero would normally pay \$100 for a full year's subscription, however through us you can get it for just **\$20 – that's a huge 80% discount!**

To register simply go to: <https://www.phonicshero.com/krps/> and follow the instructions on screen.

If you have any questions or need any help with getting setup the best idea is to contact Phonics Hero directly on: info@phonicshero.com or 02 8599 2821.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Gwynne

**BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL 2020**

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| MONDAY Before School | | MONDAY After School |
| The Hub Dance 0424 171 649 2H/2C 7.45am-8.45am Yr4 Girls Dance Group The Hub Dance 0424 171 649 Hall 7.45am-8.45am Yr2 Girls Dance Group Kindy Dance Grp with Miss Jess 0410 883 141 KF/KH 8.00am-8.45am VIP Music 9411 3122 6W | | Maggies Art Class 0412 895 125 3J, 4B, 4C 3.15pm-5.00pm |
| TUESDAY Before School | | TUESDAY After School |
| The Hub Dance 0424 171 649 2H/2C 7.45am-8.45am Yr3 Girls Dance Group VIP Music 9411 3122 Guitar: 8.15am-9.00 6W KRPS Senior Band - Hall 7.30am-8.45am | | VIP Music 9411 3122 1V/1S Keyboard: 3.15pm-4.00 |
| WEDNESDAY Before School | | WEDNESDAY After School |
| KRPS Intermediate Band Hall 7.30am-8.45am | | Writing Workshop 0468 543 933 3M Yrs1-6 3.15pm-6.15pm Coding For Kids 0452 525 453 4B Yrs 2-4 3.15pm-4.15pm Yrs 4-6 4.25pm-5.25pm |
| THURSDAY Before School | | THURSDAY After School |
| The Hub Dance 0424 171 649 2H/2C 7.45am-8.45am Yr1 Girls Dance Group KRPS Junior Band Hall 7.30am-8.45am | | Chinese School Yr1-2 KK & KS, 2P & 2I 3.30pm-5.00pm 0411 582 388. VIP Music 9411 3122 5S Keyboard: 3.15pm-4.00 |
| FRIDAY Before School | | FRIDAY After School |
| The Hub Dance 0424 171 649 2C/2H 7.45am-8.45am Yr5 & 6 Girls Dance Group The Hub Dance 0424 171 649 Hall 7.45am-8.45am Boys Dance Group | | Young Engineers Program K-6 0432 593 564 2S & KL 3.15pm-4.40pm Maggies Art Class 0412 895 125 3C, 4C, 4B 3.15pm-5.00pm |

For all bookings please contact the companies directly.

The school has no details to accept bookings or payments

Shop Opening Times - The Kent Road Uniform Shop is **open every Monday of school term** from 8.45am until 9.30am. During this time, you can purchase items, check sizing or exchange items (just make sure tags are still on).

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.

Online Orders - You can make purchases at any time at online. Follow the links on the school website or click here <http://kentroadpublicschoolpcassociationuniformshop.vendecommerce.com>. Once your order has been packed it will be given to your child's teacher who will hand them out in class.

Backorders - During peak times popular sizes may sell out. If this happens, any items out of stock will be marked as being on backorder on your bag and your name will be added to the waitlist. As soon as we receive new stock, we will pack your order and deliver it to your child's class.

Current Items Out of Stock – we are expecting new stock to arrive next week

- Size 6 short sleeve white polos
- Size 12 short sleeve white polos

Volunteers needed -If you have a Monday or Thursday morning free, consider helping in the uniform shop. It can be as little as once a term or as often as once a week. Just email when you would like to work to krpsuni-formshop@gmail.com. We would love to have you join the team.

Contact Us – If you have any problems or questions, you can email Kate or Fran on krpsuni-formshop@gmail.com

SHOP ROSTER – MONDAYS, 8:30am start

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| MON 10/02/2019 | Wk 3 | Kate | Naomi | Anne | Zelina |
| MON 17/02/2019 | Wk 4 | Kate | Shammi | Help Needed | Help Needed |
| MON 24/02/2019 | Wk 5 | Kate | Emily | Anastasia | Help Needed |
| MON 2/03/2019 | Wk 6 | Kate | Shammi | Help Needed | Help Needed |
| MON 9/03/2019 | Wk 7 | Kate | Naomi | Anne | Help Needed |
| MON 16/03/2019 | Wk 8 | Kate | Shammi | Anastasia | Emily |
| MON 23/03/2019 | Wk 9 | Kate | Fran | Help Needed | Help Needed |
| MON 30/03/2019 | Wk 10 | Kate | Shammi | Anne | Help Needed |
| MON 6/04/2019 | Wk 11 | Kate | Emily | Anastasia | Naomi |

THURSDAYS – 9am start (shop not open, packing only)

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| THUR 6/02/2019 | Wk 2 | Fran | May | Eiman |
| THUR 13/02/2019 | Wk 3 | Fran | Yang | Rowena |
| THUR 20/02/2019 | Wk 4 | Fran | Eiman | Keiko |
| THUR 27/02/2019 | Wk 5 | Fran | Robyn | Rowena |
| THUR 5/03/2019 | Wk 6 | Fran | May | Eiman |
| THUR 12/03/2019 | Wk 7 | Fran | Yang | Rowena |
| THUR 19/03/2019 | Wk 8 | Fran | Eiman | Robyn |
| THUR 26/03/2019 | Wk 9 | Fran | Lisa T. | Rowena |
| THUR 2/04/2019 | Wk 10 | Fran | May | Eiman |
| THUR 9/04/2019 | Wk 11 | Fran | Yang | Rowena |