



# KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term One Week 3

Tuesday 11th February 2020

### Important Dates & Notes

PSSA This Friday  
Please visit our  
website for  
locations

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone survived the rain on the weekend without too much damage.

Classroom 21 is still drying out but the students are able to use their room; and the library carpet is almost dry. We are still on track to open the new library for classes next week thanks to the work of the library teaching team.

The lower playground, used predominantly by Years Five and Six, is very slippery and muddy in patches, and care should be taken when accessing the areas near the 3-6 Music Room (Miss Brasier's old classroom).

The area close to Herring Road, behind Miss Chan's classroom, is still very wet and will be out of bounds until the ground dries out.

### Today is Safer Internet Day 2020!

Safer Internet Day is a day when millions of people unite to raise awareness about online safety issues and inspire positive change. This link is to the eSafety Commissioner site where there are ready resources & lessons for Safer Internet day. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/safer-internet-day>

You can use eSafety's ideas to help improve the online safety of your children, not just on Safer Internet Day but every day of the year. There are some excellent resources for parents on this website, especially the discussion starters for conversations about how children should behave on social media and what to do if they are concerned about the behaviour of others.

### BUILDING UPDATE

The roof over the new sports court is expected to start in the next day or so, and the tennis court will be out of use during this time.

### CORONAVIRUS

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school newsletter is published **electronically** every Tuesday, through our school website which can be found at [www.kentroad-p.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.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 the skoolbag app, and select 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.**)

## PARENTS and CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (P&C) MEETING and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

I believe, last night, we broke the record for the number of people attending a Kent Road PS Parents and Citizen's Association meeting, and the fastest-ever Annual General Meeting! All P&C executive positions were declared vacant and a vote was held to elect the 2020 P&C team.

Thank you to Eva and the 2019 team for your support of Kent Road last year. Many friendships were fostered amongst parents, events supported, funds raised and resources purchased thanks to the hard work of the 2019 team.

In 2020, a number of parents volunteered to continue in their positions and we also welcomed some new faces to the executive team.

In 2020, the P&C leadership team is:

President	Eva
Vice President	Kris
Vice President	Leanne
Secretary	Vaishnavi
Treasurer	David
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator	Kate
Uniform Shop Support Co-ordinator	Fran
Events Co-ordinator	Kris
Events Team	Lisa, Rhukiya, Juin, Pieta, Evelyn, Debbie, Fay
Class Parent Co-ordinator	Isabella
Book Club Co-ordinator	Pieta, Evelyn

### HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2021

The expression of interest high school forms will be sent home to parents in early March. If you have changed your address and have not notified the school could you please do so this week.

These forms need to be completed and returned to school whether you intend going to a government or private high school.

For parents of year 6 students it is time to start deciding what high school you wish your child to attend in 2021.

If you have any questions, please ring me at school.

Ms Fiona Hamilton

Deputy Principal

## SCHOOL STAFF

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		
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		
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
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
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
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		

**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.

**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, 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:lil_rael@hotmail.com)

The following SRE classes are offered at Kent Road Public School:

**Catholic SRE** is provided by Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. More information about Catholic SRE, including the authorised curriculum scope and sequence, please visit the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney website <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/publications/curriculum-resources/>

**Islamic SRE** is provided by the Islamic Council of NSW. More information about Islamic SRE, including the authorised curriculum scope and sequence, please visit the Islamic Council of NSW website <https://www.isre.org.au/schools/>

**Church of Christ SRE** is provided by the Southwest Church of Christ. More information about Church of Christ SRE, including the authorised curriculum scope and sequence, please visit the Southwest Church of Christ website <https://cepconnect.com.au/outcome>

**Anglican SRE** is provided by the Anglican Diocese of Sydney. More information about Anglican SRE, including the authorised curriculum scope and sequence, please visit the Anglican Diocese of Sydney website <https://whysre.com.au/sre-curriculum/cep-curriculum-overview/>

**Hindu SRE** is provided by the Chinmaya Mission Australia. More information about Hindu SRE, including the authorised curriculum scope and sequence, please visit the Chinmaya Mission Australia <https://www.chinmaya.com.au/our-centres/sydney/>

**Baha'i SRE** is provided by the Baha'i Council for South-Eastern Australia. More information about Baha'i SRE, including the authorised curriculum scope and sequence, please visit the Baha'i Council for South-Eastern Australia <https://bahai.org.au/index.php/what-bahais-do/building-vibrant-communities/spiritual-education-children/bahai-classes-in-state-schools/>

**Special Education in Ethics (SEE)** is provided by Primary Ethics. For more information about SEE, including the authorised curriculum scope and sequence, please visit the Primary Ethics website <https://primaryethics.com.au/about-ethics-classes/our-curriculum/>



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

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

**For all bookings please contact the companies directly.**

**The school has no details to accept bookings or payments**



### **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](mailto:info@phonicshero.com) or 02 8599 2821.

**Happy Reading!**

*Mrs Gwynne*

**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](mailto: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](mailto:krpsuni-formshop@gmail.com)

#### SHOP ROSTER – MONDAYS, 8:30am start

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)

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





# The **Writing** Workshop

## Imagination, Creativity, Brilliant Ideas, New Approaches **Creative Writing**, Wednesday Afternoons at Kent Road PS

*Improve literacy, build confidence, take pride in work,  
develop creativity, increase braininess and have a lot of fun.*

- *Extremely educational: highly engaging creative workshops which build skills and techniques, broaden writing repertoire and make writing enjoyable.*
- *Fabulously fun: new creative writing exercise every week, discussions and oral stories.*
- *Profoundly professional: all workshops led by published authors.*
- *Terrifically tempting: **FREE TRIAL** for new students.*
- *Respectably recognised: we accept **NSW Creative Kids** vouchers. Use yours to save \$100.*
- *Exceptionally experienced: founded in 2006, The Writing Workshop works with schools all over NSW and is accredited by NESAs for teacher professional development.*

### Wednesday afternoons

Years 1-2 ..... 3.15pm-4.10pm (sorry, **BOOKED OUT**)

Years 2-3 ..... 4.15pm-5.10pm (sorry, **BOOKED OUT**)

Years 4-6 ..... 5.15pm-6.10pm (*places available!*)

**Enrol now or try out first.**

[bookings@writingworkshop.com.au](mailto:bookings@writingworkshop.com.au)

Bookings and info: 0468 543 933

[www.writingworkshop.com.au](http://www.writingworkshop.com.au)





# An invitation to visit Epping Boys High School

## Information Afternoon Thursday 20th February 2020 4-6pm



Year 7, Mased Choir  
..... Column Break .....

## Parents and Students Year 7 2021 and 2022

Parents and carers of boys currently enrolled in Years 5 and 6 are warmly invited to attend the school's Information Afternoon in the Edmund Barton Centre.

Epping Boys High School has an outstanding tradition of academic, cultural and sporting achievement.

**4.00pm - 5.00pm**

- → Deputy Principals' presentations
- → Boys to Men Program
- → Student presentation
- → Musical items
- → Question and answer session with senior staff
- → Meet key school personnel

**5.00pm - 6.00pm**

- → Tours of the school

For further information about our school and achievements, please check our website:

<http://www.eppingboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>

Email: [www.eppingboy-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:www.eppingboy-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Address: 213 Vimiera Rd, Eastwood, NSW, 2122

Enrolment enquiries for 2020 are invited to the

Enrolment Officer on 9869 2701 .....