



# KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term One Week 7

Tuesday 10th March 2020

### Important Dates & Notes

PSSA This Friday  
Please visit our  
website for  
locations

Year 5 Antarctica  
Incursion  
Thur 19th Mar

Yr1 Excursion  
Schoolhouse  
Museum  
Thur 26 Mar  
1S, 1K, 1IK  
Fri 27 Mar  
1V, 1H, 1F

Yr3 Overnight  
Excursion  
Wed 1—Thur 2  
April

Yr4 Overnight  
Excursion  
Mon 11—Wed 13  
May

Dear Parents and Carers,

### YEAR TWO ASSEMBLY

The Year Two assembly scheduled for this Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March has been postponed due to concern regarding the coronavirus. I am hoping to have clarification on this matter and the assembly will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

### CORONAVIRUS

The latest update from the NSW Department of Education and NSW Health, issued on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, is available on our school website.

The update states:

1. No child should attend school if they are sick. Children should remain at home until symptoms resolve.
2. Any student or staff member who has returned from China since 1<sup>st</sup> February, Iran since 1<sup>st</sup> March or South Korea since 5<sup>th</sup> March is excluded from school, childcare or work for 14 days.

Parents and/or children who are unwell with flu-like symptoms should phone their doctor or a medical centre to inform them you are unwell and to inquire about procedures for medical assessment.

I have received a large number of emails from parents with suggestions regarding the management of coronavirus. I would like to assure parents that since the beginning of Term One the school has implemented all infection control measures as directed by the NSW Department of Education.

These include:

- Teaching students how and when to wash their hands and the importance of using soap;
- Sneezing or coughing into their elbow or covering their mouths with a tissue;
- Reminding students, whenever possible, to not touch their faces.

It is important that all parents discuss these hygiene practices with their child at home to further reinforce what the teachers are saying at school.

Further information will be passed on to parents as it is received by the school.

### 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.

**SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST – YEAR SEVEN 2021**

Parents of students who registered their Year Six child for the Selective High School Test for entry into Year Seven 2021, are reminded the test will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at Turramurra High School commencing at 9am and will conclude at 1.30pm.

Parents must arrange to transport their child to and from Turramurra High School. Parents must be sure to arrive on time as strict test conditions apply.

**BUILDING UPDATE**

Much progress has been made on the foundations for the first of the three new buildings, and on Saturday a very large crane will be installed on site in preparation for the next exciting phase of the build.

**P&C MEETING**

*The next P&C meeting is on Monday 16 March 2020 at 7:30pm in the school hall (entry via Kent Rd). We welcome all existing and new families to our meetings. The 2020 Executive and Sub-committee teams are now in place and it is a good opportunity to meet each member. It is also a great opportunity to meet other families within the school community and forge new friendships. We look forward to seeing you there!*

***Tell Them From Me*** student feedback survey (Term 1, 2020) I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>  
The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 8 May. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:

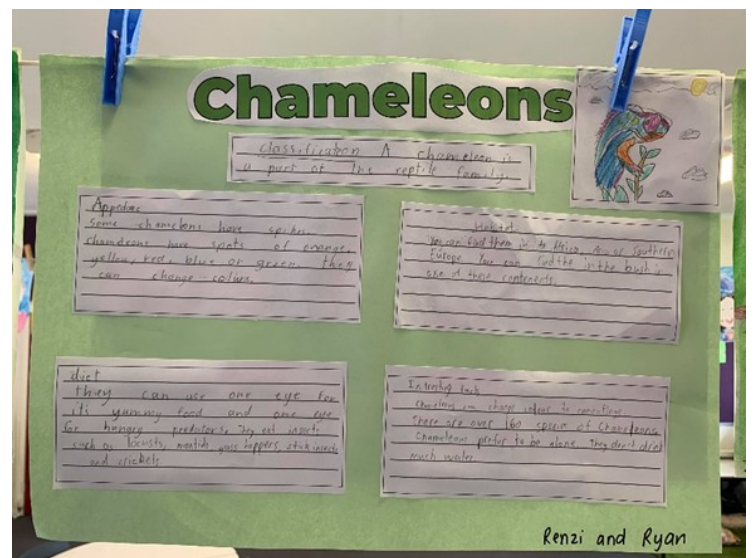
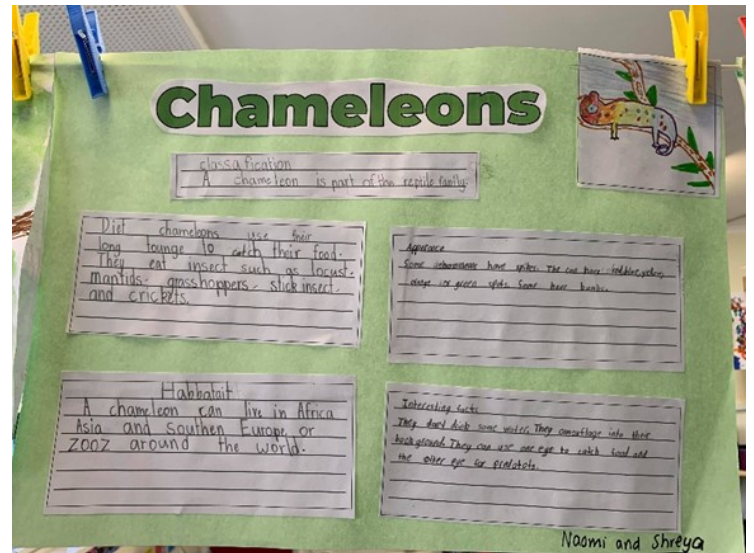
<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

Mr. Harrison

**YEAR TWO NEWS**

In 2S we have been writing information reports about chameleons. First we had to use our clever research skills to find as much important information as we could about these unique animals. We used dot points to summarise the facts that we found. Then we needed to sort our information into sections and turn our dot points into full sentences. Finally we published our work to create these information report posters! Did you know a chameleon can change colour?

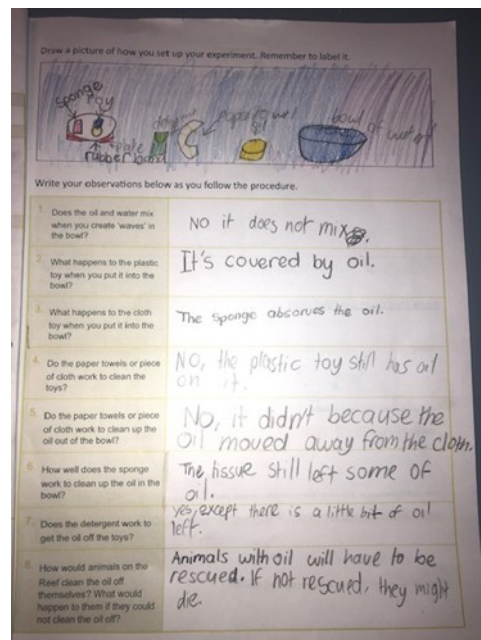
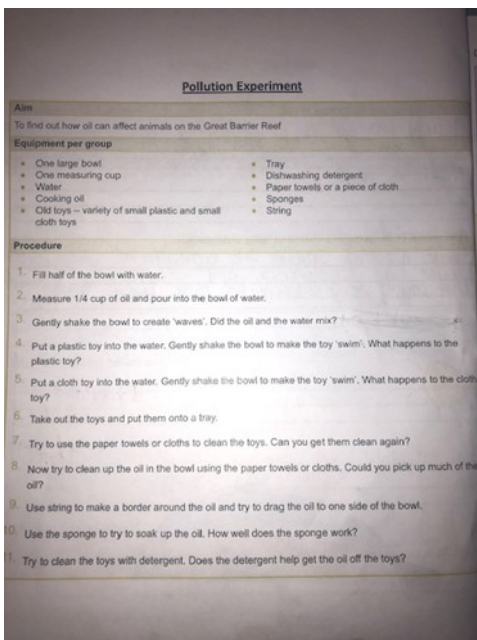
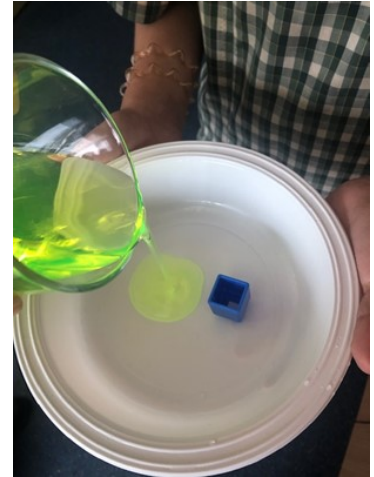


We loved learning about chameleons so much, that we even created these cool chameleon artworks!

## Year 3 love Science Experiments

Year 3 have been busy studying life on the Great Barrier Reef. This lesson was about conducting a pollution experiment to find out how oil can affect animals on the Great Barrier Reef. We mixed oil and water together then added plastic toys. We tried to clean the toys with just a sponge but that did not work, so we had to use detergent to clean the toy properly. This experiment helped the students understand how hard it is to get oil off animals in the Great Barrier Reef and the importance of making sure oil does not go down the sink.

YEAR THREE NEWS



Shop Opening Times - The Kent Road Uniform Shop is **open every Monday of school term from 8.45 until 9.30am.**

**Online Orders-** When placing online orders, please **include your child's class and name with your order** where it asks for your telephone number. Otherwise there could be a delay receiving your order.

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

**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)

#### ***New Items for Available***

Extra small school hats - \$15

Raincoats - \$25. Available in size 4 - 16

#### ***Current Items Out of Stock***

Size 8 sports shorts – these **won't be in stock until April** but all other sizes are available

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

|                   |       |      |            |                    |         |
|-------------------|-------|------|------------|--------------------|---------|
| MON<br>16/03/2019 | Wk 8  | Kate | Shammi     | Anastasia          | Hongmei |
| MON<br>23/03/2019 | Wk 9  | Kate | Praphapron | Anya               | Ramya   |
| MON<br>30/03/2019 | Wk 10 | Kate | Shammi     | <b>HELP NEEDED</b> | Ramya   |
| MON 6/04/2019     | Wk 11 | Kate | Sahar      | Anastasia          | Naomi   |

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

|                 |       |      |         |        |
|-----------------|-------|------|---------|--------|
| 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 |



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