



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term One Week 8

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Important Dates & Notes

PSSA This Friday

Please visit our
website for
locations

postponed

Year 5 Antarctica Inursion

Thur 19th Mar

Yr1 Excursion

Schoolhouse
Museum

Thur 26 Mar

1S, 1K, 1IK

Fri 27 Mar

1V, 1H, 1F

postponed

Yr3 Overnight Excursion

Wed 1—Thur 2
April

postponed

Yr4 Overnight Excursion

Mon 11—Wed 13
May

postponed

Dear Parents and Carers,

To all families of Irish origin, Happy St Patrick's Day! St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and the 17th March is a day of celebration for Irish people all around the world.



SPORTING SUCCESSES

I would like to congratulate the school's swimming team who attended the Ryde Zone Swimming Carnival last week. Kent Road was awarded the Ryde PSSA Boys Champion Swimming Trophy for the second year in a row. Mr Harrison reported every Kent Road student who attended the carnival represented the school, and themselves, to a very high standard with their great swimming achievements and their behaviour on the day.

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the Sydney North Swimming Carnival.

-  Joshua J
-  Jake W
-  Claudia L
-  Liam N
-  Ashley H

A number of other students also qualified for the trials of regional sports teams. I would like to acknowledge the great achievement of these students in reaching this level of the selection process. Congratulations to:

-  Brock and Cooper (Rugby League)
-  Lily and Lucy (Girls Football)
-  James (Basketball)

Unfortunately these Regional competitions, championships and trials have been cancelled due to the fear of spreading the Coronavirus, but that does not take away from the wonderful achievements of each these students.

SCHOOL APP

The school sends regular information to parents via the Skoolbag app. I recommend parents download this app so they can keep up to date with school information.

Here is how to download the app:

Go to the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, search for "SkoolBag" and download the free SkoolBag app. After opening the app, add your school and you're ready to go!

BUILDING UPDATE

Formwork has been installed for the first three storey building and it is currently at the height of the first floor. The foundation pour for the second three storey building, is expected early next week. Excitingly the very large crane was installed on the weekend which will expedite the construction process.

CORONAVIRUS

There is obviously considerable anxiety within the community regarding the spread of the covid19 virus (coronavirus). As well as following the advice of the health authorities to stay well, there are other things we can all do during these stressful times:

Things you can do to support yourself

1. Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting.
2. Take care of your body. Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate. ...
3. Make time to unwind. ...
4. Connect with others.

I hope we can all look for the positives, be kind and help each other through this difficult time. As notified through the Skoolbag app yesterday, we have had to postpone or cancel a number of events on the advice of the NSW Department of Education.

The following school events have been postponed or cancelled:**KINDERGARTEN CONNECTIONS – POSTPONED**

Our Kindergarten team will advise of the new dates for the Kindergarten Connection program next term.

SCHOOL BANDS - POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Our Beginner, Intermediate and Senior Bands practice sessions are cancelled until further notice. Instrument lessons will continue.

RYDE EAST BAND COMPETITION - CANCELLED

Kent Road PS will not participate in this year's Ryde East PS Band Competition.

SCHOOL EXCURSIONS - POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

We are working to re-schedule all school excursions. The following excursions have been postponed:

- Year One Schoolhouse Museum
- Year Three Blue Mountains
- Year Four Morisset

HARMONY DAY PERFORMANCE FRIDAY 20th MARCH - CANCELLED

The planned Harmony Day performance for this Friday has been cancelled. Classes instead will discuss Harmony Day and undertake activities in the classrooms. Students are able to dress in orange, the colour of Harmony Day.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES - POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY – CANCELLED**

The school ANZAC Day assembly as well as the Dawn Service at North Ryde RSL have been cancelled.

EASTER HAT PARADE 9th APRIL - CANCELLED

The K-2 Hat Parade and parent performance has been cancelled. Students may still wish to make a hat to wear at school. The Easter Raffle will be drawn Thursday April

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

As of Friday 20th March all after school extracurricular activities organised by the school will be cancelled until further notice. (VIP Music, Young Engineers, Chinese, Creative Writing, Art)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS – POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**UNIFORM SHOP – CLOSED MONDAYS**

The school uniform shop is closed on Mondays for the rest of Term One. Parents will need to place uniform orders online. Please think about the winter uniform items your child will require for Term Two and place your order now. If an item does not fit it can be returned as long as the tags are still intact.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Our government and health authorities have asked everyone to practice social distancing, that is, ensuring we leave some space between each other, avoid hand contact and not school will remain open until directed by the government that we should close.

1. Students who have returned from overseas must self-isolate for 14 days.
2. Students who are unwell must stay at home.
3. Students who have been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with Coronavirus must self-isolate for 14 days.
4. Teachers who are unwell are also staying at home.
5. Teachers who have recently travelled overseas are self-isolating at home for 14 days.
6. If the school is required to close we will provide access to learning materials to support children at home.
7. **Each parent must decide what is best for their child and family in this situation.**

Measures in place to help control the spread of Coronavirus 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.

HEALTH UPDATE

Parents are advised that we have received a second notification of a student diagnosed with Whooping Cough (Pertussis).

What are the symptoms?

In vaccinated cases pertussis may present as a very mild illness with very few symptoms, for example a mild cough at night.

Some cases may have a more typical presentation including a persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air. Pertussis can cause a severe illness in young children particularly those aged under 6 months.

How is it spread?

Pertussis is usually spread by direct contact with the droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person produced whilst coughing. People at greatest risk of getting the illness are those who have had a considerable amount of face-to-face contact with a person with the disease. Pertussis can occur in people previously vaccinated.

What should parents do?

Anyone developing symptoms should consult their local doctor and mention that there has been a case of pertussis at the school. Parents should consider keeping at home their children with a cough. **Children who are diagnosed with pertussis cough need to stay away from school until they have taken 5 days of a special antibiotic.**

For further information please refer to the NSW Health pertussis factsheet (available from <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/Pertussis.aspx>) or contact your Public Health Unit on 9477 9187

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Parents are asked to donate a chocolate Easter Egg for the school's first fundraiser of the year. Donations can be left at the front office. The eggs will be wrapped into prizes and some lucky families will win a basket of eggs in the raffle draw on

Thursday 9th April 2020.

Students have been given a set of raffle tickets. We ask each family to sell as many tickets as possible. Please return the money and ticket information to the front office. And if you are able to sell more than one book of tickets there will be more available, just ask Mrs Silsby.

The funds raised will be used to purchase school equipment.

Year 1 Drama!

Over the last six weeks in Year 1, children have been taking part in weekly Drama lessons by 'The Drama Toolbox' company. The fast paced and fun filled sessions certainly engaged the children in their learning. The focus has been on social and emotional learning in which stories were brought to life through puppets and drama. The children loved choosing new puppets and characters to act as each week. They have learnt about how to be a good friend, understanding feelings and how to have a growth mindset. It was wonderful to see the children express themselves through drama in such a positive way.

A fantastic start to the year!

YEAR ONE NEWS



It's Road Safety week at Kent Road Public School and Year 2 have been busy learning about protecting themselves when riding and the correct ways to fit a helmet.

Students have been exploring safe ways to ride and deciding what they would do in different scenarios, and what safe choices they should make. They have also learned about safe places to ride, scooter or skate that include the backyard, parks and cycle paths.

21 know the parts of a helmet and how important it is to wear one any time they ride, scooter or skate. They have enjoyed practicing how to fit their own helmet and are ready to get out and cycle with their families.

YEAR TWO NEWS



As part of the Friendly Schools program, Year 3 have been exploring self-esteem. This led 3M to read 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?'. In it, we discovered that self-esteem is a bit like having your own personal bucket. You can fill it with good thoughts and actions to have great self-esteem, or you can empty it with negative thoughts and actions. The best way to fill your own bucket is by filling someone else's bucket.

So, have you filled someone's bucket today?

YEAR THREE NEWS



Zone Swimming Carnival



On Wednesday 11th of March, 25 students represented KRPS at the Zone Swimming Carnival.

Every swimmer dug deep and showed the other schools what KRPS students are made of. We took home many 1st, 2nd and 3rd ribbons, trophies and plenty of smiles.



Claudia L was the runner-up Girls Champion for the day after winning a number of ribbons in her finals.



Joshua J won Boys Champion after winning multiple 1st place ribbons and breaking many records! One record he broke was set in 1994. A day full of outstanding achievements!

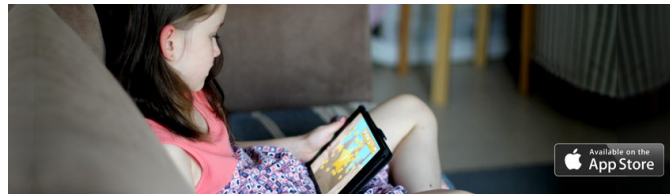


The boys pulled together to win the senior relay by almost a full pool length. With this and receiving places in heats and finals,

KRPS took home the cup for Overall Champion Boys School for the 2nd consecutive year.

Thank you to all swimmers and parents who came to support. It was fantastic to watch!

EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT FOR PHONICS HERO



Dear Parents,

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: 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!

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