

KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Three Week 2

Tuesday 28th July 2020

Important
Dates &
Notes

PSSA This Friday
Please visit our
website for
locations

Yrs2-6 Sports Carnival 20th August

School Photos Wed 9th & Fri 11th September Dear Kent Road Parents and Carers,

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Over the next two weeks class teachers will be holding Parent/Teacher interviews via zoom, or over the phone. Parents can follow the following link to book a time.

To see your class teacher's availability and to make a booking go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Parents can book their interview time by clicking on the "make a booking" button and entering the event code: **4b5e7** from today, Tuesday 28th July.

If you do not have a computer at home or would prefer a phone interview please email the school.

A Zoom link for the interview will be provided in your confirmation email.

Parents of students in KJ, please note, as Miss Hughes conducted Parent-Teacher interviews before she went on leave, there will be no scheduled interviews available for KJ at this time.

GOOD LUCK DEBATING TEAMS

Best wishes to our senior students who are involved in the inter-schools debating competition which is being held remotely this year. Round 2 of the competition will be held on Wednesday 5th August. KRPS Kookaburras and KRPS Kingfishers will debate against two teams from Lane Cove West.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations Miss Hughes! Miss Hughes and her partner are the very proud parents of a beautiful baby girl, Lily Rose, who was born on Saturday. Both mum and baby (and dad) are doing well!

FOCUS on KINDNESS

This week we are continuing our focus on kindness.

Students have been discussing in class what kindness means, and how they can show kindness to their classmates, their parents and families their teachers and other people they come into contact with.

The students' colouring competition finishes on Friday.

If parents would like to investigate the strong minds program there is parent information and resources available at:

https://growingstrongminds.com/my-account/jointeam/3532ef065e81e3b2e416bf867d67b781



ENROLMENT 2021

Enrolment forms for 2021 are now being accepted.

The current exclusion of everyone apart from essential workers from school grounds prevents us from offering our regular Kindergarten school tours, and also has put on hold our plans for Kindergarten Orientation.

Parents who have a child who will commence Kindergarten in 2021, that is a child who will turn five before 31st July, should complete an Application to Enrol form which is available on our website, and also from the front office.

As soon as we have government approval to hold these events we will contact parents who have submitted a form to invite them to one of these sessions.

ESSENTIAL WORKERS ON SITE ONLY

I ask all parents to remind grandparents and carers who collect students from school that the government has directed that only essential workers are allowed on the school grounds at this time. This includes use of the toilets and sitting at the picnic tables. This is for the safety of all children, parents and staff.

Apart from visiting the administration office, walking through to collect Kindergarten and Year One students, and attending the before and after school centre, parents must remain outside the school gates unless approval has been provided.

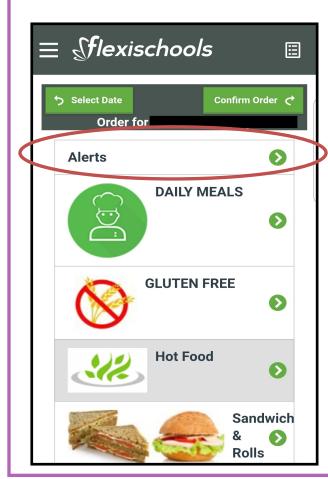
We have a number of activities re-commencing this week, and these providers will escort students to the gate as arranged by the provider. Students must be collected on time as tutors will not be able to wait for late parents.

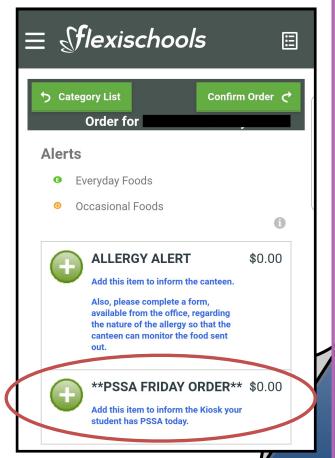
Denise Minifie

Principal

ORDERING LUNCH ON FRIDAYS FOR STUDENTS WHO ATTEND PSSA

Students who attend PSSA and have a lunch order must mark <u>PSSA</u> on their online order as the canteen needs warning to prepare it by midday for collection





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The Kent Road "Kookaburras" debated as the negative team against Hunters Hill Public School on Friday morning. The adjudicator noted the team's use of facts and statistics and thought that their argument that online learning should compliment face-to-face learning was well developed. He also said that the team rebutted the opposition's points well.

Unfortunately, both teams didn't win in this round but both should be proud of their efforts for their first debates. Well done Kent Road debaters!

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Some students in Year 2 have been doing different Maths investigations each Thursday. At the end of last term, they took a look at some medieval castles. They studied different 3D objects and looked at how they could create the gatehouse, walls, turrets and tower of a castle. After that students explored different nets to see how they could make these different objects. They needed to create a plan and work together to create a castle of their own. Some groups had to try a few different ideas before they came up with one that was strong enough. Everyone was very excited with their finished products!





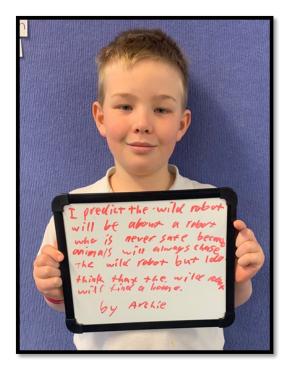


Year 3 love to read. This term we are reading The Wild Robot by Peter Brown.

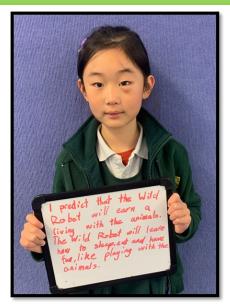


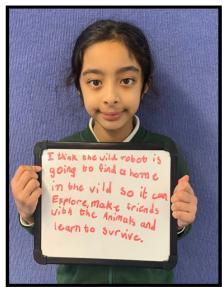
Before reading we used one of our Super Six comprehension strategies. The strategy that we used was predicting. Predicting is when we think about what is going to happen in the text.

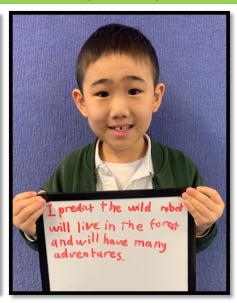
Here are some of our wonderful predictions:

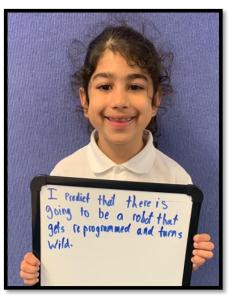


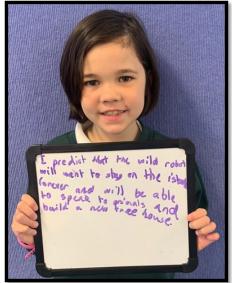
















At the end of Term 2, Year 6 students created a newspaper article to explain what occurred at the end of Term 1 and beginning of Term 2.

They placed themselves in the role of an investigative journalist and interviewed some teachers and students to find out what people believe is better for student learning - Online Home Learning or Face-to-Face School Learning.

Here are some examples of 6P newspaper articles. Each finished product truly looked like an article worthy of being published in The Sydney Morning Herald.

The Royal Gazette

Alicia

26/06/2020

School VS Home Learning

Staying home has been one of the many situations everyone has been stuck doing in the times of Covid-19. Most students in NSW have already started school again, so we decided to interview some Kent Road Public School students to rate and retell their experience during lockdown. Online learning has taken place from Wk 9 Term 1 - Wk 4 Term 2 for these students. But will it be the last time they use online learning?

Home learning was designed to keep students inside, to stop the spread of coronavirus and to keep everyone safe. Students kept in contact with teachers while completing work and assignments given to them through google classroom. Here's one student who said online learning was quite helpful: "I absolutely do not regret online learning at all. It was simple and easy to log into your account. while also taking breaks whenever necessary", they complimented. Home learning was effective and was much more efficient when it came to having eating breaks and getting out to do some exercise or sport. Some students even said that they would rather learn from home even after the pandemic. However, Kent Road are one of the many schools that are still using online classrooms and websites to assign work, mark work, and to let students work at home as well. However, some people thoroughly disagree



Student learning Maths at home on an ipad



Students learning at school.

Some students say that home learning was very disadvantageous to get work done on time because they were continuously distracted by games, websites, and other activities at home. Screen time also affected students quite an immense amount as they got an average of over 6hrs per day of screen time which is already more than the average time of a normal child that should spend on devices. "Online school was a disgrace! I had no internet in my house, the webinar was lagging by a mile, and the work was not properly explained." commented a Year 6 student. The student elucidated that many children do not have the privilege of their own laptop or computer, meaning that they had to share with their family. Furthermore, the internet was very slow especially at this time when all families are staving home. This means that schoolwork was inaccessible and the students could not ask questions about their homework. Students were also given too many breaks, which meant only a small amount of time to actually fully concentrate on work in school hours.

To conclude this interview, school learning is still prioritised and should be used instead of online learning. Although they kept students and home due to Covid-19, it

is slowly easing down so school learning should be used full-time to make sure students' eyes don't get damaged or their brain has slowed down due to home learning.



Computers and online devices harming students.

Sunrise Daily Gazette

Claire Yang

25/06/2020

Best and Worst Year of Our Lives-Schooling in 2020

The year started out brilliantly with PSSA sports blasting off to a great start and assemblies running smoothly. Then disaster struck as Year 6 students were forced to learn from their homes the COVID-19 pandemic spread through the world like a snake slithering through a jungle. From Week nine, Term One to Week four, Term Two, our students have been enjoying learning/working from home. Or did they?

Online learning, better known as 'Home Learning' was introduced as schools closed down all over Australia. KRPS students moved to their homes to continue their education where they were isolated and 'safe' from the growing pandemic and reporters. Some parents on the other disaster. We interviewed some students and parents from Year 6 to hear their opinions. One learning because they could catch-up on student who asked to remain anonymous stated that he enjoyed online learning because he had 'freedom' and could work at your own pace and order. This is quite important because at school you are usually pressured to finish your work in a mere half an hour or so. However, a parent informed us that her child in Year 6 did not have the correct and enough equipment to carry out the requested tasks such as a printer, internet connection and a computer. They were forced to visit the school grounds/campus every two weeks or so to collect a 'paper package' that would be similar to what the students DID have enough equipment to work online or from home. This affects the student's learning and results in them being behind their fellow peers in most subjects. Another parent commented that his child was actually not doing his assigned work but



Students Working in a Classroom

was actually playing online games. "It is simply unacceptable," he had told our hand have very much enjoyed home what their child had been learning during school and provided the strongly needed parent support'.

What about the part when they are back in their classrooms and undertaking face to face lessons? As the pandemic ceased in Australia and the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths dropped gradually, the government announced a 'steady' return to school. First, being at school one day a week. Then, bit by bit, Year 6 was back to school the whole time (five days a week). We interviewed some students, parents and teachers to ask for their opinion on school learning. One student claimed that he felt much more pressured and stressed. This proves the fact that some students

were indeed behind on their work whilst working online. Others were extremely happy as they had not formally socialised in quite a long time. During the time in home learning, teachers made online slideshows, documents and PDFs to 'attempt' to copy what was at school. One teacher thought that it was much easier when the students were back at school because they could choose to print things out for the students too. Another big issue was that the sporting program (PSSA) was back and students could get outside and get active. This strongly influenced their health and well-being because during online learning, students would sit at a chair and stare at a computer screen all day long.

Which one was better? Which one was more effective? Which one was more fun and exciting? Those are the questions that Year 6 students at KRPS (Kent Road Public School) are often asked. Obviously, it was school learning that was better in many different ways, right? What do you



Kent Road Public School Badge/Logo



Student and Parent Working from from Home

Andwering Life's Most Asted Questions

Emily Lexi Lamont

25/06/2020

Online learning ٧S

School learning

Home learning or school learning? Home learning started week 9, term 1 to week 4 term 2 (202)Life was a lot different since it just came out of nowhere, we spent all day every day stuck inside our homes.all students of KRPS year 6, had to adjust with the new schooling life

It was challenging for parents to go to work because they had to look after students to keep them focused and on task, it wasn't all bad, KRPS student were going the option and opportunity to reschedule there day to wherever they feel comfortable. One year 6 student said, "online learning was hard because it was hard to do group projects easier to concentrate and stay on task since it was ahr dot connect with other students, although, the teachers set up fun tasks on google classroom and we were able to ask question to the teachers on adobe connect, a platform that lets us type questions to teachers and also be able to or interacting activities which is hard when see the teachers face and being able to ur at school! We also had to wash our have feedback from them, which made me hands every time we left and came into the feel much more comfortable with my work,"



This is a KRPS student doing a zoom call with her class and feacher, while online learning



Teacher communicating with her KRPS year 6 class

student said form school, "school learning is a lot different, since less than half the class was missing, but it was last since the noise level was close to silent," school learning was also a bit hard since the small of hand sanitiser that was all over our hands distracted us! We also had to social distance which means no hand ball classroom.

At school students also had to wine down tables every afternoon before they left for hometime.. When it hit 2:50pm all year 6 would head out to the basketball court to then be let out gate by gate. It was also different because parents were not allowed past the gate/ school ground to keep all students safe! The positives to online learning was, you could have snacks whenever, and at school lunches/recesses was a lot longer which was good!So it is without a doubt that online learning is obviously better than school learning because you aren't rushed to finish work but given the time to go over time and finish any work you didn't do, which made it much easier to make your work great



Two different classrooms during online learning.

The Scholarty Feed

Max Yang 29.06.20

Education in 2020 - Online vs FtF

KRPS students endured online learning from the end of Term 1 to the beginning of Term 2 From further investigation, we have found that this is due to the recent COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak that commenced late December last year. Although the virus has not impacted Australia as much compared to other countries, the Australian Government has imposed self-isolation laws to stop the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. Social distancing laws were also enforced upon the Australian population due to concerns about the possibility of the virus spreading further and due to concerns about the population's health. During the lockdown, students were reported to have attended a virtual classroom via adobe connect. Through thorough investigation and interviewing, we have collected some pros and cons of online and school learning. We have also interviewed some of the teachers involved in online learning. We explored hardships in running the online lessons as well as the successes and good parts about online learning. We also discussed whether or not online learning should return as well as why or why not. What do you think?



Students learnt from home during the lockdown.



Online learning lasted from the end of T1 to the start of T2.

Max says: 'Face to Face learning is more interactive than online learning and is a lot more physically active.' On the other hand, Dylan claimed: 'Online Learning is a lot more comfortable than Face to Face learning because we get to learn in bed.' We have also reported that many students agree that Face to Face learning includes teamwork activities. Although STEAM and Team Sports are impossible to do during online classes, Online classes have been observed as more productive by the students because they could control their schedule and could catch up on unfinished assignments if they had finished an activity early. On the other hand, Ayeesha quotes: 'Face to Face learning is better than online learning because we get to do sports activities on Friday and, we get to play with friends during lunch.' Then, Alex says: 'Online learning is way better than Face to Face learning because we can play video games at lunch!

For teachers, they have stated the following. Mr Perez says: 'online learning is very easy to set up and distribute work and that Online learning is better than not learning during the virus outbreak. The only flaw about online education is that once the students have received the work. it is very difficult to forward flaws in their work and online learning lacks the key interactivity that FtF learning capitalises on.' In other words, Mr Perez claimed that online learning is easy to set up but is not as interactive as face to face learning. For other roles, like Principal, online learning was reported to be harder to manage because teachers were harder to contact and technical errors are always present. Creating the worksheets for book club were said to be quite easy. The first bunch of papers were time-consuming to make but ever worksheet after that one was copied and updated to match the book and date. Sometimes colours were changed and sometimes topics were changed.

For another article on reading vs tv, click here

(Disclaimer: all links may not be complete)



Teachers were still involved during online learning



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If you follow these simple tips, it could save your life or the lives of others:

Cross at pedestrian lights or zebra crossings where they are available. Wait for the light to turn green and check for cars before stepping out.

Do not look at your phone or electronic devices when crossing the road under any circumstances. It's simply not worth the risk

Be aware of your surroundings especially when wearing headphones, as you may not hear cars approaching.

Hold a child's hand when they cross the road. Use crossing the road as an opportunity to teach them about road safety.









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注意自己周圍的路況,特別是當你帶著耳機的時候,因為你可能聽不見 車輛駛近的聲音

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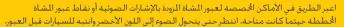






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