



# KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Four Week 4

Tuesday 26 October 2021

### Important Dates & Notes

**PSSA This  
Friday**  
Please visit our  
website for  
locations

Dear Kent Road Parents and Carers,

It is wonderful to have our students back at school! We have missed the sounds of excited chatter and laughter in our classrooms and the playground. We understand some students, and parents, are anxious about the return to school after such a long absence, but teachers have commented on how settled students are in their classrooms and how happy they are to see their classmates.

We will need the support of all parents to ensure students return to school is safe. Please do not send children to school if they are unwell. Please remember to physically distance at drop off and pick up.

**Masks are no longer compulsory outdoors** for students, staff or parents however students are encouraged to wear a mask indoors, and adults must wear a mask indoors under current restrictions.

### FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – WORLD TEACHERS DAY (AUSTRALIA)

World Teachers' Day is a chance to recognise and celebrate the incredible contributions teachers have made to our community. Never has there been a more challenging year for teachers in Australia than 2021.

This year, teachers have continued to show their resilience, leadership and adaptability throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers have adapted their learning environments, and supported their students and school communities.

Teachers have received many expressions of thanks over the past months, and I would like to share one of these, as it sums up perfectly how hard our teachers in all grades have worked over the past few months.

Dear Ms Minifie,

Could you please forward this email to all the Kindergarten teachers.

Dear Kinder teachers,

I am \_\_\_\_\_ grandmother. My husband and I have been home schooling on Mondays and Thursdays.

I am in awe of the exceptional job that the Kindergarten teachers have done. There has been such a feeling of joy and wonder in all the activities and the comradery between teachers is so evident.

I was a K-2 teacher for many years and I am well aware of the workload of teachers. One of the best ways to ease this workload is to work together and thus share the load. Kent Road Kindergarten teachers seem to be a wonderful example of this. They are so professional and competent and loving.

I am so impressed with \_\_\_\_\_ reading and with the high standard of expectations.

It has been a very challenging year for schools and teachers.

We do appreciate all your hard work and commitment.

Thankyou from the bottom of our hearts,  
(grandparents)

### Term Dates 2021

Term 4  
5/10/21—16/12/21

Last day for students  
Wednesday  
16th December 2021

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of every child's first teachers – their parents – for everything parents have done to support their children during learning from home. Many parents have expressed that the online lessons have provided them insight into how teachers deliver learning and this has helped them to help their child at home. Early indicators from assessments being undertaken demonstrates students have made pleasing progress over the 17 weeks at home. Thank you parents and grandparents! The past 17 weeks has proven that when we, parents, families and teachers, work together we can achieve great things!

## STAFF NEWS

### MISS NIGHTINGALE

On Friday we will farewell Miss Nightingale as she leaves us to prepare for the birth of her baby. Miss Nightingale has been a wonderful addition to the Kindergarten team and a strong contributor to the whole school team. Whilst KN students, and the staff, will be sad to say goodbye to Miss Nightingale we are very excited to meet her baby in the future.

Thank you for everything you have done for your students Miss Nightingale!

Ms Amanda Tarleton, who has been working as a support teacher with Kindergarten, will teach KN for the remainder of the year, and will work closely with Miss Field to ensure continuity for the children.



### MR VOGELS

Mr Vogels has been seconded to work with the NSW Department of Education in a data analysis role for the next 18 months. We wish him all the best for this new role, and thank him for everything he has done for his class this year.

Miss Sarah Dahdah will teach 1V for the rest of the year. Miss Dahdah has been working with Year One students during the learning at home period, and is familiar with the students. She has been looking forward to meeting them in person and is excited to share the teaching with Mrs Sarti.

### KISS AND RIDE ZONE

**Parents are reminded that we all have a responsibility to be safe drivers and safe pedestrians.** Parking rangers have attended the school in the past week. Illegal U-turns across double lines, speeding, stopping in No Stopping zones are behaviours which place everyone at risk, and will incur a fine and loss of demerit points.

#### KISS AND RIDE ZONE

Kiss and Ride Zones are designed for your convenience and for your child's safety. They are designed for quick entry and exit, these zones minimise congestion and risk when used properly by all parents and carers.

These zones operate under the same conditions as no parking zones, which means **you may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes. You're required to remain in, or within 3 metres of, your vehicle.**

**Observe No Parking Signs:** You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. **Failure to observe these rules can get you a \$191 fine and 2 demerit points.**

**Observe No Stopping Signs:** Do not stop for any reason. The first 10m from an intersection is a No Stopping zone. Yellow kerb lines are also no stopping zones. **Failing to observe these rules can get you a \$344 fine and 2 demerit points.**

**Pedestrian Crossings:** In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing. **It is unsafe to let your child out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone. Failure to observe these rules can get you a \$457 fine and 2 demerit points.**

**Driveways and Footpaths:** **do no park on/ across a driveway or footpath. Failure to observe these rules can get you a \$344 fine and 2 demerit points.**

**Double Parking:** Double parking is illegal and very dangerous in a school zone and will get you a fine of \$344 and 2 demerit points.

**U turns:** Illegal U turns in a school zone are dangerous and will get you a fine of \$344 and 2 demerit points.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM – PLEASE ORDER NOW

The school uniform shop remains closed except for online orders.

A member of the school's administration staff, Mrs Hogan, will pack online orders and notify parents when they are ready to be collected from the front office. Please note, we are waiting for deliveries of white polo shirts in most sizes. New supplies are expected within the next few weeks.

Items that are not the correct size can be returned if the tag is still attached.

I encourage parents who anticipate their child will need new uniform items for Term One 2022 to **place your order as soon as possible**. The suppliers of school uniform are experiencing significant delays with items coming from overseas and the best way of ensuring your child will have the school uniform items they need is to place an order now.

Parents of children starting Kindergarten in 2022 can place an online order for uniform items or a Kindergarten pack.

## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION 2022

Parents who have submitted an application for Kindergarten 2022 can now book two orientation visits for their child. The visits will allow children the opportunity to become familiar with the classrooms, playground and teachers and give them an opportunity to meet other children starting school in 2022.

Only children who have been enrolled are permitted to attend.

Parents are asked to submit an online application which can be accessed from our school website at

<https://kentroad-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Click on the **Enrolment** tab to find the link to the enrolment form. Parents can also book their two orientation visits on the school website.

## OC TEST – YEAR FOUR

The new date for the Year Four Opportunity Class test is 17<sup>th</sup> November. Parents who applied for their child to sit this test will have received notification of this date. The OC test will be an online test which students undertake at school on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

## CANTEEN

At this stage, the canteen will remain closed for the remainder of Term 4 to facilitate safe supervision of students in the playground. Students will need to bring morning tea and lunch each day.

## ASSEMBLY

As we are currently under Level 3+ restrictions schools are not permitted to have assemblies. Parents will be advised when we are able to resume assemblies, and we will make a plan for the presentation of gold medals should assemblies not be permitted this year.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Under level 3+ restrictions non-essential activities are not permitted. School photos are classified as non-essential. The school is investigating other options for class photos and will advise parents when we have more information.

## NO SHARING OF FOOD (birthday treats)

Unfortunately, birthday cakes, cupcakes, unwrapped lollies etc are not permitted to be shared at school at this time.

### PLAYGROUND UPGRADES

Our Kindergarten students were excited to discover their new playground installations which was created during Term Three.

Timber structures were also installed in the lower playground for senior students. Many thanks to Timber Creations, the company who created and installed the equipment.

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### BEFORE SCHOOL DROP OFF ARRANGEMENTS – SO FAR SO GOOD!

**Students must not arrive at school before 8.35am unless attending OOSH.**

All gates will be open for students to enter the school but will be locked from 9.06am. Students arriving after the 9.05am bell will need to enter via the administration office gate on Kent Road. **Parents are not permitted to enter school grounds unless attending OOSH.**

### AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS – PLEASE SEE CHANGES FOR KENT ROAD PICK-UP

At the end of the school day students will be dismissed between **3.00pm-3.10 pm**. Yesterday with all students back at school, gates 1, 4 and 5 worked well. Due to the crowds at gates 2 and 3, we will trial Year Two waiting outside the gate near the old kiss and ride zone. Parents are asked to wait on the grass near the road side and allow space for students to exit the gates.

Older brothers and sisters will be sent to their youngest sibling's class, and wait (at a distance from the group to minimise interaction) to be collected.

Years Two-Six	<p>Students in Years 2-6 will leave via the gate which has been nominated by parents. <b>All parents of children in Years 2-6 must establish with their child/children which gate they will collect them from, and not change it as this causes confusion.</b></p> <p><b>Students exiting from gates 2 and 3 will wait to be collected outside the gate in designated areas.</b></p>
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**\*\* Students should be collected by 3.10pm.** Parents who have difficulty collecting their child at 3.10pm are asked to book their child into OOSH. Teachers are required to attend meetings directly after school finishes and are not available to supervise students after 3.10pm.

**\*\*\*** Teachers are not available to meet with parents in person at this time. Should parents need to speak with your child's teacher please email the school to request a phone interview.

### CHILDREN WHO DO NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL

Parents will be able to access the NSW Department of Education's online lessons, available at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home/learning-packages>

Class teachers will not be able to assist with this work as they will be teaching the students who are at school.

Students who do not return to school who have a medical certificate will be recorded as sick.

Students who do not return to school who do not have a medical certificate will be recorded as absent as per the NSW Department of Education's guidelines.

*Denise Minifie*

Principal

Dear Parents,



## Home Delivery is now available

Welcome to Term 4 and a special Home Edition of Book Club!

Issue 7 will be a BUMPER CHRISTMAS issue available from 25th October.

In the meantime, there is a **special digital Issue 8 catalogue** just for you to keep your children inspired to read and learn with delivery direct to the home.

Please note:

Home delivery will be \$7.50.

Your home delivery order will earn your school 10% in Scholastic Rewards.

Orders should be delivered within 2 weeks.

Issues 7 & 8 Scholastic Book Club catalogues will be available online only. All orders must be placed and paid for via the Scholastic LOOP website or phone App.

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Ordering due date is the 3rd December.

Thanking you for your continued support with Book Club purchases.