



# KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## BLUE GUM NEWS

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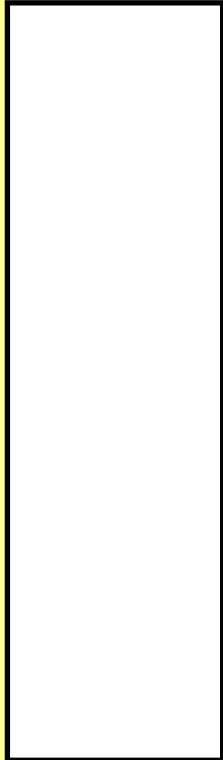
Term Four Week 6

Tuesday 9 November 2021

### Important Dates & Notes

#### PSSA This Friday

Please visit our  
website for  
locations



#### Term Dates 2021

Term 4

5/10/21—16/12/21

Last day for students

Wednesday

16th December 2021

Dear Kent Road Parents and Carers,

Last week a number of changes to the NSW Public Health Orders were announced. The NSW Department of Education has updated the current requirements for all schools in NSW which came into effect from yesterday, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Schools have moved to Level 3 from Level 3+.

I ask parents to read the following summary of the changes which are expected to be in place for the remainder of the 2021 school year. I will keep parents informed if there are further changes.

From the NSW Department of Edu-	Implications for KRPS
Students, staff and visitors must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms.	This requirement is the same as Level 3+. Thank you parents for keeping your child at home when unwell and sending us covid test results.
All staff and adult visitors on the school site must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination.	<b>Parents and carers must check in using the school QR code, show proof of vaccination on entry to the school site and follow mask-wearing requirements if attending an interview, school event or meeting with a teacher.</b>  Parents/carers who come onto the school site for a very short period of time <b>do not</b> need to be vaccinated. This could include picking up a sick child, dropping off a forgotten lunch etc. The parent/carer should minimise contact, follow physical distancing rules and leave the school site as quickly as possible
Masks are required indoors for all staff, adult visitors and are strongly recommended indoors for primary students. Masks can be removed when eating or exercising.	This remains the same as before.
Adults should maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.	Parents and carers should follow the physical distancing advice and avoid gathering outside the school gates.
Activities and events should be held outdoors where practical.	Gold medals will be presented outdoors at grade assemblies each week. A photo of each child will be taken and placed in the school newsletter.
Students should avoid mingling with other class and year groups when moving around the school.	Scripture and Ethics can resume however students must remain with their cohort, and cannot be grouped across grades. We will work with Scripture and Ethics volunteers to develop a plan for the remainder of the term.
Assemblies and presentations are allowed outdoors, with cohorts separated and physical distancing in place.	A Presentation Assembly will be held for each grade at Kent Road PS. At this stage parents are not permitted to attend however we will stream the presentation if possible.

Community use is allowed outside of school hours (including P&C meetings) with COVID-safe plans in place – in line with public health requirements. After school extra curricular activities can resume but students are not permitted to be in mixed grade groups and activities are encouraged to be held outdoors.	All parents attending the P&C meeting must show evidence of being fully vaccinated and QR code.  The school will work with extra-curricular providers to develop a covid-safe plan for activities when they resume.
Dancing, bands, ensembles and music classes will be allowed within cohorts (class/grade groups). Singing and chanting are not permitted in Term 4.	K-6 Music lessons with Miss Lee and Miss Koeferl resumed this week.  Our school bands will continue lessons and band rehearsals online for the remainder of Term 4.
Incursions are allowed indoors and outdoors where cohorts are kept separate.	The school is investigating a 'fun day'/party day for the last week of term.
Graduations are allowed within cohorts, either on school sites or at external venues – with COVID-safe plans in place and physical distancing adhered to.	Our Year Six farewell will take place at school on Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December.  Fully vaccinated parents and guests may attend for the presentation of graduation certificates and cutting of the cake.
Transitions and orientations are allowed in a COVID-safe way that minimises mingling between students.	Kindergarten 2022 Orientation will take place as previously announced – for students who are enrolled. Parents must sign on and show proof of vaccination.  Year 7 transition programs are now being offered by some local high schools. More information is expected soon.
Fully vaccinated parents and carers will be allowed on-site to support curriculum delivery, student well-being activities and school operations (for example reading support, canteens and <b>uniform shops</b> ). Parents and carers must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination on entry to the school site.	Due to the size of our uniform shop and the mandatory physical distancing requirements, online orders will continue for the next few weeks.

### STUDENT VACCINATIONS

There is currently no approved vaccine in Australia for children under 12 years of age.

As with the regular School Vaccination Program (for diseases such as Rubella), parental consent is required for each student receiving a covid vaccination, currently this is only available to students 12 years and over. Vaccination for students is not mandatory. Please note that this program is **not** occurring with primary schools.

### STUDENT LEADERS 2022

Next week we will begin the process of electing student leaders for 2022. Year Five students will be invited to nominate their peers, or themselves; Year Five students will then vote to determine the ten girls and ten boys who will move to the next stage of the process. Following this, the twenty contenders will prepare a speech at school which they will present to students in Years 4-6, who will then vote for the Student Leadership team for 2022.

Parents are not permitted to attend but we hope to film each individual student's speech and make it available to the student's parents.

### KISS AND RIDE ZONE

Kiss and Ride Zones are designed for your convenience and for your child's safety. 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.**

**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.

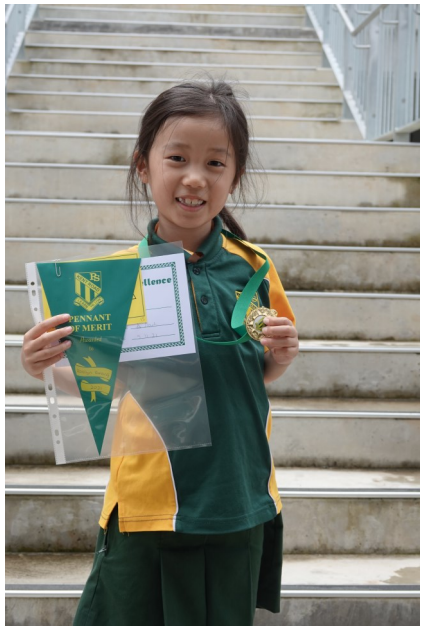
**NO SHARING OF FOOD (birthday treats)**

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

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## Are you thinking about joining the band in 2022?

We are seeking interest from students in Years 2-5.

### Q. Where/when do I have my weekly instrumental lessons?

Lessons occur before or after school in classrooms.

### Q. Do I need prior musical experience?

Anyone can join the band, whether you already play an instrument or not.

### Q. How much does it cost?

Weekly group lessons cost \$20 per student for 30 mins. Weekly individual lessons usually cost around \$30-35 per student for 30 mins. If you join the band in Term 2 2022, further band fees will apply.

### Q. What instruments can I choose from?

Flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, keyboards, bass guitar and percussion (drum kit and other percussion instruments).

### Q. Where can I hire an instrument?

You will be able to hire an instrument from the school. If you wish to buy an instrument, we recommend *In Tune Music* shop, *Turramurra Music* shop or *Mall Music Macquarie*.

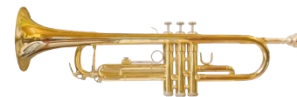
### Q. What do I need to commit to?

Band students need to be committed to weekly lessons, home practice, taking care of their instrument and being punctual to band rehearsals.

### Q. Why join the band?

Playing in a band can contribute to a student's development of team spirit, self-esteem, social interaction, self-discipline, and responsibility. Plus, it's a lot of fun!

# BAND PROGRAM 2022



## Term 4 2021

### Instrument selection

Students who are interested in joining our band in 2022 will make 3 preferences for their band instrument.

You will soon receive a band note from Miss Lee and Miss Koeferl.

## Term 1 2022

### Instrument Try-out

Students are given the opportunity to try an instrument through weekly instrumental lessons before deciding if they'd like to join the Junior Band in Term 2.

## Term 2 2022

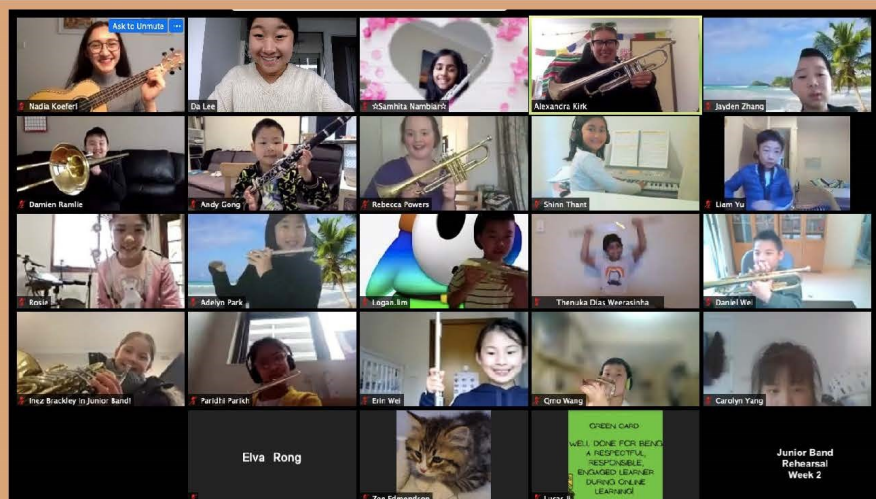
### Junior band starts

A weekly junior band rehearsal will be held every Thursday from 7:45am-8:45am in the hall.

Weekly instrumental tuition is compulsory for all band students.



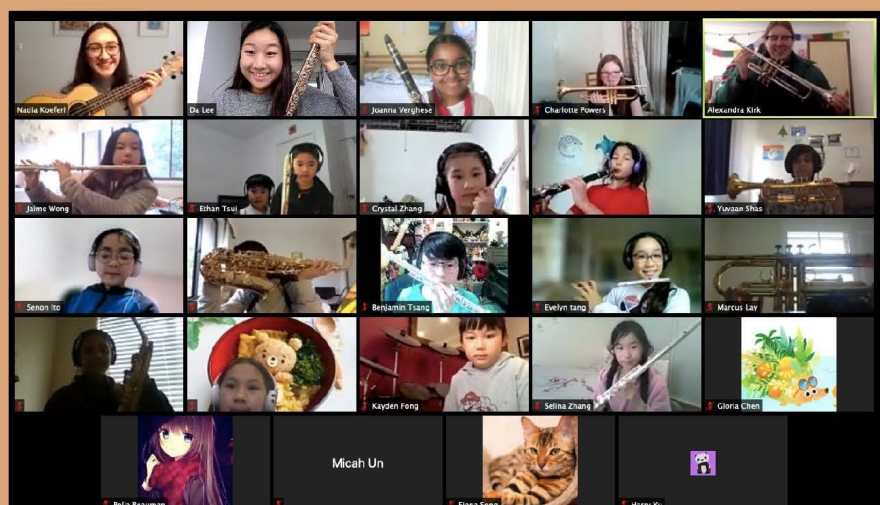
# Let's BAND together



Junior Band



Intermediate Band



Senior Band

Although COVID restrictions have changed the way that Junior, Intermediate and Senior ensembles have rehearsed in 2021, our students have done an excellent job at remaining enthusiastic, committed and punctual whilst meeting on ZOOM each week. We have had an immense amount of fun preparing new pieces, playing games, performing solos and talking about all things music related!

I would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful band members for demonstrating their best KRPS behaviour every week. I am incredibly proud of what you have achieved throughout this year, and although I will miss our virtual HIGH 5's, I cannot wait to see you when we return face-to-face!

I consider myself the luckiest conductor in the world being able to work alongside such talented musicians such as yourselves.

Conductor, Alex Kirk

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.

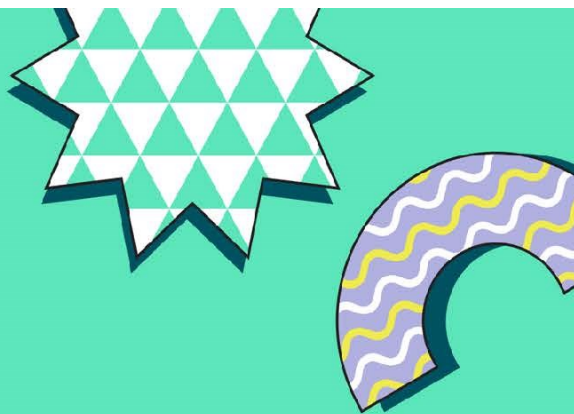
<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Ordering due date is the 3rd December.

Thanking you for your continued support with Book Club purchases.

# Newsletter

OSHC, Kent Road Public School



## A message from the Manager

Dear parents, we have seen an increase in the number of children attending the service this past few weeks. We are taking every measure to make their 'play and learn' journey with us safe and above all an incredible one, with much joy and fun that supports their development and growth.

Please note, for your convenience, we will be open until the 24<sup>th</sup> of December 2021 and will resume our service on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2022. Please check our holiday programs and register with us ASAP to reserve your child's spot.

## Decorations for Halloween!



## Highlights from 25<sup>th</sup> Oct to 5<sup>th</sup> Nov

### Our daily skits!



**We are promoting children values as per our parent's feedback!**

# We also serve the community; therefore, we are accepting children from other schools during the school holiday period indicated above!

### Our weekly recycling activity!



### Decorations for Diwali celebration!

