



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term One Week 2

Friday 5th February 2021

Important
Dates &
Notes

Dear Kent Road Parents and Carers,

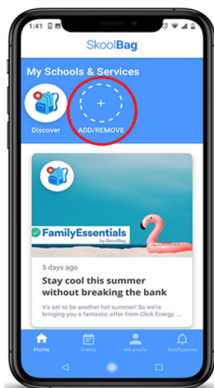
Each week, usually on a Tuesday, the school issues a newsletter via our school website and the school app.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

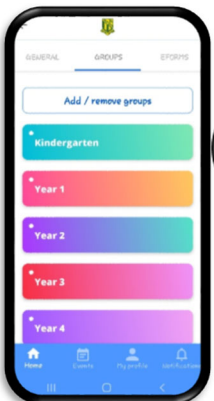
The school sends regular information to parents via the Skoolbag app. We recommend parents download this app so they can keep up to date with school information.

Here is how to download the app:

Search for the “SkoolBag” app  in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and download the free SkoolBag app.



After opening the app, add your school(s) and you're ready to go!



Tap the Kent Road button to add the groups you are interested in

Should you not be able to download the app there will be a few paper copies of the newsletter kept at the front office for parents to collect.

STUDENTS WHO ARE UNWELL

Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste, and loss of smell), **even mild symptoms, should not be at school.**

For people who are unwell with respiratory symptoms, **a negative COVID-19 test result must be received and sighted by the school.**

Parents who choose to not allow their child to undertake a COVID test or provide the school with a negative COVID-19 test result, must keep their child home from school for 10 days.

I also ask parents to please maintain physical distance during drop off and pick up to ensure the safety of students, parents and staff.

WELCOME TO 2021!

I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing holiday and a great start to 2021. Our school year had a hectic start but it has been great fun as well as we explore our new buildings and playground spaces. All classes are settling well into their new learning environment, and the students are loving learning in the new spaces.

The classroom spaces are designed to foster interaction between classes, support individual, small and large group learning, and offer a learning environment which provides natural light and a connection with the outdoors which promotes a sense of calm. What lucky students to have such a great environment in which to study.

As soon as we are allowed under covid regulations, we will invite parents into the classroom spaces. In the meantime, parents can have a peek inside our classrooms by visiting:

schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au (Scroll down to see a short video and photos)

FOOD ALLERGIES

A number of Kent Road students have food allergies, particularly to nuts. Being exposed to nuts, let alone eating nuts, can pose a significant health risk.

If parents choose to send a treat to school for their child to share with their class on their birthday, parents must ensure the treat does not contain nuts. Should food contain nuts unfortunately it will need to be returned to parents. I ask parents to be very mindful of this so that we can keep all students safe.

DROP OFF and PICK UP PROCEDURES

Parents are reminded the school day starts at 9.05am and finishes at 3.10pm. Students may enter the school from any gate however students who arrive after 9.05am must enter the school via Kent Road and collect a late note before proceeding to class.

At the end of the school day, we aim to pack up and be at the gates for dismissal by 3.10pm.

Over the past few days we have been trialling and refining our drop off and pick up procedures, and our morning procedures are working well. The afternoon pick-up is challenging but our procedures have improved each day. I thank parents for their support and understanding. Your kind words are much appreciated.

Parents of all students in Years 3-6 are asked to wait outside the school. Parents of students in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two are allowed to enter the school grounds. This is a Department of Education covid requirement.

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| Kindergarten | <p>Kindergarten parents can enter the school grounds from 3pm to collect their child from the Kindergarten classrooms.</p> <p>Parents are asked to leave promptly after collecting their child, and to not congregate in groups within school grounds.</p> <p>Older siblings will be directed to wait with their brother or sister at the Kindergarten rooms.</p> |
| Year One | <p>Year One parents can enter the school grounds from 3pm to collect their child from outside R block.</p> <p>Parents are asked to leave promptly after collecting their child, and to not congregate in groups within school grounds.</p> <p>Older siblings will wait with their brother or sister at the Year One area outside R block.</p> |
| Year Two | <p>Year Two parents can enter the school grounds from 3.05pm to collect their child from under the new shelter structure outside the library.</p> <p>Parents are asked to leave promptly after collecting their child, and to not congregate in groups within school grounds.</p> <p>Older siblings will wait with their brother or sister under the shelter.</p> |
| Year Three – Year Six | <p>Students in Years Three – Six with a younger sibling, will be sent to wait with their youngest brother or sister; All other students in Years 3-6 will be escorted by a teacher to their exit gate by 3.10pm.</p> <p>Due to the crowd at Gate 3 (the new main gate), students who walk home or meet parents outside the school will now exit via Gate 2, which is behind the assembly hall.</p> |

Band 2021

1. Annual Band Fee \$180
 Wind/brass hire \$260
 Percussion maintenance \$85
 Keyboard maintenance \$85

2. **First rehearsal dates.**
 Senior Band: Tuesday 16th February
 Intermediate: Wednesday 17th February
 Junior: Thursday 18th February.

Parents & Citizens Association

P&C would like to invite you all to the Annual General Meeting followed by the first General Meeting of 2021 on 8th of Feb 2021 from 7.30 pm.

We will have an onsite meeting and a zoom meeting. Please RSVP to kentroadpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au to secure your spot onsite by 8th Feb by 12.00 noon, as we need to manage a COVID-19 safety plan.

The AGM will commence first where all executive positions will be open for nominations. We encourage you to nominate for any of these roles and we suggest that you email us with your intention kentroadpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au. The current President intends to nominate for a Vice President position with the aim of supporting and mentoring a person who would like to nominate for President.

Please remember to bring 50 cents for 2021 membership. Any other queries please email us directly.

Kind regards

Vaish Sundar

KRPS P&C Secretary 2020.

KINDY DANCE CLUB

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLASSES
HELD AT KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL**

WHEN

After school: Wednesday's 3.15pm-4.00pm
Term 1 classes commence in Week 3.

WHERE

The classes are held in Block A near the car park

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on cost, supervision provided before and after the class, frequently asked questions and to enrol, please head to:

bit.ly/kindydanceclub

Creative Writing at KRPS

Wednesdays after school

*Improve literacy, build confidence, take pride in work,
develop creativity, increase braininess and have a lot of fun.*



- Highly engaging creative workshops that build skills and techniques, broaden writing repertoire and make writing enjoyable.
- New creative writing exercise every week, discussions, oral stories and a fun atmosphere.
- Workshops led by published authors.
- Because there's so much to learn about writing, every term is new and different.
- Save \$100: We accept **NSW Creative Kids** vouchers.
- Founded in 2006, we now work with schools and teachers all over NSW.

Wednesday afternoons

Years 1-2 3.15pm-4.10pm

Years 3-6 4.15pm-5.10pm

Limited places remaining.

Enrol now!

Bookings and info:

bookings@writingworkshop.com.au

www.writingworkshop.com.au

0468 543 933



The **Writing** Workshop

JOIN OUR BEFORE SCHOOL DANCE PROGRAM!



Classes run at Kent Road
Public School from
7.45-8.45am

Year 1 & 2 | Monday

Year 3 | Tuesday

Year 4 | Thursday

Year 5 & 6 | Friday

Boys Only Group | Friday

Classes begin Monday 8th February.

**We accept Active & Creative Kids
Vouchers.**

Contact us now to secure your
spot!

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