



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term One Week 10

Tuesday 30th March 2021

Important Dates & Notes

Yr3 Overnight Excursion

Mon 29th –Tue
30th March

Whole School Mufti Day

Thur 1st April

K-2 Easter Hat Parade

Thur 1st April

Easter Raffle

Thur 1st April

Yr4 Overnight Excursion

Mon 10th –Wed
12th May

Term Dates 2021

Term 1

Last day—

Thur 1st April 2021

Term 2

20/04/21—25/06/21

Term 3

13/07/21—17/09/21

Term 4

5/10/21—16/12/21

Last day for students

Wednesday

16th December 2021

Dear Kent Road Parents and Carers,

What a very busy, exciting and successful Term One we have had to start the year at Kent Road! It has been fantastic to have school life returning to normal after the upheaval of 2020 and to resume our regular activities such as band, excursions and assemblies.

The term began with the very successful transition into our new buildings, and students in all grades have expressed how much they enjoy learning in their new classroom environment. Students love using the variety spaces for different purposes, working as a class or a group or individually. The design is proving to be a great success for supporting students to focus on their learning.

With the support of our Year Six student leaders, I have enjoyed showing visitors including the NSW Premier Ms Gladys Berejiklian, Minister for Education Mrs Sarah Mitchell, State member for Ryde and Minister for Customer Service Mr Victor Dominello, Federal member for Benelong Mr John Alexander, Executive Director Mrs Cathy Brennan and Director Mrs Stacey Exner, the wonderful learning which is happening in our school.

Congratulations to all Kent Road students for their commitment to their learning throughout Term One, and thank you to all Kent Road teachers for their hard work over the past eleven weeks to make this such a successful term.

I hope all Kent Road students, parents and teachers enjoy some time to relax and rejuvenate over the next two weeks.

The last day of Term One is Thursday 1st April. All students return for Term Two on Tuesday 20th April.

K-2 HAT PARADE / K-6 MUFTI DAY – THURSDAY 1st APRIL

This Thursday 1st April, all students from Kindergarten to Year Six are invited to wear casual clothes (no school uniform) to celebrate their hard work over the term.

The K-2 Hat Parade will take place on Thursday starting at 9.20am.

Parents must QR code and sign in when entering the school. Please enter via gate 3 or gate 4. Given the latest covid-19 outbreak, I must stress the importance of parents maintaining 1.5 metres space between adults when on school grounds.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Following the Hat Parade, we will hold the Easter Egg raffle. A huge thank you to everyone who has donated an Easter egg and/ or bought tickets in the raffle. Good luck everyone!

DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOM REMOVAL

Parents are advised the removal of the demountable classrooms adjacent to Herring Road is now scheduled to begin tomorrow, Wednesday 31st March and will continue over the next few weeks. Once the demountables are removed, work will take place to restore the grass. After the grass has established students will be able to play in this area.

During the demountable removal, there may be times when gate four is closed and all Herring Road access is via gate five. Traffic controllers will be in place to manage access.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Work will commence in the holidays to install new playground equipment in the area behind D block. This playground development is being funded by the school and our P&C Association, and includes climbing walls, ropes, slides and balancing beams. The construction will take 3-4 weeks.



We have also ordered two multipurpose sport goals, and two tossball towers to add to our playground equipment which have been funded from a grant by the Local Schools Community Fund.



3.10 PM - END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

As parents are aware, over the past twelve months the school has had to change many of its procedures, including the process for dismissal of students at the end of the day. To maximise student learning time, from this week we are returning to dismissing students at 3.10pm. Students will continue to be supervised until they are collected or leave the grounds to travel home. Parents who are late can collect their children from the seats outside the administration office.

GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS

Over the past weeks these students have been awarded a gold medal in recognition of their achievements, respect and responsible behaviour which resulted in them collecting 72 green cards. Great work everyone!

The following students were awarded their gold medals at last week's assembly after earning 72 green cards for their wonderful effort in class, and respectful and responsible behaviour.

☆ Vincent	Yr 6	☆ Brandon	Yr 2
☆ Jesse	Yr 2	☆ Carly	Yr 2



Denise Minifie
Principal

CLASS MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at last week's K-2 assembly for their hard work in the classroom and the playground.

KC	Karen	For being a kid and respectful member of our class
KC	Austin	Excellent effort and engagement during Science
KF	Charlie	For always taking care and being an engaged learner during handwriting
KF	Lexie	For showing enthusiasm and confidence during Maths groups
KH	Shashwat	Demonstrating confidence and engagement during Maths lessons
KH	Ahra	Increased participation in class discussions and activities
KL	Saina	For being an engaged learner in all areas
KL	Oliver	Outstanding improvement in handwriting
KN	Malavika	For being a reflective learner who tries hard to improve
KN	Max	For being an active listener and keen contributor to class discussions
KS	Bittu	For his enthusiasm during handwriting lessons
KS	Veekshitha	An engaging News presentation about her favourite book
1F	Aryan	Being more careful and accurate when reading and spelling tricky words
1F	Advika	For trying hard to answer tricky word problems in Maths
1H	Austin	Meaningful discussion during Science
1H	Marissa	Being respectful and kind to those around her
1K	Anannya	Always being a good friend to her 1KP classmates
1K	Victor	Being an engaged learner in Mathematics lessons
1P	Aliya	Excellent effort when writing about classrooms from the past and present
1P	Aidin	Excellent effort when writing about classrooms from the past and present
1S	Maya	Excellent participation in Maths discussions
1S	Aaron	Great writing about transport in the future
1V	Jessica	Teamwork in STEM
1V	Benson	Thoughtful questions about the past
1V	Maohan	For his great choice of books during Library
2F	Rona	Working hard to improve her expression when reading
2F	Leon	Being a responsible member of the class
2G	Emily	Creatively using warm and cool colours in her artworks
2G	Enoch	Writing some interesting questions about a new book
2I	Jasmine	Her positive attitude and always trying her best
2I	Cary	Writing an interesting and engaging information report on his favourite toy
2N	Benji	Always being an engaged learner during Science
2N	Mara	Consistently working hard and trying her best
2S	Hamsika	Always persevering with challenging work
2S	Adrian	Sharing his in-depth knowledge of history
2W	Lillian	Working diligently during literacy groups
2W	Jason	Great effort and concentration during a writing task

On the 25th March Kent Road leaders had the opportunity to travel to Darling Harbour to join the Halogen Young Leaders Conference. Along with a plethora of others schools, the 26 leaders got to meet and listen to 4 very special people. Lachie Smart, the youngest man to fly across the world, Anastasia Woolmer who has Australia's best memory, Jimmy Reese actor renowned for Jimmy Giggle and finally singer and performer David Campbell.

The breaks between these interviews were just as interesting. The founders of Dance Curriculum taught a mass of students a dance that we then performed. Ten lucky schools were allowed to meet a co-founder Esra who will dance at their school.

I really enjoyed the experience and found to whole day fun.

Benjamin T 6G



The crowd burst into applause as the speakers were introduced on stage.

On Thursday 25th March, the leadership team were taken to The Halogen Young Leaders Conference at the ICC with Ms Hamilton. It was a chance to listen to speakers that have done inspiration things in their lives.

The first speaker was Lachie Smart who learnt from his failures and kept persisting despite the dangers to fly solo around the world at a very young age.

Next was Anastasia Woolmer who grew up thinking she was not academic. Through persistence and hard work she became the Australian Memory Champion.

Jimmy Rees from Giggle and Hoot reminded us to never give up on our dreams.

Finally David Campbell, the son of Jimmy Barnes spoke about following your dreams and being honest about knowing who you are.

I thought all the speakers had a very powerful message and they reminded us that everyone can achieve great things with persistence and honesty. I really enjoyed the day.

India B 6M

Harmony Day Celebration

Last Wednesday the school was an array of orange and colourful clothes as the students celebrated Harmony Day.

All classes participated in the African drumming performance throughout the day with Tuzu and Mohammed doing 4 performances for us in the hall.

Everyone really enjoyed the day and the performances were fantastic!

Ms Hamilton





Kindergarten celebrated **Harmony Day** last Wednesday. They loved being able to participate in the African Drumming performance and have a go at creating their own rhythm and learning a few dance moves! Kindergarten loved sharing with their peers everything about their cultural background and learning about their friend's cultures. We had a wonderful day!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS



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KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL 2021 CLASS PARENT SYSTEM

A huge thank you once again to all the parents/carers who expressed interest in being a Class Parent for their child(ren)'s class(es)! We had a great response and everyone's willingness to volunteer is much appreciated.

The 2021 KRPS Class Parent list has been finalised and is here below for your information. You will hear from your child(ren)'s Class Parent(s) very soon as they begin sending out introduction letters outlining their role and asking if you would like to be included in your Class Email Distribution List for 2021. It would be wonderful if we could get as many parents/carers as possible to take part in this list, as this will allow our school, teachers, and Class Parents to easily keep you informed of school and class events. To participate, please return the response form attached to the Class Parent Introduction Letter to your Class Teacher/school office. Alternatively, some Class Parents have provided an online form option, allowing you to fill in your details online. Please click on your Class Parent's name (if underlined in blue) to access the online form.

Thank you for your participation!

Class	Class Parent	Class	Class Parent	Class	Class Parent
KC	Leanne Mckay	2F	Christine Chiong	4B	Cindy Chan
KF	Christel Helmers	2G	Anna Desjardins	4C	Richa Apte
KH	Rose Relova	2I	Mita Brierley	4H	Jessica Matthews
KL	Muhammad Ikram	2N	Maryam Kenawy	4M	Samantha Yep
KN	Kimberly Mills	2S	Leanne Mckay	4T	Thuy Pham
KS	Sahil Sabhlea	2W	Jenny Quynh Lien Tsui	5L	Alia Palethorpe
1F	Michela Nesbitt	3C	Elena Baskhmelnitsina	5R	Sonja Reeves
1H	Divya Pant	3L	Jody White	5S	Archana Soral
1K	Betty Xiang	3M	Weda Mohaia	5W	Simone Williams
1P	May Thant	3R	Lisa Ponton	6B	Vivian Lu
1S	Natalie Somhom	3T	Liyan Xu	6G	Henky Mantophani
1V	Jenny Lam			6M	Kerry Novkovic
				6W	Kris Arnold

EASTER EGG RAFFLE



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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 gift baskets and some lucky families will win a basket of eggs in the raffle draw on Thursday 1st April 2021.

Students were given a set of raffle tickets last week. 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.

Please write your child's name and class on each ticket

The funds raised will be used to purchase school equipment.

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

Occasionally, as before, students may have to wait for one or two minutes to use the bathrooms at the end of recess or lunch. To overcome this we encourage students to use the bathrooms throughout break times and not wait until the end of the break.

FOOD ALLERGIES

We have a number of students who have food allergies, particularly to nuts. I ask all parents to be mindful of these students if they send birthday treats to their child's class for students to share. Any treats which contain nuts will be returned.

We must all work together to keep all students safe.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

A reminder to all school parents that regular school attendance is essential for your child to achieve their educational best. Regular school attendance also helps your child to build and maintain friendships with other children.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class
- reduces classroom disruption

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



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Ms F Hamilton

Deputy Principal



2021 RSC College Tours

Ryde Secondary College is pleased to announce the resumption of College Tours for interested parents in 2021.

Come and learn about our college, our academic and extra-curricular programs. You will meet our College Principal, senior staff, and student leaders on our Open Information Tours and will have the opportunity to have questions about high school answered.

Our tours are, at this stage strictly limited to 30: one parent and one child per family, in line with COVID 19 guidelines. Bookings are essential. Please phone our office staff on 9809-4894 to make a booking. If tours are full, you will be placed on a waiting list to attend the next available tour.

Tours commence 3:30 and will run for approximately 1 hour.

No adults will be admitted without prior booking.

Tour dates, group size, length and tour arrangements may change during 2021 as COVID 19 circumstances and guidelines change. Please check the website regularly for updates.

Tour dates:

Term One

Wednesday, Feb 24
Wednesday, March 10
Wednesday, March 24

Term Two

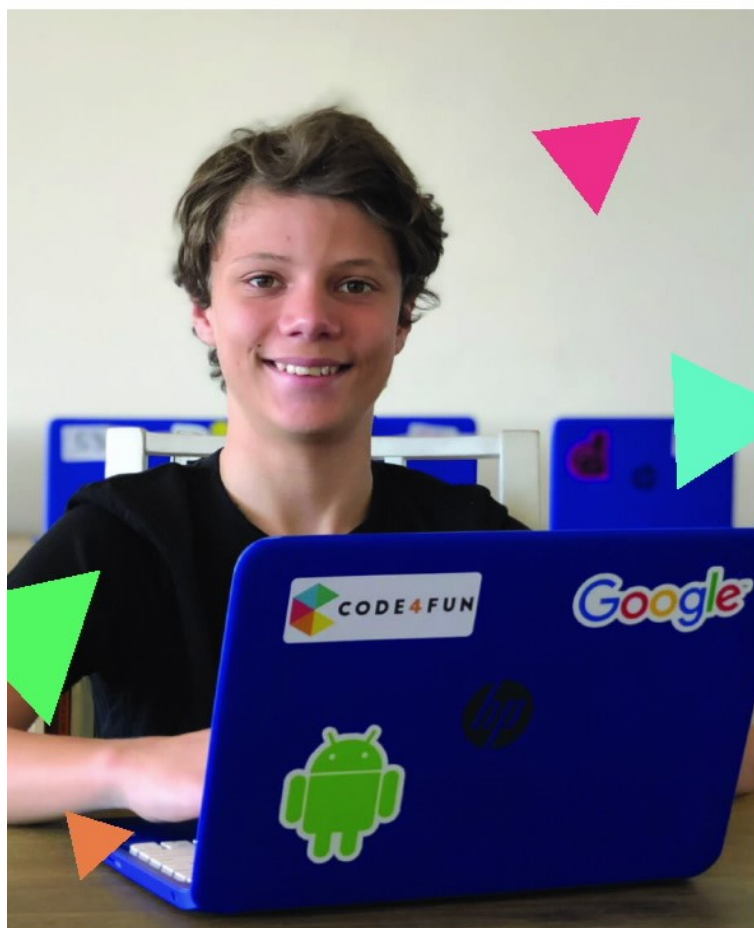
Wednesday, May 5
Wednesday, June 9

Term Three

Wednesday, August 4
Wednesday, September 1

Term Four

Wednesday, October 13
Wednesday, November 24



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Y1 - Y6 Students

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Every Wednesday

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4:25 - 5:25 pm

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3:15 - 4:15 pm

Y3 - Y6 students

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