



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term One Week 6

Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Important Dates & Notes

Yrs 3 - 6 Swim Carnival

Ryde Aquatic
Centre Thur 4th
March

Yr1 Schoolhouse Museum Excursion

1S, 1P and 1H
Wed 3rd March

Yr1 Schoolhouse Museum Excursion

1V, 1F and 1K
Thur 4th March

Harmony Day

Wed 24th March

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

Dear Kent Road Parents and Carers,

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.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL – THURSDAY 4th MARCH

On Thursday 4th March the school's swimming carnival for students in Years Three – Six, and students in Year Two who are eight years old and competent 50 metre swimmers, will be held at Ryde Aquatic Centre.

A maximum of 100 parents may attend to watch the swimming carnival from a designated area. The number of parents at the pool will be managed by the pool staff.

In the interests of safety in these covid times, parents are asked to not approach their children who will be seated in their sports houses. Students must remain seated in the school area.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Parent Information sessions for Years Four and Five will be held tomorrow evening; the schedule for each grade is listed below.

Parents are invited to attend an information session for their child's grade at which teachers will outline class routines and expectations. Following this brief presentation teachers will provide parents a tour of their child's teaching spaces.

Please enter and leave via gate 3 on Kent Road. Due to covid restrictions each session is limited to 45 minutes. Parents must not attend if unwell. Parents must sign in with the QR code and complete the external visitors declaration, which is also attached to this newsletter should parents wish to complete it at home and bring it with them. Masks are not mandatory but are recommended.

This is not the opportunity for individual interviews regarding your child's progress, but rather an opportunity to learn about class routines, expectations for homework, and to view the new classroom environment. It is preferable that children do not attend, however if they do they must remain under parental supervision at all times. Children must not remain in the playground unsupervised.

GRADE	DATE	TIME
Year 4	Wednesday 3 rd March (wk 6)	5.30-6.15
Year 5	Wednesday 3 rd March (wk 6)	6.30-7.15

I understand parents are anxious to make connections with their child's teacher. I hope to be able to provide parents an opportunity to meet either in person or online before the end of the term.

NSW PREMIER VISITS KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Over the past five weeks we have been honoured to welcome a number of visitors to our wonderful new school, including the Director Educational Leadership and the Executive Director. Last Thursday we welcomed the NSW Premier Ms Gladys Berejiklian, NSW Minister for Education Mrs Sarah Mitchell and Minister for Community Service and local member Mr Victor Dominello.

Our school captains, vice captains and prefects guided our guests around the school, and the Premier unveiled a plaque to officially declare the new buildings open. The plaque will soon be on display in the school foyer in the administration building.

One of the architects responsible for the design concept for the buildings also visited on Friday and he was delighted to see the students working in the different learning spaces, and so obviously engaged and happy.



KENT ROAD CLASS PARENTS 2021

A big thank you to everyone who has filled in the interest form and volunteered for the Class Parent role in your child(ren)'s class! We are still seeking volunteers for the following classes: **KN, 4C, 5S, 6B, 6M, 6W.**

If your child is in one of these classes, and you are interested in volunteering for the role, would you please kindly fill in the online interest form tinyurl.com/ezdlynyj as soon as possible? Thank you so much! We would like to get as many classes with a Class Parent as possible before the system gets up and running. If you have any questions regarding the role, please feel free to email krps.classparentcoordinator@gmail.com

SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM 2021 BEGINS

After such a disrupted year last year, it was wonderful to see and hear our excited groups of students at their first band rehearsals last week. Congratulations to everyone who arrived on time and participated with such enthusiasm. I look forward to hearing their first performance.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS REGARDING THE NEW BUILDINGS AND PLAYGROUND

Toilets: in addition to the two external toilet blocks, one located near the tennis court and the other located near the staff carpark, there are ten student toilets located on each floor of P block and Q block.

As a result of the building upgrade, Kent Road Public School now has an increased number of toilet facilities available to students, located both within the buildings and in the playground.

Teachers are able to monitor the internal toilets from their classrooms, and students are permitted to use the toilets as need arises. Students also have use of the new toilet block which is near the tennis court as well as the toilet block near the staff carpark.

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 the day as needed and not wait until the end of the recess or lunch break.

Playground space:

There are some areas of our playground where students currently cannot play due to new turf having been installed four weeks ago. It is anticipated these areas will be available for students to use in the next few weeks, as soon as the grass is considered to be strong enough to withstand students playing on it.

We are currently trialling different play areas to provide students safe play spaces. Students who wish to play fast running games such as soccer or tips are directed to play on grass to minimise the risk of injuries.

As part of the building project, handball courts are scheduled to be painted in the new quadrangle area as soon as the weather allows.

A new playground installation funded by the school and P&C will be installed in late March.

Removal of the demountable classrooms will begin with buildings being decommissioned beginning next week. Once the buildings are removed, footings and pathways will also be removed and turf reinstated. Part of this area has already been turfed and will be ready for play as soon as the demountables are removed and there is safe access.

KINDERGARTEN, YEAR ONE and YEAR TWO ASSEMBLY

Last Friday we held an assembly for students in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two, at which the following students were awarded a gold medal or class merit award. I congratulate everyone for their hard work, respectful behaviour and achievements!

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

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.

Ashanth	Yr 2	
Jack	Yr 2	
Joe	Yr 2	

CLASS MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations also to the following students who received a class merit certificate for their engaged learning, respectful behavior and showing responsibility at school.

KC	Shanaya	Being a kind and caring friend
KC	Marcus	Always being an engaged and conscientious learner
KF	Clarice	Being a kind and considerate class member
KF	Fox	Being focused when sorting objects in Maths
KH	Zachary	Being a kind and helpful class member
KH	Erica	Always trying her best and being an engaged learner
KL	Emily	Being an engaged learner in all areas
KL	Christian	Being a kind and respectful member of our class
KN	Henry	Sharing his thinking about hibernation during Science
KN	Michidmaa	Taking care and pride during his learning
KS	Ethan	Consistently showing his 5L's in the classroom
KS	Indra	Learning to write her name correctly
1F	Sebastian	Excellent behaviour and being a great role model
1F	Jayon	Improvement in writing and spelling
1H	Jayden	Working hard to produce a higher standard in his writing
1H	Esha	Showing respect and compassion to her peers
1K	Katherine	Enthusiastic approach to all areas of learning
1K	Hugo	Excellent use of time connectives when recounting how to make a cheese sandwich
1P	Arslan	Outstanding effort in writing
1P	Amari	Achieving her writing goal
1S	Bryan	Clever addition work in Maths
1S	Rebeka	Creating a crown during a STEM challenge
1V	Bole	Sharing great ideas with the class about what people did in the past
1V	Lillian	Creating a clever hat out of paper during a STEM challenge
2F	Ricky	A well-written information report
2F	Emma	An engaging Me-box presentation
2G	Pranay	Being an engaged learner and completing his work to a high standard
2G	Lucie	Being a respectful class member and always using her manners
2I	Jack	For an engaging presentation about himself
2I	Janiece	Always being a responsible role model to others
2N	Melissa	Always setting a good example in class
2N	Corey	For always trying his best
2S	Oliver	For a fantastic Me box presentation
2S	Liya	Consistent hard work in all areas of learning
2W	Tully	Working independently and diligently in Literacy groups
2W	Nadvi	His wonderful contributions in all class discussions

Denise Minifie
Principal

Welcome to our 2021 House Captains. Their duties will begin at this week's swimming carnival at Ryde Aquatic Centre where they will assist and support their teams during the day.



Swimming Carnival Update

After liaising with Ryde Aquatic Centre, the school has reviewed our decision about parent attendance and are pleased to inform you that parents are now welcome to attend this year's swimming carnival. All spectators will be charged \$3.30 upon entry to the pool.

- ◆ There will be a 100 parent/spectator limit at any one time during the carnival.
- ◆ Parents/spectators will not be able to access the grandstand before 10:30am.
- ◆ Parents/spectators are asked not to mix with the students.

Kindergarten students have been very engaged learners during Literacy Groups this week. We have been working in small groups and rotating to different stations around our beautiful new classrooms! Here are some of the literacy activities we have been enjoying...

KINDERGARTEN NEWS



Using puppets to tell our friends about our weekends.



Matching letters of the alphabet.



Using paint brushes and water to write our spelling words.



Looking at books and making sure we turn the pages nice and gently.



Playing Phonic Hero to learn some of our sounds.

In Science and Technology, Year 2 have been learning about different forces. We have enjoyed using our new shared learning spaces to carry out forces experiments and complete STEM challenges. 2FI enjoyed working as a team to build the tallest tower possible using only spaghetti and marshmallows. Some of the towers were over 30cm high!



Year 3 have done a fabulous job at settling into our brand-new learning spaces. Students have enjoyed experimenting with different seating options and areas within the Year 3 level.



Each of our spaces have different names. This is the Jellyfish and Sea Lion Room.

YEAR THREE NEWS

Students in 3C and 3M love using the Hakea withdrawal space. These spaces are named after Australian plants.

Our mushroom seats located outside the Dugong and Grey Nurse Shark room are also very popular!



EASTER EGG RAFFLE



EASTER RAFFLE

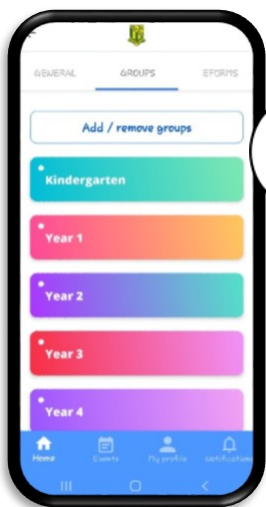
Parents are asked to donate a chocolate Easter Egg for the school's first fundraiser of the year. Donations can be left at the front office. The eggs will be wrapped into gift baskets and some lucky families will win a basket of eggs in the raffle draw on Thursday 1st April 2021.

Students will be given a set of raffle tickets this 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.

The funds raised will be used to purchase school equipment.

Skoolbag

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



Have you changed your groups to ensure you are sent the correct year group information

All newsletters are now found in the 'Posts' section.

NSW Department of Education

External Visitors to School Site Form

For visitors to the school during school hours

Before external visitors are allowed on a school site, they must provide a signed copy of this form to the school principal. This form acts as evidence that the visitor is aware of, and will abide by their obligations to comply with the health advice of the day, including hygiene and distancing requirements. The visitor must provide personal contact information to the school to be used in an emergency or when performing contact tracing if required.

- **Stay at home when unwell.** Do not attend the school site if you are unwell.
- **Practise good hygiene when on the school site.**
- **Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly.**
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser on arrival to the school and between providing support to students. Implement hand hygiene practices at regular intervals throughout your visit to the school.

Maintain respiratory hygiene.

- Cover your cough or sneeze through coughing or sneezing into your elbow or tissue, and then disposing of tissues immediately. Always wash your hands after you have coughed, sneezed or blown your nose.
- **Avoid shaking hands.** Adopt non-contact greetings.
- **Maintain physical distance.**
- Maintain physical distance from other people while on the school site. In particular, maintain a physical distance from adults at the school and limit physical contact with students.
- **Implement cleaning protocol for shared items.** (where relevant)
- Any tools or equipment that will be used by staff or students must be cleaned before use.
- Equipment that will be shared between groups of students should be cleaned between each use.
- Equipment that cannot be cleaned should not be shared and must be disposed of between each use.
- Equipment that is exposed to any bodily fluids must not be shared and must be cleaned and disinfected between each use.

Use personal protective equipment (PPE) (where relevant)

- If there is a risk of exposure to bodily fluids, suitable PPE must be worn while conducting the activity or task.

Keep our school environment clean (where relevant)

- Schools maintain a clean working and learning environment. Working and learning spaces should be left clean and tidy. Any high touch surfaces or work spaces areas should be wiped down following use with a suitable cleaning product.

Acknowledgement from visitors on health and hygiene measures at our school:

I am well and have no signs or symptoms of flu like illness.

I can confirm that I have not been to Victoria in the last 14 days

I have provided my personal contact information to the school so I can be contacted where appropriate.

I have reviewed the most recent [AHPPC Guidelines](#) and [NSW Health advice](#) on COVID-19 and can confirm that I can comply with the requirements outlined (where relevant).

I understand the current requirements and directions in place for hygiene and physical distancing within NSW as per NSW Public Health Orders.

I confirm I have reviewed the safety and hygiene measures in place at the school and I agree to follow and implement these requirements.

Print Name

Phone and email

Signed

Date



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

**Confident
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Open Day

Thursday 4 March, 2021
3:30–6:00pm

Bookings Essential on Website

GUIDED TOURS

 **RIVERSIDE**
GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Huntleys Point Road, Gladesville
Ph: 9816 4264
W: riversideg-h.schools.nsw.gov.au



marsden
high school

OPEN NIGHT 2021



Tuesday 2 March & Thursday 4 March 2021

Hear all about Year 7 2022 at Marsden High School
(Meadowbank Education Precinct)

Please register by using the QR code or at:

<https://marsden-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/open-night-2021.html>



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