



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Two Week 3

Tuesday 4th May 2021

Important Dates & Notes

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

**Assembly This
Friday 7th May**
Yrs3-6 9.15am

Yr1 Incurion
**Wed 19th May &
Thur 20th May**

Yr4 Overnight
Excursion
**Wed 14th –Fri
16th July**

Term Dates 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,

Last week I had the privilege of attending the launch of the NSW City Country Alliance Immersion and Education Centre in Gol Gol in outback New South Wales, with Miss McKenna and Ms Hamiltion.

The City Country Alliance (CCA) was formed to develop links between city and country students and schools. Over the past four years, Kent Road has developed a sister school relationship with Pomona Public School which is on the border between New South Wales and Victoria and also very close to the South Australian border.

Pomona Public School has 22 students in total. It was lovely to catch up with the Pomona students who visited Sydney and our school in 2018, and share our recollections of their visit. We hope to be able to further develop our contact with rural and remote schools through the CCA.



A smoking ceremony was held at the opening of the Immersion Centre.



At Mungo, Miss McKenna held a 40,000 year old Tasmanian Tiger fossil.

MOTHERS DAY STALL – TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY 5th MAY

Tomorrow, Wednesday 5th May, there will be a Mother's Day stall at school at which students can purchase a Mother's Day gift for their mum or grandmother for \$5.00. Many thanks to the P&C Association for organising this fun event for our students.

Best wishes to all Kent Road mums and grandmothers for a wonderful celebration on Mother's Day on Sunday.

YEAR FOUR OC TEST APPLICATION DUE

Parents of students in Year Four who are applying for Opportunity Class (OC) are reminded the applications close on Friday 7th May. **Late applications will not be accepted** by the Department except under serious and well-documented extenuating circumstances.

Parents apply through the Department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

BUILDING / PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Students and staff are very excited to see turf is being laid in the top playground area, bringing us a step closer to having a large section of our playground back. The playground equipment project is progressing well.

All new roofs have been installed, and the work on gutters and downpipes is almost complete.



Top grass



Playground development

LAST WEEK'S K-2 ASSEMBLY

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.

☆	Austin	1H	☆	Janiece	2I
☆	Shaheen	2I	☆	Oliver	2S



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.

This Friday 7th May there will be a 3-6 assembly, starting at 9.15am in the assembly hall.

KC	Sophie	Being a kind and helpful friend
KC	Riaan	Improvement in Reading
KF	Patrick	For his positive attitude towards Writing
KF	Narawin	Being an enthusiastic learner in Maths groups
KH	Sparsh	Showing confidence and enthusiasm during guided reading
KH	Taleen	Being a more active participant in class discussions
KL	Mya	Having a positive attitude and trying her best in all areas
KL	An	Being an engaged learner during guided reading
KN	Zachary	Being an encouraging and thoughtful classmate
KN	Leira	Focus in handwriting and working hard to improve her letter formation
KS	Dave	Writing fantastic sentences with finger spaces between words
KS	Harper	Her increased confidence when contributing to class discussions
1F	Summayya	For trying hard with her reading and recognising new tricky words
1F	Mikayla	Improved fluency when reading aloud and recognition of sight words
1H	Cedric	Demonstrating manners, focus and respect in class
1H	Ethan	Being an engaged learner during Maths
1K	Nathan	His descriptive writing about a pond
1K	Daniel K	His engaging presentation on origami and colours
1P	Noam	His fantastic effort and enthusiasm in all class activities
1P	Ruby	For being a kind and responsible class member at all times
1S	Aanya	Excellent participation in class discussions about the environment
1S	Riaan	For presenting a great speech
1V	Saanvi	Confidently sharing ideas with the class
1V	Niels	An engaging speech about his favourite toy
2F	Evelyn	Sharing excellent ideas during class discussions
2F	Mohammad	Always smiling and having a positive attitude
2G	Stella	Identifying the problems and solutions in the narrative 'Traction Man'
2G	Evan	Making excellent observations during Science lessons
2I	Aarohi	Her great experimenting with blending colours
2I	Shaheen	Always being a respectful and responsible class member
2N	Vernon	Wonderful contributions to discussions during History
2N	Zunairah	Consistently working hard during Writing
2S	Isaac	Increased participation in class discussions
2S	Jesse	Excellent effort in Maths this week
2W	Althea	Great discussion during Literacy groups
2W	Eliza	Excellent effort on all learning areas
LIBRARY	Elena	Listening carefully to all instructions during the library lesson

MOBILE DEVICES AT SCHOOL

The NSW Department of Education implemented a statewide policy in 2020 regarding the use of personal mobile devices at school, including mobile phones and smart watches. The school's executive team is currently creating a school procedure in response to the department's policy.

Parents should be aware the government's policy includes the following:

- **Schools must restrict the use of digital devices by primary school students during class, at recess and at lunch unless: use is approved by a teacher or principal for an educational purpose; an exemption applies; or use of digital devices and online services is required for medical reasons or for reasonable adjustments made as part of a student's individual education plan.**
- **Students must:**
 - Be safe, responsible and respectful users of digital devices and online services, and support their peers to be the same.
 - Respect and follow school rules and procedures and the decisions made by staff, knowing that other schools may have different arrangements.
 - Communicate respectfully and collaboratively with peers, school staff and the school community and behave in the ways described in the Behaviour Code for Students.
- **Parents and carers must:**
 - Recognise the role they play in educating their children and modelling the behaviours that underpin the safe, responsible and respectful use of digital devices and online services.
 - Support implementation of the school procedure, including its approach to resolving issues.
 - Take responsibility for their child's use of digital devices and online services at home such as use of online services with age and content restrictions.
 - Communicate with school staff and the school community respectfully and collaboratively as outlined in the 2018 School Community Charter.
 - Switch off or put their digital devices on silent when at official school functions, during meetings and when assisting in the classroom.

Should a student need to make a call during the school day, they must approach the administration office and ask for permission to use the school's phone.

During school hours, parents and carers are expected to only contact their children via the school office.

Once the school's procedures have been completed a copy will be provided to all parents.

NAPLAN – YEAR THREE and YEAR FIVE

Starting next Tuesday 11th May, students in Years Three and Five will undertake NAPLAN testing over two weeks.

Year Five students will complete all NAPLAN tests online. Year Three students will complete all tests online except for writing which will be a paper/pencil test.

Students have undertaken practice tests to become familiar with test procedures and the online format. No other preparation is necessary.

The test dates are scheduled over two weeks so that disruption can be minimised. I ask parents of all students participating in NAPLAN to ensure their children arrive at school before the bell so as to not disrupt the other students in the class.

Monday 10th May	Tuesday 11th May Year 3 Writing – paper Year 5 Writing – online	Wednesday 12th May Year 5 Reading – online	Thursday 13th May Year 3 Reading – online	Friday 14th May
Monday 17th May Year 5 Language Conventions – online	Tuesday 18th May Year 3 Language Conventions – online	Wednesday 19th May Year 5 Numeracy – online	Thursday 20th May Year 5 Numeracy – online	Friday 21st May

Denise Minifie

Principal

Year 3 students are off to a great start for term 2. We are starting new units of work and are looking forward to an exciting term ahead. This term we are looking at Australia in our Geography unit. Students have engaged in some great conversations about the Culture, Geography and Climate, History, Flora and Fauna, Natural landmarks and Architecture found within Australia. Here are some student work samples we have on display from the introductory lesson where students participated in a jigsaw activity to show where each state and territory is located on the Australian continent. Students then wrote underneath what their favourite thing about Australia is.



We also have a Geography wall to display important information they can refer to throughout the unit to assist their learning.



Mother's Day Stall

Wednesday 5th May

**All gifts are \$5
& come in a gift bag**

Our annual Mother's Day Stall is being held on Wednesday the 5th May throughout the morning.

This event provides a fun opportunity for your child to go shopping at school and purchase something special for their Mother, Grandmother or Carer.

There is a broad range of gifts on sale. Each gift is \$5 & will come in a gift bag.

Please make sure to give your child money so they can participate on the day.

The stall will be held at school and class teachers will bring the students down to shop during the morning.

Many thanks,

Kent Road P&C Events Team



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 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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