



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Two Week 5

Tuesday 18th May 2021

Important Dates & Notes

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

**Assembly This
Friday 21st May**
Yrs 3-6 9.15am

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

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

Yr6 Excursion
Tue 1st June

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,

All students are being encouraged by their teachers to take greater responsibility for their possessions including hats, jackets, lunchboxes and drink bottles, and teachers will be implementing a new approach to returning lost items to their owners.

Fundamental to this being successful is having students' names written on their possessions. I ask all parents to check their child's clothing and equipment to ensure the name is clearly written on it.

The new procedures for Lost Property will be outlined in next week's newsletter.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 will continue with NAPLAN testing this week as per the schedule. I thank parents for ensuring their child is at school on time so as to not disturb others by arriving late. The last testing day will be Friday 21st May.

ATTENDANCE

The NSW Department of Education's Attendance policy requires students to attend school each day it is open, unless students are unwell, or on approved leave. Last week each school principal received a list of students in their schools whose attendance is causing concern. Students with an attendance rate of less than 80% are classified as at risk.

Each year the Department of Education's Home School Liaison Officer attends each school to monitor students whose attendance, and provide support for students whose attendance is causing concern.

Research indicates consistent high attendance is an indicator of a student's academic progress. We all want students to have the best opportunity to succeed at school and regular attendance will give them this opportunity.

KEEP KENT ROAD BEAUTIFUL

Well done students for taking responsibility for placing their rubbish in the bins and keeping the playground eating areas clean last week.

KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL TOURS 2022

Parents of children who will start Kindergarten in 2022 are invited to attend an information night, and tour our wonderful school facilities, on one of the following dates:

- Monday 31st May 2021, 6pm - 7pm
- Wednesday 16th June 2021, 6pm - 7pm
- Monday 19th July 2021, 6pm - 7pm
- Wednesday 11th August 2021, 6pm - 7pm

Parents and their child will meet teachers, learn about our programs and visit classrooms.

Entry will be via Kent Road.

To register, please email the names of those attending, and the date of the tour you wish to join, to: kentroad-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

BE A FRIEND

As part of our Personal Development studies this term, each grade is focusing on friendship - what it means to be a friend, how to make friends, and how to resolve problems with your friends. Parents may like to discuss the following ideas at home with their child.

What makes a good friend?

Having good friends makes you happy, and being a good friend to others makes them happy, too. Think about your friendships - are you being a good friend? Are your friends being a good friend to you?

Good friends make you feel good

Good friends say and do things that make you feel good, giving compliments and congratulations and being happy for you.

Good friends support each other

If you're feeling down, a good friend will support you. If you need help, a good friend will try to help you out.

Good friends don't always have everything in common

Everyone is different, and has different hobbies and interests. Even if you're not into the exact same things, a good friend will encourage you rather than making you feel bad for liking a different band, activity, TV show or animal! A good friend understands that sometimes you do your own thing, and enjoys doing the things you have in common together.

Good friends listen

A good friend allows you to talk and doesn't interrupt you. They're interested in what you have to say.

Good friends are trustworthy

If you tell a good friend something private, they won't share it. You can trust a good friend not to be judgmental.

Good friends handle conflict respectfully and respect boundaries

Sometimes you and your friend might disagree on something. Sometimes you might have said or done something that upset your friend. A good friend will tell you if you've done something to hurt them. If you tell a good friend they've hurt you, they'll be sorry and won't do it again.

Good friendships go both ways

It's not a good friendship if one of you is doing all the talking and the other is doing all the listening, all the time. Good friends make each other feel good, rather than one friend receiving all the compliments and the other giving them all the time. In a good friendship, you're making each other feel great!

MOBILE DEVICES AT SCHOOL

I ask all parents to take a few minutes to read through the NSW Department of Education's policy 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.

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.

☆ Ebony	2F	☆ Antoine	2N
☆ Liana	2G	☆ Shourya	2W
☆ Radin	2S		

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ASSEMBLY

This Friday 21st May there will be a 3-6 assembly, starting at 9.15am in the assembly hall.

CLASS MERIT CERTIFICATES

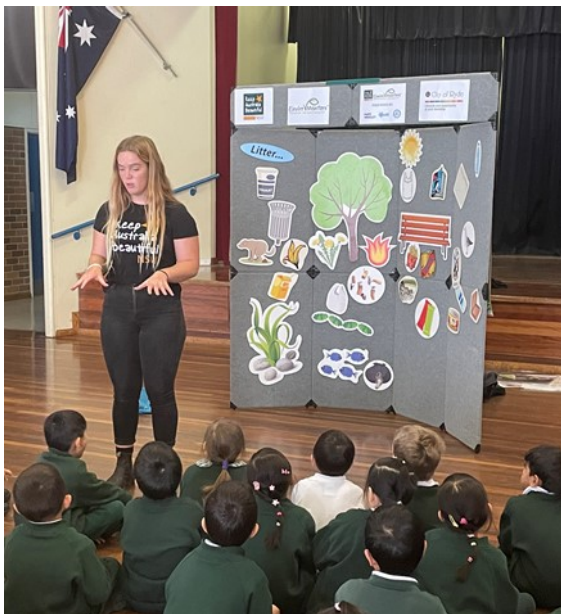
Congratulations also to the following students who received a class merit certificate for their engaged learning, respectful behavior and showing responsibility at school.

KC	Raghunandan	Improvement in phonics and guided reading
KC	Alice	Being an encouraging and thoughtful class member
KF	Kathlyn	Always trying her best to sound out words when reading
KF	Devansh	Sharing his great ideas and knowledge about frogs
KH	Aarav	For being a respectful and responsible class member
KH	Martim	Being an engaged during Creative Arts
KL	Adeline	Excellent improvement in phonics and guided reading
KL	Vihaan	Always working hard to challenge himself during literacy groups
KN	Anirudh	Being a happy and enthusiastic participant in all activities
KN	Ela	Showing great finger pointing and sounding out during reading
KS	Haniya	Consistently being a responsible class member
KS	Elena	Being an engaged learner during guided reading
1F	Jackson	For writing a wonderful information report about frogs
1F	Elsa	For drawing and labelling an excellent scientific drawing of an ant
1H	Kayden	For providing interesting and detailed answers during our integrated unit
1H	Ivy	For an interesting and engaging speech about her family
1K	Jasmine	Her wonderful description of an ant
1K	Koen	His detailed description of an ant's features
1R	Risen	Always being a kind, friendly and responsible student
1R	Olivia	Consistently working hard during maths groups
1S	Rishi	Entertaining speech about family
1S	Anshvik	Interesting speech about family
1V	Miya	Using great vocabulary in Science lessons
1V	Ethan	Using a confident voice when saying a speech
2F	Austin	Excellent expression when reading
2F	Arin	Consistently working hard during literacy groups
2G	Hayday	Accurate measuring using metres and centimetres
2G	Lahna	Great effort while testing materials to see if they are waterproof
2I	Sophie	Having a great attitude in literacy groups
2I	Oliver	Sharing his great ideas in PDH lessons
2N	Bowen	Wonderful and consistent contributions to class discussions
2N	Farsha	Being an engaged learner in all classroom activities
2S	Stanley	Really focussed on his work this term
2S	Zoey	Having the confidence to contribute to class discussions
2W	Axel	Making meaningful contributions to class discussions
2W	Alycia	Being a cheerful and considerate class member

Kindergarten – Year 2 - LitterBug Incursion

Kindergartens to Year 2 have enjoyed an incursion all about litter and where it needs to go, as well as, what us humans can do to make sure our school, parks and neighbourhoods stay nice and clean.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS



Students learned all about different types

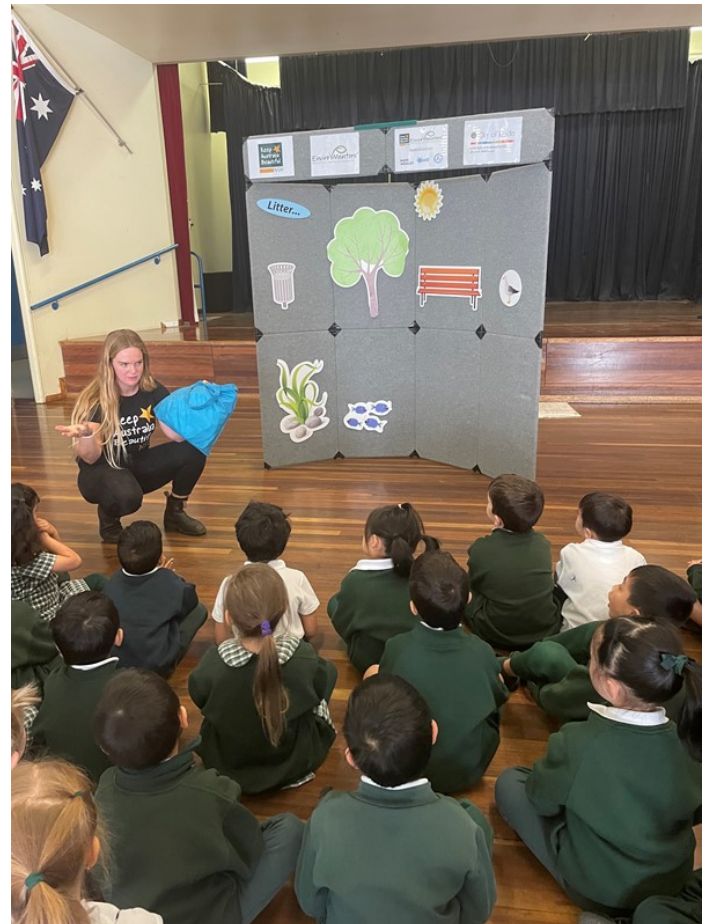
of rubbish and what happens when it is left on the floor and not put in the bin. Students then got to enjoy a science experiment where we had a small town, and watched when rain was poured over the town where the water went. We added food colouring, which we pretend it was

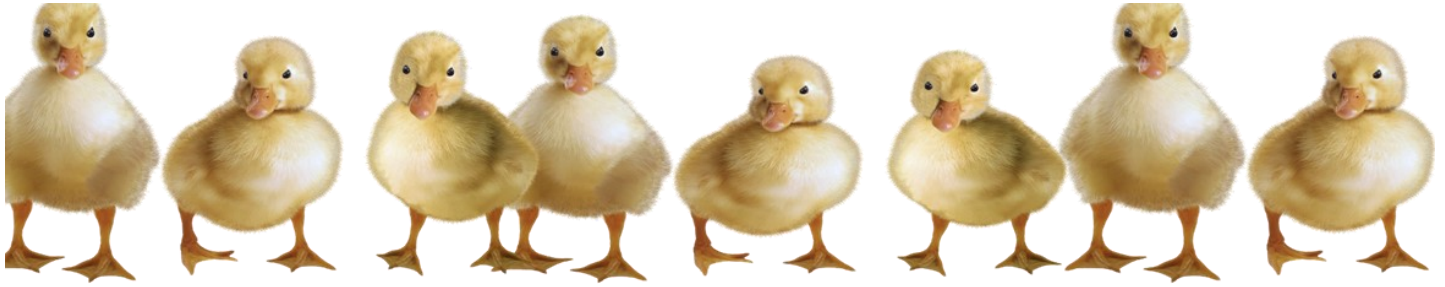
different types of rubbish. Students noticed that all the water picked up the rubbish and it went into our rivers and oceans.





Students learnt there are four ways litter ends up in our waters. Humans littering, animals getting into bins where the lid is not shut, wind and rain. Students made a promise to put all their rubbish into bins and keep the lid closed.





The Ducks have arrived and started hatching!

Kindergarten are learning all about animals and how to take care of living things. We are so excited to take care of the ducks for the next two weeks and watch them grow!





Year 6 Debating

By Sharika and Manha

Last week, we had the first round of the NSW Premier's Debating Competition with the Kent Road Koalas versus the Kent Road Kangaroos. We were really glad to have the chance to debate face-to-face and have an adjudicator on site and have our first contest in a familiar space.



In the Ryde-Kuringai Debating Competition this week via Zoos, the Kent Road Kookaburras and Kingfishers debated the topic "That primary students must participate in 30 minutes of physical activity every day". Both teams were affirmative.

The Kookaburras debated Eastwood Heights Public School, who were the negative. We both had amazing arguments but unfortunately, we lost. The Kingfishers took on Lindfield Public School. It was a close debate on how much daily exercise students need and whether that should happen at school. We were excited to win this round!

We are looking forward to our next debates in Week 6.

How many apples?

It started with simple questions:

How many apples are in this pile?

How many apples would there be if there were eight layers?

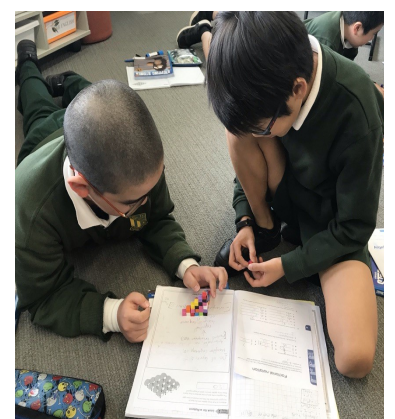
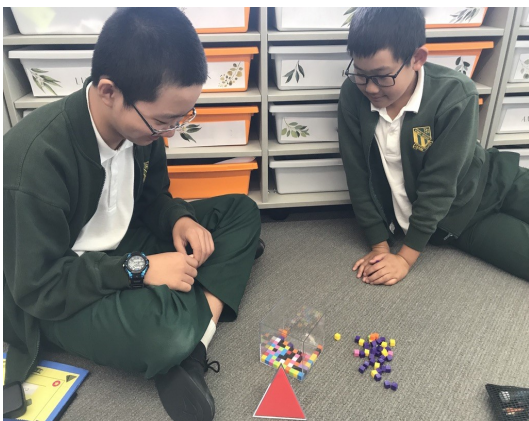


Using diagrams and tables, and our knowledge of triangular numbers, this was easy enough to work out.

We were then asked a much harder question:

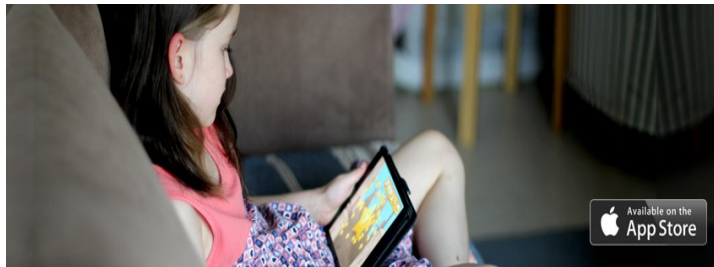
What's the rule to work out how many apples in any number of layers?

To solve this problem, we needed to use many different aspects of mathematics: geometry, ratios, tables and patterning, algebra and algorithmic thinking. We used many different strategies and an array of different resources to make models and test our ideas. Our new classrooms, with flexible spaces and great acoustics meant we could discuss our ideas and make spaces for our models.



In the end, we didn't find a simple answer. We did, however, work out how to approximate the volume of a triangular pyramid, how to describe and test our ideas, and how to describe our ideas in mathematical language to our peers.

EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT FOR PHONICS HERO



Dear Parents,

At Kent Road Public School we are teaching early reading and spelling using phonics. We have secured an **exclusive 80% discount** for our school parents who wish to subscribe to Phonics Hero to reinforce what we have taught in the classroom.

For use at home or school, your child's Phonics Hero license will give them access to over 850 fun phonics games, which will help to grow a strong and confident reader and speller. Plus you, as parents, get access to videos, reporting and tips! The account can be used on computers, iPads and compatible Android tablets.

Parents who purchase the account directly through Phonics Hero would normally pay \$100 for a full year's subscription, however through us you can get it for just **\$20 – that's a huge 80% discount!**

To register simply go to: www.phonicshero.com/krps and follow the instructions on screen.

If you have any questions or need any help with getting setup the best idea is to contact Phonics Hero directly on: info@phonicshero.com or 02 8599 2821.

Happy Reading!

Chauntal Gwynne



FOR SALE

Three Draw Vertical Filing Cabinets. Brand new retail cost \$260 we are selling for \$100 each all lockable with keys.

Dimensions

Height 1019mm Width 467mm Depth 610mm

Internal draw view



Actual Colour



Please ring Ms Hamilton at school on 98782884 for more information



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL
Parents And Citizens Association



Bunnings BBQ - Gladesville

Sunday 23rd May 2021

Hosting a BBQ at a Bunnings store is a very sought after fundraising event and Kent Road Public School are lucky enough to be having one this month!

In order for the BBQ to be a success we are asking for volunteers.

These are the roles we will be required to fill:

- Setup – The morning shift needs someone to assist getting drinks on ice, sausages separated and bread prepared to make the rest of the day run smoothly.
- BBQ – Cooking the sausages and onions and ensuring there are enough cooked.
- Serving – Taking the orders and payment. Getting any drinks and telling those on the BBQ what is required for the order.
- Getting the order – getting the bread and serviette ready for onion and sausage and handing to the customer.
- Pack up – clean BBQ and pack any left-over supplies.

Please note: Due to OH&S regulations, Bunnings do not allow children to assist while you are volunteering.

Please consider putting your name down on the online roster to volunteer to help with one of the shifts

<https://signup.zone/zXwAtdTWv8odv5t6E>

For anyone who cannot volunteer, please consider coming down to Gladesville Bunnings and buying a sausage sandwich and/or drink.

Should you have any queries please email kentroadpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Many thanks,
Kent Road Public School P&C Association Events Team