



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Four Week 2

Friday 21st October 2022

Important Dates & Notes

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Dates To Note

Yr4 Incursion
Junior Buddy
Mon 7th - Fri 14th
November

MAD Night
Mon 5th Dec

Term Dates

Term Four
Mon 10-10-2022 -
Fri 16-12-2022

Last Day of school
2022 Fri 16th Dec

Dear Kent Road Parents and Carers,

MAD NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE

Plans are underway for a Kent Road PS evening of Music, Art and Dance (MAD) on Monday 5th December.

Performing on the night will be:

- students who attend Miss Dom's dance classes before school
- the school's dance groups
- the school's Training, Concert and Performance bands
- the school's String group
- some individual performances

More details will be coming out soon but we hope all students in these performance groups will be able to attend.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2024 APPLICATIONS

Parents of students who are currently in Year Five who wish to apply for their child to attend a Selective High School in 2024 are reminded that the application process is now open.

Applications must be submitted by 16th November 2022 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

- All candidates are required to sit the Selective High school Placement Test to be held on Thursday 4 May 2023.

NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK - HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT

The 3-6 assembly was cancelled today as Year Six students are in Canberra, and the hall is not able to be used because of the roof work which is underway.

Gate 2 will be closed whilst this work is taking place but the gate next to the cricket nets is open.

Gate 3 is open but access is impacted by the construction fencing. The afternoon pickup will take place outside the fence.

- ⇒ Year Two parents are asked to wait outside the school north of the gate.
- ⇒ Year One parents are asked to wait outside the school south of the fence near the class signs on the fence.
- ⇒ There are no changes to gate 1, 4 and 5.

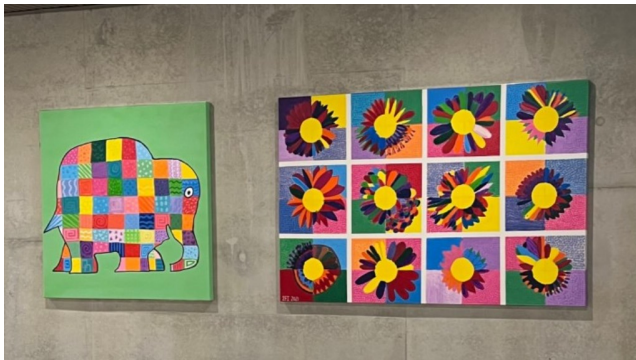
LAST DAY OF TERM FOUR FOR STUDENTS

Last week the NSW government announced the last day of this term for students will be Friday 16th December. The following Monday 18th December and Tuesday 19th December teachers and staff will participate in professional learning in preparation for the implementation of new syllabus documents.

CLASS ART PROJECT

One year ago next Monday our youngest students returned to school after 14 weeks of lockdown in 2021, and teachers of older grades were busy preparing for their students to return. One of the activities classes undertook when they returned to school was to produce a class artwork. Thanks to Mr Parsons and Mr Shai-Hee, these artworks are now on display around the school brightening the walls and providing points of interest.

Below are some of the artworks – how clever are our students and teachers!



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION 2023

Parents who have submitted an application for Kindergarten 2023 can now book two orientation visits for their child. The visits will allow children the opportunity to become familiar with the classrooms, playground and teachers, and give them an opportunity to meet other children starting school in 2023.

Only children whose enrolment application has been accepted are permitted to attend.

Parents are asked to submit an online application which can be accessed from our school website at <https://kentroad-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

Parents can also book their two orientation visits on the school website at <https://kentroad-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/k20201.html>

COVID RULE CHANGES

From Friday 14 October 2022, people who test positive to COVID-19 do not need to isolate. In line with this announcement, the NSW Department of Education have worked with NSW Health to support all schools to adapt to this change while continuing to prioritise student and staff wellbeing by minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmissions.

Students and staff continue to stay home when sick

Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom free. We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the guidance issued by NSW Health. We will continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.

Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns, as well as wear a mask. We will continue to support our families to use rapid antigen tests (RATs) if symptomatic or if you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19. RAT testing may help identify the infection early and is important if you are in contact with people at greater risk of serious illness if exposed to COVID-19.

We are continuing our covid-smart measures

Our school will continue to operate with our baseline COVID-smart measures in place throughout Term 4 to minimise transmission and keep our school open. This includes a combination of layered safety measures such as maintaining hygiene and cleaning practices, using rapid antigen testing (RAT) when experiencing symptoms, maximising natural ventilation, strongly encouraged vaccinations and strongly encouraging mask-wearing particularly when indoors and/or physical distancing is not possible.

In certain circumstances, NSW Health and the Department of Education may advise that additional COVID-smart measures be temporarily reintroduced at our school. We will provide further details of any changes to COVID-smart measures at our school, if/when required.

Reporting requirements from 14th October

Please continue to notify your school if your child tests positive to COVID-19 as we will continue to notify the school community of any known positive cases to prioritise student and staff safety and wellbeing

**BOOK CLUB ISSUE 7 DISTRIBUTION - CLOSING DATE –
MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER @ 3.15pm**

ALL STUDENT ORDERS ARE PROCESSED USING THE LOOP PLATFORM

Instructions for how to order using the LOOP Platform can be found on Scholastic's website via the Parents and Kids ORDER NOW Link followed by Book Club LOOP PLACE YOUR ORDER.

Order forms and receipts do not need to be returned to the school.



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This week Year Three have been investigating and learning about 3D shapes.

We have explored pyramids and prisms and the similarities and differences between them.

Have a look at the different ways we have created 3D shapes.

YEAR THREE NEWS





Year 5 has been exploring various measurement concepts during mathematics. We have loved the hands on aspect and converting between different units.



SCHOOL GARDEN

This week, keen gardeners from Kindergarten to Year 6 gave up their morning play time to help weed, plant and water our fresh garden beds.

A big thank you to Mr Parsons for preparing the garden beds for us to use.

With suggestions from all classes in the school, we planted a range of different plants including carrots, cucumbers, snow peas, basil, rosemary, tomatoes, lettuce, and thyme!

We can't wait for our garden to grow and flourish this Spring.





SRC Staff and Playground Spotlight

Staff Spotlight:

Miss Raptis Classroom Teacher 1R



What subject do you like teaching the most and why?

I like Geography because we learn a lot about Australia.

What do you like to learn about the most?

I love learning about new places and new foods.

Why did you become a teacher?

I wanted help students learn and grow.

What do you love most about KRPS?

How friendly and how happy they are.

Do you have any hobbies or special talents?

My hobby is going to the beach.

Interviewed by: Lucie and Olivia

Miss Basmajian - Assistant Principal and Classroom Teacher 5B



What subject do you like teaching the most and why?

I like teaching reading because I love hearing different stories and learning new facts.

What do you like to learn about the most?

-I love learning about languages like Darug.
-I speak Armenian at my house.
-My mum speaks many languages like Turkish.

Why did you become a teacher?

I became a teacher because I love learning and I love seeing students say "Ahh, I know!" when I explain something to them.

What do you love most about KRPS?

I love the very well mannered students and the parents are very caring to the school as well as the kind teachers.

Do you have any hobbies or special talents?

I can wiggle my ears without touching them and I can sing. I love riddles and jokes. I lastly have a large collection of earrings.

Interviewed by: Zion, Logan and Tiki

