



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Four Week 4

Friday 4th November 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,

This week we welcomed the NSW Minister for Education, Mrs Sarah Mitchell, to our school along with 14 Principals, Assistant Principals and teachers from around NSW to discuss the implementation of the new English and Mathematics syllabuses.

Thank you to our student leaders who greeted our visitors and showed them around our school. Minister Mitchell and our other guests loved our vinyl wrap and our classrooms!



BEST WISHES MISS GREALY

Today we say goodbye to Miss Grealy as begins maternity leave. We wish Miss Grealy and her husband all the very best as they prepare for the birth of their baby in a few weeks. A very big thank you to Miss Grealy for providing the students in her class a wonderful start to their school life, and for her leadership of the Kindergarten team.

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

I would like to introduce some new Kent Road staff members who have joined our school team over the past few weeks. We are very lucky to have them join our school team.



Welcome to Mrs Pam Kuchta who has joined the school administrative team.



Welcome to Miss Hannah Fraser who is teaching 3L for the remainder of the year.



Welcome to Miss Mel Izaks who will teach KG for the remainder of 2022.

CONCERNS RAISED BY MOTORISTS

We have received a number of phone calls over the past weeks from local residents and motorists who have raised concerns about students and parents stepping onto the road without looking, walking across the road in front of moving cars, darting in between cars and not using the available pedestrian crossings.

As adults, we know children will copy the behaviour of the adults around them. As adults we have a more highly developed sense of distance however this does not develop in children until they are teenagers. If we adults model crossing the road at the safest place, it is highly likely children will copy this behaviour.

I ask all parents to cross at the available pedestrian crossings; to say stop, look and listen or look right/left/right (and repeatedly say it out loud to your children) until it becomes a habit. I am becoming increasingly concerned there will be a serious accident involving our students that could be avoided if we, as adults, model the correct behaviour.

ASSEMBLY HALL ROOF WORK

The hall roof replacement is almost finished and work will then begin on replacing the roof on the K-2 toilet block (near OOSH). Students will need to use the S block toilets near the tennis court whilst this work takes place.

Once the fencing is removed from around the assembly hall we will return to our usual pick-up arrangements at the end of the school day; band will return to the assembly hall and gate 2 will re-open.

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:

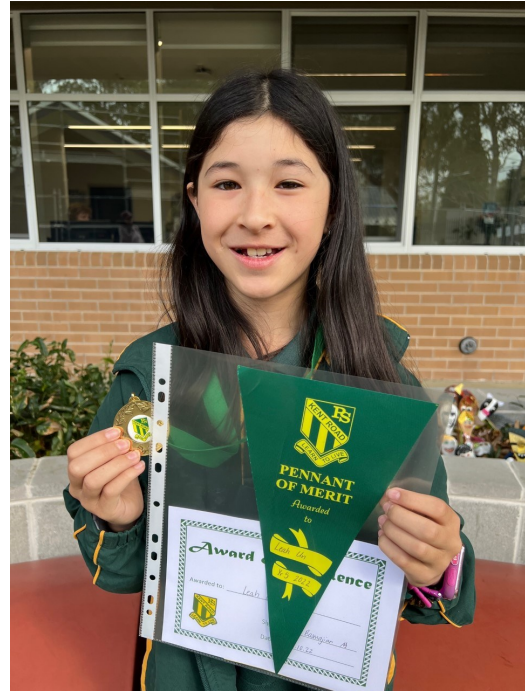
- ☆ students who attend Miss Dom's dance classes before school
- ☆ the school's dance groups
- ☆ the school's Training, Concert and Performance bands
- ☆ the school's String group
- ☆ some individual performances

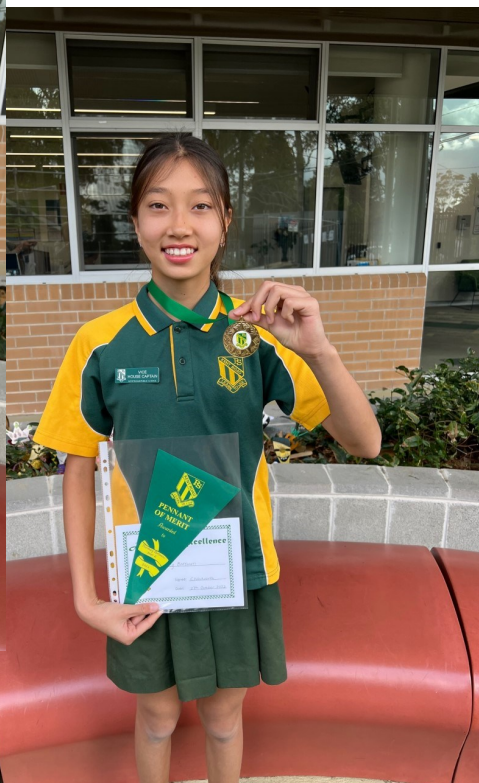
More details will be coming out soon but we hope all students in these performance groups will be able to attend.

Yrs3-6 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the students who were presented their gold medals today. We are very proud of you!

* Serena	3P	* Ahan	3P
* Alma	4T	* Andy	4C
* Paridhi	4M	* Olivia	4H
* Leah	5W	* Arya	5E
* Maryam	5W	* Tselmeg	6W
* Vanessa	6W		





And the following students received a merit certificate today reflecting their hard work, respectful behaviour and showing responsibility. Well done everyone!

3B	Amyra	Writing an amusing limerick during Literacy Groups
3B	Divesh	Engagement and participation in all class activities
3K	Janiece	Using sophisticated vocabulary when explaining the changes of state in matter
3K	Antoine	His enthusiastic approach towards our kindness challenges
3L	Aren	Actively participating in discussions during Science
3L	Leon	Displaying a positive attitude in all learning activities
3M	Austin	Writing a descriptive and engaging diary entry
3M	Olivia	Always showing an engaged attitude towards Mathematics discussions
3P	Anthony	Being an engaged and enthusiastic learner during Literacy groups
3P	Zunairah	Always demonstrating kindness and respect in the classroom
4C	Ethan	His wonderful participation during class discussions
4C	Sarah	Her engaged learning and always producing work of a high standard
4H	Logan	Excellent engagement in the Drama Toolbox workshop
4H	Claire	Using high modality words in a persuasive text
4K	Adelene	Her enthusiastic participation in the drama workshop
4K	Koby	His engagement and focus during mathematics lessons
4M	Shiksa	Creating artwork with great attention to detail
4M	Ashwin	Always being a kind and supportive class member
4T	Yani	Always being a kind, respectful and responsible member of 4T
4T	Keyan	His enthusiastic participation and engagement in the Drama course
5B	Louisa	Her participation and engagement in class sport
5B	Jolene	Writing a variety of creative and engaging poems
5E	Emma	Working hard to refine and improve her poetry in Writing
5E	Eyas	Working effectively in a group to investigate resistance in Science
5S	Matilda	Writing a creative diamanté poem using nouns, verbs and adjectives
5S	Haim	Putting her best efforts into all areas of her learning
5W	Amber	Writing creative diamanté poetry using exciting vocabulary
5W	Jonathan	Approaching all learning tasks with enthusiasm and determination
6L	Phillip	Always being a respectful and responsible student
6L	Sophie	Her creative shape poetry
6M	Dania	Being an engaged and respectful learner
6M	Oscar	Creating a descriptive sensory poem
6S	Michael	Being a respectful and polite member of 6S
6S	Ben	Writing an engaging, well-structured poem about Winter
6W	Harry	Creative use of poetic devices in his poem about Spring time
6W	Nomi	Her engagement in Writing lessons on poetry

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.

Please be aware that late applications will not be accepted by the Selective High School unit.

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.

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>

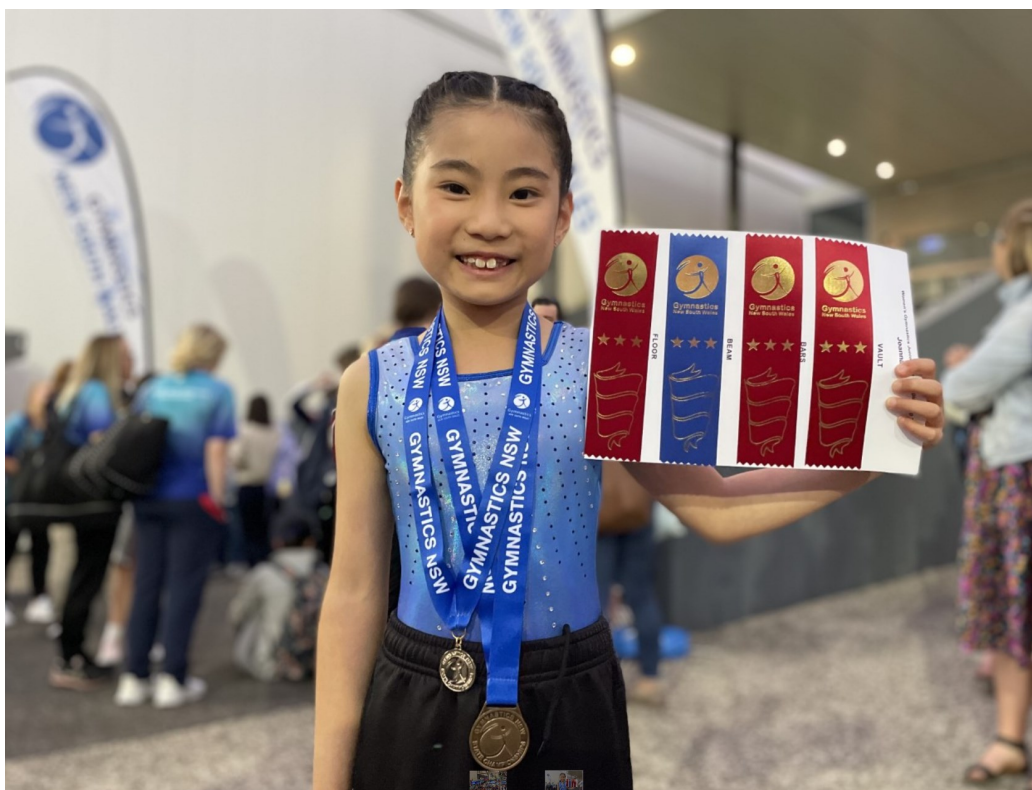
CONGRATULATIONS JOANNA

Joanna competed as a participant in the **NSW Women's Artistic Gymnastics Junior State Championships Level 3**, a competition with a total of 382 participants.

Joanna won the **gold medal in the individual and team competitions on Level 3 session 8 last Sunday.**

Joanna also **placed 4th overall in the NSW State with a total of 382 participants and 1st place in the Northern Region!**

She has trained at the YMCA Epping for almost two years. Recently maintaining a four-hour training at a time, and three times a week. Within the last few months, she has qualified for State Championships after competing in club qualification and regional qualification.

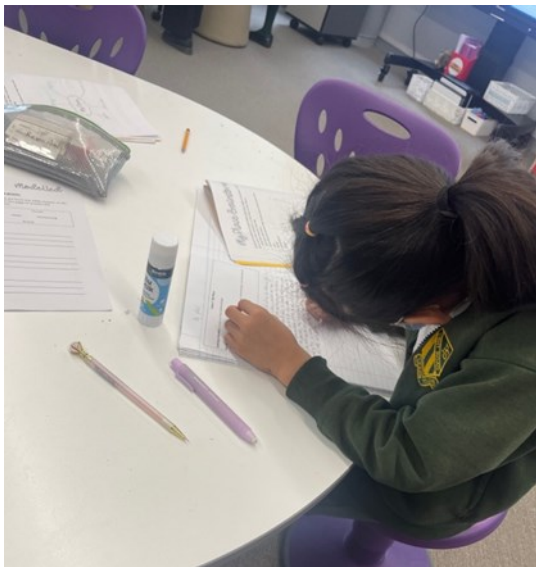


Congratulation Joanna – your hard work is bringing amazing results!

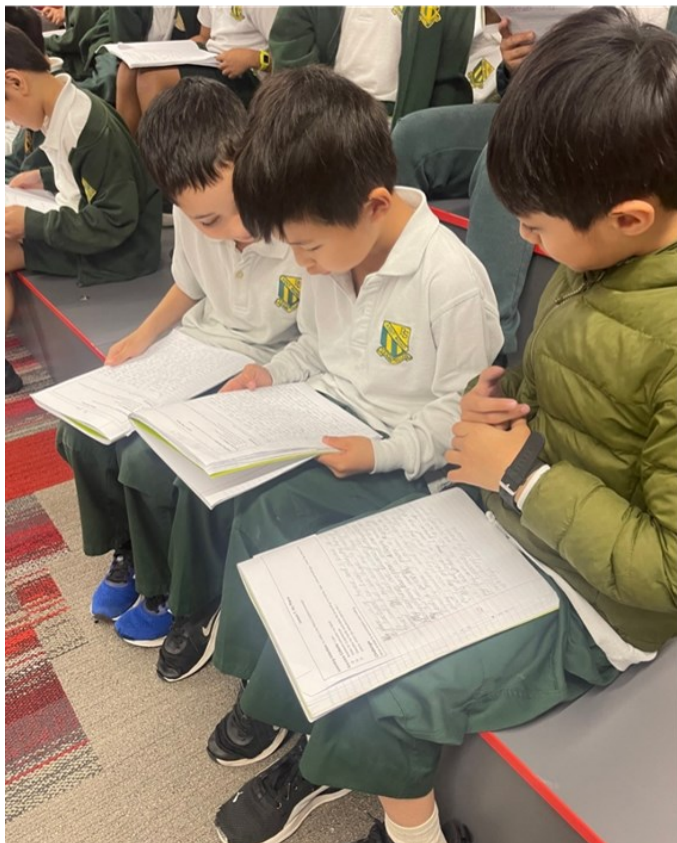
This term, Year 3 is learning all about the book 'My Place' by Nadia Wheatley. We've loved learning about how people and places in Australia have changed over time.

My Place depicts the history of one particular piece of land in Sydney from 1788 to 1988 through the stories of the various children who have lived there.

This week we've written our own 'My Place' paragraph. We really enjoyed sharing more about ourselves, such as our cultural backgrounds, families and the area we live in.



Once we wrote our paragraph, we were able to read them out loud to a partner.



Year 4 News

Over the last few weeks, Year 4 have been participating in a range of practical hands-on Mathematics lessons around Measurement and Geometry. Students have been exploring 3D objects, reconstructing nets of 3D objects and drawing 3D objects from different viewpoints. Students have also been investigating capacity, making their own measurement devices and learning about displacement.

It has been a lot of fun (and sometimes a bit wet!)



This week, four members of the Year 5 Debate Team were excited to win the quarter final of the Ryde/Ku-ring-gai Local League debating competition against Ryde Public School, arguing that **sponsorship is not ruining professional sport**. The team for this week were Emily, Imogen, Will and Misi - well done team!

Hannah and Chloe reflected on what they have learned from debating this year:

During our session in debating, we developed skills that will benefit us in the future and we found it really fun and challenging. It was especially fun talking in front of other kids from various schools. Even collaborating with different students we wouldn't normally talk to was enjoyable and was an amazing experience.

We also did find some hard aspects to debating as communicating was a big issue and we would have to find time to talk and plan during break times at school. We learned how to write rebuttals which require a lot of practice. It was a struggle to rebut the other teams' arguments as we would be put on the spot and were required to make up a whole paragraph about why their arguments were wrong.

We learned how to write persuasive speeches and even many different and intriguing words to support our arguments and convince our audience.

Great work so far Year 5 team, and good luck in the semi finals!



CHRISTMAS DRAMA WORKSHOPS

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Supporting Children with Toilet Training: Free Webinar

Strategies for Supporting Children with Toilet Training

Presented by

Dr. Mary Anne Hall

Tuesday 29th NOVEMBER

12:00pm - 1:00pm AEST

**FREE ON DEMAND WEBINAR****Strategies for Supporting Children with Toilet Training**

Join Dr. Mary Anne Hall as she discusses strategies for educators and caregivers to assist and support children through the challenges of health care and toilet training.

This Webinar will highlight:

- Supporting children with ASD with toilet training
- Responding to a child's toileting accident
- Creating consistency between home and the care environment
- Signs that indicate toilet readiness

This Webinar is suitable for Childcare Centre Directors, Group Leaders, and Assistants. It is also highly recommended for those in the disability sector, who care for, and work with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Upon completion of this Webinar, you will receive a Certificate of Attendance. However, if you cannot attend, there will be a Webinar Replay link available to you for the following 24 hours.

NOV**29**12:00pm - 1:00pm
AEST (QLD TIME)**Register For Free**