

# KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL **BLUE GUM NEWS**

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#### **Term Four Week 7**

Friday 25th November 2022

**Important** Dates & Notes

**PSSA** Please check the compass app for more information

#### **Dates To Note**

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,

#### THANK YOU and FAREWELL MS HAMILTON

After 40 years committed to public education, including 26 years at Kent Road Public School, Ms Hamilton has announced she will be retiring at the end of the 2022 school year.

Throughout her career Ms Hamilton has taught in a variety of schools including western Sydney, inner city schools, and Kent Road, progressing from classroom teacher to Assistant Principal then Deputy Principal, and she has successfully undertaken a number of stints as relieving Principal.

Ms Hamilton has championed many curriculum changes, school initiatives, and inter-school events across NSW. As leader of our school's student wellbeing program Ms Hamilton implemented our gold medal reward system and oversaw the implementation the Positive Behaviour for Learning initiative which has brought about significant positive change to the ethos of our school.

As the champion of many successful initiatives Ms Hamilton has coached a number of PSSA Netball and T-ball teams, promoted a love of learning especially in English, art and history, supporting our international students as well as beginning teachers.

In her retirement Ms Hamilton is looking forward to travelling, enjoying time with her family, spending more time with her dog Peggy and working on a volunteer basis for Dogs4jobs, a rescue organisation that rescues working dogs from rural areas and rehabilitates them before they are rehomed around Australia.

On behalf of all Kent Road students, staff and parents I thank Ms Hamilton for her boundless dedication to supporting students, parents, and her colleagues. After all the years Ms Hamilton has spent devoting herself to educating children, she can look back with pride at everything she has accomplished and enjoy her retirement.

Ms Hamilton's last day will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

We will be holding an assembly to recognise Ms Hamilton's achievements on Wednesday 7th December 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.



#### **CONGRATULATIONS MS LINDSAY**

I am happy to share the wonderful news that Ms Lindsay and her husband have announced the safe arrival of their baby boy this week. Everyone is doing well.

#### **KINDERGARTEN 2023 ORIENTATION**

We have had three very successful Kindergarten 2023 orientation sessions this week. The sessions will continue next week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning.

#### **COVID CAUTION**

Parents are asked to continue to be vigilant with rapid antigen testing. We have been notified of students in Year Two and Year Four testing positive to covid this week.

Students are required to stay home if unwell (with any symptoms or illness – not only covid), and do a rapid antigen test every two days if they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive to covid.

#### MAD NIGHT - 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

A note has been issued today via Compass to students who are in our school performance groups. Please return the note as soon as possible to indicate if your child is able to participate in MAD night, which will commence at 5.30pm and finish by 7pm.

Performing at MAD night will be:

- the school's dance groups
- the school's Training, Concert and Performance bands
- the school's String group
- some individual performances
- guest appearances!

#### LAST DAY OF TERM FOUR FOR STUDENTS

The last day of this term for students will be Friday16th December. The following Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, teachers and staff will participate in professional learning in preparation for the implementation of new syllabus documents

### Have You Bought Your Calendar Yet?

Your child has created an individual artwork which we have attached to a 2023 calendar. This calendar will be a helpful reminder for important dates in 2023. Included in the calendar are term dates, school holidays and important school events planned for next year. The artwork will be a lovely keepsake for families.

If you would like to purchase your child's 2023 calendar please complete the order form below. Parents may wish to view the calendar before making their order - please see the front office.

Calendars will cost \$10 each.

For families with 2 or more children at Kent Road PS, the cost will be \$15 per family.

Payment for calendars can be made in a number of ways:

On our school website - 'Make a Payment'

Cash or cheque or credit card at the school office or

Send cash or cheque with your child.

#### **ASSEMBLIES**

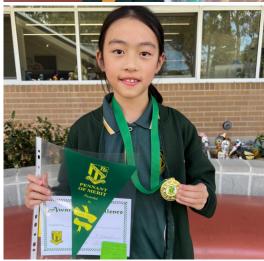
Next week's assembly, Friday  $2^{\rm nd}$  December, will take place at 11.30am due to Kindergarten Orientation.

#### **K-2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

Congratulations to every student who was presented with their gold medal today. We are proud of you!

* Vincent	<b>2S</b>	* Chloe	<b>2S</b>
* lvy	21	* Ovee	1S
* Hannah	1K	* Leira	1S
* Alexa	1CP	* Dave	1S
* Ethan	18	* An	1F
* Shanaya	1K	* Oliver	1H























Congratulations everyone!

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

KC	Lara	Being a kind and caring class member		
KC	Nate	Being an engaged learner during Literacy Groups		
KD	Samaira	Being a confident speaker when sharing her news with the class		
KD	Celia	Always being an enthusiastic member during class discussions		
KF	Yukari	Her enthusiasm and creativity during our Digital Technology lessons		
KF	Kamal	His growing confidence in sounding out and blending together of words		
KG	Nolan	Creativity during coding using Scratch Junior		
KG	Giselle	Focus and determination during procedure writing		
KM	Colette	Her kindness in the classroom and on the playground		
KM	Ocean	His persistence and enthusiasm to achieve his learning goals		
KN	Aria	Always being respectful to her teachers and peers		
KN	Isha	Trying her best during her news presentation		
1CP	Annie	Being a kind and responsible friend who is willing to help everyone?		
1CP	Raymon	Adding a great sense of humour to the class		
1F	Karen	Being a kind, thoughtful and responsible friend		
1F	Serah	Excellent problem-solving during Mathematics		
1H	Barana	Challenging herself in her reading		
1H	Kabir	Providing great answers in our Year One social skills topics		
1K	Kiara	Being an engaged learner in Literacy Groups		
1K	Aiden	Challenging himself to write more complex and interesting sentences		
1R	Asadally	His great effort during Literacy Groups. Well done!		
1R	Jeonghu	Always being a friendly, kind and respectful student		
<b>1</b> S	Malavika	Great use of adjectives in her speech about cats		
<b>1</b> S	Sienna	Being a friendly class member and settling into Year One so quickly		
2A	Sunethra	Using great persuasive techniques during writing		
2A	Cedric	Being engaged and responsible during literacy groups		
2C	Felix	Using great persuasive vocabulary in Writing!		
2C	Ethan	Being a kind and respectful member of 2C!		
2F	Isaac	Being a problem-solver during Technology lessons		
2F	Ishaan	Making interesting contributions during discussions		
21	Michael	Showing resilience and a positive attitude when challenged		
21	Christian	A very persuasive piece of writing. Well done!		
2S	Boqian	Effective use of the OREO structure in persuasive writing		
2S	Sebastian	Providing good reasons when writing persuasively		
2W	Bole	Constructing excellent persuasive sentences during writing		

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## **Congratulations Pieter!**

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Pieter Hattingh (6S) was invited to attend the Australian Math Competition NSW State Awards night. He received an award for being a High Achiever in the Upper Primary Division.

We congratulate Pieter on his amazing results!







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Year 3 had a very fun week becoming gardeners! Each class was in charge of looking after the school gardens on a specific day.

We got to water and weed the garden beds to help keep the plants healthy and happy in this warmer weather.

We also discussed the different ways we can become more environmentally friendly and sustainable.

Have a look at 3L in action!















Our garden beds have enjoyed the sunshine and rain over the last couple of weeks with produce starting to be harvested. On Thursday morning, students were very excited to see some strawberries and tomatoes beginning to grow. Some students were shocked to see they start off green and turn red when they are ready to be picked off the vine! We harvested lettuce, snow peas, coriander and dill today. Hopefully, we will be able to harvest carrots, tomatoes, spinach, mint and capsicums soon!

With the mountain of lettuce harvested, KF and 4K enjoyed an opportunity to come together and make lettuce wraps. KF students have been learning about procedures and showed Year 4 their writing skills, sharing their procedures on how to make salad sandwiches. Year 4 were very impressed with their writing skills.

Afterwards, KF and 4K enjoyed making lettuce wraps with our freshly homegrown lettuce. Students discussed how fruit and vegetables grow, when we know it is ready to be harvested and how we do that. Some Year 4 students helped open up snow peas to show Kindergartens what the peas look like inside!

KF and 4K enjoyed their lettuce salad rolls and had a lot of fun enjoying the lettuce we have been helping water and grow!



























## PSSA News

On Friday, the PSSA teams finished up the Summer Competition with their final games at Meadowbank Park and Morrison Bay. Congratulations to all the teams for a fantastic season. The coaches were impressed with the amazing sportsmanship that was demonstrated throughout the competition, as well as some excellent skill development. We were able to play 5 games in a row, a record this year with unusually wet weather at the beginning of the Term I season.



Jnr and Snr Cricket Teams



Volleyball and Newcombe Ball Teams



Snr Softball Team



Jnr T-Ball Team

Thank you to all the players for demonstrating Kent's Rules at every game. Coaches from other schools were consistently commenting on the beautiful manners and sportsmanship of the Kent Road teams. Unfortunately, none of our teams made the Grand Final this season, but a special mention goes to the Volleyball team who came overall 4th on the table and the Boys T-Ball team who came 3rd.

Well done again!

## **CCA Leader's Summit**

On the 14-16<sup>th</sup> November the school leadership team went to the Collaroy Centre with Ms Hamilton and Miss McKenna to attend the 3 day City Country Alliance Leader's Summit.

While we sat through many interesting speeches and performances our favourite part of the 3 days was making new friends, the team building activities including lazer tag, abseiling, orienteering and rock climbing and the Macquarie University activities which were really interesting and fun.

It was nice to meet students from country schools and talk about our different schools.

We all enjoyed the camp very much and are extremely grateful for the amazing opportunity.

Kyce, Charlotte and Vanessa

School Captains.













#### **MEET OUR WORLD VISION SPONSORED CHILDREN**



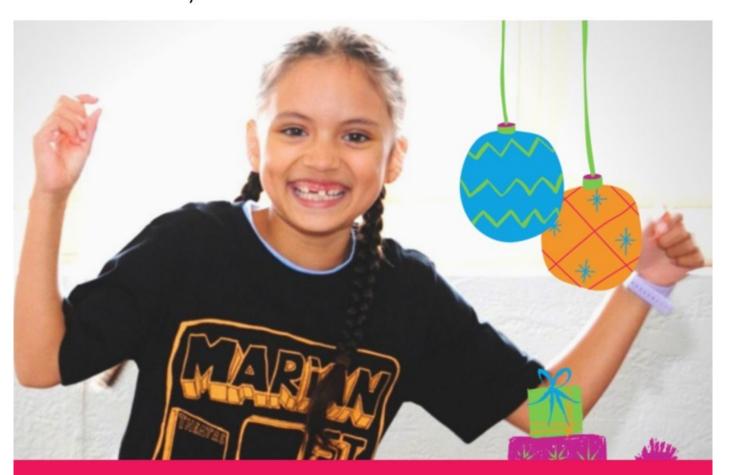
Collin is from Uganda and has been sponsored by the students the of Kent Road for the last 10 years, he was a very little boy when we first meet him. Due to our constant sponsorship Collin is enjoying good health and has safe, clean drinking water in his village. He has received extra help to improve his reading and writing skills this year and is currently in grade 6.



Wasihun is 15 years old and comes from Ethiopia. We sponsored him 5 years ago. This year he has received pencils and books for his school work as well as a hygiene kit for his family as they have very few material objects. There is no television in their shanty town. Wasihun has really developed in confidence this year and now enjoys going to school, although he must do many jobs in the morning before he walks there with his sister..

# CHRISTMAS DRAMA WORKSHOPS

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- <u>Go4Fun</u> is a FREE 10-week program to support your family to make healthy lifestyle changes.
- Term 1 2023 programs coming to Ryde and Chatswood

- Contract

To register visit: www.go4fun.com.au/register







## **FAST FEET FOOTBALL ACADEMY**

2022 & 2023 ENROLLMENT TERM 4 FRIDAY CLASS SPOTS AVAILABLE- 7:30AM TO 8:30AM INTERMEDIATE CLASS \$185 PER TERM.

8:30AM TO 9AM BEGGINER CLASS \$165 PER TERM- 10 WEEKS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

-MONDAY CLASS STARTING IN 2023
3:15 TO 4:15PM AND 4:15PM TO 5:15PM
SOCCER BOOTS OR APPROPRIATE
SPORT SHOES TO BE WORN

COACH PAOLO SEDIA C2 EX PRO PLAYER



Boys and girls welcome of all ability- kindy to year 6 •

- tactical drills specific to age and
- -small sided games/match play
- -Flexibility and mobility activities

Location-

soccer oval- KRPS

Contact- 0432410767 paolo.cianci17@gmail.com

-Fast Feet Football Academy will run yearly at KPRS-term 1 to 4.