



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term One Week 11

Friday 8th April 2022

Important Dates & Notes

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Dates To Note

Term Dates

Term One

Tue 1-02-2022 -
Fri 8-04-2022

Term Two

Wed 27-04-2022 -
Fri 1-07-2022

Term Three

Tue 19-07-2022 -
Fri 23-09-2022

Term Four

Mon 10-10-2022 -
Mon 19-12-2022

Dear Kent Road Parents and Carers,

Today marks the last day of our busy Term One, and our students and staff now have two weeks of rest and relaxation ahead of the next school term. All students should be proud of their academic effort and achievements over the past term. Teachers have seen significant progress by students as they committed to their studies after the long learning from home period last year. Equally as important have been the great improvements in social interactions as students re-established friendship groups, welcomed new students and adjusted to routines both in the classroom and in the playground.

I want to thank Kent Road parents for supporting the safe return to school for our students over the past ten weeks. I understand it has not been easy for parents to balance the demands of work and school, isolation, caring for sick family members, as well as dealing with their usual daily routines.

It seems that we will be dealing with similar circumstances in the coming months as covid19 remains a concern but by working together and taking the appropriate precautions, we hope to continue to provide a wide range of valuable educational activities to support students' learning.

I look forward to seeing students back at school on **Wednesday 27th April**.

CORAKI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone for the gold coin donation for Coraki Public School yesterday. We collected \$931. We will hold another fundraiser next term which will be lots of fun for our students as well as a big help to the Coraki community. I spoke with a Coraki PS staff member yesterday and she was overwhelmed by the generosity of the people offering to help them.

ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday Years Five and Six students participated in a special assembly presented by our student leaders to acknowledge ANZAC Day which occurs on 25th April. We welcomed Mr Gordon McPherson and Mr Barry Toms from North Ryde RSL Club who presented the school with a number of new books for the school's library. We are very grateful to North Ryde RSL Club for this kind donation.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The School Photographer will return to the school early next term to complete the sibling photographs as well as the individual photos for the students who were absent on Wednesday.

CHANGES TO ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS

The NSW government announced changes to the Public Health Orders this week.

- People who test positive to COVID-19 and complete their 7-day self-isolation period **do not have to test or self-isolate for 12 weeks after their release.**

- Self-isolation means staying at home or at your accommodation.

This means you cannot drive your children to school or day care; you must ask someone else to do this.

You must only leave self-isolation to get medical care or in an emergency.

HAT PARADE

There were wide hats, tall hats, fluffy hats, colourful hats and hats that light up at yesterday's fabulous hat parade. With the help of our Year Six students who provided an umbrella escort to the assembly hall, our Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two students enjoyed parading their hats and singing to the many parents and grandparents who came to watch the parade.

The Easter raffle was our biggest and most successful ever, raising \$8140. With donations from parents of Easter eggs we were able to make 152 prizes which were sent home with very happy winners yesterday. Thank you Mrs Silsby for organizing this fabulous fundraiser. The funds will be used to purchase additional playground seating.

UNIFORM SHOP

Parents wishing to purchase school uniform are asked to place an order online via the school website. The Uniform Shop is currently not open for parents to make purchases in person.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to everyone who has paid the fees for their child. There are three components to the fees note.

Section A – is a request for payment which includes textbooks, exercise books, Footsteps dance and the Drama Toolbox program which all grades will participate in this year.

Section B – is a request for a voluntary school contribution which helps to fund daily costs.

Section C – is a request for a voluntary P&C contribution which assists the Parents and Citizens Association to fund school initiatives.

If you require a paper copy of the note please contact the administration office. Parents may choose to pay the full amount or pay in smaller contributions throughout the year. Payments can be made by cash, credit card or online.



HATS, HATS and MORE HATS



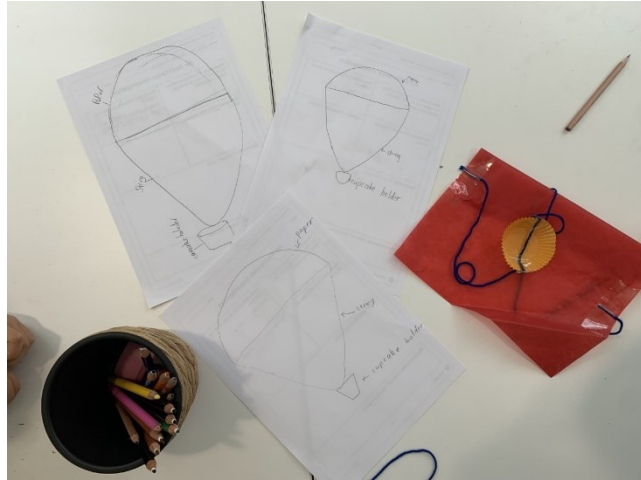
HARMONY DAY COLOURING

I received many wonderful Harmony Day posters for our recent colouring competition. I especially want to congratulate Daniel in Year Six for his exceptional poster which I have had enlarged and placed in the front entry to the school for everyone to enjoy. Great work Daniel.



What's New in Year Two

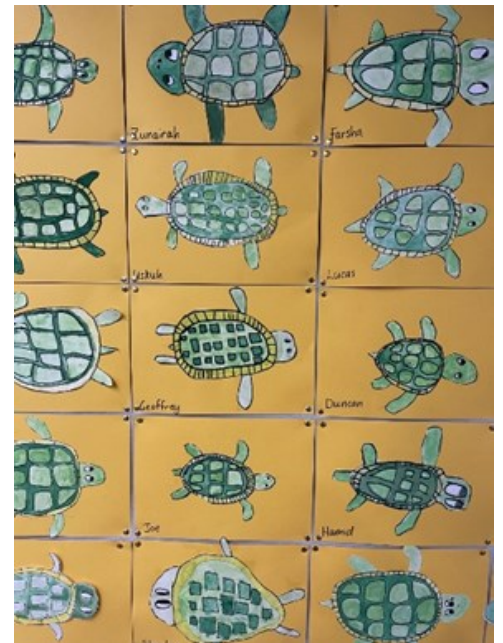
Year Two have been doing some very exciting work in Science this term, experimenting with push and pull forces. To explore air resistance students were asked to design, build, and test parachutes.



We have also been introduced to our buddies and enjoyed working together to create Harmony Day artworks.



Year 3 have been learning about the Great Barrier Reef in Science. Our art program this Term is linked to the Great Barrier Reef. Students had a lot of fun painting these water colour turtles with a focus on the elements of art - colour, shape, form, texture, line, and value.



In maths this week, students have been learning about the multiplication facts. In particular, the relationship between the five and ten multiplication facts. Year 3 have had a great week!



Year 5 Antarctica Incursion

This week Year 5 was lucky enough to have Chris, an explorer, share his discoveries from Antarctica. We were able to see photos and video footage of the wild ship ride and unique animals. Chris also brought evidence of glaciers, huts and more.





High Performing Students Team

Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2023

Once you complete and submit your application you can change details, send and receive messages through your application dashboard.

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2023?

You must apply online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



Key dates

Application website opens:

Tuesday 26 April 2022

Application website closes:

5pm, Friday 13 May 2022

You must apply before this deadline

Test centre advice sent:

Thursday 14 July 2022

Opportunity Class Placement Test:

Thursday 28 July 2022

Placement outcome information

released overnight on:

Friday 7 October 2022

**Please read this document
carefully before applying.**

Parents* monitor the Department's website regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Please check the Department's website for information before you contact the Team.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team[^].

Contact Details:

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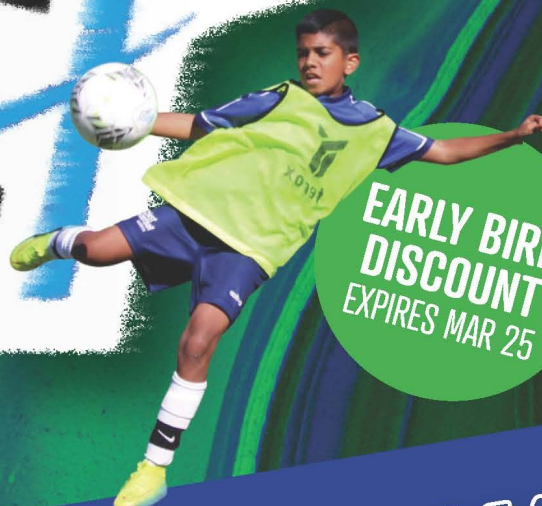
Postal Address: GPO Box 33, SYDNEY, NSW 2001

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/159342048077050>

Please Note:

[^]In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

*'Parent' is defined under the Education Act, 1990, as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.



EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT
EXPIRES MAR 25

APR '22 SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

Mon Apr 11th- Wed Apr 13th / 9am - 1pm

Christie Park, Christie Road, Macquarie Park

BOYS & GIRLS 4-14 YEARS \$230 ^{EX GST} | New players will receive a complimentary training jersey
Register at justfootballacademy.com.au/register | Enquiries can be made on 1300 724 189




AUTUMN HOLIDAY ENGINEERING & ROBOTICS CAMP

LOCATED AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS

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School Locations	Date	Enrolment Link
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John Purchase PS	13/04 & 14/04	www.trybooking.com/BYEZB
Samuel Gilbert PS	19/04 & 20/04	www.trybooking.com/BYKPA
James Ruse Agricultural HS	21/04 & 22/04	www.trybooking.com/BYGAI

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