



# KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Three Week 1

Friday 22nd July 2022

### Important Dates & Notes

#### PSSA

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the compass  
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information

### Dates To Note

#### Yr 5 Overnight Excursion

Mon 15th Aug-  
Wed 17th Aug

#### Yr 2 Overnight Excursion

2A, 2I Tue 9th -  
Wed 10th Aug  
2C, 2F, 2S, 2W  
Wed 10th Aug-  
Thur 11th Aug

#### Australian Maths Trust

Competition  
Wed 3Aug and  
Fri 5 Aug

### Term Dates

#### 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,

Welcome back to Term Three.

The NSW Department of Education has issued the information below (and attached) to update the covid-safe requirements for Term 3. A combination of flu, colds and covid is expected to have a serious impact over the next four weeks.

Unfortunately we will need to postpone Friday assemblies and parent visits to classrooms for a few weeks.

We are currently reviewing our plans for the next month to ensure all activities can be undertaken safely. **Staff, students and people entering the school grounds are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.**

[COVID-smart settings in Term 3 from the NSW Department of Education](#)

Many of our existing COVID-smart measures continue into Term 3, including:

- staying home if unwell, even if you have a negative RAT, until you are free of symptoms
- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and close contacts able to return to school
- strongly encouraging mask wearing, particularly for the first 4 weeks of term
- strongly encouraging all eligible students and their families to get vaccinated for COVID-19 and the flu
- maximising natural ventilation
- good hygiene practices
- strict requirements for close contacts attending school
- responding to local COVID-19 conditions

Some things are changing this term, and the virtual assembly is your chance to hear more about those changes, including:

- **COVID-19 vaccination policy update** – the mandate requiring COVID-19 vaccination will be lifted for staff in most school settings from 1 August 2022.
- **Boosted day cleaning** – our cleaning model has shifted slightly and will now be more concentrated during school hours.

[NSW Government Term 3 COVID-smart settings in schools fact sheets for parents and carers](#)

Please see the attached factsheet from the NSW Government and Department of Education.

**Parents please remember, if there is a positive case in your home your child may attend school IF THEY TEST NEGATIVE ON A RAT EACH MORNING AND WEAR A MASK FOR 5 DAYS.**

**If you do not wish for your child to wear a mask, or your child is not willing to wear a mask, he/she must stay at home until the positive case finishes isolation.**

## KINDERGARTEN 2023 – APPLICATIONS TO ENROL

I ask parents who have a child starting school in 2023 to please submit an enrolment application, either online or a hard copy, as soon as possible. We have many applications for Kindergarten 2023 already, and would like to ensure siblings of our current students are guaranteed a position. This may not be possible later in the year for siblings who live outside our catchment area.

Our next Kindergarten 2023 information night and tour will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Dates for remaining tours:

- Monday 25th July 2022, 6pm - 7pm
- Wednesday 31st August 2022, 6pm - 7pm

Please click on this link to book your place: [Registration Form](#)

## CONGRATULATIONS IRIS

Below is a letter of congratulations received by Iris in Year Two following her success in an international recitation competition. What an amazing achievement!

### Honored Invitation 2022 Chinese Recitation Competition Global Final

Dear Principal,

We would like to congratulate your school student Iris (2F) on winning the 2022 Hello Mandarin Australia Recitation Competition.

We are delighted to invite your school student Iris together with other outstanding contestants to represent Australia to the 2022 7<sup>th</sup> China ( Beijing ) Huayun Mandarin Recitation Competition (Global Final).

This event organized by Sydney Recitation Art Group, Australia. This is a global competition for young Australian students to demonstrate their high standard of Chinese language skills.

Since 2017, about sixty outstanding contestants has been chosen Australia wide.

They represented Australia to compete with contestants from other countries in Beijing, China. Our Australian contestants have brought back substantial achievement.

We sincerely hope that Iris will join us and share the very special success of Chinese language learning at the event.

Yours Truly,  
Cynthia Wang  
President Of The Committee of Hello Mandarin Recitation Competition



**GOLD MEDALS**

Congratulations to the following students who collected 72 green cards through showing respect, responsibility and engaged learning, and received their gold medals today.

* Oliva	1R	* Zachary	1CP
* Eleanor	1F	* Lilian	2C







## *Kent Road Public School*

### *Kindergarten 2023*

### *School Tour*



Parents of children who will start Kindergarten in 2023 are invited to attend an information night and tour our wonderful school facilities, on one of the following dates:

- Monday 23rd May 2022, 6pm - 7pm
- Wednesday 15th June 2022, 6pm - 7pm
- Monday 25th July 2022, 6pm - 7pm
- Wednesday 31st August 2022, 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 click on the link below.

Please click on this link to book your place (ctrl-click): [Registration Form](#)

We look forward to meeting you,

Ms Denise Minifie

Principal, Kent Road Public School

Please be aware everyone attending a school tour must comply with the NSW Department of Education's sign-in requirements, including completing the school sign-in sheet and using the NSW government QR code. Please do not attend if you or your child is unwell.





**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022**

**8:40am – 9:40am**

**At the Uniform Shop**

**(Wooden building near gate 5)**

**Please sign in at the school office  
on your way into the school.**

**If possible, please bring cash with  
you for second hand uniforms.**

**There will be 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop sales monthly, so look out  
for future dates in the school newsletter.**

NSW Department of Education

# COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for parents, carers and students



We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.



## Stay home if unwell

- If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home. If they are displaying even mild COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID test (PCR or RAT) and isolate.
- Your child should only return to school once they have returned a negative test and they are symptom free.



## Vaccinations

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 and flu are the best way of protecting yourself, your family and the community. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to give your immune system a helping hand against viral illnesses.
- All eligible staff and students are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect their health.



## Close contacts

- Students identified as close contacts can attend school providing the school is informed, they return a negative COVID-19 test result and wear a mask, except when eating/drinking or exercising (if in Year 7 and above) for 5 consecutive school days, and they do not attend high risk settings.
- Students in schools for specific purposes and support units cannot attend school as a close contact and will be supported to learn remotely during their self-isolation.



## Rapid antigen testing

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying even mild COVID-19 symptoms, or daily if they are attending school as a close contact.
- If your child tests positive for COVID-19, they must not attend school until their isolation period finishes and they are symptom free. Positive rapid antigen test results must be registered with Service NSW.
- If your child tests negative but is still showing symptoms they should not attend school until symptom free.
- Staff and students will be provided with 1 multipack of 5 RAT kits by their school in early Term 3.
- Schools will maintain a reserve stock of rapid antigen tests onsite for surveillance testing purposes in the event of an outbreak.



## Hygiene and cleaning

- Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and water, and to use personal protective equipment as required.
- Boosted day cleaning of schools will focus on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas.





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