



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Three Week 3

Friday 5th August 2022

Important Dates & Notes

PSSA

Please check the compass app for more information

Dates To Note

Yr 2 Overnight Excursion

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

Yr 5 Overnight Excursion

Mon 15th Aug -
Wed 17th 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,

Tomorrow, Saturday 6th August, many members of our school bands will come to school for a day of instrument practice and band rehearsals before presenting a concert in the afternoon to parents and families. I thank Miss Koeferl and Miss Lee for the organisation of this event. Thanks also to the many teachers and parent volunteers who will assist throughout the day, and to parents for supporting the band camp.

Everyone who has heard our bands practicing will agree they are making fantastic progress under the wonderful conducting of Alex.

I would like to thank all Year Six students for stepping into the role of the teacher this week as they delivered lessons to younger students to develop their understanding of Aboriginal culture, art, language and stories. As a result of this initiative many Year Six students commented they would love to be teachers when they grow up.

I watched as Kindergarten students enthusiastically participated in a lesson presented by Year Six students who read the Aboriginal story of How The Birds Got Their Colours and organised a craft activity for the class.



Next week Year Two students will participate in the Zoo Snooze excursion which has been on hold for the past two years. We look forward to hearing all about the adventures of our Year Two students as they have a sleep over at Taronga Zoo.

On Monday we will welcome a group of student teachers from Macquarie University who will visit classrooms to see our expert teachers in action and experience how open classrooms operate.

KISS AND DROP RULES

I have become increasingly concerned about the behaviour of some parents as they drive and park near the school. There have been several incidents recently where parents have broken the law when driving near the school which has placed students and community members at risk. People who do not obey the road rules risk being fined and losing points from their licence.

The kiss and drop area on Kent Road operate under the same conditions as no parking zones, which means **you may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes**. You are required to remain in, or within 3 metres of, your car.

WHAT TO DO IF THERE IS A POSITIVE COVID CASE IN YOUR HOME

Students and staff who are household/close contacts and have no symptoms can attend school if they follow certain guidelines:

- They **must notify the school** and the outside of school hours care OOSH provider if they are intending to attend school.
- They should **conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days**.
- Primary school students are recommended to wear a mask indoors (except when eating or exercising).

No student or staff member identified as a household/close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.

KINDERGARTEN 2023 – APPLICATIONS TO ENROL

Parents who have a child starting Kindergarten in 2023 should be aware the NSW Department of Education does not guarantee younger siblings a position if they live outside the school's catchment area. In order to ensure siblings of our current students have a position please submit an application as soon as possible.

Our final Kindergarten 2023 information night and tour will be **Wednesday 31st August 2022, 6pm - 7pm**.

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

GOLD MEDAL PRESENTATIONS TODAY

Congratulations to the following students in Years 3-6 who collected 72 green cards through showing respect, responsibility and engaged learning, and received their gold medals today.

* Raymond	2W	* Ibrahim	2C
* Sebastian	1R	* Bryson	1K
* Marcus	1H	* Anirudh	1K
* Narawin	1R		

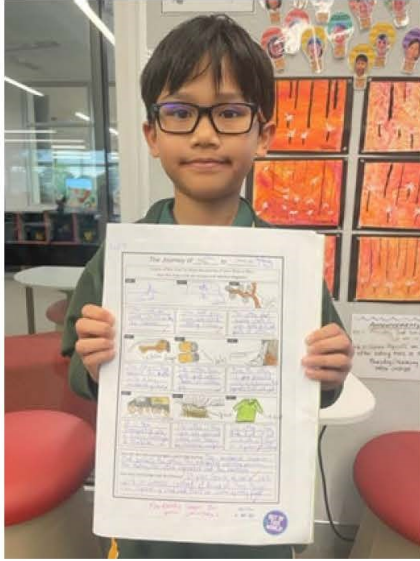
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Congratulations
to this week's
gold medal
winners!

YEAR FOUR NEWS



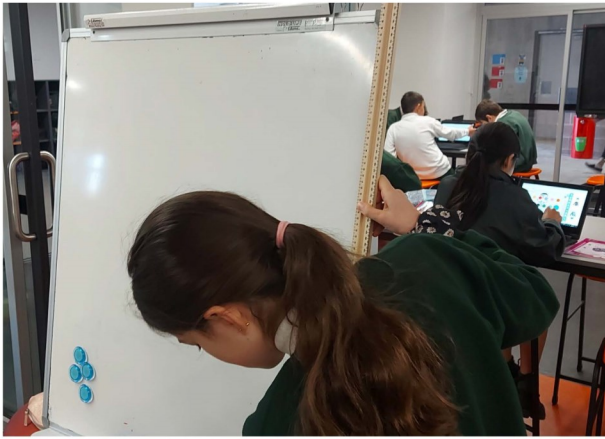
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YEAR FIVE NEWS

Year 5 Have had a busy start to Term 3. We have been learning about division and in maths.

Some of us even caught up with our buddies and helped them prepare some masks.



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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