



# KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Three Week 4

Friday 12th August 2022

### Important Dates & Notes

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### Dates To Note

Yr 5 Overnight  
Excursion  
Mon 15th Aug-  
Wed 17th Aug

Kindergarten and  
Yr1 Sport Day  
Thur 8th  
September

### 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,

### **KINDERGARTEN and YEAR ONE SPORTS DAY**

We are looking forward to our annual K-1 Athletics Carnival which has been planned for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. The carnival will be organised into a session for Kindergarten students from 9.30am-11.00am, followed by a session for Year One students from 11.30am-1pm.

The program will include running races and many fun events to encourage students to participate in active play and exercise. Students are asked to wear sports shoes and sports uniform, or they may choose to wear a t-shirt in their sports house colours. Your child's teacher will tell them what house they are in.

**Date:** Thursday 8th September (Week 8)

**Time:** Kindergarten - 9:30-11:00am

Year 1 - 11:30-1:00pm

**Location:** Kent Road Public School - Back Oval

Parents are welcome to attend the event to cheer on their child subject to the covid requirements that apply at the time. We hope to see you there!

### **YEAR FIVE ARE HEADING TO BATHURST**

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August our Year Five students will be visiting the historic town of Bathurst in western NSW for three days as part of their History studies.

Students will need to arrive at school by 6.45am on Monday.

Best wishes to our Year Five travellers for an educational and fun trip.

### **YEAR TWO ZOO SNOOZERS HAD A FANTASTIC TIME!**

This week 144 Year Two students attended the Zoo Snooze excursion on either Tuesday or Wednesday night. The Zoo Snooze has been a tradition at our school for some time but had to be cancelled for the past two years due to covid.

The excursion was, for many of these students, the first time they had been on an excursion, and for most students it was the first time they had slept away from home.

Many facts about animals were learnt. Did you know an elephant has over 40,000 muscles in their trunk or that tigers slept for an average of 16 hours per day?

From tamarind monkeys to rock wallabies and spiky echidnas, students had the opportunity to have a close-up look at some amazing animals.

I thank our Year Two teachers for undertaking this excursion with their students, and also thank parents for allowing their children to participate in this big adventure.

**BAND CAMP**

What a great event last Saturday's Band Camp was. The purpose of the day was to allow students who are in our three bands the opportunity to participate in individual and small group tutorials with expert musicians, as well as providing more time to play with their fellow band members. A number of students attended around their Saturday sports and other events, reflecting their commitment to developing their musical skills.

It was great to hear the three bands perform in the afternoon for parents and family members. As always we are in awe of our band conductor, Alex Kirk, who has provided great encouragement and advice for our bandmembers. Thank you to Miss Lee and Miss Koefel, and all teachers who attended to assist with the set-up and pack-up, as well as the many parent volunteers who attended to help make this is a successful day.

**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.

(Parents are reminded students can only use their green cards once to earn a yellow certificates. Teachers will cut the corners off the cards once they have been submitted to avoid any confusion.)

* <b>Adrian</b>	<b>3L</b>		* <b>Adelene</b>	<b>4K</b>
* <b>Jasper</b>	<b>4T</b>		* <b>Rebecca</b>	<b>4K</b>
* <b>Cynthia</b>	<b>4C</b>		* <b>Andrew</b>	<b>5S</b>
* <b>Ava</b>	<b>5B</b>		* <b>Christian</b>	<b>5S</b>
* <b>Laura</b>	<b>5E</b>		* <b>Xavier</b>	<b>6W</b>
* <b>Fatema</b>	<b>6L</b>		* <b>Soha</b>	<b>6M</b>
* <b>Ben</b>	<b>6S</b>		<i>We are proud of our gold medalists!</i>	

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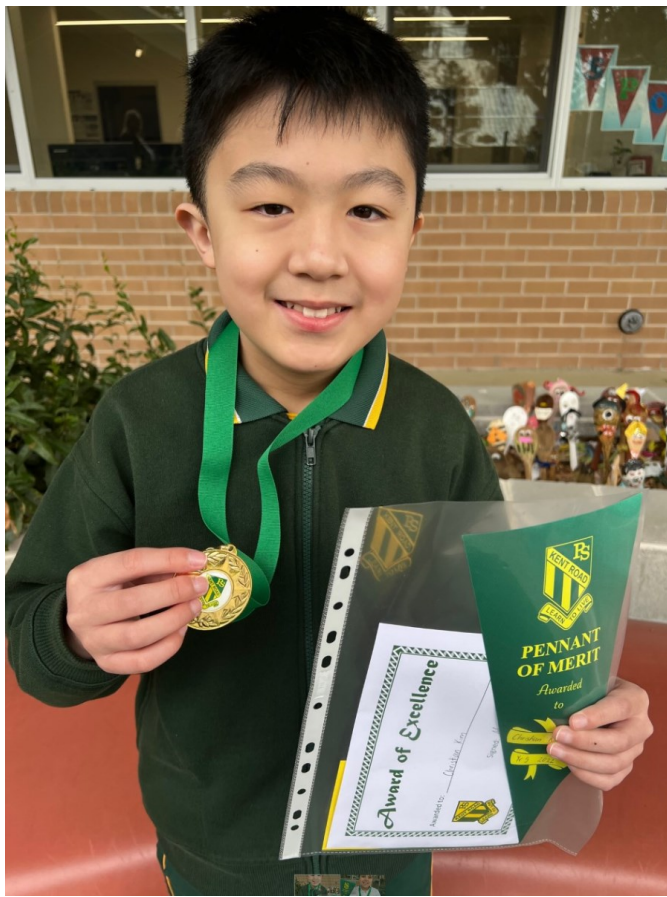


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## KISS AND DROP RULES

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.**

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We are looking forward to our annual K-1 Athletics Carnival. The children will participate in many fun events throughout the day to get them enjoying exercise. They will wear their sports uniform and will be invited to wear a t-shirt in their house colours. Your child's teacher will tell them what house they are in.



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## Year 2 News

This week Year 2 went on the Zoo Snooz overnight excursion. We all had so much fun!

We arrived at the zoo and went on a night walk to spot different animals. We had dinner together and then met some more animals up close. We even got to touch them!

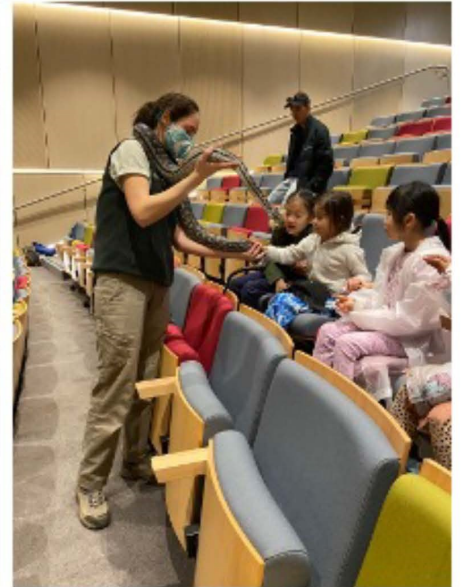
The next day we went on a behind the scenes tour of the zoo before it opened to the public. We had breakfast and then met some more animals.

We then spent the rest of the day exploring the zoo! Here are our adventures...





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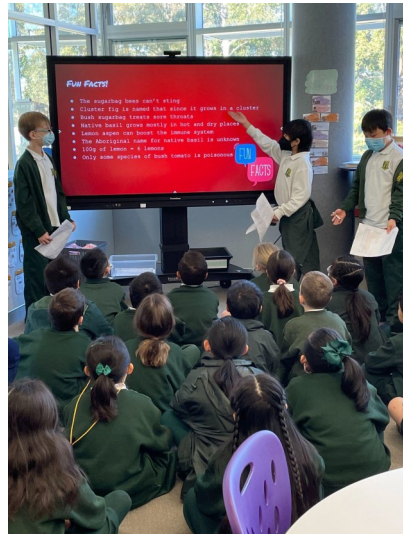


Throughout the past term, Year 6 has been planning and designing their NAIDOC Week lessons which they were excited to deliver at the start of Week 3. The Year 6 students taught either Aboriginal Art, Science, Language or Music and Dance, and were given a grade that they would teach



“My group taught Kindergarten the Dharug language and had a really fun experience. It was great because they all learnt a lot of new words and it was fun seeing them enjoy the games”. (Xavier, 6W)

“I had the Year 1s and loved teaching them Aboriginal Music and Dance. They learnt how to sing an Aboriginal song called ‘Inanay ‘ which is important to the traditional owners of the land. It was a fun experience and I hope the Year 1s had fun too.” (Nomi, 6W)



“NAIDOC Week was really enjoyable and it was a great learning experience. I taught Art to Year 4 and it was really easy because they were well behaved and always enthusiastic. My group and I were nervous, but after a few times we got more confident and the lessons ran smoothly.” (Aiden, 6L)

“This teaching experience has taught me about leadership and responsibility. Through teaching Music & Dance, I have built up my confidence of standing and speaking in front of a large group. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to teach these students about the importance of NAIDOC Week.” (Chelsea, 6W)



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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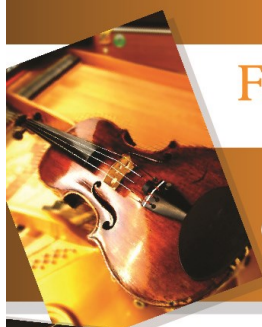
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