



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term One Week 3

Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Kent Road Parents and Carers,

I am happy to report students are settling in well to their new class routines, and our programs are well-underway.

KINDERGARTEN BEST START

Over the past week our Kindergarten students have been participating in the Kindergarten Best Start Assessment program with classroom teachers. It is expected that all students will have completed the Literacy and Numeracy assessment by the end of next week, and soon after parents will receive a report with suggestions as to the next areas of learning focus.

MEDICAL NEEDS

Please ensure the school is aware of any medical needs your child may have. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to provide updated Health Care Plans/Action Plans and medications to the school. Students are not permitted to carry medication in their own bags.

Students who have been diagnosed with asthma, an allergy and/or anaphylaxis must have a current Action Plan and appropriate medication. Occasionally students require medication to be administered at school. This can only be done with the appropriate written notification.

Should medication be required it will be stored in the front office and administered under supervision.

Thank you to parents/carers who have already provided the office with an updated Health Care Plan, Action Plan and medication this year. Action Plans are medical documents completed and signed by the treating doctor, not a parent. Please be advised that Action Plans do not expire, and therefore the plan remains valid.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

May I please ask that you ensure you drop off and collect your child safely and park appropriately. Please do not park across neighbour's driveways as it creates inconvenience for the neighbour and ill-will towards the school.

If you are walking, please use the footpaths rather than walking on or across the road dangerously. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure our students are safe.

TECHNOLOGY USAGE

It has come to my attention that a number of students are wearing smart watches and there have been a few incidents where students are using these inappropriately during the school day. All parents should be aware staff will contact parents directly if there is a medical or other concern. It is not the student's responsibility to contact their parents if they feel unwell or upset.

Students must not use their mobile phones or smart watches to contact parents throughout the day, and parents should not be contacting students during learning time. Students are not permitted to take photos of other students or teachers, record teachers or students in the classroom or playground without their permission.

Students seen using these devices inappropriately will have their watches or phones removed and stored at the front office for parents to collect.

COMPASS ACCESS

Unfortunately we continue to experience difficulties aligning the Department of Education's enrolment system and COMPASS. We are working closely with both the Department and COMPASS to resolve these issues. For parents still unable to access COMPASS, and who are reading the newsletter via our school website, please be assured we are working hard to have these issues resolved.

YEAR 3 – 6 ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to Jasmine, the first gold medal recipient for 2023!



FOOD ALLERGIES

We have a number of students who have food allergies, particularly to nuts. I ask all parents to be mindful of these students if they send birthday treats to their child's class for students to share. Any treats which contain nuts will be returned.

We must all work together to keep all students safe.

STUDENTS WHO ARE UNWELL

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 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 COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID-19 test (PCR or RAT) and follow the advice from the NSW Government on managing COVID-19 safely at home.

Your child should only return to school when they are symptom free.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received a merit certificate today reflecting their effort and achievements, kindness and respectful behaviour, and demonstrating responsibility. Congratulations everyone!

3A	Charles	Being a kind friend to those who need help
3A	Ariba	Working hard during Mathematics
3F	Niels	For being a responsible role-model and class member.
3F	Zeina	For consistently contributing to class discussions.
3K	Naira	For being a helpful and caring class member of 3K
3K	Calvin	For his creative sentences during our 'show don't tell' writing discussions
3L	Jasper	for his positive attitude and engagement during class discussions
3L	Chloe	for demonstrating excellent handwriting and neat bookwork
3M	Suvan	His engagement and enthusiasm during Mathematics
3M	Advika	Demonstrating kindness and responsibility in the classroom
3O	Mohammad	For settling well into Kent road and getting involved in class discussions.
3O	Olivia	For demonstrating knowledge about Australia's states and territories
4D	Oliver	His excellent effort when learning about Geology in Science
4D	Jolie	Her persistence when creating her self-portrait during Visual Arts
4H	Lola	Her efforts in creating a sizzling start in writing
4H	Derek	Consistent high engagement during mathematics lessons
4K	Linda	for her contributions to class discussions about persuasive texts
4K	Austin	his thoughtful questions and observations during History
4L	Isabelle	Making detailed observations in Science
4L	Serene	Her excellent predictions about 'The Great Bar'
4M	Dmitri	Being a good role model
4M	Ivy	Great detailed prediction of 'The Great Bear'
5B	Maibel	Using personification to make her writing engaging
5B	Kayhan	Being an independent and engaged learner during maths rotations
5C	Adelyn	Outstanding use of emotive language when writing a narrative
5C	Anthony	Being positive, happy and motivated to take on new tasks and challenges
5F	Sarah	Taking responsibility for her own learning
5F	Nazim	Pushing himself to complete all class work
5I	Ella	Her excellent engagement and fantastic contributions to class discussions
5I	Charlie	His engaging and descriptive sizzling starts during narrative writing
5S	Adam	Demonstrating responsibility within the classroom
5S	Senuli	Writing an engaging narrative with increasing tension
6L	Hakeem	His fantastic sizzling start in writing
6L	Mia	Showing kindness to peers and being a great role model
6M	Julian	A detailed food production flowchart
6M	Choe	Writing an engaging sizzling start
6S	Matilda	excellent contributions to class discussions in reading rotations.
6S	Jonathan	his sustained focus in writing an engaging sizzling start.
6W	Abigail	A highly descriptive Sizzling Start paragraph
6W	Noah	Focus and engagement in Writing lessons

Kent Road Public School P&C Association Annual General Meeting & Term 1, Week 4 General Meeting

Hello Everyone,

The Kent Road Public School P&C would like to invite you all to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) followed by the first General Meeting of 2023. The meetings will be held in the school hall on Monday 13 February 2023 from 7.30 pm. If you are able to RSVP it would be appreciated however this is not compulsory. Any school community member will be welcome on the night. Please send your RSVP to email: kentroadpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

The AGM will start at 7.30 pm. Soon after all P&C Executive and sub-committee positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be held for President, Vice-President x 2, Secretary, Treasurer, Uniform Shop Coordinator and Support Coordinator, Events Coordinator, Class Parent Coordinator, Book Club Coordinator and supporting teams.

Nominations are open to everyone and the P&C encourages you to nominate. Support will be available when taking on a role and getting involved to help the school and all the children is a very rewarding experience. For the P&C to be effective in 2023, it is important for all positions to be filled.

To be able to nominate for a position, and to be able to vote at P&C meetings, you must be a fully paid member. The membership fee is \$1 per year. To aid record keeping, the P&C would prefer to receive these payments via direct transfer following the instructions provided below.

Direct Transfer Instructions

Make the payment to:

Account Name: Kent Road School P&C Association

BSB: 032 289

Account: 332845

Please include your surname and the letter of your first name in the reference box. Once payment has been made, please share your receipt by sending to kentroadpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au, along with the following information.

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEMBER TYPE: PARENT / CITIZEN (UNDERLINE AS APPROPRIATE)

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR MEETING NOTICES & UPDATES

I made a direct debit of \$1.00 in the KRPS P&C Account to become a financial member of the Kent Road Public School P&C Association. I acknowledge that I am aware that I agree to follow the Constitution, by-laws, Code of Conduct and sub-committee rules as adopted by the Kent Road Public School P&C Association.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

By returning this completed form you are acknowledging to abide Constitution, by-laws, Code of Conduct and sub-committee rules as adopted by the Kent Road Public School P&C Association.

We look forward to seeing all of you on Monday night.

Kind regards

David Doyle

KRPS P&C Secretary 2022

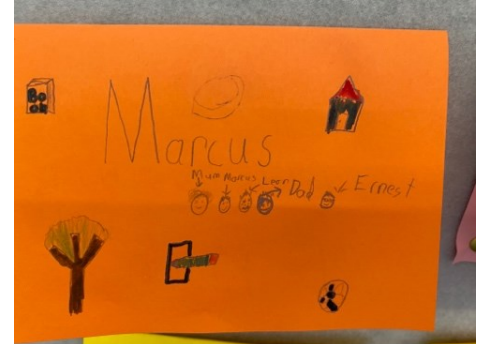
Year One News

This week Year One have started their Music Lessons, and Library lessons. A highlight of the week has been starting Footsteps. They have been learning lots of different dance moves to the song 'Everybody Dance Now'. Year One are working on their coordination and rhythm to stay in time with the beat of the music. During their dance lesson, it was great to see lots of smiling faces as they danced to the music.



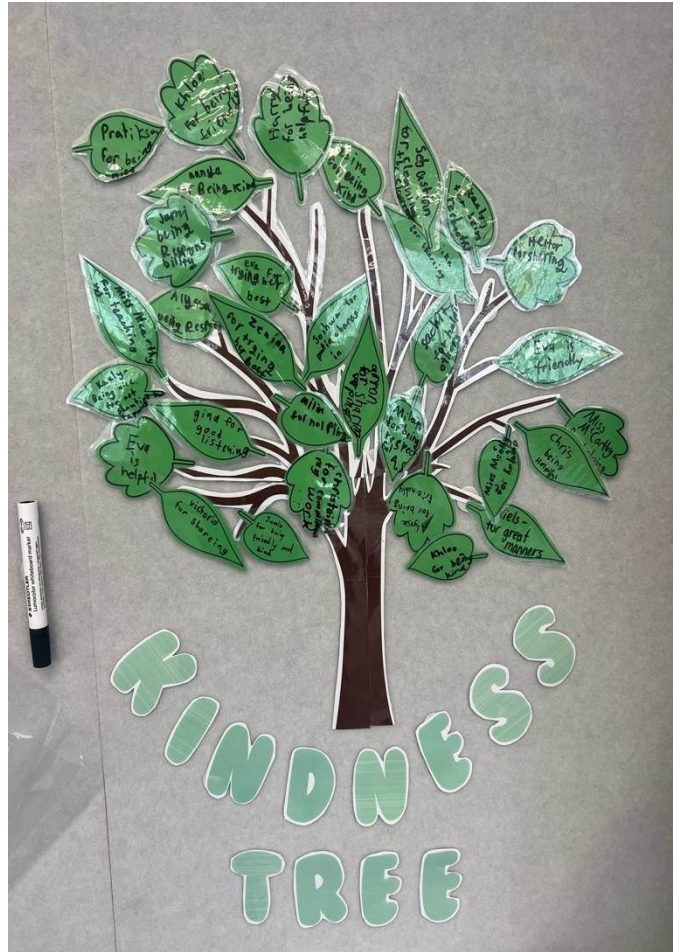
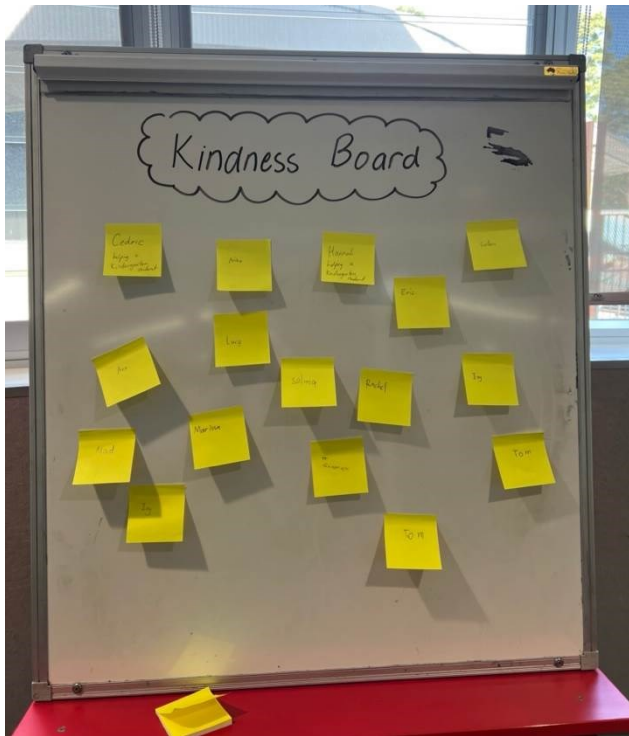
Year 2 News

Year 2 are off to a great start! We have been getting so creative. We have been creating designs to reflect our identity and even making classroom animal masterpieces.



In Year 3, there is a strong focus on kindness! In each class, students record all the acts of kindness they see both inside and outside of the classroom.

Have a look at 3F and 3M's kindness tree grow!



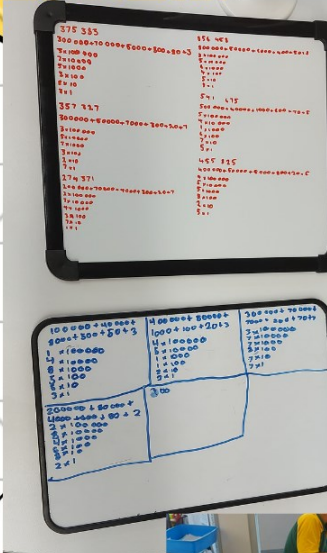
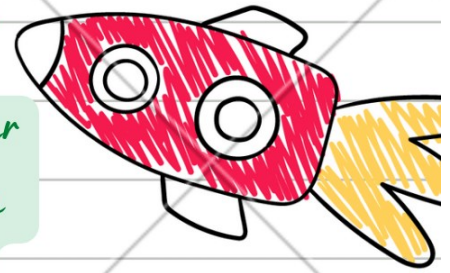
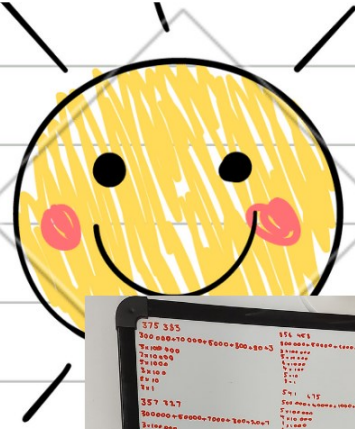
Year 4 News

This term Year 4 students are learning about the Earth's surface and how it changes over time. To begin the unit, students became rookie geologists, taking part of the lesson into the school playground, unearthing and examining rocks. During their exploration students were using their classrooms learnings, discussing if the rocks were porous, layered or if they could see interlocking grains in their rocks.



Year 5 Term 1 Week 3

We have been busy working on our number skills during maths. In writing we have been writing narratives to engage our reader.



The Monster Under My Bed

Scrape! Scrape! I was rocking on my bed worrying about the monster under my bed. It kept on scratching my floors. I couldn't sleep..I thought it would grab me when I was sleeping and eat me alive!

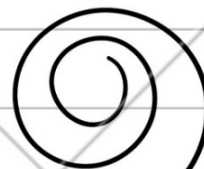
My eyelids were like blinds. They were closing and I dropped dead asleep. When I woke up my mum told me to come down stairs. I jumped off my bed without putting my feet on the floor. "Good morning sweetie" my said morning mum "Happy saturday I made you pancakes" Mum happily said oh boy thanks mum. When I finished eating i got changed and picked my pretty wiggles dress.

Splash! Went the water and that was the beginning of Charlton Jr's trip to get to Australia from New Zealand by boat. Now let me introduce you to Charlton Jr and his dog and cat Adam and Selene. Charlton Jr loves adventures especially ones that are set at sea and his favourite food is pizza. Selene Charlton Jr's cat she loves tennis balls wool and cat treats. Adam loves tennis balls and wool just like Selene and he would do anything for a scratch or a treat.

Intelligence

"Ooh, a parcel!" Jack shrieked as he went to receive it. His sister Velocity sighed. Her brother was always acting like a Hopeless Case. They were at their stone house named Morning Side. She strode towards her brother, muttering something about unintelligence. Meanwhile, her brother was staring at the bionic thing inside what seemed to be an ordinary brown box made out of cardboard.

"Wha... What is that?" Jack pointed with a shuddering finger, "Is it dangerous?"
 "Curiosity killed the cat," Velocity replied.
 She had to give her brother a ten minute lecture about curiosity and its dangers, and when she was finished, his brother went to research the mysterious bionic thing. She muttered "kids these days" as she retreated into the house. Then, when she was just at the end of the doorway, a deafening noise erupted from the front yard.
 "Oh, no! What happened to Jack?" Velocity cried.
 She raced to the front door and jacked it open. She saw her brother with a blackened face.



Year 6 News

Year 6 have settled well into their new rooms, classes and roles as school leaders. They have been engaged and thoroughly enjoyed their start of year Art.

