



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term One Week 4

Friday 17 February 2023

Important Dates & Notes

PSSA
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the compass
app for more
information

Dates To Note

Yr6 Excursion
Clifton Gardens
Mon 7 March

Term Dates

Term One
Tue 31-01-2023 -
Thur 6-04-2023

Term Two
Wed 27-04-2023 -
Fri 30-06-2023

Term Three
Tue 18-07-2023 -
Fri 22-09-2023

Term Four
Mon 9-10-2023 -
Tue 19-12-2023

Dear Kent Road Parents and Carers,

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Please take note of the following dates for the Information Sessions which will be presented by teachers in each grade. Teachers will outline the learning planned for each curriculum area, the weekly timetable, homework expectations, excursions and key events, and tips for helping your students at home.

There will be the opportunity to ask questions, but not for individual parent-teacher interviews.

KINDERGARTEN	Tuesday 28 th February	5pm- 5.40pm	In their classrooms
YEAR ONE	Tuesday 28 th February	5.30pm- 6.10pm	In their classrooms
YEAR TWO	Wednesday 1 st March	5.15pm- 5.55pm	In their classrooms
YEAR THREE	Wednesday 1 st March	5pm- 5.40pm	In their classrooms
YEAR FOUR	Monday 27 th February	5pm- 5.40pm	In their classrooms
YEAR FIVE	Monday 27 th February	5.30pm- 6.10pm	In their classrooms
YEAR SIX	Wednesday 1 st March	5.30pm- 6.10pm	In their classrooms

STAYING SAFE IN THE COMMUNITY – TALKING ABOUT STRANGER DANGER WITH YOUR CHILD

It is important for all children to understand safe and unsafe behaviours, to recognise who is a stranger and what to do if a stranger is making them feel unsafe. There are some great ideas on the safety4 kids website to help children develop their understanding of safe behaviours and to recognise unsafe behaviours: https://www.safety4kids.com.au/safety-zone_stranger-danger

What to Do?

Hi kids! Do you know how to stay safe should a stranger approach while you are playing outside at home?

We share some simple and easy tips in our image above (click on 'Next' and 'Previous') that can help you with what you should do if a stranger is near.



Do you like poems? You may like to learn my special poem below that can help you if you ever feel unsafe when playing.

Make your play time fun and always take care!

Bye for now,

Paulie 



Paulie's Safety Poem

When playing outside
and a stranger comes
near, be safe and call
out so your parents
can hear!

KINDERGARTEN, YEAR ONE and YEAR TWO ASSEMBLY

Today we held our first Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two assembly with the help of our Year Six student leaders. Congratulations to the following students who were presented with a Class Merit Certificate at the assembly.

KF	Elizabeth	for always being a polite and responsible member of our class
KF	Jieke	for being an active listener and a keen contributor to class discussions
KK	Stella	For consistently engaging and participating in all English activities
KK	Isaac	For being a responsible and respectful class member
KV	Paige	for being an engaging learner in different activities and respecting other students
KV	Jonathan	for always being responsible and demonstrating the school values
KH	Ruby	for always showing enthusiasm in class and being a role model for KH
KH	Hocaneally	For being a respectful learner and contributing to class discussions
KI	Ahana	For being focused and engaged during all learning activities
KI	Lucas	For enthusiasm when learning new maths concepts
KN	Matthew	For showing enthusiasm during Literacy Groups and always trying his best
KN	Yannis	For being a kind and thoughtful friend to everyone in KN
KM	Jenzen	For showing enthusiasm and trying his best in all learning tasks
KM	Mia	For being a role model student for KM and always showing our school's values
1S	Gan-Ochir	For being a kind and caring friend
1S	William	For being an engaged and hardworking learning
1P	Joan	Always being focused and on task in class
1P	Yuguo	His concentrated effort towards improving his writing
1H	Mia	For her super knowledge on nouns and verbs
1H	Zaid	Demonstrating respect and good manners to his teachers and peers
1E	Evelyn	For her consistent focus and determination in all learning areas
1E	Bryan	For being a caring and responsible member of 1E
1HS	Clara	Consistently beautiful book presentation
1HS	Earnie	Having a fantastic attitude and being a kind friend
1F	Matilda	Consistently trying her best during English lessons
1F	Finn	Being an engaged learner
2C	Fox	For enthusiastically sharing mathematical thinking during class discussions
2C	Shanaya	For being a kind and thoughtful member of 2C
2A	Christian	For writing a detailed paragraph about feeling connected to our school
2A	Kimi	For being an engaged learner during maths rotations
2F	Tracy	For showing excellent knowledge in Mathematics when partitioning three-digit
2F	Jonathan	For demonstrating perseverance and problem solving when answering
2VN	Jordan	For making thoughtful contributions to class discussions.
2VN	Melody	For bringing a positive attitude to all learning experiences. Welcome to Kent
2G	Serina	Having a wonderful first week at Kent Road public school.
2G	Alexa	For being a respectful and helpful member of 2G.
2W	Serah	Making excellent contributions to class discussions
2W	Zachary	Being a thoughtful and engaged member of 2W

COMPASS ACCESS

We think we have resolved our COMPASS issues and all parents should now have access to the COMPASS app. Parents can use the App to notify the school of their child's absence, make payments, access the school newsletter, sign excursion notes. Parents who read the newsletter via our school website, who may be having issues with COMPASS are asked to contact the school.

BEFORE SCHOOL and AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Parents are reminded all gates except for gate 5 are locked by 3.20pm. Parents must collect their child from gate 5 for all after school activities including AFL, art, creative writing etc.

PARENTS and CITIZENS (P&C) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association was held on Monday evening. I would like to pass on my thanks to the outgoing P&C executive team for their support over the past year/s.

There are a few positions on the 2023 P&C Executive yet to be filled but I am sure we will have nominations by the next meeting which will be held on Monday 13th March at 7.30pm in the assembly hall.

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

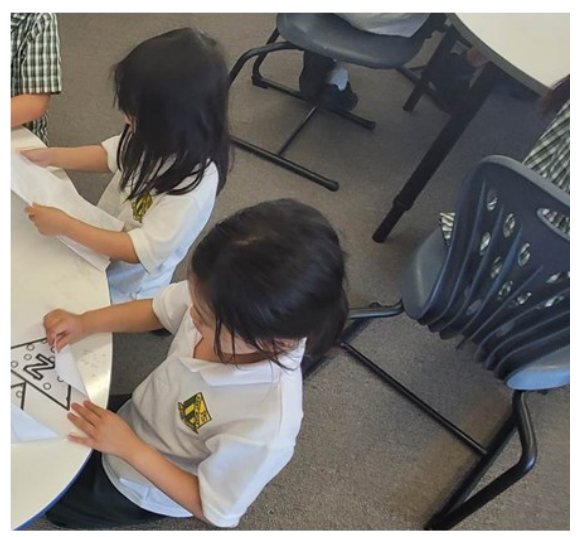
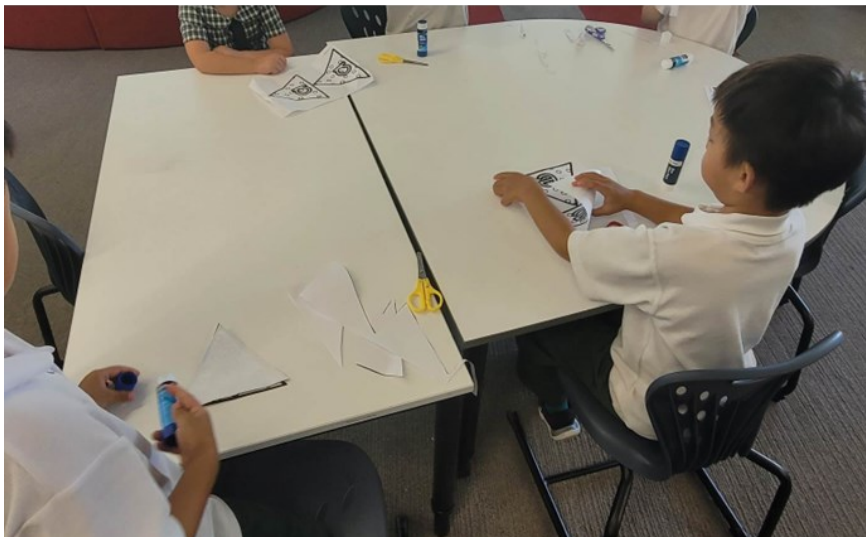
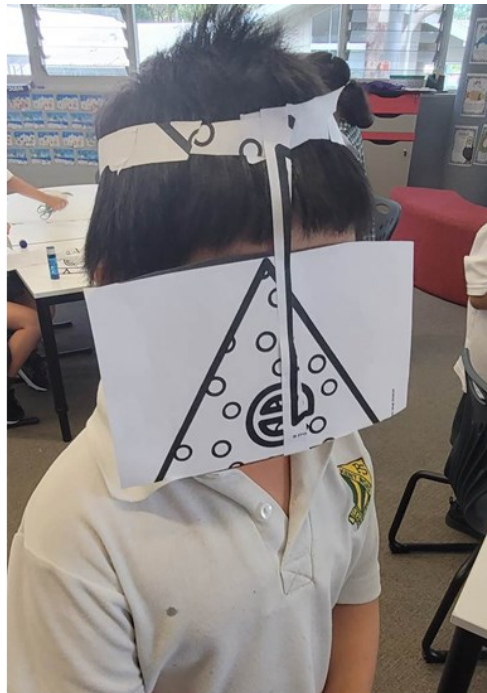
We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.

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.

Year One News

Year 1 have had a great start to the year. This term, we are learning about different materials and their properties. We were challenged to make a hat that stayed on our heads, but could only use a glue stick, scissors and one piece of paper! It was very tricky, but we came up with some great ideas!

What do you think about our designs?



Year 2 News

Over the last two weeks, Year 2 have been learning about drama and using puppets with the instructors from the Drama Toolbox. They have been dancing, performing and making their puppets move and talk as they discuss social situations and how to 'fill their buckets'.





Year 3 Day and Night Art



This term in Science, we've been learning all about day and night and night! Take a look at some of 3M's day and night inspired artworks!



Year 4 News

Year 4 have been exercising their brains and bodies, enjoying Footsteps dance and learning how to write an engaging sizzling start to their persuasive texts.

Next we will be working on editing and writing body paragraphs.



16/2/23

Sizzling start-sound
 "woof" Lucy the dog quitted sat on Tom's lap. "Come on lets go for a walk. After I will give you some food." All families should definitely have a pet because it will keep you healthy by taking a walk with them. It can also help with independence by taking care of them and they could also chase away intruders. Wouldn't you want that for your family?

"Dad my eyes hurt!" exclaimed Bob "Thats because you were playing video games since 10am!" said Dad. How would you feel if you have been playing video games all night! I think video games are a waste of time because you can get smarter by studying. it is bad for your eyes and you can spend more time outside.



Sizzling Start - Dialogue

14.02.23

"Geoffrey! Stop playing video games!" My mum ordered. I looked at the large Roman clock, "It is already 9pm!" I exclaimed, when I shut down my laptop the room looked very blurry. "I can't see properly!" Computer games are a waste of time. Children get too addicted to video games, at school students are always constantly talking about things that are not related to the subject, during this kids could make a healthier body by playing sports and doing homework, and finally kids are building bigger brains by being engaged in class and doing your best.

YEAR FIVE FACT FINDING FUN

It's getting chilly in Year five as we dive into our Term One Antarctica unit. This week's Geography lesson included a group project investigating the Antarctic climate.

We focused on our big question:

What makes Antarctica the coldest, windiest and driest continent in the world?



We researched using trusted sites and worked together to explore facts all about Antarctica's temperature, like this one:

Did you know the temperature is below Freezing in Antarctica?

In winter it can get to -80C!

We also looked at the lack of rainfall because Antarctica is actually a desert!



Nico and Adonis found this interesting fact too:

“In Antarctica 24-hour daylight occurs for several months over summer and Antarctica is dark for 6 months.”

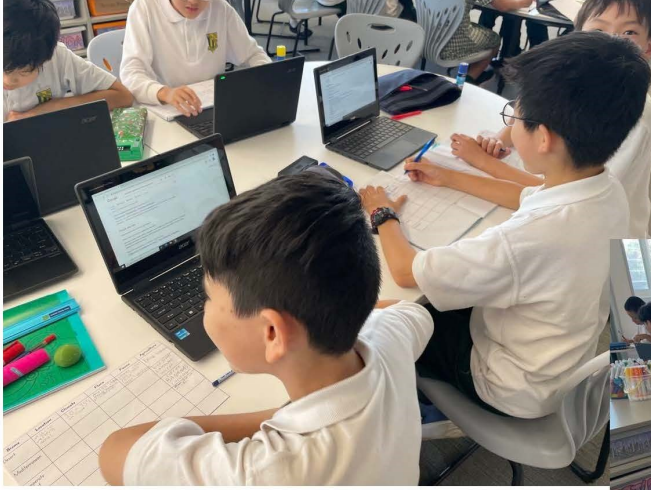
It was great to research with our classmates and add in some images of this amazing place.

We're so excited to continue learning about the places, climate and people of Antarctica because

it's such a **COOL** place!

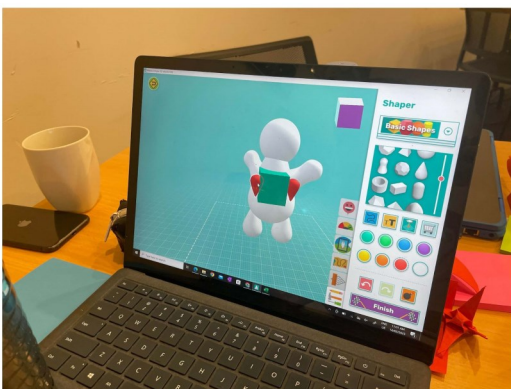
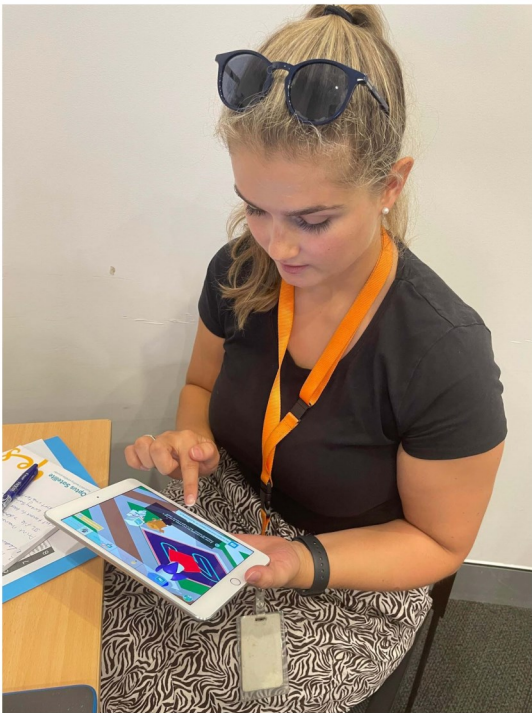


This week, Year 6 enjoyed using research skills to identify the characteristics of different biomes of Australia in their Geography and Science units. They are learning about how foods and fibres are farmed and manufactured across the country, making the products that we eat, wear and use everyday.



Teacher News

On Monday and Tuesday, Miss Field (Kindergarten), Miss Stevens (Yr 1), Mr Kim (Yr 3) and Miss Sherriff (Yr 6) had the exciting opportunity to learn about space, 3D printing and problem solving using the design thinking model. We had a tour of the satellites that bring us our television stations. Using Makers Empire software, we designed small rockets that could be printed on 3D printers! Finally, we considered the all important question - how can we make sure our astronauts have ice cream in space? It was a very fun and informative couple of days, and we are excited to bring our learning back to the students of Kent Road Public School throughout 2023.





Tuesday 21st February 2023

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 2nd hand uniform shop sales monthly, so look out for future dates in the school newsletter.

WHEN YOU ARE ORDERING LUNCH FROM THE CANTEEN AND YOUR CHILD IS LEAVING EARLY FOR PSSA



Alerts - Add to your order to inform the canteen



Daily Meals



Gluten Free

Alerts - Add to your order to inform the canteen

- E Everyday Foods
- O Occasional Foods

+ ALLERGY ALERT \$0.00

Add this item to inform the canteen.

Also, please complete a form, available from the office, regarding the nature of the allergy so that the canteen can monitor the food sent out.

+ **PSSA FRIDAY ORDER** \$0.00

Add this item to inform the Kiosk your student has PSSA today.



Epping Boys High School

Information Afternoon

Monday 6 March 2023
4.00pm – 5.30pm



Year 7 Massed Choir

Parents and Students—Year 7 2024 & 2025

Parents and carers of boys currently enrolled in Years 5 and 6 are warmly invited to attend the Epping Boys High School Information Afternoon which will be held at the school.

Epping Boys High School has an outstanding tradition of academic, cultural and sporting achievement.

The Information Session will include:

- Executive Staff presentations
- *Boys to Men* Program
- Student presentation
- Enrolment procedures
- Question and answer session
- Brief tours of the school

Registration not required. The session will commence promptly at 4.00pm

For further information check our website:

<https://eppingboy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Email: eppingboy-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Address: 213 Vimiera Rd, Eastwood, NSW, 2122

Enrolment enquiries for 2024 can be sent via school email

THE
DANCE
HUB

Morning Dance
Classes on school
grounds!

Monday: Yr 4, 5 & 6
Tuesday: Yr 1, 2 & 3
Wednesday : Kindy



All classes run from 7.45-8.45am in A Block

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13th & 20th February, 5:30pm
Pennant Hills Park



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