



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term One Week 1

Friday 2nd February 2018

Important
Dates &
Notes

Mon5th-8th Feb

Chinese students study group visiting Kent Road

P & C Meeting

Kent Road Infomatin Booth -School Building Upgrade

Swimming Carnival Yr3-6

Mon 19 Feb

Uniform Shop
Online ordering is now available

Dear Parents and Carers

Principal's Report

I hope everyone has had a great start to 2018. Although it is only a few days old, our school year is off to a very positive start. I welcome the many new families from Kindergarten to Year Six and the many new teachers who have joined our team in 2018, as well as the students, parents and staff members who have all returned refreshed and ready for a great year ahead.

2018 ORGANISATION

Deputy Principals: Ms Fiona Hamilton and Mr Ben Harrison

KB	Miss Kylie Beves		3G	Miss Gabby McKenna
KC	Miss Caitlin Lindsay		3L	Miss Jo Lyes
KH	Miss Jessie Hossack		3M	Mr Paul McGhee
KJ	Miss Jacqui Hughes		3R	Miss Ciarne Randell
KL	Miss Lauren Johnson		4D	Miss Diane Hine
KR	Mrs Daniell Read		4H	Mr Sam Higgins
KS	Miss Tayla Sheahan		4P	Miss Amy Perger
1B	Miss Belinda Lanning		4V	Mr Daniel Vogel
1C	Mrs Emily Cleasby		5G	Miss Lilly Grealy
1G	Mrs Chauntal Gwynne		5M	Miss Miriam Sambell
1L	Mr Eric Lau		5S	Miss Kathryn Sheridan
1N	Miss Joy Nettleton		6B	Miss Amy Brasier
2C	Miss Tara Cramp		6I	Miss Stefanie Ison
2H	Miss Katy Houze		6G	Miss Kasia Grysiewicz
2R	Miss Annalissa Roy			
2V	Miss Caitlin van der Walt			
2W	Miss Jane Waddell			

Specialist Teachers:

Ms Davina Kite	EAL/D (English) - K		Mrs Jenny Rule	EAL/D (English) - K
Mrs Supriya Nadesan	EAL/D (English) 3-6		Mrs Kelly Tennant	EAL/D (English) 3-6
Miss Serafina Lin	EAL/D (English) 1-2		Miss Katherine Moses	Music
Mrs Margot Russell	Library Mon-Thurs		Mrs Susan Duyvestyn	Library – Wed/Fri
Mrs Noni Medcalf	Learning and Support		Mrs Jen Stevenson	Support (Mon)
Mrs Kerrie Durrant	Support		Miss Samantha Minard	Support
Mrs Claire Higgerson	Support		Mrs Tracy Ryman	School Counsellor
Mrs Corinne Stevens	Teacher Aide		Mrs Robyn Gunning	Teacher Aide
Mrs Emily Tsai	Teacher Aide		Mrs Ros Griffin	Teacher Aide

Administration staff: Mrs Gail Unsworth, Mrs Karen Silsby, Mrs Jenny Kiss and Miss Jessica Silsby;
Library Assistant: Mrs Michelle Parsons

General Assistant: Mr Shaun Parsons

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school newsletter is published **electronically** every Tuesday, through our school website which can be found at www.kentroadpublicschool.com.au and also through our school app. Parents who have a smart phone are able to download the app for free. Simply search the App store for Kent Road Public School. As well as receiving the newsletter, parents will receive updates and alerts about events affecting their child's grade.

A paper copy is available at the front office for parents who do not have access to an electronic version of the newsletter. (This week's newsletter has been issued to Kindergarten and new parents in paper format but from **next week will only be sent out electronically.**)

TECHNOLOGY ISSUES

I apologise to parents for the difficulties experienced over the past few weeks when trying to access our school website and online ordering for uniforms.

The school website was unexpectedly blocked allowing us no access from the end of last term; a Paypal issue arose over the holidays which affected the online ordering process for uniforms; and then Skoolbag had a problem with their app. Hopefully all of these issues have now been fixed, and I thank the staff and parent co-ordinators who spent a significant amount of time contacting IT support to resolve the issues which were all beyond our control.

Please email the school if you continue to experience any issues with uniform ordering.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Due to unprecedented demand, the Uniform Shop has experienced record sales this week. New stock is arriving every day and I thank parents for their patience. A big thank you to our parent volunteers who take time from their own families to spend selling uniform to Kent Road families.

CANTEEN UPDATE

The Kent Road canteen is currently closed however I expect the canteen to re-open Term 2

Over the holidays a tender process was undertaken to lease the canteen, and once the final approval is received from the Department of Education we will begin work on re-opening the canteen for students.

When it does re-open, the canteen will be open Monday – Friday, for breakfast, morning tea and lunch. Orders will be taken through Flexi Schools and over the counter.

CHINESE STUDY GROUP

Next Monday 5th February we will welcome 28 students from China and 4 adults who are accompanying them, as they visit Kent Road for three days. Students will develop their English skills with our Year Six students and experience life in an Australian school.

BEST START ASSESSMENT

Kindergarten students will undertake the annual Best Start assessment commencing this week. Each Kindergarten child will complete the literacy and numeracy assessment with their class teacher whilst one of our specialist teachers takes the class.

The test is not a pass/fail test and **absolutely no preparation is required**. The Best Start assessment is designed to provide class teachers an understanding of the range of literacy and numeracy skills children bring to school with them, and to enable the teachers to group the students accordingly. Once the assessment of each child is completed and teachers have entered the necessary data, a computer generated report will be provided to parents.

Should parents have any questions regarding the Best Start Assessment please speak to your child's teacher.

Kindergarten students are making friends and settling in happily at Kent Road!

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Denise Minifie
Principal

The Dance Hub

We still have a few vacancies for our before school dance program. If you would like to attend the class please see Mrs Gwynne or the office for an enrolment form. Classes start next week, Week 2 at 7:45 in the library. Students wear their school uniform with tights under their dresses if they want. Students are asked to be on time as classes start promptly at 7:45am. Cost is \$10 per class which is paid for the whole term up front. All details are on the enrolment form.

Monday – Year 3 and Year 4 girls

Tuesday – Year 2 girls

Thursday – Year 1 girls

Friday – Year 5 and Year 6 girls.

The boys are on Wednesday but unfortunately all spaces are taken for this group.

Miss Nat and Miss Dom are looking forward to another wonderful year of dancing!



Playball

Introducing Playball
Delivering Play based learning through
physical education



Fun, active sports based programs specifically designed for children at a primary school age

- Playball uses physical education as a vehicle to support and contribute to the highest level possible of quality education available to children
- The Playball program is guided by the National Framework, and scaffolds children's learning while assisting in best practice to build strong individuals and communities
- Playball visits schools delivering exciting and engaging "sports" classes designed to create confident and involved learners for healthy development in all areas of life

Playball uses sport to teach:

1. Competence
2. Concentration, focus and listening skills
3. Confidence and social skills

Playball uses sport as a tool to teach children:

1. Sports skills
2. Life skills
3. School readiness skills

This year Kent Road are offering an after school sports program run by the qualified staff from Playball. Students will participate in sport after school from 3:15 – 4:00. Cost per session is only \$12 and parents will be required to pay for the term. Flyers will be coming home next week. If you are interested please see Mrs Gwynne for more information.



BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><u>Before School</u></p> <p>The Hub Dance 0424 171 649 Yr3 & 4 Dance Group</p> <p>VIP Music 9411 3122 Keyboard: 8.15am-9.00 Library</p>	<p><u>Before School</u></p> <p>The Hub Dance 0424 171 649 Yr1 & 2 Dance Group</p> <p>VIP Music 9411 3122 Guitar: 8.15am-9.00 Library</p> <p>KRPS Senior Band</p>	<p><u>Before School</u></p> <p>The Hub Dance 0424 171 649 Boys Dance Group</p> <p>KRPS Junior Band</p>	<p><u>Before School</u></p> <p>The Hub Dance 0424 171 649 Yr2 & 3 Dance Group</p> <p>MLC Hotshots Tennis Anthony Moore 0401 912 803 Yrs2-4 – 8.00am-9.00</p>	<p><u>Before School</u></p> <p>The Hub Dance 0424 171 649 Yr5 & 6 Dance Group</p>
<p><u>Lunch</u></p> <p>Chess Yrs1-6</p>	<p><u>Lunch</u></p> <p>KRPS Senior Band</p>	<p><u>Lunch</u></p> <p>Knitting Club Yrs4-6</p>		
<p><u>After School</u></p> <p>MLC Hotshots Tennis Anthony Moore 0401 912 803 K-Yr2 - 3.15pm-4.15 Yrs4-6 – 4.15pm-5.15</p> <p>Maggies Art Class 0412 895 125</p>	<p><u>After School</u></p> <p>Taekidokai Martial Arts 0421 700 227 6.00pm in the hall</p> <p>MLC Hotshots Tennis Anthony Moore 0401 912 803</p>	<p><u>After School</u></p> <p>Kidsupfront Drama Academy 9953 4040 K-2 - 3.20pm-4.20 in the hall Yrs3-6 – 4.20pm-5.20</p> <p>VIP Music 9411 3122 Keyboard: 3.15pm-4.00</p>	<p><u>After School</u></p> <p>MLC Hotshots Tennis Anthony Moore 0401 912 Yrs2-4 – 4.15pm-5.15</p> <p>Chinese School 0411 582 388</p>	<p><u>After School</u></p> <p>Maggies Art Class 0412 895 125</p>

For all bookings please contact the companies directly.

The school has no details to accept bookings or payments.