



# KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term One Week 8

Tuesday 20th March 2018

Important  
Dates &  
Notes

### Footsteps Program

Each Wed this  
term

### Year1 Schoolhouse Museum Excursion

Thur 22 Mar  
1C & 1N

Fri 23 Mar  
1G, 1L & 1B

### ICAS Schools Competitions Payments due Fri 23 March

### Year3 Overnight Excursion

Wed 4th April &  
Thur 5th April

### Gold Medal Assembly

Fri 6th April  
9.10am

### Year4 Two Night Excursion

Mon 14th May -  
Wed 16th May

### Term Dates 2018

#### Term 1

30/01/18—13/04/18

#### Term 2

01/05/18—06/07/18

#### Term 3

24/07/18—28/09/18

#### Term 4

15/10/18—19/12/18

#### Last day for students

Wed 19th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Principal's Report

#### SCHOOL BUILDING UPGRADE

The planning process for the upgrade of Kent Road Public School's classrooms and facilities is developing well with many productive meetings with the architect and project manager being held over the past weeks.

There are two further Information Booths which will be held at the school on 5<sup>th</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 2-4pm.

Next term, there will be a presentation evening to parents to outline the project though no date has been set for this event at this stage.

#### HARMONY DAY EVENTS AT KENT ROAD

Harmony Day occurs on 21<sup>st</sup> March each year and coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. In schools we celebrate inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians, from the traditional owners of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

The ongoing theme of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs'. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for all. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

Today Kent Road students attended a wonderful performance by Wa-sa-bi, a Japanese performance group who showcased a mix of contemporary and traditional music. The students were thoroughly entertained and intrigued by the performance today, and I thank Ms Hamilton for organizing this event.

Tomorrow students will undertake their Footsteps Dance lessons as usual, and the dances will have a multicultural theme.

**All students are invited to wear orange clothes tomorrow, as orange is the colour of Harmony Day, or the colours of their country.** Students will need to wear sports shoes for dancing.

#### STUDENT BANKING - TOMORROW

For students in Years 2-6, bank books will be collected from the morning assembly.

Kindergarten and Year One bank books will be collected as they enter the classroom.

If your child is late arriving to school on Wednesdays their bank book will not be collected for banking.

#### K-6 GOLD MEDAL ASSEMBLY

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April, we will have a Gold Medal assembly for all students from Kindergarten to Year Six starting at 9.10am. Students who have reached the gold medal level in our green card system will receive their gold medal at the assembly, and our Junior Band will perform.

**KINDERGARTEN CONNECTIONS**

Parents of students in KB, KL, KR and KJ are invited to attend their child's classroom over the next three Friday afternoons to participate in the Kindergarten Connections initiative which is run through the *Ready for life, Ready for success program* organised through Relationships Australia.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend these sessions to see their children interacting in the activities and with their new friends. Families will be able to develop an understanding of how the dynamics of a Kindergarten classroom work during a range of varied activities both inside and outside the classroom environment.

**Kindergarten – Year Two Assembly**

Yesterday, the K-2 assembly was hosted by students from class 2R. Congratulations to Talitha, Jade, Crystal, Kyce and Trevor for their excellent public speaking skills.

Class 2R presented a short skit comparing toys from the past with toys from the present. Their singing of The Marvellous Toy was very enthusiastic and entertaining.

Congratulations to the following Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two students who were awarded a class merit award:

KB	Cynthia	Presenting her news with confidence and enthusiasm
KC	Siwon	For using verbs correctly
KH	Ayla	Always being a kind and considerate class member
KJ	Angelo	For his improvement in handwriting
KL	Eva	For always displaying excellent listening skills in class
KR	Charlie	Having courage to try again when making mistakes
KS	Jeena	Showing enthusiasm towards learning
1B	Elakshi	Applying herself to every activity
1C	Brianna	Consistently demonstrating respect in the classroom and playground
1G	Scott	Writing descriptive sentences about an ant
1L	Matlida	Excellent problem solving skills in Mathematics
1N	Amber	Always being kind and helpful towards others
2C	Bianca	For creating a fantastic literacy resource
2H	Amy	Outstanding improvement in writing
2R	Talitha	Making interesting connections and thoughtful inferences in History
2V	Tom	Independently writing a recount on the book 'Hippo Can Swim'
2W	Oscar	For being an engaged learner in all areas
MUSIC	Caelin (2H)	Enthusiastic engagement in Music lessons

**YEARS THREE- SIX ASSEMBLY**

Last Friday class 6B presented an item to the assembly. Students shared information about Aboriginal Australians' culture and belief and showed their wonderful artworks.

Ella and Jonty also spoke about their valuable experience at the Young Leaders Conference and the positive message they gained about resilience and overcoming challenges in life.

Also congratulations to the award winners at last week's assembly:

3G	Elvis	For always being a supportive and helpful classmate
3L	Zaid	Showing respect and responsibility in all school areas
3M	Nathaniel	Being a respectful and responsible member of the class
3R	Chelsea	Always being an engaged learner
4D	Alicia	For her clear articulation and expression during role play
4H	Alex	Always having an enthusiastic approach to Science lessons
4V	Lily	Writing creative and thoughtful persuasive texts
4V	Liam	Enthusiastically tackling challenges given across all subjects
5G	Ahmad	Showing persistence and determination in his work
5M	Alisha	Conducting an excellent growth mindset interview with her dad
5S	Holly	Her enthusiasm and positive attitude to class work and challenges
6B	Bertrand	Consistent effort and engagement in all set tasks
6G	Phoenix	Producing fantastic work in class
6I	Peter	Showing a positive attitude and engaging in all tasks
MUSIC	Niharika (3M)	Consistent engagement in Music lessons

**SCHOOL FEES INVOICE**

Thank you to everyone who has paid the school fees which were issued last week.

Parents may choose to pay these fees in cash, cheque or credit card. Online payment is available through our website [www.kentroadpublicschool.com.au](http://www.kentroadpublicschool.com.au), in the section called School News.

We are happy to accept payment for fees in instalments or the full payment. Many thanks in anticipation!

*Denise Minifie*

**Principal**

## PSSA

SUMMER PSSA RESULTS			
PSSA SPORT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE	Player of the Match
Girls SOFTBALL	WIN	KRPS 8 West Ryde 1	Sophie
Mixed SOFTBALL	WIN	KRPS 12 West Ryde 0	Patrick and Saito
Girls T-BALL	WIN	KRPS 12 West Ryde 8	Sophie
Mixed T-BALL	WIN	KRPS 22 West Ryde 9	Blake
Junior CRICKET	WIN	KRPS 81 North Ryde 91	Maliki
Senior CRICKET	LOSS	KRPS 5/45 North Ryde 2/70	Josh
Junior NEWCOMBE BALL	WIN	KRPS 3 North Ryde 0	Boris
Senior NEWCOMBE BALL	WIN	KRPS 3 North Ryde 0	Mabel
VOLLEYBALL	WIN	KRPS 3 North Ryde 0	Zoe



## EASTER RAFFLE

## EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Parents are asked to donate a chocolate Easter Egg for the school's first fundraiser of the year. Donations can be left at the front office. The eggs will be wrapped into gift baskets and some lucky families will win a basket of eggs in the raffle draw on Thursday 29th March 2018.

Students have been provided a set of raffle tickets. We ask each family to sell as many tickets as possible. Please return the money and ticket information to the front office. And if you are able to sell more than one book of tickets there will be more available, just ask Mrs Silsby.

A book of raffle tickets was sent home last week.

The funds raised will be used to purchase school equipment.

## Look see, look at Kindergarten!

In our English Unit 'This is me', we read the book 'Look See, Look at me!' by Leonie Norrington and Dee Huxley. This book took us on a verb adventure. We had to listen for all the action / doing words and we even had some fun thinking of our own!

KS and KH had so much fun playing a movement game together.

I can jump.



I can dance.



I can hop.



I can sleep.



I can run.



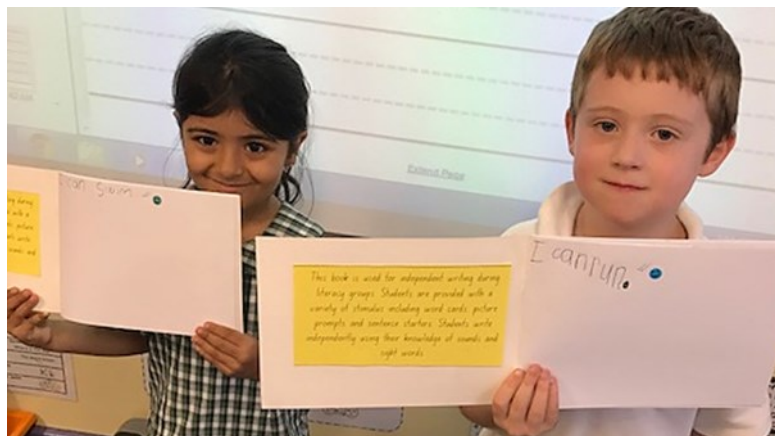
I can climb.



I can swim.



We have even started using some of our sight words to create class sentences. We love learning all of Kent's Wonderful Words!



Keep up the fantastic work Kindergarten!



Year 1 students have been learning about sculptural and relief art. We learnt about the artist Alexander Calder and his interesting sculptures. These sculptures are made of different materials. Some sculptures are brightly coloured, and some are not. Many of them are abstract. Inspired by Calder's work, we created our own abstract relief artworks focusing on warm and cool colours.





2W had a visit from a Huntsman spider. We named him Harry and enjoyed observing his behaviour. We decided to research Huntsman spiders. Here is some of the information we found out:

The Huntsman is a **harmless** spider found all over Australia. It has **eight eyes**. The Huntsman **does not make a web**, but usually lives under rocks, bark, in tree stumps or it will **come inside to hide**. They can **run up to a metre per second**. The Huntsman **lays up to 200 eggs** that are oval and silky. The mother helps its baby get out of the egg.

### The Huntsman

inspired by Aboriginal artist *Gemma Merritt*



Year 3 have had a busy start to the term. We have particularly enjoyed our Creative Arts lessons. In art we have been creating artworks that link to our State and National Parks Geography unit and in dance we have had great fun participating in our weekly Footsteps session.



I enjoy learning new dance moves each week. My favourite dance so far has been the modern progressive dance that we learnt in Week 7 – Elisabetta

I love Footsteps because we get to learn new dances, have fun and be ourselves - Mia



Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park artworks



Leaf Litter Artwork



'Say it with flowers' Bottle Brush artworks



4D have been studying famous Australian artists such as, John Coburn. John Coburn was an Australian abstract painter, teacher, tapestry designer and printmaker. The stylised shapes in his work refer to the plant and leaf forms found in a tropical forest. In other famous tapestries he includes the theme of rock formations in the ancient land of Australia and the connection Aboriginal people have with this land. One of his designs is currently displayed in the Sydney Opera House – The Curtain of the Sun.



4D have created their own artworks based on Coburn's designs and love of Nature.



## RIDE SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY- FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OF MARCH

National Ride2School Day is held around Australia in March every year. It provides an opportunity for students to try riding, walking, skating or scooting to school as well as celebrating the regular walkers and riders.

Kent Road Public School is encouraging students to ride their bike to school next Friday for National Ride2School Day.

Students who ride or walk to school contribute to their minimum physical activity level of 60 minutes per day. They are also more focused and ready to learn compared to those who are driven to school.

So put your helmet on and jump on your bike, to get involved with **Ride2School Day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March!**



### Safe riding tips

Always wear an approved **bicycle helmet**, properly fitted and fastened

Always **obey the road rules**, including traffic lights, stop signs and give way signs

Allow pedestrians a metre of space on **shared paths**, where possible.

Ride in a predictable manner so that other road users do not have to react suddenly to your movements

**Give hand signals** when changing lanes or turning left or right

Make yourself visible by wearing bright, light or reflective clothing

Plan your route using quieter streets, bicycle paths or shared paths

Always be in control of your bicycle. It is an offence to ride with both hands off the handlebars, feet off the pedals or to carry anything that prevents you from having control.

**Children between 10 and 12 should ride away from busy roads.**

**Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.**

# SPEECH PATHOLOGY PROJECT

## Kent Road Speech Pathology Project

In 2017 Kent Road Public School began a project with Macquarie University to have Masters of Speech Pathology Students working with teachers and students at Kent Road Public School. The Masters of Speech Pathology students are supervised by a Certified Practising Speech Pathologist, Tory Giles. This is an exciting project as not many schools have access to Speech Pathology services in their school.

Speech pathologists study, diagnose and treat communication disorders, including difficulties with speaking, listening, understanding language, reading, writing, social skills, stuttering and using voice. They work with people who have difficulty communicating because of developmental delays, stroke, brain injuries, learning disability, intellectual disability, physical disability, dementia and hearing loss, as well as other problems that can affect speech and language. People who experience difficulties swallowing food and drink safely can also be helped by a speech pathologist (Speech Pathology Australia [www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au](http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au))



The project is continuing in terms 1 and 2 this year and the Speech Pathologists are working with a number of students and classes within the school. Kent Road Public School is one of the schools leading the way in striving for excellence in learning for students.

## NAPLAN 2018

Students in year 3 and 5 will participate in the annual NAPLAN test in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy in May 2018.

To get an idea of what the tests look like, see example questions at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

Students at Kent Road Public School will sit the NAPLAN paper test in 2018. Some other schools across Australia may sit the test online this year however, all tests will be reported on using the same NAPLAN assessment scale. The test will move online over the next 2-3 years.

Ms Hamilton



**KENT ROAD P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS****EASTER BASKET WRAPPING MORNING – TUESDAY 27th MARCH, 12.00 / Midday, School Assembly Hall – Save the Date**

Our school's first fundraiser of the year has begun with the Annual Easter Basket Raffle. To support our school we are holding a 'basket wrapping event' on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March beginning at 12 / midday, in the School Hall, where we will be filling and wrapping baskets ready for the draw on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. If you could spare some time on Tuesday from 12 / noon onwards, we would love to see you there so we can wrap as many baskets as possible and support our school in their fundraising efforts.

*Kent Road Public School P&C Events Team*

**KENT ROAD CLASS PARENTS – 2018**

An updated list of our 2018 Class Parents can be found in the table below.

Our 2018 Class Parents have begun sending out introduction letters outlining their role and asking if you would like to be included in your Class Contact List for 2018. It would be wonderful if we could get as many parents as possible to take part in this list, allowing our school, teachers and Class Parents to easily keep you informed of school and class events. Thank you!

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Parent</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Parent</b>
KB	Fiona Zhu	2W	Katie Fong
KC	Mira Di Michiel	3G	Kerry Novkovic
KH	Fiona McNeill	3L	Kris Arnold
KJ	Ling He	3M	Bridget O'Sullivan
KL	Irene Ren	3R	Jennifer Patterson
KR	Feng Qian	4D	Baharak Saheb
KS	Alia Palethorpe	4H	Jonah Luague
1B	Rukya Stein	4P	Evelyn Sozou
1C	Sarah Un	4V	Jayne Walsh
1G	Lindi Shull	5G	Sasha Tabley
1L	Lilyan Lo	5M	Debbie Lawson
1N	Leanne McKay	5S	Tahsha Pratt
2C	Heidi El Cheikh	6B	Elizabeth Carabetta
2H	Simone Williams	6I	Rachel Williamson
2R	Sonja Reeves	6G	Lynsey Gordon
2V	Sasha Johnson		

*Isabella Tan, Class Parent Coordinator*

**KENT RD UNIFORM SHOP**

The Kent Road Uniform Shop is **open every Monday of school term** from 8.45am until 9.30am. During this time, you can purchase items, check sizing or exchange items (just make sure tags are still on). You can also make purchases at any time at [www.kentroadpublicschool.com/PandC/store/](http://www.kentroadpublicschool.com/PandC/store/).

When ready, your order will be **delivered directly to your child's classroom**. During peak times items may sell out. If this happens, we will give the items to your child as soon as they are available.

We are **no longer able to sell hats with cords** so these have been removed from all our hats.

If you would like to help in the shop or need to contact us, email [krpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:krpsuniformshop@gmail.com).

**Current items out of stock**

Long Sleeve White Polos – Size 12

Sports Polos - Sizes 10, 12, 14

Winter Coats – Size 6, 8

**Uniform Shop Roster / Mondays during Term 8.30am – 9.30am/ Shop Open for Sales and Exchanges – Term One**

Date	School Week	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
26/3/18	9	Claudia	Naomi	River
2/4/18	10/Easter Monday	X	X	X
9/4/18	11	Anastasia	Edith	River
PLEASE NOTE: Uniform Shop Coordinator Kate Mason acts as Team Leader every Monday throughout the term in addition to and assisting the volunteers listed.				

**Uniform Shop Roster / Thursdays during Term 9.05am – 10am/ Online Order Packing Only / No Face to Face Sales – Term One**

Date	School Week	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
22/3/18	8	Archana	Rachel	Iris
29/3/18	9	Archana	May	Sherry
5/4/18	10	Archana	Rachel	Joe
12/4/18	11	Archana	Fran	Keiko



# SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING



**coles**

We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

## How does it work?



### Step 1

For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.



### Step 2

Your school's families can then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.

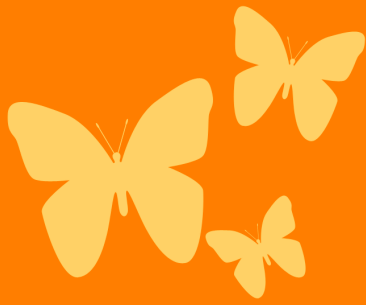


### Step 3

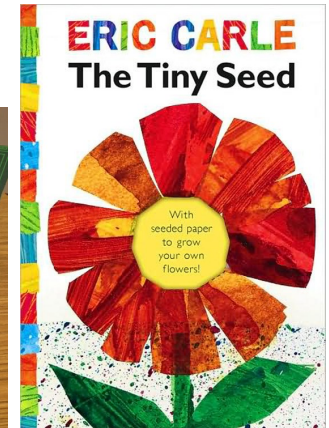
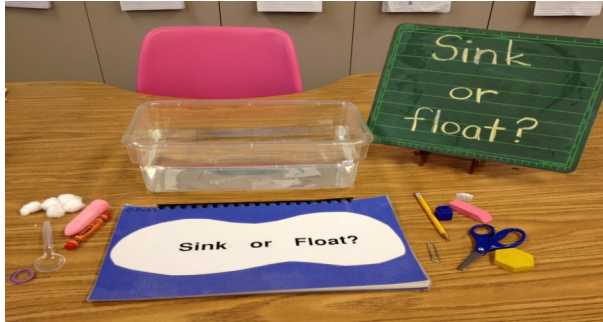
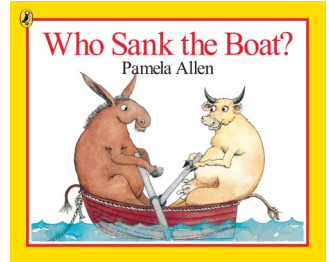
Every voucher received by your school will go towards your tally to help you order sports equipment.







Kent Road  
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**Parents-  
YOU ARE  
INVITED**

## KINDERGARTEN CONNECTIONS

For classes KJ, KB, KL and KR

### Kindergarten activities for the day:

Parachute & Ball Games

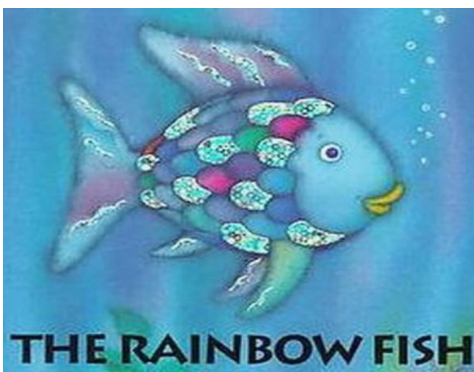
Nature walk and collage

*Who Sank the Boat? A scientific  
sinking and floating activity*

Scavenger Hunt

**Parents please join us!**

*On the 16.3.18 the school will be provid-  
ing an afternoon tea picnic at 3pm*



**Date:**  
Friday afternoon  
2.3.18, 9.3.18 and  
16.3.18

**Time:**  
2:15 - 3pm

**Venue:**  
Outside Kindy  
Classroom



**Junior**  
SCIENCE ACADEMY

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY – [mq.edu.au/about/holidays](http://mq.edu.au/about/holidays)

- Children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment.
- Courses teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.
- Students are provided with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.
- Courses are added and rotated each school holidays, and drop off and pick-up times are designed for the working parent.
- The Junior Science Academy is for children in Years K-6 in primary school.



Drop off	8.30am – 9.30am
Activities	9.30am – 4.30pm
Pick-up	4.30pm – 5.30pm
Cost	\$122



#### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

My name is Rathy. I am a qualified Childcare educator.

I currently have spaces available for before and after school care. If you are interested please contact me on

**0470 320 719 / 7900 8381**

## COME PLAY JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

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#### ENTER INTO COXS ROAD SHOPPING MALL'S Easter Hat Parade

Get creative to win great prizes. Special guest appearance by the Easter Bunny

Date: 22nd March

Time: 4-5pm

Venue: Cocks Road Mall

Enter by simply emailing your child's details age and contact number and school.

Entries open to K-4.

Entries close Friday 16th March.

Email [angelina.bon@hotmail.com](mailto:angelina.bon@hotmail.com)

or [Roseanna@rgmusic.com.au](mailto:Roseanna@rgmusic.com.au)

Enquiries: 0438 416 379





## SYDNEY ACADEMY OF CHESS

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www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

Dear Parents,

Sydney Academy of Chess is looking at running chess coaching at your son/daughters school, Kent Road Public School on Wednesday afternoons after school.

Chess is a valuable activity for children, developing their logical thinking skills, concentration and discipline, as well as being a source of much enjoyment! What great way to combine learning and fun!

These classes begin with an interactive lecture by one of our experienced coaches. During the second half of the lesson children play games against each other, putting newly learned strategies into practice. As the term progresses and the children become proficient in all the basics, the lectures will move on to more complex ideas such as strategy, middle game ideas and chess technique.

The cost for the coaching is \$10.00 per lesson per child. There are approx. 8-10 lessons during each term.

If you are interested in your child taking part in this activity, please fill in the form below and **return it to the school office**.

Thanks and regards,

*Sydney Academy of Chess*

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CHESS CLASSES – 2018****Kent Road Public School**

I would like my child to take part in the chess coaching organised by the Sydney Academy of Chess in 2018 and give permission for my contact details to be used for this purpose.

*Please print clearly*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Group/Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



# WELCOME TO THE YOUNG ENGINEERS PROGRAM!



## Dear Parents,

Throughout the upcoming school year, we will provide your children with a fun and enriching science program. We strive to mold the engineers of the future using the old and familiar LEGO® blocks. Each lesson will begin with the study of a principle of physics, mathematics and mechanical engineering through experiments and stories. We will then go on to implement the principle using original and motorized LEGO Bricks models that the children will build.

### STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS



**Our award-winning curriculum has obtained global recognition and was found to improve your children's achievements.**

Lesson Plan: Theoretical explanation on physics, mathematics and engineering issues Building with a unique motorized Lego® kit Playing with and enhancing models

### Added values for program participants:

Foster planning and time management skills ■ Encourage independent creative thinking  
Develop ones ability to analyze engineering processes ■ Broaden knowledge of laws of physics and various natural phenomena ■ Improve spatial recognition ■ Cultivate a sense of self-efficacy  
Expand interpersonal communication skills



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**Day:** Friday from 3:15 – 4:30pm: This will start in Term 2, 2018.

**Cost:** between \$20 - \$25 depending on student groups

There is a limit of 17 students per group as students generally work in small groups of 2 or 3 people.

If you are interested in your child attending this after school activity please hand your form in at the office.

My child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in attending the Young Engineers Program every Friday, starting in Term 2.

My email is: \_\_\_\_\_