



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Three Week 2

Tuesday 31st July 2018

Important Dates & Notes

Student Banking

Students Yrs2-6

Banking will be
collected from
morning lines

Annual Walkathon

Thur 2nd August

Kindergarten Excursion

Calmsley Hill Farm
Friday 3rd August

Stem Race Day Mon 13-August

Yr 2 Zoo Snooze Excursion

Wed 29th—Thur
30th August

&Thur 30th—Fri
31st August

Yr 5 3 Day Excursion

Mogo
Mon 10-Wed 12
September

Term Dates 2018

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

This week at Kent Road all students will participate in the school's annual walkathon on Thursday, Kindergarten students will have a fabulous day at the farm on Friday and the school's executive leadership team will attend two days of professional learning at Macquarie University led by education specialist John Hattie.

Years Five and Six students will present their completed projects related to the Firestorm unit of work which they have undertaken over the past term researching bushfires and means to prevent them.

And we will start a gardening project as part of Planet Ark's Tree Day.

CONGRATULATIONS JOSHUA – AUSTRALIAN SWIMMING CHAMPION!

I am extremely proud to be able to report we have our very own National swimming champ at Kent Road. Year Four student, Joshua, travelled to Hobart last week for the National Swimming Championships.

Last week Joshua competed in the Individual Medley, the relay, 50 metre backstroke, and the 50 metre butterfly.

Qualifying for the National Swimming Championships in one event is very special – qualifying in multiple events is something else!

But Joshua did not just qualify for the National Swimming Championships – he has won four medals and still has two events to go.

- ◆ Joshua received a silver medal in the individual medley.
- ◆ Joshua received a silver medal in the 50 metre backstroke.
- ◆ Joshua received a bronze medal as part of the relay team.
- ◆ And, Joshua received a GOLD medal in the 50 metre butterfly.



STEM CAR RACE

Has your child registered for the fun Race Day on Monday 13th August? It is guaranteed to be lots of fun!

NAIDOC WEEK EVENTS AT KENT ROAD

I would like to say a big thank you to each Year Six student for the enthusiastic and insightful manner in which they approached their implementation of NAIDOC activities for Years Two-Five classes. And thank you also to the Year Six teachers for their guidance.

Students teaching students provides our senior classes a deeper understanding of the content as well as allowing each Year Six student the opportunity to develop their leadership skills.



KINDERGARTEN and YEAR ONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What a wonderful day for our Kindergarten and Year One students to enjoy their Athletics Carnival last Friday. Many parents and grandparents were in attendance to cheer on the students.

We saw future talent with many students demonstrating excellent running and athletics skills.



Denise Minifie
Principal

NATIONAL TREE DAY

Last Friday a group of Kent Road students attended an event to celebrate National Tree Day organized by Planet Ark at Eden Gardens.

This week we welcome a group of volunteers from Frasers Property Group who will spend the day planting native shrubs along the lower fenceline at the back of the assembly hall. We are very grateful to them for this very generous support of the school to celebrate National Tree Day.

ASSEMBLIES

Congratulations to students in KJ and 2S for hosting yesterday's K-2 assembly and for each presenting a class item.

The students who hosted the assembly, Shinn, Karol, Xavier, Melody and Charlotte, Luca, Shriya, Ryan and Melody demonstrated strong public speaking skills when speaking to the assembly.

Class 2S shared their research on the water cycle and clearly explained the stages of collection, evaporation, condensation and precipitation. They also sang a catchy song about the water cycle. Great work 2S!

Class KJ talked about NAIDOC week and very confidently sang a beautiful indigenous lullaby which was enjoyed by everyone.

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

INFANTS ASSEMBLY

KB	Zion	Always taking pride in the presentation of his work
KC	Tasya	Using adjectives in her writing
KH	Ayla	Always being an engaged learner
KJ	Amerah	For settling in well to KJ
KL	Nathaniel	Writing a great retell about his holidays
KR	Logan	Being a kind and respectful class member
KS	Charlie	Being a motivated learner in all areas
1B	Julian	Excellent teamwork in all areas of the classroom
1C	Jacob	Being an engaged learner in all areas
1L	Paul	For being a responsible helper both in and outside of the classroom
1N	Jack	For improved engagement during writing lessons
2C	Yara	For always being engaged during class discussions
2R	Alyssa	For writing a funny story using lots of descriptive language
2S	Malak	Settling in so well to her new class
2W	Yumi	A focused start to the term
MUSIC	Seline (2S)	Being an engaged learner in Music



Last week, Kindergarten celebrated
NAIDOC Week
with two different activities.

Art: We created our own dot paintings. We started by tracing our hand and then added in designs and symbols.

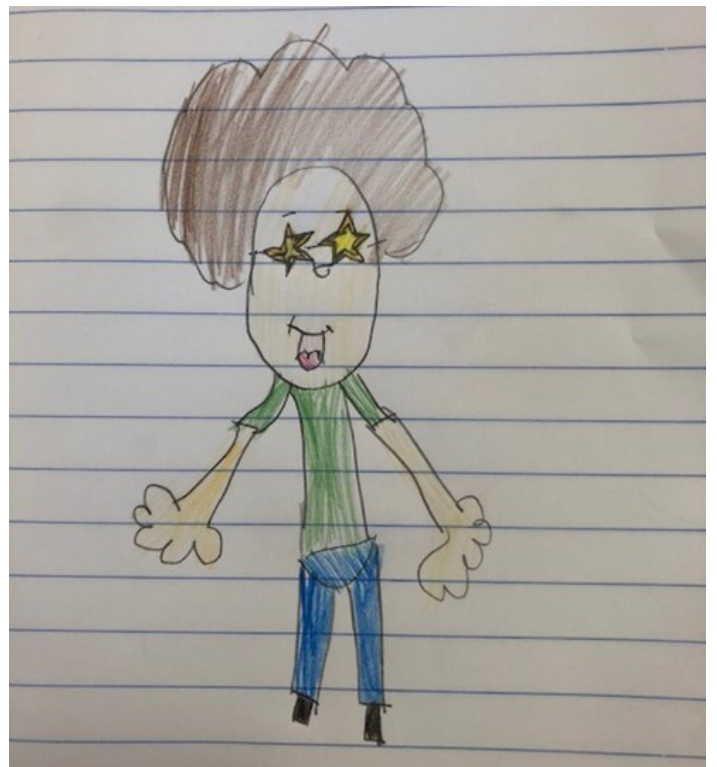
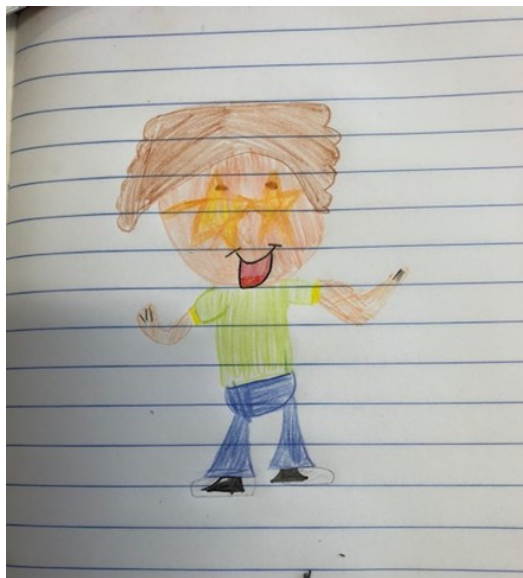
Drama: We listened to the story of 'How The Birds Got Their Colours' and then acted it out with props.



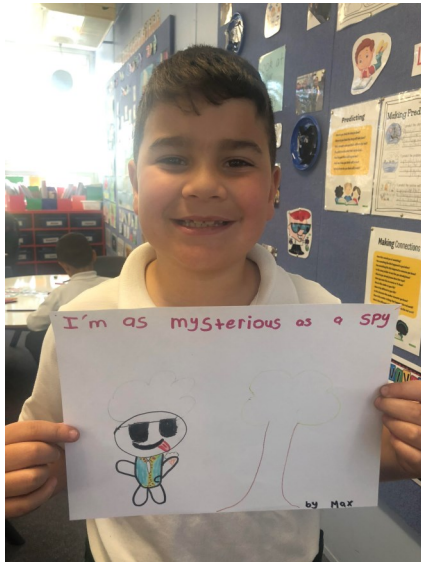
This term in 1B and 1G we met Vince the Vibrant Visualiser. He is really cool!

Now that we're reading such big books, there aren't as many pictures! So Vince helps us make pictures in our heads of what is happening in the story.

Before we met Vince, we had to visualise what he looked like. Here are some of our drawings.



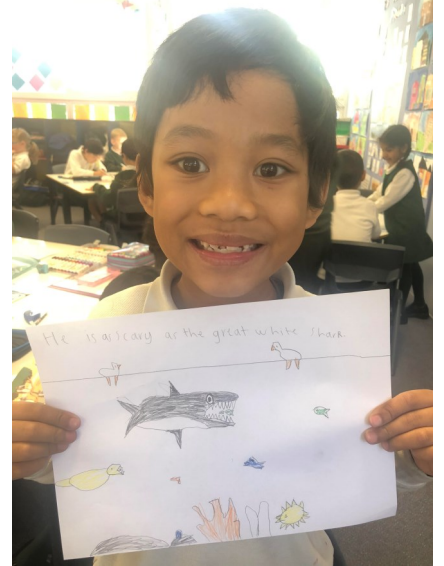
In 2S we have been using some very special techniques to make our writing more interesting. These include similes, metaphors and personification. A **SIMILE** is a description that uses “like” or “as” to make a comparison. Here are some of our favourite similes that we would like to share with you!



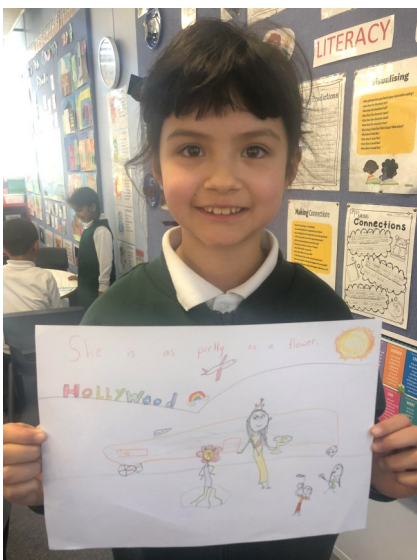
I'm as mysterious
as a spy.



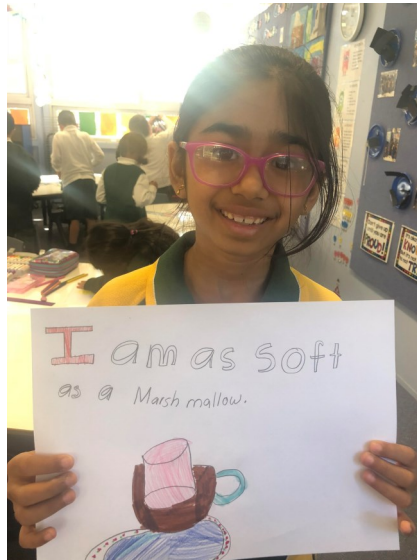
She is as fluffy as
a bunny.



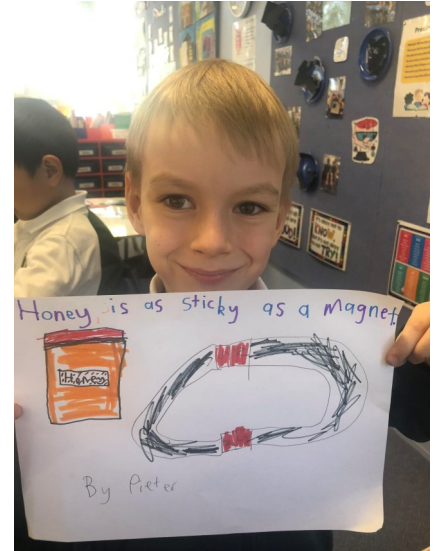
He is as scary as a
great white shark.



She is as pretty
as a flower.



I am as soft as a
marshmallow.



Honey is as sticky
as a magnet.



KENT ROAD MUFTI DAY

STEM RACE DAY!



Mufti Day: Monday 13th August 2018

On Monday 13th August, students will be displaying their design thinking skills within our K-6 STEM Race Day! Within the design community, STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. To further celebrate this event, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are encouraged to wear mufti and dress like a race car driver, scientist, technician, engineer OR mathematician on Monday 13th August and donate a gold coin to the school which will go towards STEM resources.

Students, for example, may choose to dress as a stereotypical, traditional or futuristic scientist, technician, engineer, mathematician OR race car driver. Be as simple or creative as you like, the overall objective is to appreciate and celebrate a community of design thinkers within our school.

Money raised from this day will be used to purchase STEM resources within our school which will support the continual development of Kent Road design thinkers and 21st century learners.

Don't forget! This is your last week to register your car online using the following link:

<http://goo.gl/UnKHJq>

The race ramp will be available once more in the Primary Basketball Court this Thursday 2nd August between 8:30am-9am. This is an opportunity to test your design and see what improvements you could include before our STEM Race Day!



Walkathon THIS THURSDAY

Walkathon? What is that?

It is one of the school's biggest annual fundraisers to raise money for new school resources! Students are asked to start collecting sponsors from family, friends and relatives.

On the **2nd August 2018**, students will embark on their walkathon journey, which consists of them walking 20 laps around the school whilst being energised by an orange every 5 laps. But wait, it gets even better...

This year we have many great prizes for our highest fundraisers including passes to the Art gallery of NSW, Strike Bowling, rock climbing gyms and Chipmunks... just to name a few.

Money will be collected after the Walkathon by Week 6, Term 3.

3-6 Musical

Save the dates for our 3-6 Musical for 2018!

Performances will be held on the nights of the **4th and 5th September** (Wk 7).

Information about ticket sales will be distributed soon, so keep an eye out in the newsletter and for notes going home.

Battle of the Primary Schools 2018

This term the Year 3, 4 and 6 Dance groups will be participating in the Battle of the Primary Schools Eisteddfod at Marsden High. The Year 6 Dance group will be performing on Tuesday 11th September and the Years 3 and 4 Dance groups will be performing on Wednesday 12th September. The performances will be starting from 5.45pm each night and tickets are available to purchase from Monday 13th August for \$5 through trybooking.com or at the door on the night. A detailed note with more information will be handed out to all Dance students this week. Students have been working hard to polish their routines and are excited about the opportunity to showcase their skills.

Mrs Medcalf, Miss Randell and Miss Ison (Dance teachers)

Stage 3 Firestorm Showcase Invitation

Friday 3rd August (9:45am-10:30am)

This Friday 3rd August, all parents and guardians are invited to attend Stage 3's Firestorm Showcase from 9:45am-10:30am in the School Hall.

Year 5 and Year 6 students have been developing their bushfire knowledge and STEM skills to answer the following driving question; *How can the Kent Road Community prepare for, survive and recover from a bushfire event?* In response to this question, students have empathised with witness testimonies of those affected by bushfires and the needs of the RFS, before defining and ideating solutions to the question by pinpointing problems to solve which would help our Kent Road community in a bushfire event. The unit has concluded with students creating a prototype of their final solution idea. These prototypes will be placed on display for parents, students and members of the Westleigh Rural Fire Service to view as part of the student-run showcase on Friday morning.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 students have worked hard throughout Term 2 to collaboratively brainstorm, negotiate, refine, design and create their prototype for display this week. They look forward to sharing their bushfire knowledge and STEM learning with an authentic audience this Friday.

Always Wear a Helmet!

Research shows that helmets reduce head injuries by up to 74 per cent in crashes with motor vehicles. Wearing a helmet from the moment they start learning to ride will help your child to develop it as a habit and reduce the risk of head injuries.

Early helmet wearers will also be more likely to continue to wear helmets throughout their life.

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in a public place. It is the law. It is important that the helmet is correctly fitted and complies with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. A helmet that is not correctly fitted and fastened does not provide enough protection in a crash.

Choosing and using a helmet

Always choose an approved helmet with a standards approved sticker.

Pick a helmet with a bright colour so it can easily be seen.

Choose the right size so it doesn't cover your eyes or ears.

Look for a light weight helmet with adjustable straps and fitting system.

Avoid attaching anything to the helmet.

Never wear a damaged helmet.

The Centre for Road Safety website has detailed information on [selecting and fitting helmets](#).



At school, your child will learn about road safety as part of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. Help them learn safety on wheels messages by using and sharing them whenever you are riding together.

Students in Early Stage 1 to Stage 2

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from the road

Students in Stage 3

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from busy roads

KENT ROAD P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS

NO P&C MEETING, WEEK 3 - MONDAY 6th AUGUST

Please note the P&C Meeting scheduled for Week 3, Monday 6th August will not be held. Our next meeting will take place Week 8, Monday 10th September.

YEAR K/1 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL THANK YOU

Special thanks to Event Coordinator Kris Arnold and team member Fiona McNeill for the many hours spent organising last Friday's special meal deal as part of the K/1 Athletics Carnival, both on the day and in the lead up to the event, the special lunch meal deal added to the carnival fun for our students.

Thanks also to Events Team members and school community volunteers Donna Armstrong, Debbie Lawson and Geraldine O'Sullivan who assisted on the day, volunteering their time throughout the day to ensure lunch was ready for our students – your help made the event a success for our K/1 students.

Kent Road Public School P&C Association

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB 2018 - ISSUE FIVE CLOSING DATE – THURSDAY AUGUST 2 @ 3.15pm

ALL ORDERS ARE PROCESSED USING THE LOOP SYSTEM, BOOKS ARE STILL DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS IN THEIR CLASSROOMS, ORDERS PLACED WITH A CASH OR CHEQUE PAYMENT ARE NOT ACCEPTED

Kent Road is a LOOP School – LOOP is Scholastic's Linked Online Ordering & Payment System. All orders are now processed using the LOOP System. Parents order and pay for their books online, order forms and receipts do not have to be returned to school. Orders placed with a cash or cheque payment are no longer being accepted.

Scholastic also has a LOOP App available for download via the App Store or Google Play.

HOW TO ORDER USING THE LOOP SYSTEM:

1. Visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP .
 2. Follow the instructions to register or sign in, place your order and make payment using your credit card.
 5. When your LOOP order is completed, you're done, there is no need to fill out and return the order form to school!
 6. You can also download the LOOP app for iOS or Android devices.
- Your purchases generate reward points that our teachers and the school use to buy classroom, library and curriculum resources for our students to use.

Melanie Marcellino, Book Club Coordinator

As well as purchasing from the shop on Mondays, you can also order uniforms online at www.kentroadpublicschool.com/PandC/store/. Any orders completed in the school holidays, will be delivered to your child's classroom this week.

For any questions or issues just email us at krpsuniformshop@gmail.com.

We are looking for help in the shop on Mondays. If you can help out on any of the days below please email the address above with your availability. These shifts don't require any working on the register, just helping people with sizing etc.

Current Items Out of Stock:

Tracksuit pants – Size 4

Short sleeve white polos – Size 10

Fleecy Vest – Size 10

Uniform Shop Volunteer Roster –TERM THREE

MONDAYS		SHOP	SHIFT - 8:30am to 10am		
30/Jul/18	Week 2	Archana	Help Needed	Edith	Fran - until 9:30
06/Aug/18	Week 3	Archana	Claudia	Yang	River
13/Aug/18	Week 4	Kate	Emily	Edith	Help Needed
20/Aug/18	Week 5	Kate	Anastasia	Naomi - until 9:30	River
27/Aug/18	Week 6	Kate	Help Needed	Edith	Yang
03/Sep/18	Week 7	Kate	Emily	Naomi - until 9:30	River
10/Sep/18	Week 8	Kate	Anastasia	Edith	Help Needed
17/Sep/18	Week 9	Kate	Claudia	Naomi - until 9:30	River
24/Sep/18	Week 10	Kate	Emily	Edith	Yang

THURSDAYS		PACK	SHIFT - 9am to 10:30am	
02/Aug/18	Week 2	Archana	Liyan	May
09/Aug/18	Week 3	Fran	Eiman	Eva
16/Aug/18	Week 4	Archana	Rachel	Lisa
23/Aug/18	Week 5	Fran	Liyan	Keiko
30/Aug/18	Week 6	Archana	Eiman	May
06/Sep/18	Week 7	Fran	Rachel	Eva

Kent Road Public School P&C Uniform Shop

KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

**Kindergarten
2019
School Tours**

~~*Monday 7th May~~ *Monday 4th June
~~*Monday 30th July~~ *Monday 27th August

9.00am - 10.30am

All parents and pre-schoolers who will be commencing school in 2019 are invited to attend one of these dates.

- * Learn about school programs
- * Visit classrooms
- * Meet teachers

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4-12 yrs afterschool classes

- *Creative doodle
- *Pencil sketch
- *Colour painting
- *Calligraphy class
- *Ink painting

Adult's Chinese painting classes

Mon - Fri 10:00 - 14:00

Adult Chinese Painting class

- *Provide some drawing kits
- *Calligraphy class
- *Ink painting (Shui-mo)
- *Melodious (Gong-bi)

Contacts

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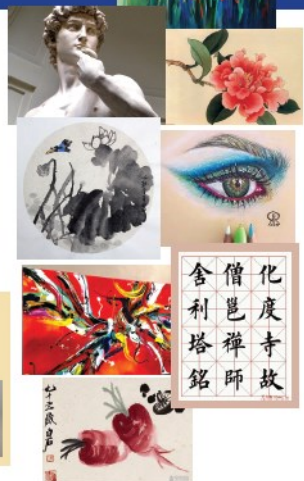
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1. Group class room
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3. Independent room



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