



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Three Week 3

Tuesday 7th August 2018

Important Dates & Notes

Student Banking

Students Yrs2-6
Banking will be
collected from
morning lines

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

I would like to thank all teachers for their collective effort last week to ensure the success of a number of wonderful events and initiatives which provided opportunities for students to demonstrate their learning, develop new skills and have fun. I hope you enjoy the images of these events which are included in the newsletter.

STEM CAR RACE

It is now only one week before our STEM Car Race Day Challenge on Monday 13th August.

Car designs may be complex or simple. I encourage everyone to have a go and join in the fun!

YEAR FIVE and SIX STEM PROJECT

We were delighted to welcome several members of the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) to the school last Friday as well as Mrs Barbara Ryan, Deputy Principal from St Ives North Public School for the conclusion of the STEM project which our Year Five and Six students have been involved with over the past three months.

Our students have been mentored by the RFS as they researched bushfire prevention and developed their big ideas including early detection of bushfires and early warning systems using drones and sensors; protective clothing; and using robots to identify the heat source.

The RFS and Mrs Ryan, who has been a mentor to our teachers through the STEM ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT, were highly impressed by the depth of knowledge and understanding our students demonstrated, as was I. The level of knowledge demonstrated by our students was matched by their level of engagement, and our assembly hall was buzzing with an energy that was palpable.

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who attended the showcase, and provided the students an audience for their ideas. Thank you for listening to not only your own child but to the ideas of many students. I am sure you would have been impressed by the depth of knowledge and commitment every student demonstrated.

This is an example of project based learning, where students work in groups to follow a design process to develop their ideas, test them and then modify or redevelop solutions to real world problems. The process fosters students' skills in collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity, all essential skills needed for young people entering into the workforce in the future. Thank you teachers, Miss Sheridan, Ms Brasier, Mrs Prins, Miss Grealy, Miss Ison, Ms Grysiewicz and Miss Rogers for the outstanding guidance you provided your students in this unit of work.



Denise Minifie
Principal

The school's walkathon on Thursday was a great success. The organizing committee, Mrs Cleasby, Miss Nettleton, Ms Waddell and Miss Beves ensured the event ran smoothly and have been very busy collecting prizes for the students in each class who raise the highest amount of funds.

We hope to use the money raised to purchase climbing equipment for the lower playground.

K-6 WALKATHON



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A team of teachers has been busy developing a design for a 'street library' which will be placed in Watts Street near the shops as part of an initiative of Ryde Council to encourage adults and children to engage in sharing books to encourage everyone to read.

Parents may be familiar with the street library on Quarry Road Ryde, in front of the vet, and on Pittwater Road at Boronia Park which have been in place for several months.

Our team of teachers, Mrs Cleasby, Mr Lau, Ms Nettleton as well as Mr Parsons, have done a wonderful job in coming up with an eye catching design and helping students to do the painting. Ryde Council will complete the installation on coming weeks and I am sure local residents will soon be book swapping.



Kent Road's Street Library for Ryde Council will soon be installed in Watts Road.

STREET LIBRARY PROJECT

K-6 WALKATHON

Last Thursday on a beautiful sunny day, the school held its main fundraising event for the year, our school walkathon. Students enjoyed a fun day walking around the grounds of our school, increasing fitness levels as well as raising funds to go towards technology, play and sport equipment. Thank you for your effort Kent Road students!

There are great prizes for: the highest fundraiser in K-2 and the highest fund raiser in 3-6; the highest fundraiser in each class; and the class who raises the most money. A collectable wristband will be given to students who raise \$15 or more. Start collecting your money from your sponsors or your donation and return it to school and see your class thermometer rise.



This is our last one!



I'm up to my tenth lap!!



This is our first one.



We're up to our 11th lap.

Last Friday a team of approximately 60 people from Frasers Property Group came to our school to do some community volunteers work to celebrate National Tree Day.

Over 150 native Lilli Pilli trees were planted along the fenceline behind the assembly hall with the help of the school's gardening club, and new bench seats were built and installed in the lower playground.

Many volunteers removed rubbish (broken concrete and building rubbish) which had been dumped in the Blue Gum Forest and a lot of weeding was done. The next step for this area will be mulching and planting native ground cover plants. We are extremely grateful to Frasers Property Group for selecting our school to undertake this project.

TREE DAY



KINDERGARTEN AT THE FARM

Our Kindergarten students enjoyed a day at the farm on Friday and Miss Hossack reported their bus driver claimed that in twenty years of driving buses he had never experienced such a quiet and well –behaved group of students. Great work Kindergarten! I know they learnt a lot and had a lot of fun on the tractor ride!

KINDERGARTEN 2019 ENROLLING NOW!

Parents of children who will commence Kindergarten in 2019 are asked to commence the enrolment process now. I ask parents to complete an application for enrolment and submit it to the school before the end of August. The enrolment form can be downloaded at www.kentroadpublicschool.com and is also available at the front office.

OUTBACK ADVENTURE

This week I am travelling with a group of Year Six students to outback New South Wales. We travelled by train yesterday from Sydney to Broken Hill, a 13 hour trip. Today we travelled to Menindee Lakes and Silverton. The students will experience country life over the coming days and I am sure will have lots of stories to tell when they return to school next week.

PSSA RESULTS

WINTER PSSA RESULTS			
PSSA SPORT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE	Player of the Match
Girls Tiger Tag	WIN	KRPS 8 Eastwood 5	Mabel
Boys Tiger Tag	WIN	KRPS 10 Eastwood 4	Carter
Junior A Netball	WIN	KRPS 11 Putney 7	Claire Y
Junior B Netball	WIN	KRPS 3 Melrose Park 2	Anita
Senior A Netball	BYE		
Senior B Netball	LOSS	KRPS 7 Melrose Park 18	Sophie
Junior A Soccer	WIN	KRPS 4 Hunters Hill 0	Corey
Junior B Soccer	WIN	KRPS 2 Hunters Hill 1	Ivan
Senior Soccer	DRAW	KRPS 0 Hunters Hill 0	Patrick
Girls A Soccer	LOSS	KRPS 1 Gladesville 2	Maya and Nikkita
Girls B Soccer	DRAW	KRPS 1 Gladesville 1	Charlie
Junior AFL – A	WIN	KRPS 24 Boronia Park 8	Alex M
Junior AFL – B	LOSS	KRPS 14 Truscott Street 29	Max
Senior AFL – A	WIN	KRPS 19 Hunters Hill 9	Gabriel
Senior AFL – B	LOSS	KRPS 0 Truscott Street 59	Susanna

ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to students in KB and KL for hosting yesterday's K-2 assembly and presenting a class item.

The young students who hosted the assembly, Renzi, Ashwin, Dash and Inez from KB, and Hannah, Safa, Nathaniel and Kaira from KL showed a great deal of confidence in speaking in front of a large audience at the assembly.

KB wonderfully presented a song about the farm. KL reflected on their 100days of Kindergarten.

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

KB	Aliyah	Being a respectful and responsible member of KB
KC	Ethan	Being a kind and caring friend
KH	Ella	Being a kind and considerate class member
KJ	Shin	For her insightful comments in class discussions
KL	Safa	For always being a kind and considerate class member
KR	Maibel	Being an engaged in literacy groups
KS	Izna	Writing an interesting sentence in literacy groups
1B	Zabrina	Using good expression during reading
1C	Daniel	Thinking creatively during writing
1G	Acacia Jakob	Constantly being an engaged learner Participating well in drama activities
1L	Lucas	For his increased engagement in Science lessons
1N	Mia	For consistent effort during writing lessons
2C	Sebastian	For sharing great ideas during science
2H	Soha	For being a considerate and kind class member
2R	Bernard	For using feedback to improve and extend his writing
2S	Mahek	Such a big improvement in mathematics
2W	Taemin	Calculating complicated maths problems
EAL/D	Giana (1G)	For always doing her best work in EAL/D lessons

Calmsley Hill Farm Excursion!

Last Friday Kindergarten went on their first school excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm. First, we took a long bus ride. Once we arrived, we went on a fascinating tractor ride.



Kindergarten saw many animals including koalas, kangaroos, donkeys, chickens, roosters, rabbits, goats, sheep, a camel and a very clever cattle dog.



We got to pat some the animals, some even wanted a hug.



The best part was learning how to milk a cow!



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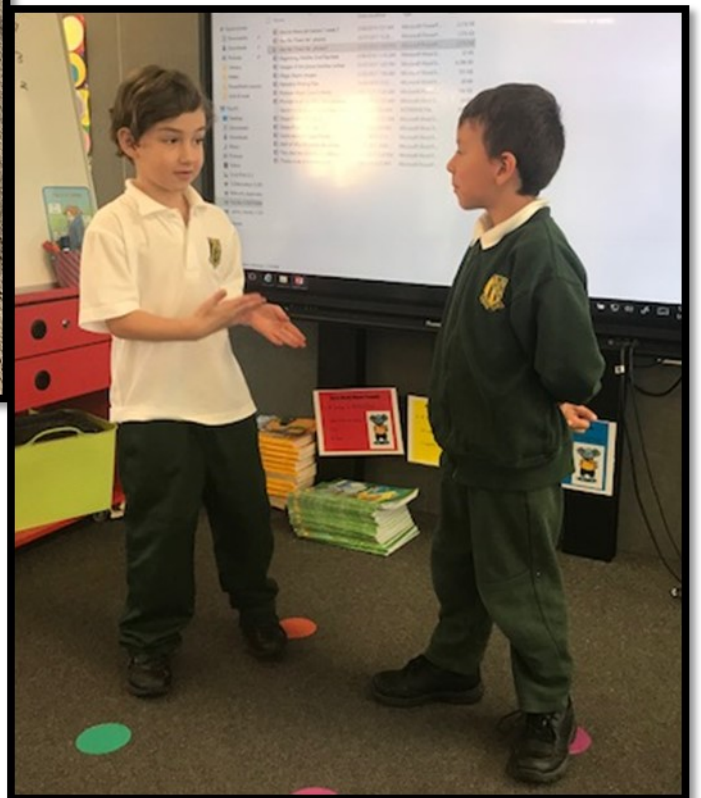
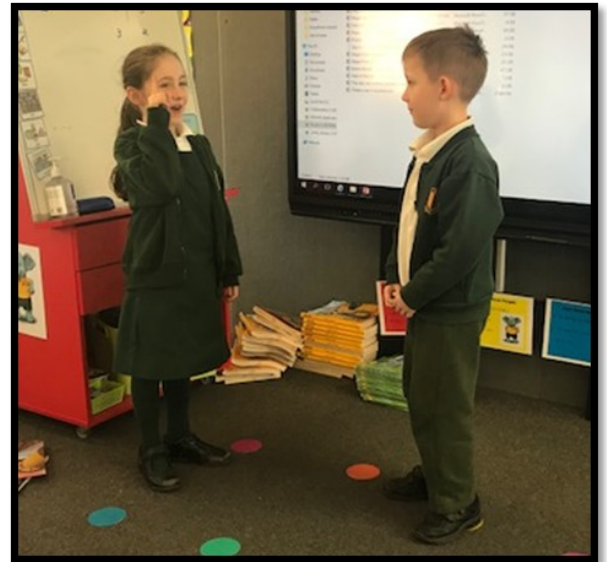
some lucky people were able to join in including Miss Johnston and Miss Sheehan. Kindergarten had an amazing day and now know all about how a farm runs. Kindergarten classes will continue to use the knowledge they have learnt in our 'Paddock to Plate' Science unit.



This term year one have been participating in various drama activities. Drama club has begun and students have started to rehearse their first script in pairs. This short skit is comedic and all about the punch line in the end!

We have also participated in a Dreamtime play to celebrate NAIDOC week. Students acted as birds in *How the Birds Got Their Colours*. There was a surly crow, a helpful parrot and other friendly birds.

The next drama activity we performed was *Possum Magic* written by Mem Fox. Some students acted as Grandma Poss who made bush magic and some students acted as Hush, the young possum who was turned invisible. Students needed to think of their own creative solution to turn Hush visible again.



How the Birds Got Their Colours
performed by 1C



2W created a totem with the snapper fish



As part of NAIDOC week, 2W researched the Ryde area for Wallumedegal people who were the traditional owners of the land in our area. For generations, they were fisher-hunter-gatherers in a rich environment of river flats, mangrove swamps and creeks. Wallumedegal comes from *wallumai*, meaning snapper (fish)



This term Year Three are all about robots! In English, we are reading *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. This exciting story follows a robot who has ended up on an island and is learning to understand and communicate with other animals. Year Three will follow the writing process to construct a narrative about robots.

In Science, to follow our robot theme Year Three are experimenting with robotics using the WeDo software. 3L and 3M students had a lot of fun working together to create a car robot. They used iPads to build and program their robots. Once finished, groups raced against each other and cheered their robot cars on to READY SET GO!



READY SET GO!



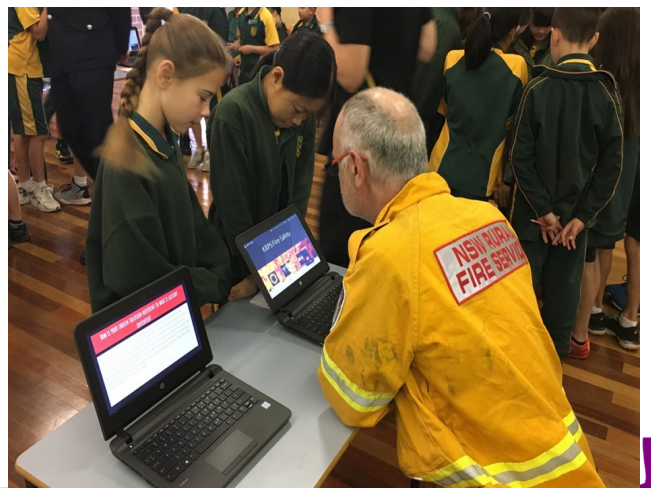
Last Friday 3rd August, Year 5 and Year 6 together displayed a showcase of their term's work on Project Firestorm. It was so rewarding to see these two grades standing side by side in confidence to display their bushfire knowledge, understanding and design thinking skills to our Kent Road community.

On behalf of our Stage 3 teachers and students, thank you so very much to the staff, students, parents, visiting educators from St Ives North Public School, and of course, the Westleigh Rural Fire Service brigade for volunteering their precious time and joining our Stage 3 students in celebrating their learning, hard work and team work.

With a variety of physical and digital prototypes being displayed around the school hall including engineered bridges, robotic drones, school plan dioramas, futuristic robots, websites, coded games, innovative firefighting resources and survival tools the hall was buzzing with critical and creative design thinkers of the future. These prototypes are just a selection of the physical and digital products collaboratively created in response to the stage's driving question; How can the Kent Road Community prepare for, survive and recover from a bushfire event?

The amount of inspiration, support, guidance, expert knowledge and feedback shared from the Westleigh Rural Fire service throughout this entire learning experience cannot be underestimated. The collaborative relationship offered from these community role models was irreplaceable and highly appreciated from all teachers and students. We look forward to continuing our communication and collaboration with Westleigh RFS team for future learning experiences at Kent

STAGE THREE NEWS





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!



Musical Tickets

This year, tickets for the 3-6 Musical will be sold online only. Tickets go on sale on **Tuesday 14th August 7am**. Go to the following website to purchase your tickets:

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/74472>

All tickets are \$5 each.

If you need assistance purchasing tickets contact the school office.

K-6 STEM Race Day Invitation

Monday 13th August (1:30pm)

This Monday 13th August, all parents and guardians are invited to attend and cheer on Kent Road Public School's K-6 STEM Race Day from 1:30pm in the Primary Basketball court. We look forward to sharing this enjoyable K-6 event beside you, whilst celebrating design thinking and community spirit.

Any last minute cars can still be registered via the following link until the end of this week: goo.gl/UnKHJq

STEM Committee 2018



BAND PROGRAM



**Are you thinking about joining the band program?
We will soon be seeking interest from students in Years 2-5
for 2019.**

How does it work?

Students are given the opportunity to try an instrument in Term 4 of 2018 (through weekly instrumental lessons) before deciding if they'd like to join the Junior Band in 2019. Weekly instrumental tuition is compulsory for all band students. To decide on which instrument you will play, we will conduct blow tests at the end of Term 3 to determine which instrument will suit you best. We also take into account your instrument preferences.

Where/when do I have my weekly instrumental lessons?

Lessons occur before or after school in classrooms.

Do I need prior musical experience?

No, anyone can join the band, regardless of if you already play an instrument or not.

How much does it cost?

Weekly GROUP lessons (3 students per group) cost \$20 per student for 30 mins. Weekly individual lessons usually cost around \$30-35 per student for 30 mins. If you join the band in 2019, further band fees will apply.

What instruments can I choose from?

Flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone horn, keyboard, percussion, bass guitar, percussion (drum kit, glockenspiel and extra percussion).

Where can I hire an instrument?

You will be able to hire an instrument from the school. If you wish to buy an instrument, we recommend In Tune Music shop or Turrumurra Music shop.

What do I need to commit to?

Band students need to be committed to weekly lessons, home practice, taking care of their instrument and being punctual to band rehearsals.

Why join the band?

Playing in a band can contribute to a student's development of team spirit, self-esteem, social interaction, self-discipline and responsibility. Plus, it's a lot of fun!

What do I need to do now?

Keep a look-out for a note soon regarding expressions of interest.

WALKATHON

We've done all the hard work walking around the school and now it's time to start collecting the money. There are some fantastic prizes up for grabs and the winning class will be rewarded with a fantastic day of fun! Let's see how much money we can raise towards buying new equipment and resources for our school. Feel free to continue raising money until **Friday 31st August**.

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KENT ROAD P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS

Our school newsletter is a great place to find all P&C information, including information about the reliable services our volunteers provide for our school community, such as our uniform shop, student banking and book club. It is important to remember that all of our services are coordinated by P&C volunteers and rely heavily on school community volunteers on a roster basis – there are many different volunteering options ranging from once a week to once a month and even once a term and all support makes a difference and is appreciated.

Kent Road Public School P&C Association

KENT RD UNIFORM SHOP

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

Kent Road Public School P&C Uniform Shop



MONDAYS		SHOP	SHIFT - 8:30am to 10am		
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	
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

Kindergarten 2019 School Tours

~~*Monday 7th May~~

~~*Monday 30th July~~

~~*Monday 4th June~~

***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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