



# KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Four Week 7

Tuesday 27th November 2018

Important  
Dates &  
Notes

**NO Assembly  
this Friday**

**Student  
Banking**  
Students Yrs2-6  
Banking will be  
collected from  
morning lines

**Yr3-Yr6 & 2S  
Swim Program**  
26 Nov-7 Dec

Term Dates 2018

Term 4  
15/10/18—  
19/12/18

**Last day for  
students**  
Wed 19th  
December

### Dear Parents and Carers, Principal's Report

#### **BUILDING WORKS**

Preliminary works has begun to provide power and data to the new demountable classrooms which should be delivered in the next few weeks. The fencing which was installed throughout the playground today is to ensure our students are safe in the playground whilst this trenching work is undertaken. It is expected these fences will be removed in approximately two weeks once the trenching is completed and new cabling installed.

Access throughout the school will remain the same, though play areas may need to change depending upon the stage of the work.

#### **SWIMMING**

K-2 classes (except for 2S) completed their swimming lessons last Friday and class teachers were very happy with the progress students made over the two week program.

For some students, the focus was on building water confidence, that is, teaching children to feel safe entering the pool and developing basic water safety skills. For other students, skills included learning to dive and developing stroke skills in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. No matter the level at which they started all students developed new skills. Hopefully many parents will continue to provide swimming lessons for their children to build on the skills students have developed.

Students in Years 3-6, and class 2S, started swimming lessons yesterday and will continue for the next two weeks.

I thank parents for supporting the school's swimming program.

#### **PRESENTATION DAY (Years 2-6) and CELEBRATION DAY (Kindergarten and Year 1)**

Save the Date!

Monday 10th December at 9.15-10.30am: Years 2-6 Presentation Day assembly. Parents of students who are receiving an award will receive an invitation to attend.

Monday 10th December at 11.30am-1.00pm: Celebration Assembly for Kindergarten and Year One - all students in Kindergarten and Year One will receive an award to celebrate their achievements over the year.

#### **YEAR FOUR STEM EXPO**

Congratulations to all Year Four students and their teachers on the great success of their STEM expo last Thursday at which students showcased their sustainability projects. I visited the classrooms with Mrs Eddie and Mrs Halls, Principal and Assistant Principal from Wentworth Public School. We were all very impressed with the confidence with which our students presented their projects and their depth of knowledge on sustainability.

### YEAR ONE MUSICAL NIGHT

Last night our Year One students performed brilliantly when they presented their musical, 'Dream A Little Dream', to a packed audience. Congratulations to each of our young stars!

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**ASSEMBLY**

Students in 5G are to be congratulated on their fantastic poetry presentation at last week's assembly. The students confidently and expressively recited poems, some by famous poets and some which were their own creations. Everyone in the audience agreed, the students did a great job!

**CLASS MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded a class merit award at last week's assembly:

3G	Matthew	Excellent construction skills during STEM
3L	Joanna	An excellent reflection on the design of her artwork
3M	Eleanor	Thoughtful contributions to class discussions
3R	Paige	Using mime to great effect during Drama lessons
4D	Caitlin	Striving to do her best at all times
4H	Jayden	Excellent contribution to his STEM group
4P	Kyra	Her enthusiastic approach to STEM lessons
4V	Jim	Confidently showcasing his project during our STEM presentation day
5G	Sophie	Showing enthusiasm and engagement during poetry lessons
5G	Daniel	Making mature and thoughtful contributions to class discussions
5S	Maggie	For her care and precision during Visual Arts
5M	Leah	For showing consistent kindness and respect to all peers
6B	Tony	His knowledge and participation in Science lessons
6G	Lacquan	His well-rehearsed poetry recital
6I	Yazn	For his interesting and engaging poem about his mother

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

**There will be no assembly this week due to swimming lessons.**

**PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SUPERVISION**

**Please note there will be no crossing supervisor tomorrow at the Kent Road crossing (afternoon), or the Herring Road crossing (afternoon) and on Thursday morning .**

I have been in discussion with the Department of Roads and Maritime (RMS) regarding the supervision of the pedestrian crossings in the absence of the crossing supervisor. RMS has advised there are currently no casual crossing supervisors available to fill in when our crossing supervisors are absent. Please be aware that, as advised by RMS staff, school staff are not authorised to carry out the duties of the School Crossing Supervisor.

I will advise parents via the school app when I receive notification from RMS that the crossing supervisor will be absent, and teachers will revise the procedures for safely crossing the road with their classes.

I also ask all parents to discuss these procedures with their children.

- Wherever possible, cross the road at a designated pedestrian crossing facility
- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! when crossing the road
- Take care whenever you cross
- Don't run across the road

*Denise Minifie*

**Principal**

# Road safety

## Walking together safely to and from school

Walking to school and back home again is a great way to spend time with your children and encourage safe and healthy behaviours.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safer as a pedestrian:

- Talk with your children about being alert in the road environment.
- Plan and practice your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
- Meet your child near the school gate and don't call them from across the road.
- Explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross.
- Remind your child to **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** every time they cross the road and keep checking until safely across.
- Talk to them about why they should stop, look, listen, think before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.

Young children can learn and practice these safe pedestrian behaviours with you. This will help them to be safer pedestrians when they are old enough to travel alone.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au)



### Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
  - you cross the road
  - you're on the footpath
  - you're in a car park

### Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

**STOP!**  
one step back from the kerb

**LOOK!**  
continuously both ways

**LISTEN!**  
for the sounds of approaching traffic

**THINK!**  
whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across

In term four of Kindergarten, we have loved swimming.



We have learnt all about the magic e sound.



We have enjoyed creating self-portraits and the having our fellow class members write down an adjective that describes us.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS



2S have been doing a special drama program this term! We have been very lucky to have Ms Wilkinson join us each week. We have been studying a book called 'My Two Blankets' written by Irena Kobald and Freya Blackwood. Through a bunch of fun and engaging drama activities, we have learnt all about the importance of belonging and friendship. Here are some pictures of us doing some very enjoyable drama games!

## YEAR TWO NEWS





We have also written some sentences to describe what the words belonging and friendship mean to us!

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**Vanessa** - "Friendship means having people that always help you."

**Ryan** - "Belonging means you fit into a group."

**Luca** - "Friendship is playing together happily with friends."

**Fiona** - "Belonging makes me feel safe."

**Max** - "A friend is someone who has your back and who you can trust."



**Transition to High School**

Last Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th November Year 6 students participated in our 2 day Transition to High School program. Year 6 enjoyed attending the high school subjects which included geography, sport, cooking, drama, ancient history and science. They also participated in a wellbeing session where they shared their concerns and excitement about the year ahead. A huge thanks to Miss Ison, Miss Brasier, Miss Rogers and Mr Harrison for running the sessions, the feedback from the students has been excellent. I wish all Year 6 students the very best as they transition to their new schools in 2019.

Mrs Medcalf (Learning and Support Teacher)



### Mobiles, music and other distractions

Texting, talking or playing on the phone or other device, makes your child vulnerable when walking in the traffic environment.



While using devices, children focus their vision, hearing and concentration on the device instead of thinking about keeping safe. Your child should put away all devices before they start their journey. Talk with them about how this helps limit distractions and keeps them alert to possible dangers. It is good practice to teach your child from a young age to always concentrate when walking in the traffic environment.

## PSSA RESULTS

SUMMER PSSA RESULTS			
PSSA SPORT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE	Player of the Match
Girls SOFTBALL	No Game (Eastwood forfeited)		
Mixed SOFTBALL	WIN	KRPS 14 Eastwood 1	Ty
Girls T-BALL	No Game (Eastwood forfeited)		
Mixed T-BALL	WIN	KRPS 23 Eastwood 7	Jayden R
Junior CRICKET	WIN	KRPS 50 Ermington 48	Sean
Senior CRICKET	LOSS	Ermington 3/69 KRPS 5/41	Josh
Junior NEWCOMBE BALL	WIN	2-0	Joshua J
Senior NEWCOMBE BALL	WIN	2-0	Divya S
VOLLEYBALL	WIN	1-0	

**KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS****FINAL P&C MEETING for 2018 – MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 7.30pm, Music Room**

The final P&C meeting for 2018 will be held next Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December @ 7.30pm and we look forward to seeing some of you there and celebrating another wonderful P&C year at Kent Rd. Our association would like to thank all parents and school community members who have supported us and therefore also supported our school and students by being P&C members for the year, fulfilling a volunteer executive or coordinating role, attending meetings and most importantly – volunteering – in some form during 2018.

*Kent Road Public School P&C Association*

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB THANK YOU**

The final Book Club issue for 2018 has been distributed to students with the exception of a few items that were placed on 'back order' by Scholastic; these will be delivered to students as soon as they arrive at school. All 'gift' orders placed by parents are ready to be collected from the school office. Thank you to all Kent Road families who placed an order throughout the year and contributed to valuable reading minutes for students and a continuing love of books and reading. Orders placed throughout the year also helped our school to obtain valuable resources with Scholastic rewards dollars totalling nearly \$2400 being earned by our school on purchases made.

Be sure to read a book during the summer holidays, *Melanie Marcellino, Book Club Coordinator*

**KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**

Our updated online uniform shop has a new address - <http://kentroadpublicschoolpcassociationuniformshop.vendecommerce.com/>. Remember to add your child's name and class when ordering.

**Order now for 2019** - If you think you'll need uniform items at the beginning of next year, we strongly encourage you to buy them now, before the end of term. Due to the school build, the shop will be moving and we're not sure if we will be open by the first day of school in 2019.

**Last orders for 2018** - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December is the last day the shop will be open this year. This is also the last day for any online orders. The cut-off time for online orders is 9am.

Any orders received over the school holidays will be packed when the uniform shop opens in 2019 though we aren't sure what day that will be.

If you have any questions about your order, email us on [kripsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:kripsuniformshop@gmail.com).

**Uniform Shop Volunteer Roster –TERM FOUR**

MONDAYS		SHOP	SHIFT - 8:30am to 10am		
26/Nov/18	Week 7	Kate	Emily	Naomi	River
03/Dec/18	Week 8	Kate	Anastasia	Edith	Yang
10/Dec/18	Week 9	Kate	Francesca	Naomi	River
17/Dec/18	Week 10	Kate		Edith	Delilah

THURSDAYS		PACK	SHIFT - 9am to 10:30am	
29/Nov/18	Week 7	Fran	Liyan	May
06/Dec/18	Week 8	Fran	Eiman	Lisa
13/Dec/18	Week 9	Fran	Rachel	

# SHOP for a chance to WIN at



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The More Chances To Win**

Competition starts Friday 16 Nov 2018 at 1pm  
Drawn Saturday, 15 Dec 2018 at 1pm  
Terms and conditions apply. Winners must be present on day of draw to claim prizes.