



# KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Four Week 8

Tuesday 4th December 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**

**Presentation Day**  
**10 Dec Year2-6**  
**9.15-10.30am**

**Celebration Day**  
**10 Dec K—Year 1**  
**11.30am-1.00pm**

**Year 6 Farewell**  
**Thur 13 Dec**  
**5.30pm**

**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

Today the first of the new demountable classrooms has been installed in the top playground ready for the 2019 school year. Furniture and equipment will be moved from our existing library and primary classrooms into these demountable classrooms during the holidays.

The trenching work which started last week will continue on the weekend to allow plumbing and electrical services to be connected to the new demountable classrooms. The fences will remain in place as a new pathway will be created for access into the school from Kent Road.

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

#### END OF YEAR SURVEY

Parents are asked to complete a short survey regarding your experiences with the school in 2018, school initiatives and future targets. This information is very helpful for our planning. The link to the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCLQNBG>

#### COLOUR RUN FUN DAY – TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 1.30pm

All students are invited to participate in a 'colour run – fun day' on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The event will include an obstacle course and a lot of coloured powder! Please see the attached note.

#### STAFF NEWS

- Congratulations to Mr Harrison for his promotion to the new position of Deputy Principal at Kent Road through the merit selection process, a well-deserved recognition of his ongoing contribution to our school.
- Congratulations also to Mr Shaun Parsons who has become a permanent member of the Kent Road staff. Mr Parsons is the school's general assistant who has already undertaken a great many significant projects around the school.
- Congratulations to Mrs Noni Medcalf who, sadly for Kent Road, will leave us at the end of 2018 to take up a new permanent teaching position at Samuel Gilbert Public School, closer to her home. Mrs Medcalf started out at Kent Road as a Kindergarten teacher in 2005, and after returning from maternity leave took up the role of Learning and Support teacher. She has been a huge asset to our school in every role she has undertaken, most recently ensuring the effective delivery of the multiliteracy program, introducing maqlit and minilit, and co-ordinating support and extension programs, our school learning support team and volunteers and leading the learning support team. Mrs Medcalf has trained dance groups every year for school performances, MADD night, and external events such as Granny Smith. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Mrs Medcalf for her contribution to the education of Kent Road students, and wish her all the very best for the future.

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

Save the Date!

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## 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



Lives lost on NSW roads.  
**Our goal is zero.**



*Denise Minifie*  
Principal

### Key pedestrian safety messages

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

#### **Students in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1**

- Hold a grown-up's hand when
  - o you cross the road
  - o you're on the footpath

you're in the car park

#### **Students in Stage 2**

- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road

Use a safe place to cross the road

#### **Students in Stage 3**

- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road

Use a safe place to cross the road



Dear Parents,

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December the school will be running a whole school Colour Run from 1.30pm in the Year 5-6 playground. This is a whole school event and all students will be attending. Students will participate by running a set course through fun obstacles including non-toxic colour spray powder.

Students are encouraged to wear an old white T-Shirt for the event to enhance the colour effect.

We look forward to sharing this fun event with you and your family.

Kind Regards,

Ms Davina Kite, Miss Amy Brasier, Miss Stefanie Ison and Miss Amber Rogers  
Colour Run Coordinators

**KRPS  
COLOUR  
RUN  
2018**





Last week, Year One participated in a responsible pet owners program.



We engaged in role plays that taught us what a scared dog looks like and whether to approach it. A scared dog will have its tail between its legs, ears are down and it may even roll on its back.

Always remember "No owner, no lead, no touch"

We also practised what to do when a dog is angry. We should stand still, with our hands by our sides and fingers together while looking down at the ground.





We met a very well-behaved dog named 'Tanner' who we practiced approaching and greeting. First, stand 3 steps away and ask the owner if you can pat their dog. After the owner has said yes, approach with the back of your hand held out for the dog to sniff. Then, you are able to stroke the dog's back.





# YEAR TWO NEWS



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**KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS****NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING****Monday 11th February, 2019 @7.30pm, School Library**

The Annual General Meeting of the Kent Road Public School P&C Association will be held Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 at 7.30pm, followed by our first general meeting of 2019.

Our Annual General Meeting consists of the President's and Treasurer's Annual Reports, as well as the election of office bearers and sub-committee roles after all volunteer-based positions are declared vacant. The Annual General Meeting is also an opportunity for existing members to renew their membership, for new members to join our P and C Association and for all members to consider a volunteer role for the year.

Office bearer positions to be filled by nomination at the Annual General Meeting include the following: President, Vice Presidents x 2, Secretary and Treasurer.

Sub committee roles to be filled by nomination at the Annual General Meeting include the following: Events Coordinator and Uniform Shop Coordinator.

All P&C positions and roles are filled by school community volunteers.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite all Kent Road Community members to attend our Annual General Meeting, become a member of the Kent Road Public School P&C Association and consider volunteering for 2019.

**SCHOOL BANKING – FINAL DAY 2018**

The final day for School Banking this year will be Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Many thanks to Student Banking Coordinator Fiona McNeill and her team of assistants who have helped Kent Road students save \$\$ every Wednesday throughout 2018.

*Kent Road Public School P&C Association*

**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 [krpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:krpsuniformshop@gmail.com).

**Uniform Shop Volunteer Roster –TERM FOUR**

MONDAYS		SHOP	SHIFT - 8:30am to 10am		
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	
06/Dec/18	Week 8	Fran	Eiman	Lisa
13/Dec/18	Week 9	Fran	Rachel	



# **NORTH RYDE COMMUNITY AID FOOD DRIVE**

North Ryde Community Aid are in need of donations for their Annual Christmas Hampers this year.

These hampers are put together every year and go to local elderly, families and other people in our community who are doing it tough. Some of them rely on the hampers for their Christmas dinner and sometimes the hamper is the only gift they receive.

For various reasons, their donations are down this year, so they are very low on the following new and unopened items:

**Rice**  
**Pasta**  
**Pasta Sauce**  
**Tinned Fish**  
**Pudding**  
**Long life custard**  
**Tinned fruit**  
**Tinned vegies**  
**Long life milk**

If we could each bring just one item in (or more if you wish) imagine the difference we would be able to make just within our wonderful school community.

This is an inexpensive way to make a real contribution in supporting our local community this year.

All contributions need to be brought in to your child's classroom by Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of December.

Thank you



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**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**

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\$1,000.00 value

**The More You Shop  
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.



**FREE  
activities**



*You're invited to our*

**FAMILY  
FUN DAY!**

10am-2pm Saturday 8th December  
Marsfield Community Church, 58-60 Agincourt Rd  
info@marsfieldcc.org.au