



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term One Week 2

Friday 5th February 2019

**Important
Dates &
Notes**

**Swimming
Carnival Yr3-6**
Mon 18 Feb

**Yr3 Overnight
Excursion**
Wed 3 April—
Thur 4 April

Term Dates 2019

Term 1

Last day—
Fri 12th April

Term 2

30/04/19—05/07/19

Term 3

23/07/19—27/09/19

Term 4

14/10/19—18/12/19

Last day for students

Wednesday
18th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Principal's Report

A warm welcome to new families and all Kent Road returning families. What a fantastic start we have had to the 2019 school year!

Last Wednesday all students in Years One – Six were placed in their new classes, and on Thursday we welcomed our new Kindergarten students to Kent Road. I am very pleased to report students are adjusting well to their new classrooms and making new friends.

Our pop-up school was ready for occupancy on day one of the term for our Year Two, Year Three and Year Four students, as well as the administration areas, library and canteen. It required a lot of hard work not only from the many tradesmen who worked throughout January, but also from the Kent Road staff who spent several days of their holidays ensuring the school was ready for business on day one. The end result has been worth the effort and I have received many positive comments from parents regarding our new set up.

The layout of the school ensures all classes in each grade are located in close proximity to each other, facilitating collaboration between classes. I am greatly looking forward to the next phase of our school upgrade!

More information about the next phase will be provided in coming weeks.

CANTEEN

Our school canteen is now open. Our canteen operators, Yummy Bears Kiosk, received a great write-up for their healthy choices in the newspaper last week.

Students are able to order their morning tea and/or lunch, as well as buy snacks over the counter every school day.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Gong hei fat choi!

Gong xi fa cai!

We wish everyone who is celebrating the New Year a very healthy and prosperous new year! All students will have the opportunity to participate in Chinese dragon dance workshops from 18th-22nd February.

2019 ORGANISATION

We welcome several new teachers to Kent Road in 2019. Three teachers have been appointed to permanent teaching positions through the targeted graduate program. Congratulations and welcome to Miss Spence, Miss Whitworth and Miss Choi.

Deputy Principals: Ms Fiona Hamilton and Mr Ben Harrison

KC	Miss Rebecca Chan		3B	Mrs Ciarne Brooks
KH	Miss Jessie Hossack		3G	Miss Gabby McKenna
KJ	Miss Jacqui Hughes		3L	Miss Jo Lyes
KK	Miss Theresa Kim		3M	Mr Paul McGhee
KL	Miss Caitlin Lindsay		4C	Miss Jane Choi
KS	Miss Tamara Spence		4D	Miss Diane Hine
1B	Miss Belinda Lanning		4H	Mr Sam Higgins
1C	Mrs Emily Cleasby		4V	Mr Daniel Vogels
1G	Mrs Chauntal Gwynne		5G	Miss Lilly Grealy
1L	Mr Eric Lau		5P	Miss Miriam Prins
1N	Miss Joy Nettleton		5S	Miss Kathryn Sheridan
1S	Miss Tayla Sheahan		5T	Miss Lani Thomson
2C	Miss Tara Cramp		6B	Miss Amy Brasier
2H	Miss Katy Houze		6R	Miss Amber Rogers
2R	Miss Annalissa Roy		6W	Miss Charlotte Whitworth
2S	Miss Brittani Stevenson			
2W	Miss Jane Waddell			

Specialist Teachers:

Ms Davina Kite	EAL/D (English)		Mrs Jenny Rule	EAL/D (English)
Miss Lydia Hahn	EAL/D (English)		Mrs Kelly Tennant	EAL/D (English)
Miss Rachel Lee	Music K-2		Miss Alana Freeman	Music 3-6
Mrs Margot Russell	Library Mon-Thurs		Mrs Susan Duyvestyn	Library – Wed/Fri
Miss Samantha Minard	Learning and Support		Mrs Jen Stevenson	Library (Mon)
Mrs Kerrie Durrant	Support Teacher		Miss Stefanie Ison	Support Teacher
Mrs Tracy Ryman	School Counsellor		Mrs Ros Griffin	School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Corinne Stevens	School Learning Support Officer		Miss Ciara Ronquillo	School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Emily Tsai	School Learning Support Officer		Miss Neilab Osman	School Learning Support Officer

Administration staff: Mrs Gail Unsworth, Mrs Karen Silsby, Mrs Jenny Kiss and Miss Jessica Silsby;
Library Assistant: Mrs Michelle Parsons

General Assistant: Mr Shaun Parsons

Denise Minifie

Principal

NEWSLETTER**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

The school newsletter is published **electronically** every Tuesday, through our school website which can be found at www.kentroadpublicschool.com.au and also through our school app. Parents who have a smart phone are able to download the app for free. Simply search the App store for Kent Road Public School. As well as receiving the newsletter, parents will receive updates and alerts about events affecting their child's grade.

A paper copy is available at the front office for parents who do not have access to an electronic version of the newsletter. (This week's newsletter has been issued to Kindergarten and new parents in paper format but from **next week will only be sent out electronically.**)

BEST START**BEST START ASSESSMENT**

Kindergarten students will undertake the annual Best Start assessment commencing next week. Each Kindergarten child will complete the literacy and numeracy assessment with their class teacher whilst one of our specialist teachers takes the class.

The test is not a pass/fail test and **absolutely no preparation is required**. The Best Start assessment is designed to provide class teachers an understanding of the range of literacy and numeracy skills children bring to school with them, and to enable the teachers to group the students accordingly.

Once the assessment of each child is completed and teachers have entered the necessary data, a computer generated report will be provided to parents.

Should parents have any questions regarding the Best Start Assessment please speak to your child's teacher.

Special Religious Education

Special Religious Education (SRE)/ Scripture classes begin in Week 4 on Tuesday, 19th February 2019. SRE/ Scripture classes are 30 minutes long and enable your child to attend religious instruction in the Scripture of your choice. Students in Years 1 – 6 will be attending the same class as they did previously in 2018.

If you would like to change the class that your student attends please contact the school office on 02 9878 2884 or kentroad-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Before and After School Activities

We are now finalising the activities that will be available before and after school hours, offered within school grounds.

Information will be on our school website www.kentroadpublicschool.com.au by the end of the week.

The Dance Hub

Year 1 Dance!



The Dance Hub has been running before-school dance classes at Kent Road Public School since 2016. Classes are available for students in Year 1-6.

Students are taught a range of dance styles over the course of the year with an end of year performance at M.A.D Night.

There is still some availability in our Year 1 class, which runs on Thursday in the 1G Classroom from 7.45-8.45am.

If you would like to enrol, please follow the link below.

https://www.thinksmartsoftware-au.com/ocr/lesson_booking.php?t=%2FK7ayPgJ6FR%2FpcIRatS%2FQ%3D%3D&u=jijklOd9N87jHJmNzePMtw%3D%3D&p_id=1

For more information please contact Natalie at info@thedancehub.com.au.

Kind Regards,
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The Dance Hub Performing Arts

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KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Monday 11th February, 2019 @7.30pm

The Annual General Meeting of the Kent Road Public School P&C Association will be held next Monday 11th 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 / Team and Uniform Shop Coordinator / Support Coordinator. *All P&C positions and roles are filled by school community volunteers.*

We would 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; we look forward to seeing many of you on the night.

UNIFORM SHOP THANK YOU

Many thanks to volunteer Uniform Shop Coordinator Kate Mason and all uniform shop volunteers for their time throughout last week. The time volunteered ensured that the Uniform Shop was able to offer additional opening hours to start a new school year and that our students were ready to begin 2019 in their uniform.

2018 AUDIT THANK YOU

Many thanks to AJ Leong (mother to Patrik) for completing the audit of P&C accounts required in order for our AGM to take place next week, the time and effort volunteered are greatly appreciated by our P&C and allow us to continue to function as an Association.

UNIFORM SHOP SECONDS SALE – MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY, 9am – 10am

The Uniform Shop will be holding a special ‘seconds’ sale next Monday 11th February from 9 – 10am outside the uniform shop. **All items will be \$5 and the sale will be CASH SALES ONLY.**

KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL 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 <http://kentroadpublicschoolpcassociationuniformshop.vendecommerce.com>.

Once your order is ready it will be **delivered directly to your child in their classroom**. During peak times popular sizes may sell out. If this happens, we will give the items to your child as soon as they are available.


If you would like to help in the shop or have any issues with an order please email us at krpsuniformshop@gmail.com.

MONDAYS – SHOP OPEN TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY 8.45am – 9.30am

04/Feb/19	Week 2	Kate	Delilah	Francesca	Naomi
11/Feb/19	Week 3	Kate	Naomi	Sravani	Emily
18/Feb/19	Week 4	Kate	Delilah	Francesca	Anastasia
25/Feb/19	Week 5	Kate	Naomi	Sravani	*Help needed
04/Mar/19	Week 6	Kate	Delilah	Francesca	Emily
11/Mar/19	Week 7	Kate	Naomi	Sravani	Anastasia
18/Mar/19	Week 8	Kate	Delilah	Francesca	*Help needed
25/Mar/19	Week 9	Kate	Naomi	Yang	Emily
01/Apr/19	Week 10	Kate	Delilah	Francesca	Anastasia
08/Apr/19	Week 11	Kate	Naomi	Sravani	Yang

THURSDAYS – SHOP NOT OPEN TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY / PACKING ONLY

07/Feb/19	Week 2	Fran	Liyan	Lisa
14/Feb/19	Week 3	Fran	Keiko	Eiman
21/Feb/19	Week 4	Fran	May	Eva
28/Feb/19	Week 5	Fran	Liyan	Eiman
07/Mar/19	Week 6	Fran	Keiko	Sravani
14/Mar/19	Week 7	Fran	May	Eiman
21/Mar/19	Week 8	Fran	Liyan	Eva
28/Mar/19	Week 9	Fran	Keiko	Eiman
04/Apr/19	Week 10	Fran	May	Sravani
11/Apr/19	Week 11	Fran	Liyan	Eiman



Register Now!




nab AFL Auskick

Kent Road Public School After School Auskick

Tuesdays 3:20pm – 4:20pm
12th February – 5th March
School Oval

\$51 – inclusive of a football and footy pack (NAB AFL Bluetooth speaker, football, pump, footy cards)

Register at <http://www.aflauskick.com.au/> by searching for "Kent Road" and following the prompts

play.afl/auskick   



nab AFL Auskick

Auskick is coming to your school!

NAB AFL Auskick is the best fun you can have being active! In weekly sessions, Auskickers explore the world of AFL, build football skills and play in a safe and super fun setting!

Register at play.afl/auskick

Kicking off Tuesday 12th Feb - 5th March

Sessions running from 3:20pm - 4:20pm

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