



# KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term One Week 7

Tuesday 12th March 2019

**Important  
Dates &  
Notes**

**PSSA This Friday**  
Please visit our  
website for  
locations

**Assembly This Friday**  
Yrs 3-6 9.10am

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

**Yr 5 Antarctic  
Incurion**  
Thur 4th April

**Yr 2 Zoo Snooze  
Overnight Excursion**  
Wed 10 April—  
Thur 11 April  
2W & 2S & 2R (half  
the class)  
Thur 11 April—  
Fri 12 April  
2C & 2H & 2R  
(half the class)

**Yr 1 Schoolhouse  
Excursion**  
Mon 1st April  
1C, 1S, 1N  
Tue 2nd April  
1B, 1G ,1L

### 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**

### BUILDING UPDATE – MUSIC ROOMS

Starting tomorrow, 13<sup>th</sup> February, there will be some changes to the school music program and the band program as work begins on the refurbishment of these classrooms. The work is expected to take six weeks.

- School music lessons will take place in the students' classrooms.
- Band will move back into the assembly hall. Entry will be through the back doors of the hall. The best access is from the lower Kent Road gate,
- The following Band lessons will move from the music classrooms to the following classrooms:

| MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Before school</b><br>*Jack Stoneham<br><b>Sax 5G</b><br><br>*Alexandra Kirk<br><b>Trumpet 4V</b><br><br>*Cecilia Yeung<br><b>Flute 4D</b> | <b>Before school</b><br>*Senior band in<br>hall<br><br>*Jack Stoneham<br><b>Sax 1L</b><br><br>*Alexandra Kirk<br><b>Trumpet 4D</b><br><br>*Cecilia Yeung<br><b>Flute 3B</b><br><br>*Carson Du<br><b>Clarinet 2C</b> | <b>Before school</b><br>*Intermediate<br>band in hall<br><br>*Sebastian<br>Djayasakmana<br><b>Brass 2S</b><br><br>*Alexandra Kirk<br><b>Trumpet 3G</b> | <b>Before school</b><br>*Junior band in<br>hall<br><br>*Sebastian<br>Djayasakmana<br><b>Brass 4C</b><br><br>*Alexandra Kirk<br><b>Trumpet 4H</b><br><br>*Carson Du<br><b>Clarinet 2W</b> | <b>Before school</b><br>*Alexandra<br>Kirk<br><b>Trumpet 2R</b><br><br>*Cecilia<br>Yeung<br><b>Flute 2H</b><br><br>*Carson Du<br><b>Clarinet 4H</b> |
| <b>After school</b><br>*Jack Stoneham<br><b>Sax 5G</b>   | <b>After school</b><br>*Jack Stoneham<br><b>Sax 4H</b><br><br>*David Catterall<br><b>Flute 5P</b><br><br>*Alex O'Toole<br><b>Percussion -<br/>hall</b>  | <b>After school</b><br>*Cecilia Yeung<br><b>Flute KK</b><br><br>*Sebastian<br>Djayasakmana<br><br><b>Brass KS</b>                                      |  |   |

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY – CODING**

In Term Two, students in Years 1-6 who are interested will be able to join after school coding workshops. Information about the workshops and the link to enrol is available at:

<https://www.code4fun.com.au/krps>

**SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST REMINDER**

Students who registered to participate in the Selective High School test are reminded to be at Epping Boys High School this Thursday 14th March. The test will take place in the Edmund Barton Centre and commences at 9am. Students who arrive late may be allowed to participate, but will not be given additional time to complete the test.

Information for parents from the high school:

Parents are NOT to park on the school grounds. Students can be dropped off at the front of the school and our Year 10 students will be there to direct them where to go from there. Parents will be directed as to where they can park, if necessary.

Please allow plenty of time for parking and peak hour traffic. This is a very busy traffic time at this time of the morning.

Parents who are leaving their child's anaphylaxis medication have been instructed to collect the medication from the Test Administrator, Sally Gooly, at the conclusion of the exam. These parents should be the only ones at the exam centre at the conclusion of the test.

**ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

I wish all students who have qualified for the Zone Swimming Carnival tomorrow the very best of luck for a successive meet.

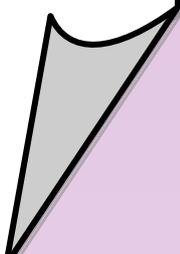
**SCHOOL FEES INVOICE**

Student invoices for school fees were issued to students today. Parents may choose to pay these fees in cash, cheque or credit card. An online payment option is available through our website [www.kentroadpublicschool.com.au](http://www.kentroadpublicschool.com.au), in the payment section.

We are happy to accept payment for fees in instalments or the full payment. Many thanks in anticipation!

*Denise Minifie*

**Principal**



**KINDERGARTEN, YEAR ONE and YEAR TWO ASSEMBLY**

This Friday morning, 15<sup>th</sup> March, we will hold an assembly for students in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two in the assembly hall starting at 9.10am. **Entry into the assembly hall will be through the back doors.**

At the assembly:

- ⇒ Year Two students who have been voted by their classmates to be on the Student Representative Council (SRC) will receive their badges.

Parents are welcome to attend.

**YEARS 3-6 ASSEMBLY**

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded a class merit award:

|    |            |  |
|----|------------|--|
| 3B | Hunayn     | For being an engaged learner and always applying a great effort              |
| 3G | Oscar      | For being a responsible member of 3G   |
| 3L | Lucky      | Making a big effort to settle into Kent Road PS and make new friends         |
| 3M | Emily      | Demonstrating high standards in all areas                                    |
| 4C | Olivia     | Showing great enthusiasm and initiative in learning                          |
| 4D | Halla      | Being a responsible, diligent and well-mannered student                      |
| 4H | Kaiwen     | Excellent use of persuasive devices in writing                               |
| 4V | Elisabetta | Demonstrating responsibility and being an engaged learner in all areas       |
| 5G | Christian  | His enthusiastic attitude and excellent contributions in all lessons         |
| 5P | Sasha      | Demonstrating a mature and responsible attitude in class activities          |
| 5S | Sanuki     | Being a highly reliable and respectful student                               |
| 5T | Patrik     | Being an engaged and respectful learner                                      |
| 6B | Hailey     | Interesting choices and effective editing                                    |
| 6R | Nikkita    | For being an engaged learner and maintaining a positive attitude to learning |
| 6W | Erin       | Being an engaged learner   |

## ROAD SAFETY

In 2019 Kent Road PS is continuing to implement a road safety initiative which aims for all students to understand and practice keeping themselves safe as they cross the road, travel in cars and buses, and ride their bicycles.

It is also vital that parents and adults model for children how to use roads safely. Children copy the behaviour of adults – if an adult runs across the road then children will think this is appropriate and copy this behaviour. Research shows that children do not develop peripheral vision until they are 10 years of age therefore they cannot accurately judge distance and speed, which places them at greater risk.

Last week I received complaints from members of the local community regarding the behaviour of Kent Road parents, in particular, parents parking across neighbours' drive-ways blocking access into their homes, as well as parents parking too close to the Herring Road roundabout blocking traffic. I have been provided photos of cars (and their number plates) which are parked illegally.

These photos and concerns have been passed on to Ryde Council and rangers will be in attendance to fine parents who park illegally.

### Drive and park safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- drop off and pick up children on the school side of the road
- never call out to children from across the road – it is very dangerous
- always take extra care when driving in 40km school zones
- follow all parking signs – these help keep children as safe as possible
- park responsibly even if this means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park – it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or three-point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your children.

When travelling in a car ensure your children:

- use a booster seat if they are aged between 4 and 7 years old – it's the law
- are correctly buckled up in their seatbelts
- always get in and out of the car through the 'safety door' – the rear door on the footpath side of the car
- are never left alone in the car.

| SUMMER PSSA RESULTS  |          |                             |                     |
|----------------------|----------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| PSSA SPORT           | WIN/LOSS | SCORE                       | Player of the Match |
| Girls SOFTBALL       |          |                             |                     |
| Mixed SOFTBALL       |          |                             |                     |
| Girls T-BALL         |          |                             |                     |
| Mixed T-BALL         |          |                             |                     |
| Junior CRICKET       | Win      | KRPS 66<br>West Ryde 30     | Zach                |
| Senior CRICKET       | Loss     | KRPS 4/48<br>West Ryde 1/75 | Wasi                |
| Junior NEWCOMBE BALL | Loss     | KRPS-1<br>Meadowbank-2      | Zaid Z              |
| Senior NEWCOMBE BALL | Win      | KRPS- 2<br>Meadowbank-0     | Joshua J            |
| VOLLEYBALL           | Win      | KRPS- 3<br>Meadowbank-0     | Margaret            |

### 2020 YEAR 7 HIGH SCHOOL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

These forms have gone home today.

**Please return to Ms Hamilton by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

It is very important that your correct address is on these forms, if you have changed your address this year and have not notified us please email the school with your change of address.

If you have any questions about high school please ring me at school.

Ms Fiona Hamilton  
Deputy Principal



### EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Parents are asked to donate a chocolate Easter Egg for the school's first fundraiser of the year. Donations can be left at the front office. The eggs will be wrapped into gift baskets and some lucky families will win a basket of eggs in the raffle draw on Tuesday 9th April 2019.

Students will be given a set of raffle tickets. We ask each family to sell as many tickets as possible. Please return the money and ticket information to the front office. And if you are able to sell more than one book of tickets there will be more available, just ask Mrs Silsby.

The funds raised will be used to purchase school equipment.

## Halogen Young Leaders Conference Sydney ICC

Yesterday 25 of our school leaders joined thousands of other students at the ICC to participate in the Young Leaders Conference. The students listened to many inspirational speakers who shared their journeys and failures that helped them achieve their success. Everyone really enjoyed the day. Below is one of our school captain's reflections of the day.

Ms F Hamilton

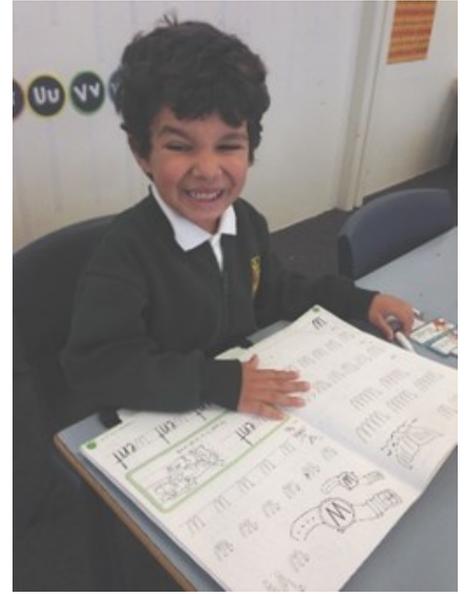
The only word to describe the Halogen Young Leaders Day is Amazing. We took a bus and arrived at the International Convention Centre. It was packed with thousands of young leaders just like me ranging from year 5 to year 6. We were all introduced to many inspiring and successful people. These Australians included Cate Campbell the Olympic swimmer, Holly Ferling the Australian cricketer, Tim Diamond the Cotton On entrepreneur and Author Tamsin Janu. It was a wonderful experience, one that I will always remember. I came away with many motivational quotes such as "Setbacks and failures is life asking you do you really want to put in the effort?" and "One small action can change the world". I'm really thankful to have been there that day and hope to put what I learnt at the conference into action in my role as school captain and in my life in general.

Dominic L  
School Captain



Kindergarten have been working on trying their best by being a kind friend, helping others, working hard and looking after our school.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS



Kindergarten have also been learning to have whole body learning experiences. They have learnt about different verbs through movement before putting them into sentences. They have also learnt to regulate and wake up their brains through various 'Go Noodle' dancing.



In Science, we are learning about different types of materials and how we can use them we design and build different STEM challenges. Last week 1G began experimenting with stretching and bending different materials. We learnt that some materials can only bend and some materials can stretch very easily. When materials stretch that means they have elasticity in them. During our experiment, we had to predict if the object

YEAR ONE NEWS



2W created themselves out of coloured spoons, kitchen cloths, wool and textas. They look exactly like themselves.



## YEAR TWO NEWS

In Science, 2W investigated push and pull forces by making a Frog and Fly toy. The fly is attached to the frog with some string. The aim is to use push and pull forces for the frog to capture the fly to eat. At first it was challenging, but with practice



**STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used Tell Them From Me to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 11 March and 12 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey will be sent home to students in Years 4, 5 and 6. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 5th April 2019. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages. Please contact the school if you require the consent form in an additional language of than English.

Ben Harrison

Deputy Principal

## On and off the bus safely



Your child is most at risk just after getting off the bus. To reduce this risk, meet your child at the bus stop, **never on the opposite side of the road.**

At the bus stop, hold hands and stand with your child, well away from the passing traffic. Never wait close to the kerb.

Wait until the bus has driven off before choosing the safest place to cross the road. Then follow the usual road crossing procedures with your child.

**STOP!** One step back from the kerb.

**LOOK!** For traffic to your right, left and right again.

**LISTEN!** For the sounds of approaching traffic.

**THINK!** Whether it is safe to cross.

Teach your child to turn their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road. Remember, until your child turns 10, hold your child's hand whenever you cross the road.

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

### **Students in Early Stage 1 to Stage 3**

Wait until the bus has gone, then use a safe place to cross the road

Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road

Use a safe place to cross

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

## **KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS**

### **NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 18th MARCH, 7.30pm**

Becoming a member of our school P&C Association has many benefits for parents/carers. It builds a strong school community, supports our school and students with services and additional resources, is a great way too keep informed about and understand what is happening in the school environment, allows you to contribute directly to your child's education and meet new people.

Our P&C meets twice a school term, Monday nights of Week 3 and 8, at 7.30pm. Our meetings are semi-formal, short and friendly and all are welcome to attend a meeting and become a member of our P&C Association. A small annual membership of 50c is all that is needed to become a member.

A reminder that there are some roles still vacant for 2019, including that of President, a role that is essential to the functioning of our P&C, it would be wonderful to fill these casual vacancies at this meeting.

Why not make our next meeting your first meeting!

The Kent Road Uniform Shop is **open every Monday from 8.45am until 9.30am**. Alternatively, our online shop is always open. There is a link to the shop on the school website or you can use the link below <http://kentroadpublicschoolpcassociationuniformshop.vendecommerce.com>.

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help out in the shop. If you could help out on the days listed below or any Monday or Thursday, please email us at [krpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:krpsuniformshop@gmail.com).

Winter uniform

Winter uniform which starts next term is now in stock and can be purchased online and in the shop. A list of all winter uniform items is below. If you have any questions just email us.

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| Winter Uniform |                        | Price   |
|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| Girls          | Tunic                  | \$50.00 |
|                | Long Sleeve Polo       | \$25.00 |
|                | Bootleg Pants          | \$25.00 |
| Boys           | Long Sleeve Polo       | \$25.00 |
|                | Long Pants             | \$25.00 |
| Unisex         | Zip Jacket             | \$30.00 |
|                | Polar Fleece Vest*     | \$25.00 |
|                | Dry & Cosy Winter Coat | \$40.00 |
| Sports         | Track Jacket           | \$45.00 |
|                | Track Pants            | \$30.00 |

| Accessories | Price   |
|-------------|---------|
| Tights      | \$10.00 |
| Scarf       | \$6.00  |
| Gloves      | \$4.00  |

\* Sizing is very small – you should size up at least one size

Roster

### MONDAYS

|           |         |      |         |           |           |
|-----------|---------|------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 11/Mar/19 | Week 7  | Kate | Naomi   |           | Anastasia |
| 18/Mar/19 | Week 8  | Kate | Delilah | Francesca | Jing      |
| 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   | Eva L.    | Yang      |

### THURSDAYS – shop not open, order packing only

|           |         |      |                     |        |
|-----------|---------|------|---------------------|--------|
| 14/Mar/19 | Week 7  | Fran | May                 | Eiman  |
| 21/Mar/19 | Week 8  | Fran | Liyan               | Helen  |
| 28/Mar/19 | Week 9  | Fran | <b>*Help needed</b> | Eiman  |
| 04/Apr/19 | Week 10 | Fran | May                 | Eva U. |
| 11/Apr/19 | Week 11 | Fran | Liyan               | Eiman  |

# CODING FOR KIDS

## TERM 2, 2019

**Y1 - Y6 STUDENTS, Kent Road Public School**

### LEARN TO CODE AND BUILD YOUR OWN ONLINE PROJECTS WITH CODE4FUN

Year 1 to Year 6 students are welcome to join. STEM focused programs - students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills by learning to code.

- **Kent Road Public School**  
4H Classroom
- **Every Wednesday, 1 May - 3 July (10 weeks)**  
**NEW COURSE: Scratch Beginners Level 1**  
Y1 - Y3 Beginner students 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm
- **Every Wednesday, 1 May - 3 July (10 weeks)**  
**NEW COURSE: Scratch Beginners Level 1**  
Y4 - Y6 Beginner students 4:25 pm - 5:25 pm
- **Laptops are provided**
- **\$220 per student per term**

**ENROL NOW:** [www.code4fun.com.au/krps](http://www.code4fun.com.au/krps)

If you have any questions email us at [Info@code4fun.com.au](mailto:Info@code4fun.com.au) or call 0452 525 453.  
Check out our website at [www.code4fun.com.au](http://www.code4fun.com.au) for more details about our school.

