



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLUE GUM NEWS

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Term Two Week 10

Tuesday 2nd July 2019

Important Dates & Notes

PSSA This Friday
Please visit our
website for
locations

[School Banking This Monday](#)

Assembly Friday
Yes
3-6 Assembly

Last Day of Term 2
Friday 5th July

Term 3

First Day of Term
3 For Students
Tuesday 23rd July

K-1 Athletics
Carnival
Fri 26th July

Kindergarten
Excursion
Calmsley Hill
Fri 16th August

Term Dates 2019

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

As you are no doubt aware, this week is the final week of semester one. I would like to congratulate all students on their great effort throughout the term and the enthusiastic manner in which they have participated in new initiatives.

The iPlay project has provided a focus on students increasing their participation in physical activity throughout the day. Teachers have undertaken professional learning and planned lessons reflecting the philosophy of iPlay. Students may like to incorporate some of the Active Homework activities which have been publicized this term through our school newsletter into their school holidays.

The STEM Makers Project involved students from Kindergarten-Year Six in learning to use Makers Empire software to design real-life solutions to problems. At last week's Makers Empire Showcase our students and their teachers received fabulous feedback regarding their understanding of the design thinking process.

Students in Years 3-6 have undertaken ten weeks of coding lessons delivered by Scope It, developing extensive knowledge and skills in coding.

In addition, students have participated in a range of excursions, learning experiences and activities and are showing very pleasing progress in most cases. Well done boys and girls.

In Term Three, there are many more wonderful learning experiences planned including students in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two participating in Scope IT lessons, Kindergarten and Year One Sports Carnival, Kindergarten visiting Calmsley Hill Farm, NAIDOC Week activities presented by Year Six, Band Camp and K-6 Walkathon.

I hope all students enjoy a relaxing and well deserved two week holiday, and I look forward to seeing everyone when school returns on Tuesday 23rd July.

BON VOYAGE MISS GREALY

This week we sadly say farewell to Miss Grealy who is leaving Kent Road to travel overseas for two years. Miss Grealy has been a highly valued member of the school team for six years and she will be greatly missed. I am sure you will join me in thanking Miss Grealy for all of her hard work teaching students in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Five and wish her all the very best for her time abroad.

We welcome back Miss Josling, who has returned from teaching in England just in time to teach Class 5G for the remainder of the year. I am sure her experiences teaching Year Six in England will be of great value to the students in 5G.

STAFF NEWS

Mrs Gwynne is currently travelling overseas with her family and will return to Kent Road in Week Two next term.

Miss Ison continues to teach class IN for the remainder of this term as Miss Nettleton has not yet recovered from glandular fever.

STEM MAKERS EMPIRE SHOWCASE

A number of students from each grade last week attended the Makers Empire Showcase at North Kellyville Public School to share their design thinking framework projects with other schools.

I was delighted to receive an email from Mrs Barbara Ryan, K-6 STEM Primary Curriculum Project Advisor, Early Learning & Primary Education, NSW Department of Education, praising the work of Kent Road students and teachers.

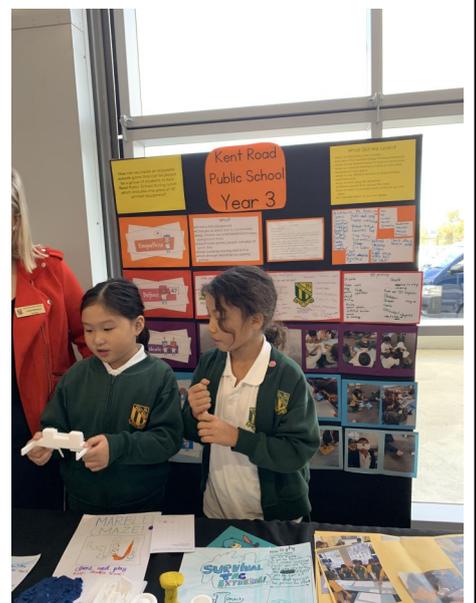
'Congratulations to you and all the staff at Kent Rd on a fabulous showcase yesterday. It was so exciting to see the path of your STEM journey and the strength of the pedagogy that was evident to achieve the amazing student results.'

The students were rightly very proud of their projects but what I was so impressed by was that they knew their learning path. They knew what it was like to be a designer and they could express how their product provided real-world answers to the authentic problems that they were empowered to explore. And they knew that their solutions were valued. (I would have given Kent Rd the Showcase award!)

Please pass on my congratulations to the staff and the students – well done.'



SCHOOL NEWS



STUDENT REPORTS FOR SEMESTER ONE

Students received their Semester One Reports today. The report provides a summary of student progress over the past two terms.

Following is a summary of the main elements of the semester one student reports.

Student reports, Kindergarten to Year Six, contain information on student progress in each key learning area (KLA). The KLAs are English, Mathematics, Science, Human Society and its Environment, Creative Arts, Personal Development/Health/ Physical Education.

All reports K-6 provide information or indicators regarding the specific learning content or skills for each KLA for the semester.

K-6 Reports contain a **general comment** summarising student achievement, a review of your child's **social and work habits**, and information on **attendance**.

STRONG MINDS

The character strengths we have focused on this term are **KINDNESS, TEAMWORK, BRAVERY, PERSEVERANCE** and **GRATITUDE**.

- *Kindness: I show care and compassion to myself and others.*
- *Teamwork: I work well with others.*
- *Bravery: I show courage. I stand up for what is right.*
- *Perseverance: I keep trying, even when things are difficult.*
- *Gratitude: I appreciate what I have. I am also thankful when good things happen.*

Over the next few weeks I hope parents will find many opportunities to acknowledge their child or children demonstrating these strengths.

Next term, all classes will participate in lessons focusing on all 24 character strengths. This program provides children understanding of these strengths and how to use their strengths to overcome their fears.

ASSEMBLY

Last week students Logan, Alma, Sandra, Emilia and Daniel from class 1C presented the K-6 assembly. I would like to congratulate each of them for the confident and clear manner in which they presented the assembly to the large audience.

Gold medals were presented to the following students who have demonstrated hard work, respect and responsible behavior and collected 72 green cards.

Tasya	1S	Seunghyun	2W	Brendan	5P
Annabelle	1B	Mia	2C	Ayeesha	5T
Samhita	1L	Samuel	2C		
Logan	1C	Brianna	2C		
Andy	1C	Jonathan	2H		
Rosalie	1L	Margaret	2H		
		Matilda	2R		

Denise Minifie

Principal

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This Friday, 28th June, there will be a 3-6 assembly in the K-1 playground at 9.10am, weather permitting.

KC	Emily	Writing interesting sentences using adjectives
KH	Joanna	Writing an excellent description about elephants
KL	Vicky	Demonstrating wonderful reading and writing
KS	Mohammad	Writing sentences about tigers independently
KJ	Ebony	For contributing insightful thoughts and ideas to class discussions
KK	Liya	Writing interesting sentences about tigers using adjectives
1B	Siwon	Writing detailed sentences with interesting vocabulary
1C	Terrence	For a detailed and expressive presentation of his STEM project
1G	Dash	Being a kind and helpful member of our class
1L	Charlie	Presenting and engaging and interesting speech
1N	Eva	For writing a creative and in-depth report
1S	Kurtis	Writing interesting sentences
2H	Margaret	Writing a fantastic poem about a drought
2R	Trinetra	Outstanding research and presentation in her homework
2S	Lindsay	For always trying her best during writing lessons
2W	Jonathan	Writing an imaginative story
3B	Justin	Great focus during writing lessons
3G	Angeline	Great enthusiasm in Drama lessons
3L	Vanessa	Using detail when annotating scientific drawings
3M	Lisa	Having a successful semester at KRPS
4C	Mia	Being a kind and caring student
4D	Joshua	Being a responsible and respectful class member
4H	Zara	Delivering a well prepared and engaging oral presentation
4V	Bi	Detailed informative writing and editing
5G	Tetsuya	For his perseverance and skill when building in STEM
5P	Josselin	For being a caring and reliable member of 5P
5S	Cooper	For his excellent teamwork during group tasks
5T	Ashley	Thoughtful contributions to class discussions
6B	Chris	Efficient use of problem solving strategies in Maths
6R	Sophie	Excellent team work skills during STEM
6W	Brianna	Demonstrating teamwork during our STEM project

RYDE SECONDARY COLLEGE ANNUAL FASHION SHOW

A NUMBER OF Kent Road PS students attended the Ryde Secondary College Annual Fashion Show for students in Years Four and Five.

Congratulations to Benjamin in 4V on receiving the 'Excellent Project Management' award for the Primary School Project. Below are some photos of the event.



Last week, all of Kindergarten went on an excursion to the Botanic Gardens. Based on Pamela Allen's book 'Alexander's Outing', the children traced Alexander's adventure through the iron gates and past the bottle tree. We loved walking through one of the most beautiful places in Sydney and even saw some ducks! It was interesting to see how the environment changed from Alexander's story to the present time.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS



Here we are enjoying a picnic lunch in the Botanical Gardens.



In front of the Bottle Tree



How many cups of water do we need to save Alexander?



K-1 Athletics Carnival

The K-1 Athletics Carnival will be held in Week 1 of Term 3 on Friday 26th July. The carnival will take place on the back oval at school from 9:20am until 1:30pm. Parents are invited to attend. We hope to see you there.

This year, our ribbon events are:

70m sprints

Shotput

Discus

Javelin

Long Jump



Miss Lanning, Miss Hughes, Miss Lindsay and Mr Lau

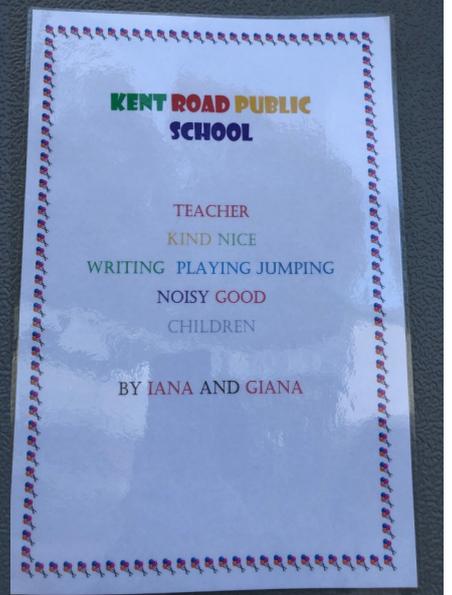
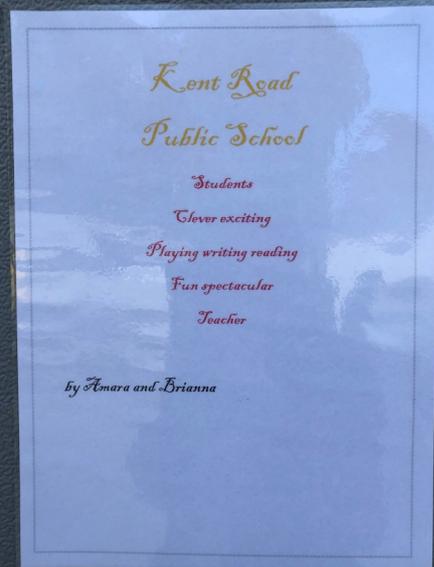
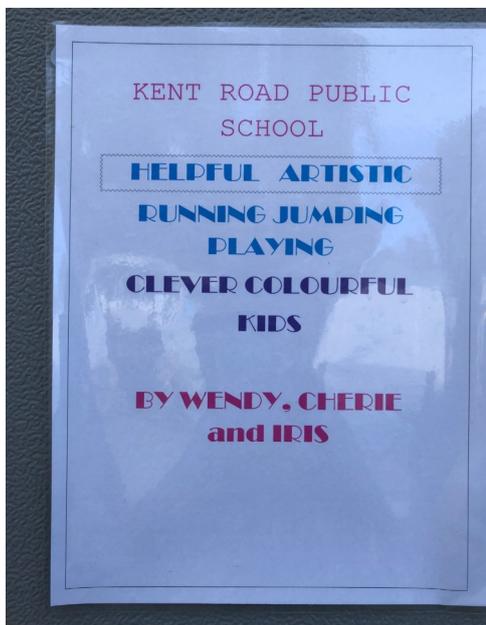
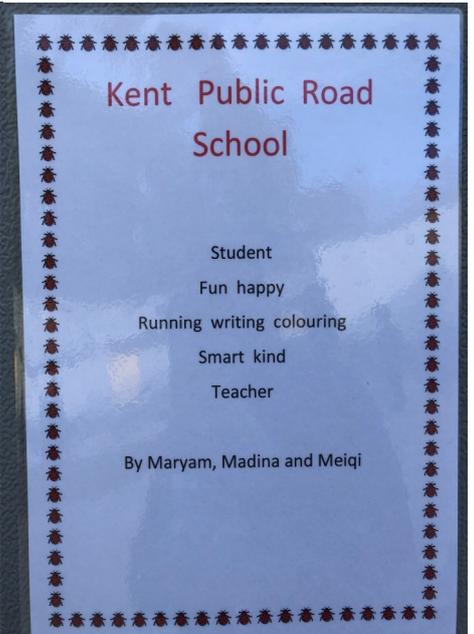
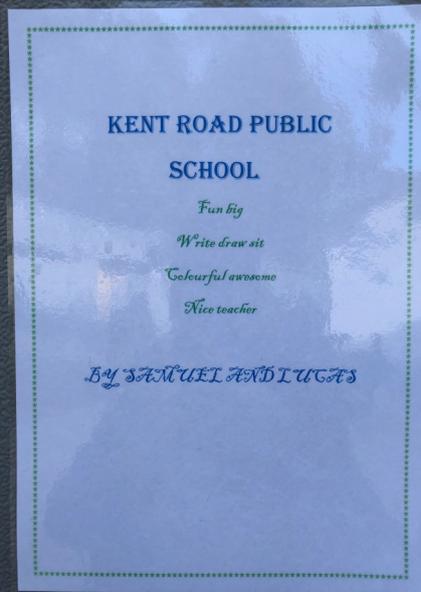
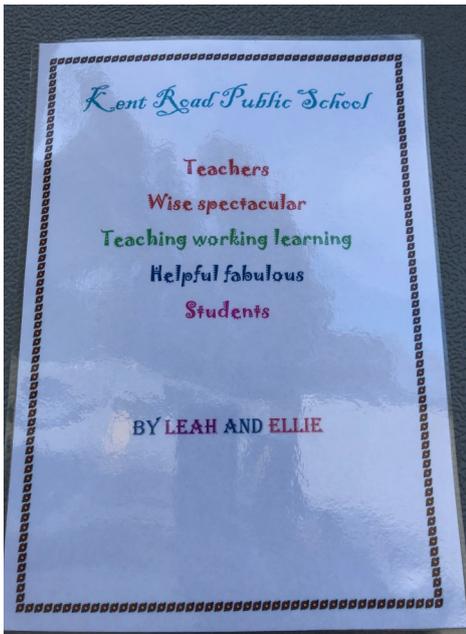
This week in 2C and 2H we created our own diamante poems. We love these poems because they use nouns, verbs and adjectives. The layout of the poem is:

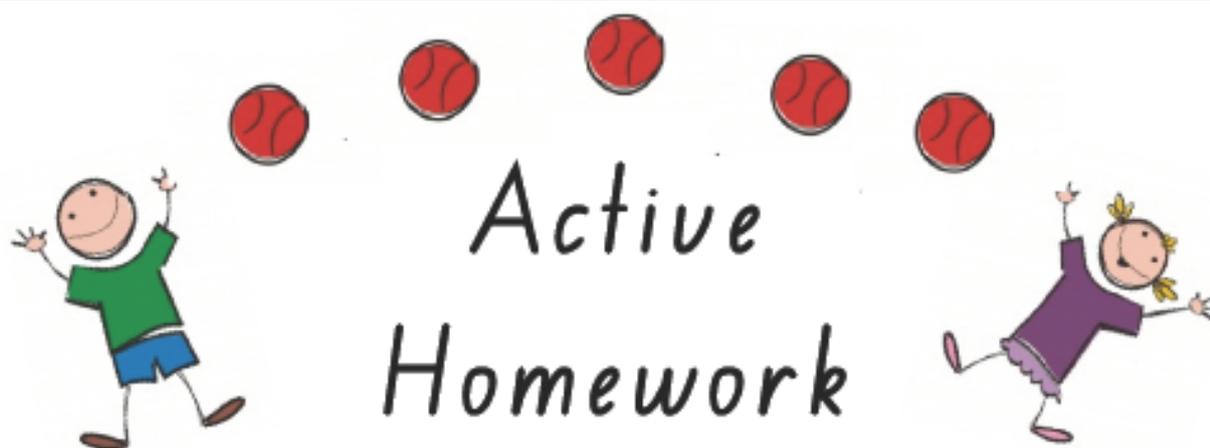
Noun
Adjective Adjective
Verb Verb Verb
Adjective Adjective
Noun

This week we wrote poem about Kent Road Public School. We then used Microsoft Word to publish our poems.

Here are some of the poems:

YEAR TWO NEWS





What is Active Homework?

Active Homework is similar to other homework. Active homework is an optional piece of homework that can be completed at home. It requires elements of physical activity.

Each week K-2 students and 3-6 students will be given a piece of Active Homework.

Active Homework Activity Week 10

K-2

Floor Sits

- Can you go from sitting on the ground to standing upright, without holding onto anything? If so, how many can you do?



3-6

Circle Arm Walk

- Starting in a press up position, arms shoulder width apart. Can you walk your hands around in a circle until you reach your starting point again?



K-6 Makers Empire Showcase

This year, Kent Road Public School has been advancing forward with their STEM projects and development of innovative design thinkers within our K-6 classrooms by participating in the Makers Empire Project for 2019.

The Makers Empire project is a South Australian initiative that supports primary schools to integrate 3D design and 3D printing into their STEM teaching and learning programs. By participating in this project, Kent Road teachers were upskilled in the Makers Empire 3D design software to help strengthen our students' 21st century problem solving capabilities and critical and creative thinking skills.

To celebrate and showcase the design thinking skills occurring within our K-6 classrooms, 34 students travelled to North Kellyville Public School last Thursday 27th June to exhibit their 3D STEM projects.

It was overwhelmingly pleasing to see students from K-6 sharing, discussing and accepting praise for their STEM projects with such grace and confidence. Each grade's exhibit clearly displayed the team work, problem solving skills, creative and critical thinking and resilience-building experiences occurring simultaneously within our classrooms in response to the following real world or literature-inspired driving questions:

Kindergarten: *What can we use to help us identify which reading level we are on?*

Year 1: *How can we design a machine that will clean up a pond and encourage plants to grow?*

Year 2: *How can we create a Totem to protect Kent Road during the build?*

Year 3: *How can we create an enjoyable outside game that can be played by a group of students at Kent Road Public School during lunch which includes one piece of 3D printed equipment?*

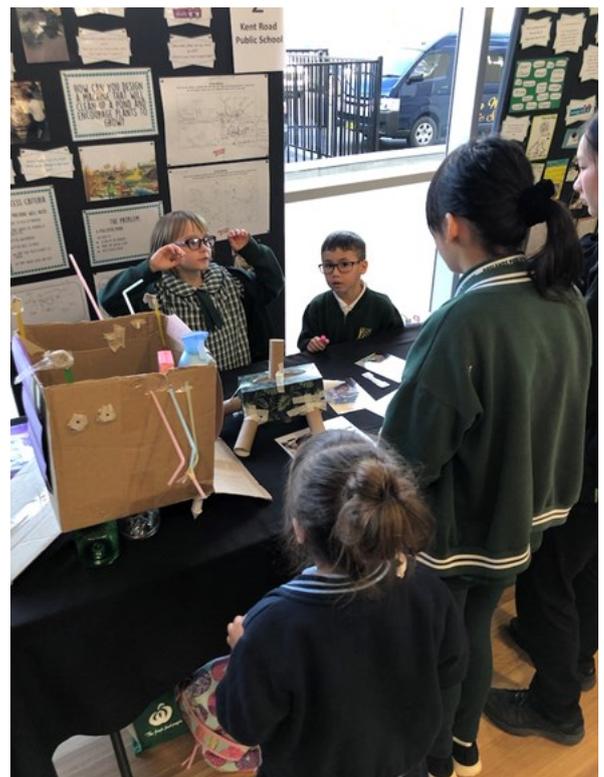
Year 4: *How we create a solution to help feed Mr. Ponder, Mr. Proud and Mr. Percival without getting out of bed?*

Year 5 & 6: *How can Australian Aid improve the quality of life of a child in a neighbouring country?*

Congratulations to all K-6 students who attended the showcase, the level of ownership, enthusiasm and pride each student displayed over their 3D STEM project and design thinking process is a reflection of the hard work and innovative learning occurring within our school under the guidance of our Kent Road teachers.

A special thank you to Miss Lindsay, Miss Lanning, Miss Houze, Miss McKenna and Mr Higgins for overseeing the success of the Makers Empire Project within their respectful grades.

Miss Sheridan and Miss Brasier









Stage 3 News

Project Global Aid Showcase Invitation

Thursday 4th July (2:30pm-3:00pm)

On Thursday 4th July 2019, all parents and guardians are invited to attend Stage 3's Project Global Aid Showcase from 2:30pm-3:00pm in the 6R, 5S, 5P and 5G classrooms.

Throughout this term, Year 5 and Year 6 students have been developing their understanding of our global society and the different connections we have with our neighbouring countries including the importance of Australian Aid. In conjunction with lessons on the United Nations Human Rights, and the global inequities present within our world, Stage 3 students have applied their Design Thinking and STEM skills to answer the following driving question; *How can Australian Aid improve the quality of life of a child in a neighbouring country?*

In response to this driving question, students have empathised with real life stories of children in neighbouring countries such as Indonesia, before defining and ideating solutions to the driving question by pinpointing problems to solve which would help improve a child's access to water, food, shelter, clothing, education or health services.

The unit has concluded with students creating a prototype of their final solution using a medium of their choice, including recyclable materials, 3D modelling, 3D printing, robotics, websites and even paper mâché. These prototypes will be placed on display for parents to view as part of the student-run showcase on the afternoon of Thursday 4th July 2019 from 2.30pm.

Year 5 and 6 look forward to sharing their knowledge and STEM learning with an authentic audience in Week 10.

Stage 3 Teachers



Walkathon

Walkathon notes have now gone out.

Walkathon? What is that?

It is one of the school's biggest annual fundraisers to raise money for new school resources! Students are asked to start collecting sponsors from family, friends and relatives.

On the **8th August 2019**, students will embark on their walkathon journey, which consists of them completing as many laps as they can around the ELS Park course whilst being energised by an orange every 5 laps. But wait, it gets even better...

This year we have many great prizes for our highest fundraisers including passes to SkyZone, Taronga Zoo, Event Cinemas, rock climbing centres and Chipmunks... just to name a few.

Money will be collected after the Walkathon by Week 6, Term 3.

Mrs Cleasby, Miss Hahn, Miss Hughes, Miss Kim,
Miss Stevenson and Miss Waddell

Organising Teachers

On Holidays



Going on holidays is an exciting time for you and your child. Travelling to different places often means new surroundings and traffic conditions. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas. Whether it's a holiday by the beach, in the city or the bush, chances are there will be different road conditions. While you may be relaxed, it is important to talk to your child about the differences in the road and traffic environment.

Holiday parks and camping grounds also bring their own set of road safety challenges for your child. There will be more children out walking and riding bikes and scooters. Remember:

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.

Talk to your child daily about road safety.

Remind other adults and carers about this too.

Thank you for the wonderful response.

WOOLWORTHS EARN and LEARN PROGRAM

Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion finished today!

**All stickers must returned to school by Friday 5th July
(last day of Term 2).**

This program has provided the school with a number of valuable resources including beebots, science equipment and maths resources.

Well done Kent Road!!



UNIFORM SHOP**The Uniform Shop has moved**

We are now in the grassy space between Herring Road and the 1L and 1N brick classrooms and open for sales.

If you need to exchange items but can't get to the shop on Mondays, just leave the items with a note at the office. We will then exchange the items and deliver to your child's on the next Monday or Thursday.

If you have any questions or if you would like to help out in the shop then just email us at krpsuni-formshop@gmail.com.

Size 16 winter tunics still only \$10 winter tunics.

Out of Stock Items - Gloves – we will have no more stock until October

MONDAY – shop open at 8:45 – 9:30

24/Jun/19	Week 9	Kate	Naomi	Eva L.	Jing
01/Jul/19	Week 10	Kate	Delilah	Francesca	Emily

THURSDAYS – shop not open, order packing only

27/Jun/19	Week 9	Fran	Joanne	Esther
04/Jul/19	Week 10	Fran	May	Eva U.



Creative Writing at Kent Road Public School

Every Wednesday afternoon in Term 3

*Improve literacy, build confidence, take pride in work,
develop creativity, increase braininess and have a lot of fun.*

- **Highly engaging** workshops which build skills and techniques, broaden writing repertoire and make writing enjoyable.
- New creative writing every week, discussions and stories. **Fun atmosphere.**
- **Published authors** lead all workshops.
- **Founded in 2006**, The Writing Workshop has worked with schools all over NSW and is accredited by NESA for teacher professional development.
- We accept **NSW Creative Kids vouchers** (from Service NSW), valued at \$100.
- Because there's so much to learn about writing, every term is new and different.

Wednesday afternoons

Years 1-2 3.15pm-4.10pm

Years 2-3 4.15pm-5.10pm

Years 4-6 5.15pm-6.10pm

It's easy to enrol. Please visit

www.writingworkshop.com.au

and click the **Bookings** button.

More info: 0468 543 933

or bookings@writingworkshop.com.au





**You're invited to try Baseball
with Macquarie Saints...**
A fun day for the kids!

When:
Sat 28th July, 2019 from 12-2pm
Sat 4th August, 2019 from 12-2pm
Where: Pioneer Park, Marsfield
Cost: Free

For more information, contact:
Adrian Hobson 0419 693 710
Russell Sheffield 0410 057 989




SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

This winter, your kids can fire up their imaginations and keep their hands and minds busy at our popular school holiday programs.

Holiday gymnastics and swimming programs

Kids can bounce, balance and tumble around the gymnastics hall, or jump in the pool with our swimming classes which range from learn-to-swim to more advanced levels (4 to 15 years of age). Individual and group lessons/clinics are available.

Vacation care

Our vacation care program has something for everyone: indoor and outdoor activities and excursions, arts and crafts, drama, cooking and games. It's hands off devices and hands-on fun.

Junior Science Academy

Switch on their curiosity at our Junior Science Academy with fun, hands-on experiments in classes for students from kindergarten to Year 6.

RoboCamps

Build robots and learn to drive them with the Thunder Down Under robotics team. Fun, educational and professionally run, these classes are ideal for children in Years 1-6. Creative Kids vouchers (value is \$100) can be claimed for any robotics or coding class. Apply through ServiceNSW for your child's voucher).

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