

Kendall Public School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 10 — 5th April 2019



Principal's Message

I would like to thank all members of our school community for their contributions to our school throughout this term. Staff have worked hard to establish a positive learning environment in classrooms and provide a range of extra-curricular opportunities for our students. It is rewarding to see so many of the children responding in an enthusiastic and motivated manner. As always, we have appreciated the ongoing support of parents and family members in so many aspects of school life.

Enrolments are continuing to increase with some new families planning to join us after the holidays. In some areas of the school this is resulting in larger class sizes. Fortunately, this is alleviated by our structure of English and Maths groups which allow for additional staff to support students in smaller cohorts for these Key Learning Areas. Student enrolments will be closely monitored as we move closer to the number required for an additional teacher.

ANZAC Commemorations

Our school service will be held on Friday 12th April at 9.15am. As in past years, we are requesting donations of flowers for students to place at the flagpole during the service. If you can spare some flowers from your garden, we would be very grateful. Members of our community are also welcome to join us.

It is a tradition that students from Kendall School march at the Kendall Community ANZAC Day Service each year. If your child is available and would like to join us on this special day please have them dressed in full school uniform and meet outside the knitting shop in the main street of Kendall at 9:30am on Thursday 25th April. We are looking forward to seeing lots of students there.

Three Way Conferences

Our apologies for the technical issues associated with appointments via the Sentral Parent Portal and thanks to parents who have contacted our office to make appointments directly. It has been pleasing to see that parents are valuing this opportunity to speak with the class teachers and support their child's education. Access to the parent portal has now been resolved so if any parents have not yet made a booking for the Three Way Conferences next week, please do so as a priority.

CWA Award

Last week I was advised that Sophie Stewart has been awarded first place in the Country Women's Association of NSW's 2018 International Powerpoint Presentation for Primary Schools. Last year's country of study was Poland. This is an outstanding achievement for Sophie as students from most schools across NSW regional areas are invited to participate each year. For her efforts, Sophie received a certificate and \$20 prize, as well as a prize of \$100 awarded to the school. Sophie is having input into how this prizemoney will be spent. Congratulations Sophie, we are all very proud of you!



Last Day Festivities

What an exciting end to Term1 we have planned for next Friday! We are all looking forward to our Grandparents' Day and Easter Hat Parade activities as well as the Book Fair in the Library. Please note that the Book Fair will be closed from 8.55am until the conclusion of the ANZAC service. The children love seeing their parents and grandparents taking an interest in their school life and we hope you are able to take the time to join in the celebrations. Special thanks to our P&C volunteers for coordinating the Easter Raffle and morning tea.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing students back for Term 2 on Tuesday 30th April.

Leonie Cosgrove

CALENDAR DATES		
Week	Date	Event
11	Thursday 11th April	Library Van 4/5B cake stall
	Friday 12th April	Easter Hat Parade Grandparents' Day ANZAC Day service Book Fair Last day of school
Dates for your diary		
1	Monday 29th April	School Development day—Staff only
	Tuesday 30th April	Students return to school
	Thursday 2nd May	Robotics Competition
2	Tuesday 7th May	Social Media and Online Safety Workshop
3	Friday 17th May	Cross Country
6	Wednesday 5th June	School photos

FRIDAY 12TH MARCH

Please join us for this fun and exciting morning at KPS

ANZAC Service - Book Fair – Grandparents' Day – Easter Hat Parade – Morning Tea

9:15 am – 9:45 ANZAC Service at the school flag pole

9:45 – 10:30 Open class rooms/ Book fair

A time to visit students in their class room, view their work, play a game and chat about what their day at school involves

Book fair is an opportunity to purchase quality books for your children/grandchildren and support our school library

10:30am – 11am – Easter hat parade

Come and enjoy our annual Easter hat parade at the school hall

11am – 11:20 – Morning tea.

Our hard working P&C are providing a morning tea for all our visitors to enjoy

Cyber Social Media and Online Safety Workshop

Tuesday 7th May 5:30pm

Don't miss out on this informative evening with guest speaker Constable Wendy.

We will begin with a student and parent information session followed by a parent only session.

There will be a sausage sizzle and movie time for the kids during the parent session.

Topics we will cover include:

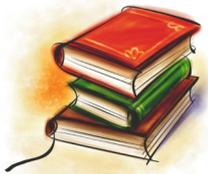
Online gaming –laws, family rules and safety.

Social Media - laws and how to help your child understand safe use.

Health concerns with too much screen time.

Practical advice on navigating popular apps and what to look for on your child's device.

Cyber bullying –what is it and what can you do about it.



Book Fair



Where: Library

When: 8:30 to 11:00am

- Closed during Anzac Service -

Date: Friday 12th April

Children will view books before Friday and bring home a wish list. Books can be purchased on the day.



Opportunity Class Placement - Year 5, 2020

Opportunity classes cater for gifted and talented students in Year 5 and 6 in NSW Public Schools. The nearest class is at Port Macquarie Public School. Parents may seek placement for their child for 2020 through an online application from Tuesday 30th April at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Applications close on Friday 17th May, 2019. All students seeking Year 5 Opportunity Class placement in 2020 will be required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 31st July, 2019.

Further information is available at school. Please see Mrs Cosgrove for additional information.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

Our ANZAC day ceremony will be held on the last day of school, Friday 12th April. We are encouraging students to bring flowers on the day so teachers can make bouquets for the ceremony.

Tennis

Tennis Knockout Competition

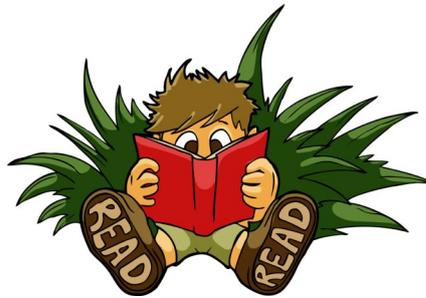
On the 28th of March last Thursday Ruby, Deegan, Ashton and Sophie went to the Kendall tennis courts to compete in the tennis knockout competition against Tacking Point. It was a lot of fun and everyone did well. It was 43 to 17 sets Kendall's way. Now we will be going to Mount George to compete in the second round.



Premier's Reading Challenge / Library Van

It is great to see students from across all stages registered for the challenge, and are well on their way to reading the required number of books. Keep recording the books online. The finish date for the challenge is 30th August so there is still plenty of time to go. You can even register now and start reading. It's not too late!!!! The school holidays are fast approaching and they will be an ideal time to register and spend some extra time reading. The Laurieton Library has a selection of books from the booklists for borrowing which is fantastic while our school library is closed for the holidays. Remember to ask for your child's log on details if needed to register.

The Library Van is a fantastic initiative by the Port Macquarie Council to help promote reading. The van visits 3 times per term and each K-2 class visits the van. Students are able to borrow books if they are a current library member. Students in Years 3-6 are also able to borrow and this occurs during lunch time. Membership forms are available from Ms Osborne and once they are completed, they can be returned to her and she will email them to the library for you. Happy reading!



Remember, **Tuesday** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one

School Banking deposit in the prior year.

If your child has lost their book, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at **Kendall Public School**.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2019 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit **commbank.com.au/schoolbanking**

Schuberts 7

On Tuesday 26th of March Shubert 7s was on at Tuffins Lane in Port Macquarie. Kendall school sent 4 teams of 8 to play 3 games of non-competitive tackle rugby league.

The girls had 4 Aus tag teams with 8 per team.

At the end of the day boys got to play tag too.

Well done boys and girls, we all had heaps of fun.

Thank you Mrs Budai and Mr Sheridan for organising this and thank you to all the parents who transported us and helped us on the day.

Thank you.

By Matt and Charlie



Life Education Van Visit



All classes have enjoyed their visit to the Life Education Van this week.

Covering lots of great topics including -

- Ready Steady Go—Stage 1 students discover the benefits of healthy eating, physical activity, and how our body reacts in different situations.
- My Body Matters—Designed for Kindergarten students, focusing on hygiene, nutrition, physical activity, and safety at home, school, and in the community.
- All Systems Go Stage 2 students join the Captain and his crew inside 'The Venture' machine on a tour of the human body.
- Decisions—Helping Stage 3 school students navigate the world of legal and illegal drugs.



PSSA Sport

Term 1 has seen many Stage 3 students have the opportunity to try out for many of the PSSA sporting teams, taking them all over the state.

Well done to everyone for trying your best and thank you to your families for their support (often driving a long way).

Ashton H—2nd level Tennis

Bodhi K—3rd level footy

Charlie N—1st level soccer

Deegan W— 2nd level Tennis

Eva K—Netball (on 9th April)

Gus G—3rd level footy, 3rd level cricket

Hannah G—1st level cricket

Hayley S - 2nd level cricket

Jett G--1st level footy

Katherine H-1st level soccer

Laith M— 2nd level tennis

Lexi - 2nd level hockey, netball

Matt S—2nd level footy

Taylor H –Netball (9th April)

Tom B—3rd level footy &

Tyler D—1st level soccer

2nd level cricket

Ty V -3rd level footy

Some of these students are still progressing with their sport and have more games to play in Term 2.



NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers



2019

Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

What is assessed?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

In 2019 most students across Australia will sit NAPLAN online.

Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills.

There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

To get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, visit the public demonstration site at nap.edu.au

How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs are a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of coaching providers. NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

In 2019, your child will sit the NAPLAN online tests. However, children in some other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN paper tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that all schools will move online by 2020. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy curriculum content, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale. To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit nap.edu.au

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN assessment.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. You should first discuss the use of any disability adjustments for your child with your child's teacher.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on NAPLAN Online disability adjustments or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

NAPLAN Online 2019 timetable

The assessment window for NAPLAN Online is extended from three days provided for the paper test to nine days. This is to give schools more flexibility in scheduling and accommodate schools that may have fewer devices. The NAPLAN Online assessment window starts on Tuesday 14 May and finishes on Friday 24 May 2019.

The online tests must be taken in the following order:

Test	Duration	Order	Details
Writing	Year 3: 40 min.	To be completed in the first two days	Year 3 students do a paper-based writing test on day one only
	Year 5: 40 min.		
	Year 7: 40 min.		
Reading	Year 3: 45 min.	To be completed after the writing test	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts
	Year 5: 50 min.		
	Year 7: 65 min.		
Conventions of language	Year 3: 45 min.	To be completed after the reading test	This test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation
	Year 5: 45 min.		
	Year 7: 45 min.		
Numeracy	Year 3: 45 min.	To be completed after the conventions of language test	This test includes number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability
	Year 5: 50 min.		
	Year 7: 65 min.		

What if my child is absent from school on assessment days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule. Individual students are not permitted to sit NAPLAN online tests after Friday 24 May 2019.

How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be issued by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas to improve in teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results at myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

For information about how personal information for NAPLAN is handled by ACARA, visit nap.edu.au/napianprivacy

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Laurieton Drama classes OPEN DAY!

For all school aged children

WHERE: Laurieton School of the Arts
Bold Street, Laurieton NSW

WHEN: 27th April 2019
10am-11am

Every Saturday during Term 2 2019

To find out more or to enrol
check out **Theatre Oz Port Macquarie**
at theatreozpm.weebly.com

0413 926 061 / 0421 845 900



A colorful advertisement for 'Juniors on the Move Introduction Day'. The background is a bright blue sky with clouds and a green golf course. A large white golf ball on a tee is in the center. Text includes: 'JUNIORS ON THE MOVE', 'INTRODUCTION DAY', '9AM -12PM' on a ribbon, 'GAMES OF GOLF', '3 HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL COACHING', 'PLUS BBQ LUNCH', 'FREE' on the golf ball, 'SUNDAY 7 APRIL', and 'FOR ASPIRING GOLFERS 14 YRS & UNDER'. At the bottom right, it says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT HOWARD BURROWS PH: 6559 6656'. The logo for 'jnkg jack newton junior golf' is at the bottom left of the ad.

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185 Kendall Rd, Kew
(02) 6559 4203
www.kewcountryclub.com.au

PLAYGROUP



WHERE:

Kendall Public School

WHEN:

Term 2 -Thursday

2nd, 16th, 30th May

13th, 27th June

TIME: 9am—10:30am

COST: Free

GET IN TOUCH:

Kendall P.S Ph: 6559 0040

or Email:

kendall-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Come along & have fun with your child.

- Meet other local families
- Enjoy a range of activities
- Play & socialise with others
- Enjoy morning tea together

Kendall Public School is providing a space and opportunity for families with young children to meet on a regular basis.

By coming to the school regularly your babies/toddlers and pre-schoolers will become familiar with, and build a sense of, belonging to our school. This will support them in making a successful transition to “big school” when that time arrives.

As parents, getting to know other families in the community is always rewarding.

Please sign in as a visitor at the school office when you arrive (this is a WHS requirement). You will then find us in the auditorium under the school library.

Please remember children are the responsibility of parents at all times whilst on the school grounds.

We hope you can make it for a fun morning. Please feel free to bring, or inform, any friends from the area with young children.

