### **Kogarah Public School**

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TERM 1 WEEK 8 22 March, 2019

## Rule of the Week:

Week 9: Respectful: We use good manners and appropriate language

Week 9 & 10: RESPONSIBILITY

Week 10: Respectful: We are respectful

of our school

**FOCUS VALUE:** 

## What's Happening @ KPS?

Term 1 Week 9	25 March	26 March School Photos	27 March	28 March  Cross  Country	29 March
Term 1 Week 10	1 April Parent Teacher Interviews	2 April Parent Teacher Interviews	3 April Parent Teacher Interviews S2 Excursion Taronga Zoo	4 April Parent Teacher Interviews Leadership by the River S3	5 April Parent Teacher Interviews
Term 1 Week 11	8 April Easter raffle and Hot Cross Buns on sale this week	9 April	10 April 7pm P&C Annual General Meeting	11 April	12 April Easter Hat Parade Last day of Term 1

#### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

#### **HARMONY DAY 2019 - EVERYONE BELONGS**

This year we celebrate Harmony Day's twentieth anniversary. Harmony Day was established to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and to be a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

Harmony Day is all about togetherness and kindness, about sharing experience and knowledge. In a small but meaningful way this day of celebration, of respect for diversity, helps us to increase our ability to make our society one which celebrates multiculturalism and recognises that together we are so much richer for what each of us brings and contributes to our community.

At Kogarah Public School we can proudly say that our students learn together every day in our rich and diverse classrooms. Our staff and students promote our values of respect, cooperation, responsibility and cooperation through daily events and ensure that our school continues to be a harmonious environment, ensuring that we all experience a genuine sense of belonging.





#### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

#### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews will be held in week 10, 1st - 5th April. This is an important opportunity to speak to your child's teachers about their progress, their strengths and what their learning goals may be in order to make continual progress. Teachers will be available at various times throughout this week so it is essential that parents book an appointment using the online booking system at www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **uawj3**.

If you are unable to make this time please contact the school, or your class teacher, to book an alternative time. Bookings must be finalised by Friday 29th March at 4pm. If you require assistance in making a booking please see the office staff who will help you.

#### **ICAS - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS**

ICAS tests are assessments offered to students in Year 2-6, that are provided by the University of NSW at a cost to parents.

In previous years, these paper tests have been administered by our school staff outside school hours and all proceeds collected from parent payments, for these assessments, have been passed on the UNSW.

This year, ICAS Assessments will be administered online. This means that each student will need to have a school device to log on to in order to complete the test electronically. Due to the fact that UNSW has changed the administration of the tests, our school will no longer be able to complete these assessments at school. This is because the school has limitations to the

Wi-Fi capabilities as well as limitations to the number of devices required to complete the assessments at the same time.

If you would like further information please go to the ICAS website or call 1800 940 633.

#### **NEW RESOURCES**

Last year our school received \$200 from our local member, Mr Chris Minns, for entering the Christmas Card Competition.

The winning entry for this competition was drawn by Ty. T, who also received a \$50 voucher.

This money has been used to purchase new resources for the Friendship Club and the Art Club which run during lunch time.

The Friendship Club allows students to join others in structured play activities led by students leaders and Mrs diTerlizzi.

Art Club also is offered during lunch time for those students who have an interest in painting and drawing. This is run by Mrs Kay on Thursday during lunchtime.

\$200 has been used to purchase new dinosaurs, trucks, soft toys and pillows for the Friendship Club and \$50 has been used to purchase new water colour pencils for the





#### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

#### PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Recently, it has been bought to my attention from neighbouring residents, that some of our parents are parking inside the unit blocks across the road from the school on Gladstone Street as well as inside the driveways of our neighbours.

Please do not use other people's property to park while picking up your children. I understand that parking outside the school at pick up time can be difficult, however there are other means to get around this. At no time should parents be behaving disrespectfully or parking illegally to pick up children.

#### TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

This term the students in Year 4,5 and 6 will have the opportunity to participate in a survey which provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools around Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff will not be able to identify the students and their individual responses. The surveys will be completed during school hours and take approximately 30 minutes. Participation in the survey is not compulsory and parents have the option for their children to opt out of completing the survey.

The results will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement and will help us to identify what works to improve student outcomes. The results will be published in the 2019 Annual School report.

#### **DONATIONS FROM P&C**

At the last P&C meeting which was held on Wednesday 13 March, the school received a total of \$14 000 from the P&C executive, from funds raised by parents over the last few years. The funds will be distributed in the following way:

\$1000 contributing towards 2018 Presentation Day costs which were approximately \$3350

\$3000 contributing towards grass for the playground

\$10000 contributing towards cost for the Gymnastics and Jellybeans Music program for 2019

We thank all our parents for the support they show towards the school and hope that we continue to build a stronger working relationship through the P&C in order to benefit all our students and enhance the sense of community between all staff, parents and students.

The next meeting will held on 10 April. This will be the Annual General Meeting where new P&C executives will be elected. We hope to see as many parents join as possible.

#### **LIBRARY**

Unfortunately, last Wednesday, we have had water damage to our library which has also impacted the use of the Canteen. Thank you to all our families for being so understanding on this day, as it was also the Special Lunch order day which was unable to proceed.

We are currently working with the Department of Education to repair the damages caused to the library and canteen. During this time however, the library will not be accessible to staff or students. We hope to have this problem rectified as soon as possible and apologise for the inconvenience. I will continue to keep you informed of the progress.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

#### **BUILDING WORK ON REGENT STREET**

As you are all aware, the demolition is well under way on Regent Street. I have been in constant contact with the Building Project Managers, representatives from The Department of Education, Georges River Council and Safe Work NSW on the concerns that have been raised from members of our school community.

During this time of demolition, all students are expected to be at school unless they have a certificate from a doctor outlining significant reasons for them to be absent. Student safety is our priority and should the need arise, safety precautions will be put in place to keep our students safe.

I urge all parents who are concerned to contact the above mentioned organisations to obtain more information regarding this matter.

#### **LEADERSHIP BY THE RIVER**

Our Stage 3 leaders will be participating in the Leadership by the River project again this year. This project assists school leaders to build their leadership skills to design a whole school project that can be sustained across the school.

The first day of the conference will be on Thursday 4 April. Our student leaders will join leaders from other primary and high schools in the St George area, and will also have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers about ways to build their leadership capacity.

#### **EASTER CELEBRATIONS**

In Week 11, we will be holding an Easter hat parade to celebrate Easter. Students are to make hats or masks at home ready for the Easter hat Parade which will be held on Friday 12th April from 12.40-1.40. Parents are welcome to join us in this celebration.

During this week our Stage 3 students will also be selling Easter raffle tickets and Hot Cross buns to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell at the end of the year.

We would really appreciate if parents could assist the students by preparing the Easter raffle baskets. A note will go home this week with more details.

#### **END OF TERM**

The last day of Term 1 will be Friday 12 April. The school will break for holidays from Monday 15 through to Monday 22 April.

Teachers will return to school on Monday 22 April and will be attending professional learning on this day.

Students will return to school on Tuesday 23 April.

Mrs N Comnínos Príncípal



## STUDENT AWARDS

This week we have published the Student Awards from the beginning of the year as this section was accidently omitted from previous newsletters.

Congratulations to all our students who work hard to achieve their goals and are recognised for their achievements.

Class	Value Award		Learner of the Week	
	Week 3	Week 4	Week 3	Week 4
KG		Tahan		Jeffrey
KJ	Erdene	Aurudho	Dorothy	Raphael
KO	Jaycob	Jayden	Jaai	Elita
KB		Manya		Billy
1K	Ariana	Madina	Ninjin	Benisha
1B	Dharsha	Omar	Ananya	Karthi
1H	Setsen	Anand	Shreyas	Arishi
1/2G	Cloris	Geet Kaur	Joni	Raghav
2K	Vedha	Krish	Joao	Advita
2C	Samu	Sambhavi	Ruby	Andy
2/3V	Samy	Sabrong	Sabrong	Kaushik
3M	Jasmine	Swara	Brendan	Budmai
3P	Joshua	Savannah	Aiva	Suhas
3/4Z	Prajita	Crystal	David	Luca
4K	Seth	Shreyas	Jenson	Kyle
4/5M	Patpicha	Thai	Hannah	Jason
5B		Kenisha		Shang
5/6T		Dunja		Nikita
6D		Jamie		Forbz

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Class	Value Award		Learner of the Week	
	Week 5	Week 6	Week 5	Week 6
KG	Anvika	Lilly	Audela	Jackob
KJ	Prantika	Erchis	Aava	Faisal
KO	Yusuf	Aarya	Elyas	Jaswanth
KB	Zoya	Prizma	Manya	Umayr
1K	Nyla	Lynas	Alex	Yusuf
1B	Mariam	Krishna	Saanvi	Aditri
1H	Jayden	Reema	Emma	Shreekant
1/2G	Kimi	Alicia	Patricia	Michael
2K	Tanishka	Sanskar	Mehul	Samuel
2C	Rishi	Ashton	Saanvi	Andy
2/3V	Shaurya	Shubechya	Aayusha	Rian
3M	Skye	Catherine	Bindu	Ethan
3P	Audrika	Quebe	Almaan	Aiva
3/4Z	Etain	David	Emily	Rafael
4K	Ту	Nichelle	Annabelle	Mariam
4/5M	Isabella Rose	Ashton	Harmanjeet Singh	Soumee
5B	Mossammed	Chloe	Arnav	Arnav
5/6T	Ryan	Smita	Jade	Abhijith
6D	Shirin	Jason	Tahmid	Trupti

## STUDENT AWARDS

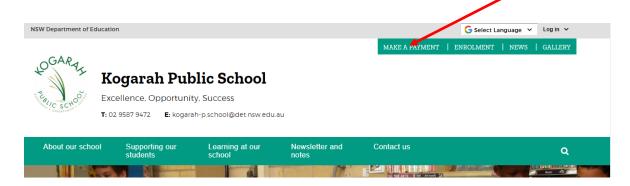
Class	Value Award		Learner of the Week	
	Week 7	Week 8	Week 7	Week 8
KG	Cruz	Shayna	Lakshya	Manraj
KJ	Canisa	Katy	Jacob	Siddhu
KO		Vinisha	Aviana	Aadiv
KB	Rudra	Aalay	Mansi	Ishita
1K	Amyra	Devine	Ashlesha	Jarin
1B	Fatima	Isabel	Adarsh	Elina
1H	Shaun	Нарру	Bianca	Taheem
1/2G	Jenish	Raghav	Ryann	Cloris
2K	Ojaswini	Mithun	Chinmayi	Anugraha
2C	Alif	Kushal	Saskia	Henry
2/3V	Zamzam	Marisha	Hafsa	Sean
3M	Ayusha	Lakshmipathy	Ines	Trystan
3P	Prisha	Hannah	Nicholas	Dhruv
3/4Z	Akash	Elise	Eshan	Jaycus
4K	Amy	Amnan	Smrithi	Aadil
4/5M	Tariq	Javier	Nameera	Jenna
5B	Ashmeen	Ruby	Aayan	Tinh
5/6T	Ren	Kavya	Shawn	Ben
6D	Ria	Peter	Prem	Ashna

#### **OFFICE MESSAGES**

#### **MAKING ONLINE PAYMENTS**

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone.

The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting \$ Make a payment.



When you access the \$ Make a payment tab you must enter:

Student's name

Class

Date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the online payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

#### **TEACHER MESSAGES**

#### **HARMONY DAY**

As a school we celebrated Harmony Day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Harmony Day was established to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and to be a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Each class made paper doll chains to display in the playground to represent diversity.

Students looked fantastic in their cultural clothes, and also the colour orange which is the official Harmony Day colour that represents communication and meaningful conversations.

In class, students learnt about belonging, inclusion and diversity through discussion and set tasks. Our very best chance for a happy and harmonious future comes with what our students learn together every day in our rich and diverse school community.



#### **TEACHER MESSAGES**

#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Raphael's family from KJ for donating a selection of games, books, stickers and other resources to the school. These have already come in handy assisting with learning in the classroom.



#### STORIES FROM STAGE 1

Teachers strive to foster a love and excitement about literature and learning.

Stage 1 are busy and engaged in their literacy routines. All stage 1 classes have a common experience in literacy groups. The teachers set students up to solve simple tasks successfully which leads them to be able to solve more complex tasks.

A confidence building and a positive "can do" philosophy is fostered in every class. The students gain more knowledge about the reading process through carefully arranged reading and writing activities.

The activities support and foster independence and collaborative learning between the students. There are levels of independence which are ultimately driven by confidence and risk taking.

Strong reading routines at home are a wonderful way to support your child. That quiet reading time with a parent or loved one is a nurturing memory and confidence building for your child.

So enjoy a book together!

Mrs Di Terlizzi



## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT KPS



Sydney YuCai

**Chinese Language School** 

We are now offering Chinese classes at Kogarah Public School every Monday 3:15PM—5:45PM

Over the last 20 years, The YuCai School is dedicated to improve students for Chinese Level with specialised programs that help students to achieve top marks for HSC.

#### **Junior Class**

Learning and application of autobiography Common words of learning and application Basic greeting study

#### **Intermediate Class**

Learning group words and make sentences Daily language communication and learning Reading

#### **Advanced Class**

Daily conversation and learning Reading comprehension training Paragraphs and chapters of writing training

Our contact number: 0416682288 Email: sydney.yucai@gmail.com

#### **PARENTS AND CITIZENS P&C**

The next P&C meeting will be the Annual General Meeting

This will be held on:

Wednesday 10 April at 7pm

Location to be advised.

We look forward to seeing our families joining us at this meeting.

#### **COMMUNITY MESSAGES**

#### SAFETY IN AND AROUND THE SCHOOL

The safety of our students is paramount. It is essential that parents and carers follow the road rules when dropping off and picking up the students.

Parents should also show caution when they are using the pedestrian crossing. We endeavour to assist at the crossing as often as possible, however, there are times when the crossing is unattended by staff.

Parents are not permitted to use the carpark driveway as the entry into the school playground. Under no circumstance are parents allowed to drive into the school carpark.

Please review the road rules and correct parking procedures in order to promote safety around our school and avoid a hefty fine.

Keeping our students safe is everyone's responsibility.

# School zone safety

Council is committed to promoting safe parking practices around schools, particularly during school zone times, on school days between 8.00am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4.00pm

Illegal parking at these times contributes to traffic congestion and may create unsafe conditions for children and other road users.

To help deter drivers from choosing to park illegally, Council officers regularly patrol school zones and may issue penalty notices. Officers are also a valuable source of information on how to park safely and avoid receiving a penalty notice.



- Avoid waiting in 'No Parking' zones. A two minute limit applies for most vehicles and a five minute limit applies for Mobility Parking Scheme permit holders when picking up and droping off
- · Never double park
- · Park away from the school and walk to pick up your child
- · Stagger arrival times to avoid pick-up/drop-off 'peak time' traffic

Child safety is the responsibility of all road users. Drive safely and park legally.





# Penalties and demerit points for offences in school zones

SCHOOL ZONE parking offences	Fine	Demerit Points
Stop on/near pedestrian crossing	\$448	2
Disobey 'No Stopping' sign	\$337	2
Double park	\$337	2
Stop in Bus Zone	\$337	2
Stop on/across driveway	\$337	2
Stopping on footpath/nature strip	\$337	2
Disobey 'No Parking' sign	\$187	2



Parking restrictions apply uniformly state wide to deter illegal parking. For further information, please go to www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/Services/Parking-and-Traffic and http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/index.html

This list of offences is not exhaustive and only indicates some of the penalties for school zones under Road Rules 2014. The information contained in this leaflet is correct as of 1 July 2018, however is subject to change without notice.

#### **COMMUNITY MESSAGES**

Brighton-Le-Sands Public School is excited to be hosting a.....

## **FAMILY SUPPORT EXPO**



In today's society, families face a number of challenges including stress, anxiety, dealing with loss and other general pressures of today's society.

These challenges often have a direct impact on the children and young people in the family unit and we are often unsure of how to best support them during these times.

If you are interested in finding out more about the organisations in our area that can provide support for you and your family, the 'Family Support Expo' is a great starting point.

Come along and speak directly to the organisations and hear what programs and services they can provide to your family.

The expo will be held: Wednesday the 10th of April

Location: Brighton Le Sands Public School (School hall)

Time: 9:30am to 11am

Cost: FREE

Morning Tea will be provided.

The organizations that will be attending the expo are:

St George Family Support Service
Advance Diversity Services
Botany Family and Children's Centre
Kogarah Neighbourhood Centre
Lilly Pilly Counselling Service
2 Connect (Formerly known as St George Youth Services)

#### CANTEEN PRICELIST



Mini Party Pies or Mini Sausage Rolls (SOLD AT COUNTER)

# MadeFlest Canteen A





\$1.00

Thank you for your ongoing support.