



Kirrawee Kooee



WEEK 8, TERM 1, 2024

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach Easter and the end of the term, once again the school calendar begins to fill with school and community events.

HARMONY DAY

This week we will celebrate Harmony Week. Harmony Day allows us to celebrate the cultural diversity of our communities in NSW Public Schools. This year's theme is 'Everyone Belongs'. Harmony Day assists us to reaffirm the inclusive nature of public schools, build intercultural understanding and belonging, and oppose racism. We are very fortunate to have a performance taking place by Kirrawee High School's African Drumming Group on Thursday and we'd like to thank the students and staff at Kirrawee HS for their support of our special Harmony Day activities. Students will also have the opportunity to rotate to 6 classrooms learning about the culture of various nations. Students will have their 'passports' stamped as they move to each classroom's country and are able to participate in themed activities based on the designated country. Students are invited to wear orange or their 'cultural dress' on Thursday 21st March to celebrate the day.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday 28th March Kirrawee Public School will celebrate Easter with an 'Easter Hat or That' Parade. Open classrooms will be available on the morning of 28th March with opportunities for grand/parents to view the classroom and have a look at some of the magnificent learning that takes place. Please don't forget to RSVP for this event on School Bytes so that teachers can plan either a classroom-based lesson, or lesson outside of the classroom if numbers are too large for their space. Recess will follow the open classrooms. While at recess parents/carers are able to have a tea/coffee and purchase a treat at our Year 6 Cake Stall. Raffle tickets will be sold on the day, and prior to the day via School Bytes. Thank you to those parents who have already purchased raffle tickets to support our Year 6 fundraising.

STRATEGIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2024-2027

As Kirrawee PS participated in External Validation (EV) last year to evaluate the previous Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) we are now working on our next 4-year Strategic Improvement Plan 2024-2027. As a result of our work in this area looking at data from our external validation and considering directions for the next 4 years, the staff

have set the following areas as core business for our next SIP;

- Student growth & attainment
- Quality teaching programs
- Positive school culture & belonging

If you would like to provide feedback to the school regarding the next Strategic Improvement Plan, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

ATTENDANCE

As mentioned in previous correspondence from the school, Kirrawee PS, along with all other NSW Public Schools, values strong attendance. The expected rate of attendance for students at NSW Public Schools is 90%, however we, and many other schools with high expectations for attendance, strive for 95% attendance. Recently some letters were sent to parents/carers if their child's attendance has dropped below 85%. This may include absences that have been explained as either leave, sick etc, however, the letter is to notify you as parents/carers that their current rate of attendance is below our expected threshold. Please don't be alarmed if you received a letter, no further action is needed. For students whose attendance remains below our threshold as we move throughout the year, regular monitoring and support systems will be implemented so that the school and home can work together to encourage regular attendance.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENTS

Parents/carers there have been some changes to the Opportunity Class structure with NSW Department of Education looking at ways to ensure that opportunity classes are in the right locations to equitably support high potential and gifted students. As a result, the NSW Department of Education will reduce the number of opportunity class places at some schools that are near or over their enrolment capacity and establish classes at schools that are under enrolment capacity. This will be effective from 2025. There will be no change to the overall number of opportunity class places available. Should you require more information about this process, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school.

GENERAL REMINDERS:

- Construction is due to start on the replacement of our K-2 fixed play equipment from Monday 25th March with temporary construction fencing being delivered Friday 22nd March
- Easter Egg donations are still warmly welcomed if you are able to support the event by donating an item for our raffle it would be greatly appreciated
- Year 6 to 7 High School Expression of Interest are due for completion by 10th April
- Please log in to School Bytes to complete our Third Party Software approval form at your earliest convenience

SPECIAL MENTION FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

- Congratulations to Addisyn Thiara for her participation at the South-East Sydney Regional Swimming Carnival. Addisyn placed 3rd in her heat and 10th overall. A fantastic achievement!
- Congratulations to Alena Dunphy for her representation at Pulse Alive. She was selected as Principal Vocalist for the evening. A stunning achievement! Congratulations to the other students who performed at Pulse Alive. It is a wonderful opportunity to be involved in such a showcase concert and perform for an audience.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish our Kirrawee community a safe and very happy Easter break. We hope that you have a lovely long weekend and take the opportunity to spend time recharging the batteries and spending time with loved ones.

Kind regards,
Mrs Melissa Oostdam
Relieving Principal

Week	22	23	24	25	26
January					
1 Jan/Feb	29	30	31.	1	2
2 February	5	6	7	8 *Swimming Carnival	9
3 February	12	13	14	15	16 *PSSA Starts
4 February	19 *Pulse Alive Dance rehearsal	20 SU swimming	21 SU swimming	22 SU swimming	23 SU swimming
5 Feb/March	26 SU swimming	27 SU swimming	28 SU swimming	29 SU swimming	1 SU swimming
6 March	4	5	6 Year 6 Leaders Ceremony	7 * Zone Swimming	8
7 March	11 * Photo Day	12	13 *Naplan Online Test Window	14 *Pulse Alive Performance *Naplan Online Test Window	15 *Naplan Online Test Window
8 March	18 *Naplan Online Test Window	19 *Naplan Online Test Window	20 *Naplan Online Test Window	21 *Naplan Online Test Window *Harmony Day	22 *Naplan Online Test Window
9 March	25 *Naplan Online Test Window	26	27	28 Easter Hat Parade	29 Good Friday
10 April	1 Easter Monday	2	3 *World Autism Day	4	5
11 April	8	9	10	11	12 PSSA ends

Early Stage 1 Report

Early Stage 1 Library Report

It's been an absolute joy welcoming our Kindergarten students into the library and introducing them to the wonderful world of books. Each week, their enthusiasm for borrowing has been truly heartwarming. This term, our focus has been on exploring the theme unit 'Shaping Identity'. We've had the pleasure of listening to students share stories about objects that hold special significance to them and discussing their favourite colours, allowing them to express their unique identities. We've delved into the importance of healthy food choices and understanding our changing bodies. As the term unfolds, we will explore topics related to safety awareness and knowing how to seek help when needed.

Mrs Sarah Martin

Assistant Principal – Teacher Librarian



Stage 1 Report

Stage 1 has been exploring the world of 2D shapes.

Students recently engaged in some hands-on activities to represent 2D shapes. Students were then able to search for real life objects that match their shape that they created with chalk and skipping ropes. These



activities reinforced to students the concepts of 2D shapes, sides and vertices in a fun and interactive way.

During music lessons, Stage 1 has been learning the musical foundations of rhythm and notes. They are understanding how rhythm assists them with developing a sense of timing and coordination. Students are beginning to apply their knowledge of musical notes in order to play melodies and harmonies on their instruments.



We look forward to welcoming families into the school on Thursday 28th March for our Grandparents Day and Easter celebrations.

Stage 1 Teachers

Miss Tucci, Mrs Fulmer, Mrs Harris, Ms Raucava and Miss Bishop

Stage 2 Report

We have been really impressed with the work ethic of Stage 2 students over the last couple of weeks. As part of our mathematics program, we have been practising measuring different objects and distances around the school. This has been a really engaging experience for students as it involves a lot of hands-on activities. Here you can see some of the 3/4H students collaboratively building a tower that they estimate is one metre tall. They were also problem-solving while trying to find three objects in the classroom that could be placed end-to-end to make a total length of 25cm.



We look forward to measuring more lengths and distances over the next couple of weeks.
Mrs Hudson, Mrs Martin, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Werner

Stage 2 Teachers

Stage 3 Report

Stage 3 has been hard at work! All teachers would like to congratulate the students who completed their Naplan assessments this week.

Thursday this week we had Harmony day, which is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Students were asked to wear a piece of clothing from their cultural background or the colour orange to help celebrate our differences.

In the classroom, we are hard at work:

- In Literacy we are starting our new unit 'A bright new world'. Students will be analysing the text 'bright new world' and 'dry to dry' as they explore genre books.
- In Maths, we have been focussing on units of measurements and applying their knowledge of place value to convert between units.
- Our Theme Unit this term is "Ethics & Emotions". Students will be learning about puberty in the coming weeks to aid their understanding of who they are and what they value in order to prepare them for physical and emotional changes that they will experience.

Stage 3 Teachers

Support Unit Report

One of our favourite weekly activities is going to MUSIC with MISS SPAHR!
What a treat! We sing, dance, play our instruments and learn all we can about the topic presented to us.



Harmony Day - Thursday 21st March

We are looking forward to celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 21st March. Harmony Day is celebrated every year to recognise and acknowledge cultural diversity and the inclusive nature of Australians. The message of Harmony Day 2024 is 'Everyone Belongs'. To celebrate the occasion, students will be participating in various activities that recognise the diversity of the many backgrounds of children make our school the special place it is. There will also be a performance by the drumming band from Kirrawee High School, and a special canteen menu for the day, where you can order cheeseburgers, sushi, pasta and sausage rolls.

Students are invited to come to school **wearing orange** (or a colour close to orange) **or cultural dress** on this day to signify that while we are all unique, we share the same goal of wanting to live together in peace and with mutual respect of our differences. Please make sure your child is wearing closed-in comfortable shoes and tops with sleeves.



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Kind regards,
Georgia Hudson
Classroom Teacher

the fathering project

IS RE-LAUNCHING AT KIRRAWEE P.S.

Kirrawee P.S. is proud to announce that (after being disrupted by global events) we are re-launching the Fathering Project.

What is the Fathering Project? The Fathering Project aims to improve child development outcomes by inspiring and equipping fathers and father figures to effectively engage with their kids.

Kirrawee P.S., in partnership with the Fathering Project, will deliver resources, programs, and a variety of events to dads and 'father figures' both at school and off-site.

The Project's resources and programs aim to inspire and equip dads and 'father-figures' to be the best they can be and remind our dads and 'father-figures' that they have an important role in building resilience, self-respect, positive self-worth, and emotional intelligence in their children. It's also a great way to meet other dads and father figures in your community.

What Fathering Project events are happening at KPS? We aim to hold a minimum of four Fathering Project events onsite at KPS per year. This includes two 'Dads only' events and two 'Dads and kids' events.

What First?

**Special
Event!**

Come to our Dad's only re-launch event!

When: Thursday 4th April

Time: 7 pm - 8 pm

Where: School Library



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Register

John Kirkland from the Fathering Project will facilitate our re-launch event. John will introduce the concept of the project, talk about events to be held throughout the year and the importance of this project at Kirrawee P.S. It will also be a great opportunity to meet other dads and father figures from the Kirrawee community. Refreshments will also be provided on the night.

Also on the night, we'll ask for **2 - 4 dads** to act as liaisons for the Fathering Project Kirrawee School Community. More details will be shared on the night.

To register your interest, head to
<https://portal.thefatheringproject.org/dads-group/kirrawee-public-school/>
or
scan or click the QR code above!

This is an exciting project which has had great success both in the local Sutherland community and across Australia. Your partnership will help our Kirrawee dads be the best they can be.

For more info go to thefatheringproject.org/

Mr David Mahoney
KPS Fathering Project Coordinator

Mrs Melissa Oostdam
Acting Principal



thefatheringproject.org



Hey dads,

join our Dads Group!



Use the link below to join online and access all you need to know about being a great Dad, and to hear about our Group's upcoming activities!

Re- LAUNCH EVENT

FOR DADS AND FATHER FIGURES

Thursday 4th April

7pm - 8 pm

KPS SCHOOL LIBRARY
ONSITE AND STREET PARKING AVAILABLE
LIGHT MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

OUR INITIAL MEETING WILL BE A FRIENDLY MEET AND GREET AND ALSO TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND WHAT TO EXPECT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

NOTE: THIS IS A DAD AND FATHER FIGURE EVENT ONLY. SPECIAL DAD AND KIDS EVENTS TO FOLLOW THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

A father figure can be a grandfather, uncle or another male in the family. If a male is absent, a female is also welcome to join the Project.

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to register



NSW Department of Education



Behaviour code for students

Information for students and parents or carers

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive, and responsive learning environments for everyone across a range of settings. We teach and model the inclusive and safe behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected, to the best of their ability, to:

- show respect to other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- strive for the highest standards in learning
- act in a courteous and respectful way that makes all members of the school community feel valued, included and supported
- resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- meet the school's agreed uniform policy or dress code
- attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- respect all property
- be safe and not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, vapes, e-cigarettes or tobacco into our schools
- not bully, harass, intimidate, or discriminate against anyone in our schools.

Schools take action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high-quality teaching and learning.

All students have a right to:

- safety at school
- access and fully participate in their learning
- be treated with respect by other students, teachers and school staff
- express their views, set goals and self-advocate.

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments and apply an appropriate action when students are not meeting these expectations. The department is responsible for the provision of a policy framework and resources such as legal issues bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context, the NSW

Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

Behaviour code for students: Student actions

Promoting the inclusion, learning, wellbeing, and safety of all students in NSW public schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches across a range of settings to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

To meet the expectations set out above, students in NSW public schools, to the best of their ability, should adhere to the following principles.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity.
- Communicate and behave courteously.
- Act and work cooperatively with other students, teachers, and school staff.
- Develop positive and respectful relationships.
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others.
- Respect the learning needs of other students.
- Dress appropriately by wearing the agreed school uniform or dress code.
- Take care with school property and the property of staff and other students.

Safety

- Model and follow school and class rules and expectations around behaviour and conduct.
- Negotiate and resolve conflict.
- Be aware of and take responsibility for how their behaviour and actions impact others.
- Care for self and others.
- Be safe and help others to make safe choices that do not hurt themselves or others.

Engagement

- Arrive at school and class on time.
- Be prepared for every lesson.
- Actively participate in learning.
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning.

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If this is a printed document, refer to the department's Policy Library for the most recent version.

BOOKINGS

EXISTING FAMILIES:
Please complete your casual booking for Vacation Care via the XAP website/app.

NEW FAMILIES:
To book Vacation Care please complete an enrolment form through our website.

FEES

PER DAY:
\$65.00 (CCS Available)
Excursions/Workshops have an additional cost.

INCLUDES:
Breakfast & Afternoon Tea.

BYO:
Morning Tea & Lunch

OPENING HOURS

DATES:
Mon 15th Apr - Mon 29th Apr

TIMES:
7:00am to 6:00pm

ADDRESS:
2B Turriell Bay Rd, Lilli Pilli

CONTACT INFO

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WEBSITE:
www.ymcansw.org.au/
centres/ymca-lilli-pilli-oshc/
vacation-care/

CENTRE PHONE:
0408 937 556

CHILDCARE TEAM PHONE:
(For all booking enquires)
1300 009 679

AUTUMN

VACATION CARE

-PROGRAM-

We are looking forward to having you join us for Vacation Care at Lilli Pilli OSHC these holidays!

Our Team are so excited about the fun activities we have planned and can't wait to see you there. Each day will also include craft activities, outdoor play and indoor games.



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MONDAY 15TH	TUESDAY 16TH	WEDNESDAY 17TH	THURSDAY 18TH	FRIDAY 19TH
DISNEY MAGICAL KINGDOM All things DISNEY, all day! Join us for some fun Disney games, crafts & activities! Disney costumes welcome!	SPACE EXPLORERS Travel through the universe with this awe inspiring earth and space science experience. Planet Lava Circus show is interactive nonsense, combined with high level circus skills!	KICKIN IT! -TO THE MOVIES Time to take a visit to the BIG SCREEN and see King Fu Panda 4 at Oronulla Hoyts Cinema. Enjoy some of your favourite movie treats.	LILLI PILLI AMAZING RACE In teams we will be competing in the Lilli Pilli Amazing Race! We will race in teams through riddles, challenges, races and much more to see who can get to the end first!	ANZAC ADVENTURE We will remember them. A day of remembrance where the children learn about Anzac Day and why it is celebrated. Make some Red Poppy Wreaths from recycled materials and bake DELICIOUS Anzac biscuits.
MONDAY 22ND FIRST AID FOR KIDS Multi sports day based on having fun whilst engaging in lots of movement games, team building skills & sports based activities plus a very interactive childrens First Aid Class.	TUESDAY 23RD SCIENCE SPACE Bring your inner Albert Einstein to life for the day and join us at the Science Centre with over 100 interactive fun filled science exhibits for you and your friends to enjoy.	WEDNESDAY 24TH WILLY WONKA'S MARVELLOUS CREATIONS Join us for a day of creativity, imagination & LOLLIES as we turn into Willy Wonka's Famous Factory!	THURSDAY 25TH ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	FRIDAY 26TH SENSORY SHENANIGANS Engage your senses by making goop, slime & play-dough. Calm your mind with mindful colouring, sensory toys, squishy spaghetti and much more!
MONDAY 29TH CRAFT CRAZY Lets get busy with crafts for the whole day with plenty to bring home and display for all to see!	TUESDAY 30TH BACK TO SCHOOL	<div style="text-align: center;"> <h2 style="color: #008080;">SEE YOU THERE</h2>  </div>		

HORIZON KIDS



**THE
GINORMOUS
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EGG HUNT**

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EASTER SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2024

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CAMP 2: APRIL 18TH - 19TH @ CARINGBAH HIGH

CAMP 3: APRIL 22ND - 23RD @ WOOLLOOWARE HIGH


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