

# Kirrawee Kooee



WEEK 10, TERM 2, 2022

#### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It is hard to believe we are already at the mid-point of our school year. The term has been a busy one and I would like to thank the teachers and students for their continued efforts throughout the term.

#### SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

You will have received your child's Semester One report this week and have probably noticed a new report template. This update allows us to provide a comprehensive view of your child's schooling in a new and improved format.

#### PIRATE DAY SRC FUNDRAISER

A reminder that we have our SRC Pirate Day fundraiser on Friday 1 July (final day of term 2). Students are asked to wear either pirate themed clothes or mufti clothes and bring in a gold coin donation for the Kids Cancer Project which raises funds for childhood brain cancer.

#### FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

A reminder that our students' first day back next term will be Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Teacher are engaged in a Staff Development Day on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July with a focus 'How collaborative learning and inquiry contributes to the achievement of shared outcomes'. We are fortunate to be able to network with 2 other local primary schools building collegiality and teamwork within and amongst our local schools.

#### STAGE THREE BATHRUST EXCURSION

Our Year 5 and 6 classes experienced an excursion to Bathurst last week summarising the curriculum work they had been learning about Colonial Australia and Australia's historical past. The excursion gave first-hand experiences about life on the gold fields in the 1800's allowing students to consolidate their term's worth of knowledge about past and present, the Eureka Stockade, and the migration of people from Asia and Europe to Australia. Students from KPS received some high accolades from the staff at the Bathurst Goldfields with the staff complimenting our staff and students as one of, if not the best, school they have had in their nearly 20 years of operation. Camp is always a big ask of our families in the financial commitment and of our staff in giving up their precious family time so I would like to extend my deep gratitude to both the staff and students for the success of the camp.

Wishing all of our families a safe and relaxing winter break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Melissa Oostdam

Assistant Principal



Week <b>1</b> April	25 Anzac Day	26 Staff Development Day	27	28	29
2 May	2 Mother's Day Stall	3 Just Like You Incursion for year 1-6	4	5 Cross Country Carnival Mother's Day Morning Tea	6 PSSA starts
3 May	9 Photo Day	NAPLAN Online	11 NAPLAN Online	NAPLAN Online	13
4 May	16	17	18	19 Jump Rope 4 Heart	20
5 May	23	24	25	26	27 Support Unit Multi Sports Day
6 May/June	30	31	1	2	2
<b>7</b> June	6 School Photo-sport and catch up Day	7	8	9 ZONE Cross country carnival	10
8 June	13	14	15	*Stage 3 Dancers at Seymour Centre	17
9 June	*Stage 2 Dancers at Seymour Centre.	Stage 3, Bathurst Camp	Stage 3, Bathurst Camp	23	24
10 June/July	27	28	Just Like You Incursion for year 1-6	30	1 Last day Term 2 Students return Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July



### **EARLY STAGE 1 REPORT**

Happy Holidays Families! We hope you enjoy the school holiday time with your children who have worked very hard this term.

Our Term 2 Mappen unit focussed on <u>Changes</u> and Early Stage One enjoyed watching the changes a plant goes through from its beginning as a seed to the third stage of the process called a seedling. The children became scientists observing and recording the developments and were very excited to see their plants grow. The children have been encouraged to continue watching their seedlings develop further after they transplanted these at home. This could make a great school holidays project for you and your child to do together. Planting vegetable and fruit seeds in clear cups means they are able to watch the germination process. Later planting seedlings into a larger area once they are strong enough can encourage conversations about where our food comes from and how it grows. It's amazing to watch children want to eat the fruits and vegetables that they have grown themselves.





Miss Martin (KM), Mrs Harris (KH) and Ms Giles (K/1G)



#### **STAGE 1 REPORT**

Stage 1 have been finishing off some science experiments for our MAPPEN unit, Stimulating Sciences. We filled cups with water and food colouring and then we placed celery in each cup. We made a prediction about what would happen and over the week watched the changes occur. Ask your child what changes they saw happening to the celery.

Well done to all students who participated in our mini-Spelling Bee. It was amazing to see many give it a go and try their best.





Stage 1 Teachers
Miss Wakely, Mrs Whicker, Ms Giles and Ms Rauicava

### **STAGE 2 REPORT**

Stage 2 has had a busy and fun filled term!

We love our new equipment on the playground. Since its unveiling we have all had opportunities to go out and use it as a class. This provided us with the opportunity to learn how to use it safely and respectfully. We continue to enjoy using it daily during lunch and recess.

This term some students participated in PSSA soccer and netball. It was great to see students' commitment to training and games. Students did a fantastic job at representing the school by showing great sportsmanship week in and week out. Back at school students participated in netball, soccer and touch football. It was a great opportunity for students to develop teamwork and sports skills.

We have continued our weekly Fit Futures sessions this term. It has been lovely to be able to have them outside in the beautiful sunshine. We have developed our catching and throwing skills and some classes even learnt to catch with every side of their hand using the Thingy Flip.

This week we also had our Premier's Spelling Bee. There were thirty participants and our teachers were very proud of everyone's effort.

We can not wait for all the fun and learning that is ahead of us next



#### **STAGE 3 REPORT**

(Written by our student leaders)

#### **Bathurst Overnight Excursion Report**

Last week Stage Three attended the Term 2 educational school camp at Bathurst. The camp culminated student's learning about Australian history and its past. This excursion provided a fun and safe environment for students to experience life on the Australian gold fields set in 1850 and explored everything from cooking damper to building houses with mudbricks to gold-panning itself.

Our tour guide for the first day was Anthony, we were invited to a replica of a room where miners would take their breaks and rest. The roof was lined with hessian and the room itself was made entirely out of timber and lit by candles. In the mining room we learned about how time could be told by candles and how rats and snakes were lured into the mines as a safety precaution in case of a collapse of the mine.

One of the most exciting things for the students was panning for gold, after Anthony demonstrated the method to find gold, the students were given a small vial and a metal pan to find and collect gold. Next came a multitude of entertaining activities including horseshoe quoits, making mud bricks, cooking damper and sitting in a real classroom from 1850.

The dorms themselves were quite nice with up to eight children staying in the same room. When it was time for bed, students went into their dorm rooms. The dorms themselves were clean and well maintained. The dinner was adequate and quite tasty, consisting of fries, meat pie and some vegetables with a nice dessert of an ice cream.

The following day students viewed the steam engine which was an amazing machine that had one person burning wood to boil water that powered a machine that's heavier than three tons. The steam engine made quite an impressive show with steam flying everywhere and making an impressive sound that was much like what an olden day train would make.

The souvenir shop was one of the most exciting activities and was everything the students dreamed of, with multiple sweets and stuffed toys, they also had beautiful bracelets made of various stones. The students were allowed to bring no more than twenty dollars to spend in the souvenir shop and spend it they did!

Before the students returned to KPS they visited Hartley Historic Site and its prison, church and courthouse. The students were very tired when they got home and were happy for a good night's sleep back in their own beds. We would like to thank our classroom teachers for taking us on this wonderful adventure.

Lada Pavlenko & Matthew Davey

KPS Student Leaders.



### **SUPPORT UNIT REPORT**

K6WR have been busy learning their Spelling words this Semester!















Enjoying the playground in the sun 😊

















#### **KPS DANCE NEWS**

This term has been a busy time for our dance groups. Stage 2 and Stage 3 dance groups were successful with their auditions for the "In the Spotlight" dance festival. They performed at night at the Seymour Centre and the feedback on our dance groups was exceptional. Thank you to Mrs Ruth Eaton and Miss Nicole Wallin who accompanied the girls on their perspective nights.

All our dance groups have finally finished their dances and now they are polishing them up for our up-and-coming performances next term.

Our next major performance for ALL dance groups will be held Week 4 of Term 3 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August at Hurstville Entertainment Centre. This is a daytime event. More details will be sent out week 1 of Term 3.

We will also be doing an evening performance towards the end of Term 3, alongside other schools in the Sutherland Shire, this will also be held at Hurstville Entertainment Centre.

We are still waiting to hear if we have been successful with our application to School Spectacular.

Fingers crossed!

Kind Regards

Mrs Sarah Whicker

(CAPA Coordinator)



Stage 3 dance group



Stage 2 dance group



### **PSSA Soccer**

A big congratulations to the Senior Football team who were this year's Sutherland Zone Division 2 PSSA Premiers. This is a significant achievement and one that KPS has not achieved in the top two divisions of PSSA Football for 10 years. The competition came down to the wire with all teams still able to come out on top heading into the final round. KPS held their nerve in some tight contests throughout the season to take out the competition. All players should be extremely proud of their efforts.



### **PSSA Shirts**

A reminder to return all PSSA jerseys now that term 2 competition is complete. Please ensure they have been washed before returning to school. Thanks.

## Premiers Sporting Challenge

Kirrawee PS this year achieved diamond level in the premiers sporting challenge. This will grant us funding to purchase some new sporting equipment. Well done on this achievement KPS.

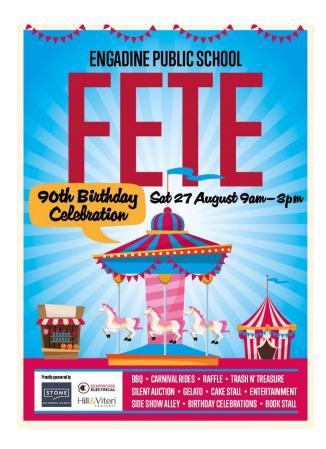














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